

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 22-February-2004



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Day Of Prayer For Temperance

Christians are required to answer hatred with goodness, curses with blessings and ill treatment with prayer. As descendants of Adam, this is difficult, but through the power of Christ and his Holy Spirit, we can succeed.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

LENT 2004

To be reborn, to start a new life, to go to a new land - these are important Christian religious symbols. Abraham goes to a new country; Moses leads a new nation through the waters of the Red Sea to freedom and life; a humbled but joyful people return from exile; Christ passes from death to life.

Today the Christian celebrates new life in baptism and constantly renews that life, making new beginnings. Our whole religion focuses on beginnings. We never quite live up to yesterday's commitment, nor do we find today's commitment adequate tomorrow. We need to be healed and cleansed; we need to reaffirm in each other the possibility of a new beginning. Lent is an opportunity to make a new beginning. Ash Wednesday is an opportunity to gather and pray for one another's renewal. We will receive the Ashes; hear God's call to repentance "Receive the Good News". The Good News is not the fact that we will die and be buried but rather that this acceptance of God's call to repent is the beginning of a journey from ashes to life. The texts of Lent read this year shows us God close to his people, to each believer and especially to sinners. A God near at hand and patient; full of mercy, he does not resign himself to the wandering of his children, his wish is to reconcile all in his Son.

Perhaps we plan to answer the Lord's call as an individual but we can this year in Ballincollig parish do so as a group or community by deciding to come along to the four nights (beginning March 4th) and explore the Word of God as a group and try to answer his call together.

Lent is also an opportunity to remember the less fortunate in our world and to help us, Trocaire boxes are available today. This year Trocaire is focusing its efforts on RWANDA and in particular trying to help the survivors of the dreadful massacres that occurred there ten years ago. So let's try to make a new beginning ourselves and also help others to make a fresh start.

George O'Mahony

Reflection for Parents

Children's greatest enemies can be their brothers or sisters! In the adult world, our enemies, our country's enemies, are part of God's human family. How does reconciliation come about in our family? Can we help people like the Red Cross who work to reconcile people who have been fighting?

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

The compassion of God never fails us. With confidence we can place all needs before God.

Reader

That the Church may be seen throughout the world as a people of reconciliation and compassion.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

That we may accept the challenge of the Gospel as a way of life with the values of Jesus Christ.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

That our faith and hope may be strengthened as we worship God who sets no limit to his mercy and compassion.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

That we may recognise the needs of those around us and bring them a comforting word and deed.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

That a spirit of temperance and a right attitude to God's gifts may prevail.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For all who have gone before us in faith, that they enjoy God's presence for ever more.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

Priest

God our Father, we place our needs before you, the needs that we have spoken aloud, the needs that remain unspoken but known to you, and the needs of all your people. Hear our prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Lord is compassion and love.

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BAPTISMS

WE WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY ALL THOSE WHO WERE BAPTISED RECENTLY :

Darren Michael O'Mahony, 8 Willow Drive.
 Ciaran Thomas Noel O'Donoghue, Avondale Drive, Ballinora, Waterfall.
 Ailbhe Joanna Hickey, 12 The Vale, Coolroe Meadows.
 Darragh Pádraig O'Mahony, 34 Willow Grove.

MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Kieran Jeremiah Buckley, Castle Park & Niamh Máire McCormack, Rosewood, Ballincollig.

† IN SYMPATHY †

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :

John Quinn, 108 Beech Park.
 Mary O'Leary, Muskerry & Tower.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS:

