

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 30-January-2005

Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Our weaknesses and limitations can sometimes frustrate us, but they can also lead us to see our dependence on God. If we turn to him as the only source of our life and strength, his power will work through our weakness, and we will be blessed.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Jesus the Teacher

This Sunday, 30th January 2005 is chosen as Catechetical Sunday. It is an opportunity to celebrate and encourage those who work hard to help all people both young and old, to grow in faith. This includes parents, teachers, catechists and school chaplains as well as others members of our faith community. It is also a time to focus on the centre of any Christian education, the words, works and person of Jesus.

The theme for Catechetical Sunday 2005 is 'Jesus the Teacher', and highlights our greatest source of inspiration and guidance for handing on the faith to our children and developing our faith in our own lives. The gospel on this Sunday is Jesus' most famous and best-known sermon, the part of the Sermon on the Mount known as the Beatitudes. This is the source of what will echo through so much of our teaching and ministry that we are blessed in all of life in the care of our loving Father. Can this teaching be as powerful in our lives as Jesus would wish it to be?

Catechetical Sunday draws our attention to those who dedicate time and their lives to handing on the Faith. On looking around us in Family, school and parish we find inspirational people who have helped us receive and deepen the gift of faith in our lives. It is also an opportunity to recognise that as members of the church we are all teachers with Jesus, if we can communicate the joy and fulfilment of Jesus Christ found in our own relationship with him. People with a living faith pass on a living faith, and only those who meet Jesus regularly in prayer and in the Eucharist can hand on a living knowledge of Jesus alive. There are some posters in the church today depicting the Beatitudes. The posters were prepared by pupils in fifth class in the primary schools of the parish, a reminder to us of the dedicated work teachers do day after day in schools in handing on the faith.

George O'Mahony

Reflection for Parents

Living the beatitudes is nothing new for parents. We often set our needs and desires aside in order to care for others, especially our children. Our greatest challenge, however, is to be a living witness to the first beatitude. If we understand and live out being "poor in spirit," the rest falls into place. For to be "poor in spirit," we rely completely on God. We know what the present situation holds, but recognise that there is a greater glory to come in God's Kingdom.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

We bring our prayers to God, who raises up those who are bowed down.

Reader

That those who suffer persecution for their faith may receive strength and courage, we pray.

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

That those who hunger and thirst for justice may see it come to pass, we pray.

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

That peacemakers may succeed in ending hatred between nations and people, we pray.

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

That those suffering from illness may know the healing power of God, we pray.

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

That all who mourn may experience comfort, we pray.

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

That those who have died may receive a great reward in heaven we pray.

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

Priest

Lord our God, you keep faith with people in any kind of need;

Hear the prayer we make to you, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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BAPTISMS

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

Abigail Olivia O’Sullivan, 38 The Brambles.
 Cian Gearóid McSweeney, 123 Pine Walk.
 Megan Anne Kavanagh, 21 Fern Walk.
 Elliot Blake Misagr, 894 Cherney St., San Francisco.
 Robert David Mullins, 86 Manor Hill.
 Ben Philip O’Connor, 13 Woodberry, Greenfields.

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

John O’Connor, Powdermills.
 Nellie Manning, Ballyvolane.
 Paddy McCarthy, 76 Castle Park.
 Michael J. Kelleher, Ballinora.
 James Green, The Square.
 Nellie Manning, Ballyvolane.
 Sheila Buckley, England.

