

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 07-March-2004

Second Sunday of Lent

Today we are presented with two stories of God's appearance amongst us. They remind us that his presence is something awesome and mysterious, but for all that, it offers light for everyone at moments of crisis and doubt in life.



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Reflecting On Our Lives

The American writer, Thoreau, lived by himself for two years in the woods of New England. He tells us why he did so: "I went into the woods to confront the essential facts of life, lest when I come to die I should discover that I had not lived." Without some reflection we cannot hope to live worthwhile lives even on a human level, much less on a Christian level. But the age in which we live, full as it is of noise and haste, does not make it easy. However, Lent provides us with a great opportunity. And Christ offers us a wonderful incentive: deliverance from the slavery of sin so that we may enjoy the freedom of the children of God. He offers us a share, not only in his victory over sin, but also in his Easter victory over death. But we cannot hope to share in his victory unless we fight his battle.

To fight his battle we have face the 'desert'. We have to fast and pray. We have to die to our old selves. This is a great season of grace. It calls us to conversion, to turn our minds and our hearts to God.

Let us have the courage to look at our actual condition, no matter how impoverished it may be. How many of us are happy with our present condition? Here are a few pointers which may give us some perspective on our lives and on our present condition.

We live too fast and too coarsely. No wonder we fall victims of anxiety and stress. Are there values, which we fear, from which we are trying to escape? Values like inner silence, concern for others, prayer ...?

What receives our best time and our best energy?

What goals do we pour ourselves and our time into?

What are we committed to, what values do we live by?

In each of us there are really two people. One is the self, which seeks easy gratification; the other is the true self, made in God's image. Which gets more attention?

Is our neighbour someone we genuinely care about or merely someone we avoid until we need him?

With whom or what group do we share ourselves and identify with?

What is our worst and constant temptation?

What place has God in our lives?

Let us ask God's grace to amend for the better in those things in which we have sinned, whether through ignorance, weakness or malice, lest suddenly overtaken by the day of death we seek space for repentance and are not able to find it.

John O'Donovan

Reflection for Parents

Parents are often in a privileged situation to see a radiant look on a joyful child's face. Maybe it's how they light up when special company arrives, or maybe the look of delight at a special gift or surprise. What kind of transfigurations have you seen this week, either in the faces of your children, co-workers, or even in yourself?

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

As we continue our Lenten journey, trusting in the God who keeps faith with us, we remember the needs of our world.

Reader

For those who are distressed by doubt or tempted to despair, we ask that they may be encouraged by the faith and joy of Christians.

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

For parents, teachers, youth ministers, and all those who lead the young along the Christian path, that they may do so with faith and confidence.

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

For our young people, that they may experience the support of adults and peers, as they search out a gospel path.

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

For our civic and religious leaders, that they may lead with wisdom and courage.

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

For all who are ill, weary, or anxious, that they may find relief.

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

For those who have died, that they may enter the joy of the Resurrection.

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

Priest

Eternal God, we confidently bring our prayers to you, through Jesus Christ, your Son, Our Lord.

Amen.

The Lord is my light and my help.

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Denis Hegarty, Poulavone.
Bridget Ward, Glasgow.
Teresa Cremin, Ballinlough.
Denis O'Brien, Ballinlough.
John Charles, Wales.
Cormac McAnallen, Tyrone.
Jacinta Lyons, Togher & Ennis.