Deceased Members of the Maguire & Twomey Families.
 Bridget O'Leary, Fairhill.
 Sean Ryan, Coolroe.
 George O'Connor, Glanworth.
 Maurice & Dan O'Connor, Castlegregory.
 Paddy Buckley, Waterfall.
 Michael & Anne Naughton.
 Nora Barrett, Coolroe.
 John Thompson, Dunmanway.
 John & Ellen O'Sullivan, Glanmire.
 William & Sheila Murphy, Model Farm Road.
 Denis Riordan, Dunmanway.
 Maureen Cuddihy, Coolroe.
 Kitty Hyland, Eastbourne.
 John Kelly, Dunmanway.
 Patrick O'Donovan, Church Road, Carrigrohane.
 Mary Knight, Willow Drive.
 Michael Whelan, Muskerry Estate.
 Molly & Eily O'Leary late of Barrett's Buildings.
 Gus & Vincent O'Connell, Ballinora.
 Francis & Margaret O'Farrell, Station Road.
 Michael Buckley, Castlepark.
 John O'Sullivan, Glanmire.
 Barbara Lambe, Derby.
 Eileen O'Grady, O'Donovan Crescent.
 Matthew Murphy, Ovens.
 Catherine McKechnie, Tower.
 Jack Dennehy, Castle View.
 Jim Deasy, Aherla.
 Bat & Ellen Healy, Donoughmore.
 Trevor Phills, England.
 Lily Lucey, Prosperity Square.
 Kathleen Daly, Cathedral Road.
 The Linehan Family, London & Kanturk.
 Margaret Boland, Dublin.
 Mary O'Dwyer, Limerick.
 Kathleen & Thomas Holmes, Leo Murphy Terrace.
 Deceased Members of the Desmond Family, Raheen.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

22 Sunday Sam. 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23. Ps. 102. 1 Cor. 15:45-49. Lk. 6:27-38. Lect 1: 856

23 Monday Jm. 3:13-18. Ps. 18. Mk. 9:14-29. Lect II: 537

24 Tuesday 1 Jas. 4: 1-10. Ps. 54. Mk. 9:30-37. Lect II: 540

25 Wednesday Joel. 2:12-18. Ps. 50. 2 Cor. 5:20-6:2. Mt. 6:1-6. 16-18. Lect I: 191

26 Thursday Deut. 30:15-20. Ps. 1. Lk. 9:22-25. Lect 1: 194

27 Friday Is. 58: 1-9. Ps. 50. Mt. 9: 14-15. Lect 1: 196

28 Saturday Is. 58:9-14. Ps. 85. Lk. 5:27-32. Lect 1: 198

Next Sunday's Readings 29-February-2004
 Deut. 26:4-10. Ps. 90. Ram. 10:8-13. Lk. 4:1-13. Lect 1: 207

Church Gate Collection

As the local Ballincollig Community Games Committee begins preparations for another season they take the opportunity to express their gratitude to the Ballincollig community and commercial sectors for their continued financial support. Without which it would not be possible to continue to provide the youth of the area with the opportunity to represent Ballincollig and Cork at national levels.

With the start of a new season the local committee appeals for adult support in organising this year's programme. People interested in getting involved should contact the Chairman Rick O'Mahony at 087-2358347.

The annual **Church Gate Collection** will be held this Saturday and Sunday. Once again they appeal for the continued generous support of the community on behalf of the youth of the area.



This years Trocaire's appeal is focused on RWANDA. Perhaps we could commit ourselves to putting a few Euro a week in the box. What a difference that would make to the poor of RWANDA. Boxes are now available in both churches.

A PRAYER FOR TEMPERANCE

Jesus, You practiced temperance;
 You were the Model of self-restraint,
 Never over-indulging in the temporal.
 My body being the Temple of the Lord,
 I must treat it with ongoing respect.
 Self-abuse destroys the body;
 Be it alcohol, drugs, or excess food.
 Lord Jesus, bestow fortitude upon me
 For my soul to control my body,
 To practice the virtue of temperance .
 Jesus, You are the source of my vigour.
 Through You, all is possible!

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23
 Saul pursues David with an army of 3,000 men. David sends out spies and penetrates Saul's camp. David does not kill Saul, but takes his spear and water jar instead

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49
 Paul compares the risen Christ with Adam. Adam received life, but the resurrected Christ gives us life. Adam is our human model and Jesus is our model as baptised Christians. We bear Christ's likeness and therefore have the full potential of life in him

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38.
 Luke presented the Golden Rule in this part of his Gospel. Jesus said to love our enemies and to share with and forgive them. If our enemies take something from us, we are to give them what they take and more. The point Jesus made was that if we only love people like ourselves, we are no better than the sinner because even the sinner loves other sinners. Sinners lend to one another, so it is not any great thing we have done if we lend something expecting payment in return. No, we are to give more than we receive and expect nothing in return. Then will our reward be great in heaven because God will measure us in the same way we measure other people.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Polycarp 23-February-2004

