

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 09-January-2005

## The Baptism of the Lord

*At his baptism Jesus was revealed as the Son of God and began his work of bringing the vision of God, his justice and his liberation to people. At our baptism each of us is given a share in this mission, so we become children of God.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

### Tsunami Disaster

The tsunami disaster in South East Asia has dominated our news and our lives for more than ten days; the scale of the destruction of homes, property and loss of life is the biggest we have ever experienced on our TV screens. Whole communities have been wiped out, leaving few survivors. Those left have lost their families, their social network and almost everyone they have ever known. The suffering and trauma caused by such loss is beyond imagining. Those who are waiting and hoping to hear from family members and loved ones deserve our thoughts and prayers. Commentators have pointed out that the effects of this disaster have been felt by the poorest of the poor. This disaster has also affected people who are the most primitive and little known cultures in the world i.e. North Sentinel Islands, and the boat people living off the coast of Burma.

This disaster raises lots of questions, not least being the question why does such a disaster happen. This question is all the more urgent as we live in an age that presumes that in a modern culture we should be able to stop such tragedies or at least be able to predict them. However this tragedy has brought home to us again our inability to accept the enormous power of nature and to accept our vulnerability in the face of nature. For people of faith or no faith the question arises where was God.? I don't have an answer for this question but I do find it helpful to my own faith to read Matt. 13: 24 - 30 where I find the parable of the wheat and the damel; and Matt. chapters 26 and 27, here I rediscover that I am part of a very complex world where wheat and damel always seem to be mixed; God communicating his love for each of us is done by the death of his Son and a loving God continues to be with us.

The other question that a disaster raises is what can I do, the generosity of so many people and the work of so many personnel from relief agencies is making a difference; long may we have the generosity and commitment to support the relief effort.

George O'Mahony

### Reflection for Parents

Most parents know what it means to be pleased with our children. Even when they do things that annoy, challenge, or disappoint us, we love our children. Although we experience some notion of unconditional love with our own children, it is difficult for us to grasp the magnitude of God's love for us, even when we annoy, challenge, or disappoint Him. Through our baptism, we are members of God's family and will know the unconditional love of a parent.

### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

#### Priest

Let us bring our prayers to God, who is full of power and majesty and splendour.

#### Reader

For all the baptised, that they may take their Christian commitment seriously.

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

For newborn babies, and all who will soon be baptised, that they may have the grace to live truly Christian lives.

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

For those preparing for confirmation this year, that they may be filled with the Holy Spirit.

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

For the elderly and all who are lonely, that they may know our support these winter days.

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

For those who have suffered as a result of the Tsunami disaster.

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

For those working in the disaster area trying to bring some relief to the victims.

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

#### Priest

O God, you rule the earth with justice; help us all according to our needs, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*The Lord will bless his people with peace.*

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**BAPTISMS**

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

Leah Ann O'Connor, Castletown, Enniskeane.  
 Mary Smilte Bendinskaite, 10 Oak Avenue, Classis Lake.  
 Emma Theresa Goulding, 41 Daffodil Fields.  
 Davie Noel Hurley, 42 The Willows, Classis Lake.  
 Reece Freddie Persons, 35 Sweetbriar Lane, Inniscarra View Est.  
 Ethan Robert Butler, 9 Greystones.  
 Adam Sameal Butler, 9 Greystones.  
 Rachel Sarah Olden, 23 Bridgewater.  
 Ryan Joseph O'Neill, 13 Westgrove.  
 Eamonn James Barry, 10 Old Court, Greenfields.

**MARRIAGES**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

James Stephen Barrett, 35 Aylsbury & Sonya Ita Crasby, 35 Aylsbury.  
 Kevin Martin McCarthy, Glanmire & Jean Murray, Rosewood.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Laurence Ryan, Turners Cross & Ballincollig.

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

William McDowall, Clonmel.  
 Hannah Collins, Rossmore.  
 Vincent Coughlan, Mill Range.  
 Deceased members of the O'Shea & Deady families.  
 Dan & Hannah Dempsey, Leemount, Carrigrohane.  
 Patrick Barry, Ardnarostig, Bishopstown.  
 Abina Carroll, Cloughduv.  
 Michael McNulty, Fr. Sexton Park.  
 George Sutton, Rosewood.  
 Elizabeth Dolly Mullins, Birmingham.  
 Mary & Raymond McKenna, Sharman Crawford Street.  
 Denis Long, Rylane Road.  
 John Pinfield, Blarney.  
 Denis Hallahan, Ballingulley.  
 Michael Hickey, Greenfields.  
 Alison Murphy, Wyndham Downs.  
 Dermot Cronin, Connolly Park.  
 Denis Murray, Douglas.  
 Freda Wall, Dublin.  
 Ted Dineen, Ovens.  
 Denis Coakley, Westcourt.  
 Patrick & Mary Howe, Kildare.  
 Vincent Coughlan, Mill Range.