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

Mary Whelan, Rosewood.
 The Reilly & Hanney family.
 Peggy O’Riordan, Kilnamartyra.
 Gerard Spillane, Castleknock.
 Brian McCullagh, Carlow.
 David Brosnan, Beech Road.
 Mona Healy, Bishopstown.
 Julia Desmond, Farran.
 Elizabeth Dolly Mullins, Birmingham.
 Cian Nagle, Model Farm Road & South Africa.
 John Kenny, Fr. Sexton Park.
 Mary & Denis Lucey, Ballingearry.
 Timothy Dinneen, Curraheen Cross.
 The deceased members of the Dinneen families, Curraheen.
 Patrick Manning, Farranree.
 James, Hannah & Peg Manning, Coachford.
 David Barry, Mulgrave Road,
 John Barry-Murphy, Farran,
 Timothy & John O’Regan, Poulavone.
 Mary Hurley, Glasheen.
 Dan & Mary Collins, Bantry.
 Denise Nolan, Glasheen Road.
 Thomas Scully, Castlemartyr.
 Ellen Murphy, Windsor.
 Denis, James & Breda O’Donoghue, West Village Road.
 Farrell Dunne, Thurles.
 Johannah Murphy, Clash.
 Norah Molloy, Tullamore.

First Holy Communion

Thursday 1st February the parents of second class pupils in Scoil Eoin are invited to a meeting in preparation for First Holy Communion, the topic will be The Eucharist.

Happy are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Happy are the lowly; they shall inherit the land.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Fourth Week In Ordinary Time

30 Sunday Zeph. 2:3; 3:12-13. Ps. 145.1 Cor. 1:26-31. Mt. 5: 1 -12. Lect I: 647
 31 Monday Heb. 11 :32-40. Ps. 30. Mk. 5: 1-20. Lect II: 40.
 01 Tuesday Rom. 12:3-13. Ps. 148. Mk. 3:31-35 or Lk. 11 :27-28 Lect II: 1319
 02 Wednesday Mal. 3: 1-4 or Heb. 2: 14-18. Ps. 23 Lk. 2:22-40. Lect I: 967 or II: 940
 03 Thursday Heb. 12: 18-19, 21-24. Ps. 47. Mk. 6:7-13. Lect II: 47
 04 Friday Heb. 13: 1-8. Ps. 26. Mk. 6: 14-29. Lect II: 49
 05 Saturday Heb. 13: 15-17. Ps. 22. Mk. 6:30-34. Lect II: 51

Next Sunday’s Readings 06-February-2005
 Is. 58:7-10. Ps. 111. 1 Cor. 2:1-5. Mt. 5:13-16 Lect I: 650

Lourdes

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 Enquiries for Special Invalid Section to
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 Monsignor Kevin O’Callaghan
 Parochial House Bandon Co Cork
 Tel: 023-43794

February Dates For Your Diary

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| Tuesday 1 st | Feast of St. Brigid |
| Wednesday 2 nd | Feast of the Presentation of our Lord Blessing of Candles |
| Thursday 3 rd | Feast of St. Blaise Blessing of Throats |
| Wednesday 9 th | Ash Wednesday Blessing Of Ashes |

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13
 "Seek the Lord, all you humble of the earth," said Zephaniah the prophet. Do what is right. "Seek justice." Those who take refuge in the Lord shall pasture their flocks.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31
 The weak of the world are chosen by God. "Whoever boasts, should boast in the Lord."

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12
 The beatitudes are the content of this Gospel and they begin what we commonly call, "The Sermon on the Mount." Jesus' words surely turned upside down the understanding his listeners had of the world and society. Jesus told them that the poor would be rich, the hungry would be filled, and the persecuted would be rewarded. In all, there are eight statements that give the people a new understanding of Moses' law and a clearer image of God's Kingdom.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St Blaise 03-February-2005

According to legend St. Blaise was a physician at Sebaste, Armenia, before he became the Bishop of that See. Accounts of his life place his martyrdom in the year 316. At the time of the persecution he was taken prisoner at the command of the Governor, Agricolaus. The hunters of the Governor found him in the wilderness in a cave to which he had retired. While in prison he performed a wonderful cure on a boy who had a fishbone in his throat and who was in danger of choking to death. After suffering various forms of torture, St. Blaise was beheaded.

The veneration of the saint was brought into Western Europe at an early date and he became one of the most popular saints of the Middle Ages. On the day of his feast a special blessing is given: two candles are held in a crossed position beneath the throat of the recipient and a special prayer for protection against diseases of the throat is said.