A letter about Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna, written from the Church at Smyrna to the other Christian churches after his death, and reproduced by the fourth-century historian Eusebius of Caesarea, gives most of the available information about him. He is also mentioned in the writings of Irenaeus of Lyons, who was his disciple. Polycarp had learned directly from John the Evangelist, and in his old age, he could remember John's words and even the inflexions of his voice. He became bishop of Smyrna in about 107, and was noted for his defence of the Christian faith against the Gnostics, a defence carried on by Irenaeus in his *Adversus Haereses*. He was much given to peace and reconciliation, and he travelled to Rome to meet Anicetus, bishop of Rome, to try to heal the growing breach between the Eastern and Western Churches. The two could not agree, and finally decided to differ in charity. Polycarp died in one of the sporadic riots stirred up by Roman governors against Christians from time to time. He refused to escape, and sat calmly waiting for his pursuers to find him. Taken before the governor, he refused to sacrifice to the Roman gods, and said that he had been a Christian for eighty-six years: he would not deny his master in his old age. He was despatched by a sword-thrust. The letter from the Church at Smyrna concludes by saying, 'He was the twelfth to die at Smyrna, but he alone is specially remembered by all, so that even the heathen everywhere speak of him.'

LOURDES

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Lent is Coming

Wondering is there something
 I could take on for a few weeks?

Well here is one possibility.

Dear Parishioner,

You are invited to give one hour per week for four weeks to the study of the Bible under the title "**Come and See**". Commencing on **Thursday March 4th @ 8 p.m.** The meeting will be held in the **Parochial House**. The talks will continue on Thurs 11th, 18th, 25th and the final night will be The Seder meal or Passover celebration on April 6th. Please keep these dates clear to enable you to attend. Thanking you and looking forward to seeing you on March 4th.

Fr George.

Gatechesis

What do you want from life?

Venue: Christ Our Light Church

Commenced Sunday, February 8th,

and continuing every

Wednesday and Sunday for seven weeks

Time: 8 pm.

Do not be afraid - Come and see

Table Quiz In aid of Concern

GAA Pavilion

Friday 27th February at 8 pm

All welcome €20 per table (Raffle on night)

Variety Concert

On

Friday 27th February 2004

At 8.00 pm

In aid of the Community Hall

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Feb-28 & Feb-29-2004

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Sandra Walsh
8:30 am
Triona Collins
10:00 am
Dave Murphy
12:00 Noon
Tony Lynch

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Pauline Collins
11:00 am
Ciara O'Mahony
12:30 pm
Con O'Connell
5:30 pm
Tom Reck

MASS TIMES

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon	Sunday	11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm
9:30 am	Monday	8:30 am
9:30 am	Tuesday	8:30 am
9:30 am & 8 pm	Wednesday	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	Thursday	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	Friday	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)	Saturday	9:00 am & 8 pm (Vigil)

CONFESSIONS

After 10:00 am Mass & before 6:00 pm Mass **Saturday** After 9:00 am Mass

BAPTISMS

5:00 pm **Saturday** 7:15 pm
12:45 pm **Sunday**

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Feb-28 & Feb-29-2004



St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm	Mary O'Donoghue Steve Wills Margaret O'Sullivan Rita Aherne Rose Doyle Jim Walsh	8:00 pm	Anne O'Regan Marion O'Sullivan Finbarr Murray
8:30 am	Mary Buckley Rita Murphy	11:00 am	Seamus O'Connell Mary O'Connell Pat Manning Alan O'Riordan Geraldine Keohane
10:00 am	Maureen Roche Christina Walsh Peter Reilly Mary Collins Christy Roche	12:30 pm	Maura Lombard Jackie Sheehan Mary Green Michael O'Leary Lelia O'Brien
12 Noon	Oliver O'Donovan Barbara Kelly John Jeffers Mary McLean Ellen Seymour Ita Walshe	5:30 pm	Catherine Green Mary Breen Siobhan Burke

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