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

Michael, Delia & son Michael Moloney, Carrigrohane.
Paddy & Nan O'Kelly, Douglas.
Noreen Vaughan, Newmarket.
Bridget, Jack, Bill, & James Vaughan, Newmarket.
Jerry Buckley, Meelin, Newmarket.
Mary & Denis Lenihan, Lyre.
Martin Murphy, Banteer.
John Joe Creedon, Banteer.
Patrick & Nora Murphy, Glengarriffe.
Allen O'Callaghan, Rathard, Aherla.
John Lucey, Carriganarra.
David Murphy, 'Ard na Laoi' House, Poulavone.
Daniel O'Sullivan, Donoughmore.
Jim Cagney, Gardeners Hill.
Mable Neenan, Milstreet.
Eileen Walsh, Holly Road.
Patrick O'Donovan, Church Road, Carrigrohane.
Ned Keating, Main Street.
Noreen & Eddy De Silva, Beech Park.
Tim Murphy, Glounthaune.
James Hourigan, Co. Limerick.
Robert Huthert, Douglas.
Matthew & Johanna Twomey, Coolea.
Michael McNulty, Fr. Sexton Park.
Catherine & Joseph O'Beirne, Glasheen.
Con Hewitt, Cashel.
Mamie Quinn, Powdermills.
Kate Staunton, Roscommon.
Michael Murphy, Waterfall.
Nancy McCarthy, Coachford.
Con & Nellie O'Mahony, Clash Road.
Ted Hogan, Ballinlough, Dublin.
Tom Barry, Glanmire.
Rena O'Neill, Dunmanway.
Neil McGroarty, Cobh.
Mary Lucey, Coolroe.
Patrick, Margaret & John O'Mahony, Carriganarra.
Mary & Daniel Barry, Ballinhassig.
Coughlan Family, Dripsey.
John Chapel, London.
Ted Corkery, Aherla.
Catherine Dennis, Innishannon.
Mary Kelleher.
Deceased Members of the Kelleher & Lucey families.
Rose Moylan, Earlwood Estate.
George O'Connor, Glanworth.
Jerry Desmond, Ovens Bridge.
Patrick & Mary Kelly, Tipperary.
Joe Fitzpatrick, Crookstown.
Betty O'Regan, Crookstown

BAPTISMS

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

Erica Margaret O'Leary, Kilnaglory.
Nicola O'Connell, 14 The Willows, Classis Lake.
Theresa Shile O'Keeffe, 27 Westgrove.
Rachel Margaret O'Keeffe, 6 Maglin Circle.
Darrah Joseph Carmody, 16 The Meadows, West Village.
Cormac Jerome Carmody, 16 The Meadows, West Village.
Sarah Marie Manley, 47 Leevue.

Next Sunday's Readings 14-March-2004
Ex. 3:1-8, 13-15. Ps. 102.1 Cor. 10:1-6, 10-12. Lk. 13:1-9. lect 1: 255

Community Games – Thank You

The local Ballincollig Community Games Committee wish to express its gratitude to the Ballincollig Community once again for their outstanding generosity at our recent Church Gate Collection. The collection puts the local organisation on a firm financial footing as it begins preparations for the forthcoming events. As the range of events is quite considerable, adult help is always greatly appreciated, and the committee appeals for adult support to ensure the season ahead runs smoothly. People interested in getting involved should contact the Chairman Rick O'Mahony at 087-2358347.

Ballincollig Parish Pastoral Council

The next meeting of the council will be held in the Community Centre, on Monday March 8th at 7.45 pm



THE ALZHEIMER SOCIETY of IRELAND

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SUPPORT MEETING

Monday, 8th March 2004, in Jury's Hotel at 8 pm.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Gen 15:5-12. 17-18
 God makes a covenant with Abram. ...a covenant never re-
 voked.

Second Reading: Phil. 3:17-4:1
 Paul assures us that our bodies, like the body of Jesus, will be
 transfigured.

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36.
 Peter, James and John went with Jesus to pray on a mountain
 top. The disciples witnessed what we call the transfiguration
 where Jesus' face became radiant and his clothes dazzling
 white. Along with Jesus stood Moses and Elijah. The disciples
 had no idea what was happening and Peter, in his ignorance,
 suggested that they erect three tents to commemorate the
 event. As though to correct Peter's misunderstanding, a voice
 came from the cloud naming Jesus as his son and telling the
 disciples to listen to him. There was not to be confusion about
 Moses or Elijah being equal to Jesus nor should Peter have
 tried to assume control of a holy happening, but rather listen
 to this holy one.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Senan 08-March-2004

St. Senan was born near Kilrush, Co. Clare. His family were
 prosperous farmers. His vocation seems to have resulted from
 an experience of danger from the sea. His early studies were
 mainly made at the monastery of Kilnamanagh. His principal
 monastic foundation was on Scattery Island near Kilrush, in
 the Shannon Estuary.