The Coeliac Society of Ireland

Date: Tuesday, 1st of February, 2005
 Place: SMA Hall, Wilton
 Time: 8.00 p.m.
 A.G.M., followed by talk from Health Food Store.
 Refreshments will be served
 Everyone welcome.

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Diabetes Federation of Ireland

Cork Branch

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IN
SMA HALL
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WILTON

ON
 SUNDAY JANUARY 30TH 2005 at 2.30 pm
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT;
SOUTHERN REGIONAL OFFICE
32 GRAND PARADE CORK

TEL: 021 4274229
 Email: sro@diabetes.ie
All are Welcome

Ballincollig Parish Pastoral Council

The next meeting of the parish council will be held on Monday January 31st at 7:45 pm. in the Annexe room at the Community Centre. A parish council is reminder to us that we are called to serve our community and also work to deepen our own faith. One item on the agenda is the election of officers and a core group to lead the council. You might pray for council members.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION GROUP:
PARISH OF THE REAL PRESENCE,
CURRAHEEN.

"Could you not watch one hour with Me?"
 In the Parish of The Real Presence at Curraheen we are very privileged to have **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** every week in our church,
 Monday to Friday: Time: 10 am - 7.30 pm
 Saturday: Time: 12 noon - 6 pm
 We welcome you to visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel. We invite you in a special way to commit to "An Hour With Jesus" each week, by ringing Phil at 4543558. Adorers are particularly welcome for Saturday: 1 pm - 2 pm and 2 pm - 3 pm.
 "Where your treasure is, there is your heart 11; also" (Mt. 6:21)

Lent
A Journey towards Easter

Geraldine O'Mahony
 Saturday February 5th
 10am - 4pm
 Bring a packed lunch
 Tea, coffee, soup provided
 €20
 Sr. Dominic's Retreat Centre,
 Montenotte, Cork
 Booking Tel. 021 4502520

Envelope Collection

Lourdes Pilgrimage Invalid Fund
 Next Weekend 5th & 6th February

Pre Marriage Courses

Organised on a regular basis
 by Accord
 34 Paul St. Cork. Ph 021 4272277
 email premc@eircom.net.

It is curious that physical courage should be so common in the world and moral courage so rare. Mark Twain.

First Friday

Friday 4th February 2005
Church of St. Mary & St. John
Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament
 Following 9:30 am Mass, Rosary at 6 pm,
 Directed prayer beginning at 7 pm
 Benediction at 7:30 pm and Mass 8:00 pm.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Monthly Collection
 Next Weekend
 5th & 6th February 2005
 Please Support

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Feb-05 & Feb-06-2005

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Karen Sheehan
8:30 am
Triona Collins
10:00 am
Ciara Buttimer
12:00 Noon
Declan Chalmers

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Rebecca Feely
11:00 am
Maura McNamara
12:30 pm
Con O'Connell
5:30 pm
Tom Reck

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 | Monday | 8:30 am |
| 9:30 am | Tuesday | 8:30 am |
| 9:30 am | Wednesday | 8:30 am |
| 9:30 am | Thursday | 8:30 am |
| 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-05 & Feb-06-2005

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Vera Allen
Ber Bell
Oliver Delaney
Betty Casey
Frank Riordan
Siobhan Riordan
8:30 am Mary Buckley
Theresa Lucey
10:00 am Anne Cahill
Pat Lee
May Delaney
Seamus O'Shea
John O'Donovan
12 Noon Joan Barrett
Sheila Carroll
Marsie Curling
Will Casey
Geraldine Graham

8:00 pm Geraldine Lynch
Charlie Vaughan
Joan Stephenson
11:00 am Marie Ui Chrualaof
Neil Jeffers
Eileen O'Donoghue
Lelia O'Brien
12:30 pm Con O'Connell
Denis O' Mahony
Christine O'Mahony
Tom Murray
5:30 pm Patsy Galvin
Bernard Curran
Clare Curran

PARISH CLERGY

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Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C. 021-4877161
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| Thursday | 9:45 - 5:00 pm |
| Friday | 9:45 - 7:00 pm |
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