***Ballincollig Secular Franciscan Order***

The monthly Mass and meeting will be held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January at 11.00 am in St. Mary & St. John Church  
 Rosary will be recited at 10.40 am (Sharp)

*Let us see Life as it really is ...  
 It is a moment between two Eternities.  
 St. Thérèse of Lisieux*

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**First Week In Ordinary Time**

09 Sunday Is. 42:1-4/ 6-7. Ps. 28. Acts. 10:34-38. Mt. 3:13-17. Lect I: 179 or 639  
 10 Monday Heb. 1:1-6. Ps. 96. Mk. 1:14-20. Lect II: 3  
 11 Tuesday Heb. 2:5-12. Ps. 8. Mk. 1:21-28. Lect II: 5  
 12 Wednesday Heb. 2: 14-18. Ps. 104. Mk. 1:29-39. Lect II: 7  
 13 Thursday Heb. 3:7-14. Ps. 94. Mk. 1:40-45. Lect II: 9  
 14 Friday Heb. 4:1-5/ 11. Ps. 77. Mk. 2:1-12. Lect II: 11  
 15 Saturday Heb. 4:12-16. Ps. 18. Mk. 2:13-17. Lect II:13

**Next Sunday's Readings 16-January-2005**  
 Is. 49:3,5-6. Ps. 39. 1 Cor. 1:1-3. In. 1:29-34. Lect I: 641

**Bed -Push**

**Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> January.**

The Folk group that sing at the 8 pm mass on Sat. night in Christ our Light Church are planning a bed push in aid of the South East Asia Disaster appeal. All the money raised will be donated to the Irish Red Cross. The bed-push will begin at C.U.H out the Model Farm Road and through the Village and finishing at the AIB bank in Ballincollig. We would be very grateful for any support the people of Ballincollig would give us.

**PLEASE SUPPORT**

**ASIAN TSUNAMI APPEAL**

The faithful of the Catholic Diocese of Cork and Ross are being invited to contribute to the relief of the victims of the disaster in Asia by contributing to a special church collection this weekend the 8th & 9th of January 2005.

Many parishioners have already supported the charitable collections in aid of the people of South East Asia and many others have asked for ways of supporting church-related charities in the area.

The response of the Irish Catholic community is being lead by Trocaire, the Catholic Church's overseas aid agency, in conjunction with Trocaire's international partners.

A special collection will be taken up in churches of the diocese at all Masses and the proceeds will be forwarded to Trocaire for their work in the areas affected by the floods.

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**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

"Here is my servant whom I uphold. I, the Lord, have called you for the victory of justice," said Isaiah. "To open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners," and to make you a light for the nations.

Second Reading: Acts 10: 34-38

God does not play favourites. All who fear the Lord are justified. God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and the power to do good works and heal all in need.

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus came to the Jordan River to be baptised by John. At first John objected and said that it was he, John, who should be baptised by Jesus. Jesus indicated a future baptism when he responded to John saying that it was fitting for John to baptise Jesus. John acquiesced and at the conclusion of the baptism, the Spirit came down from heaven in the form of a dove and clearly announced Jesus as his son. God was pleased with His son.



**SAINT OF THE WEEK**

**Saint Ita 15-January-2005**

Saint Ita is the most famous woman saint in Ireland after Saint Brigid, and is known as the Brigid of Munster. She is said to have been of royal lineage, born in one of the baronies of Decies near Drum in County Waterford, and called Deirdre. An aristocrat wished to marry her, but after prayer and fasting for three days and supposedly with divine help, she convinced her father to allow her to lead the life of a maiden.

She migrated to Killeedy in the western part of Limerick, and founded a community of women dedicated to God, which soon attracted many young women. She also founded and directed a school. Many Irish saints were taught by her for years. For this reason she is often called "foster-mother of the saints of Ireland." Brendan is supposed to have once asked her what three things God especially loved. She replied, "True faith in God with a pure heart, a simple life with a religious spirit, and open-handedness inspired by charity." An Irish lullaby for the Infant Jesus is attributed to her. She was supposedly known for her physical austerities. The principal mark of her devotion was the indwelling of the Holy Trinity. She spent much time in solitude, praying and fasting and the rest of the time in service to those seeking her assistance and advice. She and her Sisters helped to treat the sick of the area. It is claimed that she lived only on food from heaven. She is also known as Deirdre and Mida.

Ita died on January 15th, which is now kept as her feast, about the year 570. There is a strong local cult of her in Munster, particularly in Waterford and Limerick, and her name is a popular one for Irish girls. In the middle of the nineteenth century a new move was made in Ireland for the development of her cult, when Bishop Butler of Limerick obtained from Pope Pius IX a special office and mass for her feast.

***An Evening Prayer***

May he support us all the day long, till the shades lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in his mercy may he give us a safe lodging and a holy rest and peace at the last. *Cardinal Newman*

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**Brookfield Health Sciences Complex**

**University College Cork**

**On Wednesday 12th January 2005 at 8.00 pm**

This is an opportunity to meet with lecturers, placement support coordinators and students, all of whom will be happy to answer your questions.

Further details from Connie Mulcahy, Programme Administrator on 021 4901562 or Dr Harry Gijbels,

Course Director, on 021 4901551

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Jan-15 & Jan-16-2005

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

6:00 pm (Vigil)  
Muireann Nelligan  
8:30 am  
Aisling Moore  
10:00 am  
Elaine Murphy  
12:00 Noon  
Oliver O'Donovan

8:00 pm (Vigil)  
Joy O'Driscoll  
11:00 am  
Emma Flanagan  
12:30 pm  
Dick Beamish  
5:30 pm  
Michaela O'Connor

**MASS TIMES**

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

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

Jan-15 & Jan-16-2005

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

6.00 pm    Patsie Murphy  
              Breda Foley  
              Mary Walsh  
              Geraldine Hegarty  
              Betty Sheehan  
              Ann O'Reilly  
  
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  
              John Canty  
  
11:00 am    Brid Healy-Harris  
              Angela Cunningham  
              Laurence Cunningham  
              Nell Cantillon Murphy  
  
12:30 pm    Anne O'Connell  
              Eileen Garvey  
              Sally Power  
              Breda Callanan  
              Marie O'Brien  
  
5:30 pm    Neil O'Donoghue  
              Statia O'Callaghan  
              Phil O'Connell

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