Little is known of the Saint's life in Scattery beyond the mira-
 cles recorded and the fact that the rule of his monastery was
 austere in the extreme. Apparently, no woman was allowed to
 live in or even land on the island. St. Cainir, a relation of St.
 Senan's, had a convent to the West of Ballylongford. She
 crossed the river and hoped to end her days on Scattery Island
 but Senan forbade her to come ashore. She requested the last
 sacraments and a grave on the island. Senan agreed to this and
 she was buried at high water mark.

St. Senan is said to have died on March 8th, 544. The river
 Shannon is believed to be named after him. His patron day on
 March 8th was an important day of pilgrimage to Inis Cathaig.
 He is buried on Scattery Island, probably in Temple Senan.
 The grave is supposed to be the site of miraculous cures.
 Stones from St. Senan's Bed were regarded as relics and a pro-
 tection against diseases and especially drowning. In the folk-
 lore of West Clare the cult of Senan still survives.

Bookshop – Christ Our Light

We have a large selection of Confirmation and First
 Holy Communion gifts and keepsakes, Rosary beads,
 crucifixes, statues, plaques, holy water fonts, etc.

Come and have a look

Open before and after all weekend Masses.

Understanding the Bible this Lent

Bible study under the title "Come and See" continues
 every Thursday night at 8 pm in the Parochial House
 until March 25th and will conclude on April 6th with The
 Seder Meal or Passover celebration.

All are welcome

Fr. George.



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P.E.A.C.E

Prayer Enterprise and Christian Effort

Friday 12th March - Holy Hour and Peace Mass,
 St. Maries of the Isle, Convent Chapel at 7.30 pm.
 Officiating Priest: Fr. Silvester O' Flynn, O.F.M. Cap.

Sunday 14th March - Ecumenical Peace Service,
 St. Mary's Church of Ireland, Carrigaline at 4.00 pm.
 Special Preacher: Fr. Martin Tierney, Dublin.

Ballincollig Secular Franciscan Order

The monthly Mass and meeting will be held
 on Thursday 11th March at 11.00 am
 in St. Mary & St. John Church
 Rosary will be recited at 10.40 am (Sharp)

Mass Bookings

The Mass Book in both churches will open on Saturday 13th
 March for the Months of April, May and June

Spring Dues

Envelopes are now being distributed to each
 household. Please return it by placing it in the
 Basket at Mass. Spare envelopes are available
 from the back of the Church.

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MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Mar-13 & Mar-14-2004

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Aine Sheehan
8:30 am
Annette Collins
10:00 am
Declan Chalmers
12:00 Noon
Miriam Maunsell

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Michael Greene
11:00 am
Liam Hayes
12:30 pm
Marie Groarke
5:30 pm
Michelle Beamish

MASS TIMES

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

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| 8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon | Sunday | 11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm |
| 9:30 am & 8 pm | Monday | 8:30 am & 6:30 pm |
| 9:30 am & 8 pm | Tuesday | 8:30 am & 6:30 pm |
| 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

Mar-13 & Mar-14-2004



St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Patsie Murphy
Breda Foley
Mary Walsh
Sr. M. Carmody
Geraldine Hegarty
Betty Sheehan
8:30 am Theresa Lucey
Rita Murphy
10:00 am Tadgh Murphy
Mary Murphy
Joan Tobin
Tony O'Leary
12 Noon Michael Crowley
Breda Lenihan
Noel Hennessey
Marie O'Callaghan
Rena O'Connor
Angela Roche

8:00 pm Jim Cahill
Kit Cahill
Sheila O'Connor
11:00 am Maura McNamara
Angela Cunningham
Laurence Cunningham
Neil Cantillon Murphy
12:30 pm Anne O'Connell
Eileen Garvey
Sally Power
Breda Callanan
Marie O'Brien
5:30 pm Neil O'Donoghue
Patrica O'Donoghue
Statia O'Callaghan

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