

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 08-January-2006

## 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

### A New Year

Happy New Year to everybody, my wish is that the New Year will bring lots of joy and hope to each of us. This Sunday witnesses Christ joining the crowds for John's baptism of repentance. By this action Jesus showed that he was willing to number himself among sinners. His baptism foreshadows his passion, which Jesus himself spoke of as baptism with which he had to be baptised.

January is also the month when we are asked to especially promote church unity, this year the week from January 18th to 25th is designated as a week of prayer for Church unity. The gospel text suggested for the week is chapter 18 of Matthew's gospel. This chapter deals with power, conflict, forgiveness and prayer. During the past year in particular as Ballincollig continued to welcome people from all over the globe, people with a wide variety of faiths have made their home here; as well as Church of Ireland, Baptists, Methodists and Lutherans, various Orthodox, Christian and Episcopalian denominations and a family of Marinite Catholics are in our midst; there are many other faiths in our midst that includes Muslims and Buddhists. This year church unity week provides an opportunity to welcome and celebrate diversity.

The late Pope John II devoted an encyclical to Ecumenism and in it insisted on the priority of spiritual ecumenism, based on interior conversion. 'It is precisely this acknowledgement, of being sinners, which creates in brothers and sisters in Communities not in full communion with one another that interior space where Christ, the source of the Church's unity, can effectively act, with all the power of his Spirit'.

George O'Mahony

### Thought for Today

The waters of the Jordan brought fruitfulness and lush growth to the dry, thirsty land of Palestine. It was here that Jesus came to be baptised. It was here that the Father proclaimed that his favour rested on his beloved Son. It was here that the Spirit hovered over the waters as he did at the creation.

### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

#### Priest

Let us bring our prayers with confidence before our God.

#### Reader

We pray for all the baptised, that they may grow in awareness of their Christian calling.

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

We pray for parents and godparents and for all who help in the initiation into Christian life of newly-baptised persons.

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

We pray for the needs of all here present.

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

We pray for the gift of health, and we ask for a special blessing on doctors, nurses and all health-care professionals.

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

We pray for those who are ill or in pain, for those who are in recovery, and for those who find life difficult, that they may be helped and consoled.

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

We pray for those who have died and for all who have gone before us on life's journey, that they may enter into eternal life.

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

#### Priest

Most loving God, hear the prayers we make in the name of Jesus, your Son, Our Lord.

Amen.

*With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.*

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**BAPTISMS**

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

Lucy Kate Bowen, Seastecote Lane, London.  
 Cillian Lynch, Bloomfield Cottage, Ballyburden, Waterfall.  
 Jenny Louise Ryan, 7, Hawthorn Avenue, Inniscarra.  
 Charles Andrew John Caplice, 26, Limeworth.  
 Ciara Margaret Curtin-O'Sullivan, 41, Aylsbury Downs.

**MARRIAGES**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

Gavin Delaney & Ann Marie Pidgeon, 24, The Close, Coolroe Meadows.  
 Tony O'Leary, 1, Sunningdale & Gabriela Provoste-Sanchez Las Condes, Santiago, Chile.  
 Trevor Kenny & Laura Donovan, 2, The Close, Coolroe Meadows.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Daniel Linehan R.I.P., Kanturk. Mourned by his brother Dave Linehan, Inniscarra View Estate  
 Morgan Murphy R.I.P., Westgate Foundation and Inniscarra. Mourned by his nephew John  
 Dan O'Leary R.I.P., Farran. Mourned by his wife Mary and his grandson Michael O'Leary, Limeworth.  
 Mary Cahalane R.I.P., Holly Road, Muskerry, Estate. Mourned by her husband Michael and family.  
 George Harrington R.I.P., Leap, Bonane, Kenmare. Mourned by his son George, Muskerry Estate.  
 Derry Cremin R.I.P., Tralee. Mourned by his daughter Una Nolan, 5, Mossgrove, Classes Lake.  
 Willie Bradfield R.I.P., Enniskeane. Mourned by his son Dan, 2, Maglin Circle  
 Margaret Lingwood R.I.P., Bishopstown. Mourned by her sister Eileen Hayden, Maglin Circle.

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

Alison Murphy, Wyndham Downs.  
 Dermot Cronin, Connolly Park.  
 Jim Spencer, West Village.  
 Con O'Regan, Maglin.  
 Margaret Broderick, Wyndham Downs.  
 William & Frances Buckley, West Village.  
 Jeremiah O'Donovan, Clonakilty.  
 Deceased members Harrington family, Adrigole.  
 Patrick & Mary Howe, Kildare.  
 Mary & Bridget Ann Murray, Coleraine.  
 John Comerford.  
 Catherine Forbes.  
 Liam Walsh, Wolverhampton.  
 Mona Hourigan, Co. Limerick.  
 Dan & Eileen Burke, Whitechurch.  
 Patrick Barry, Ardnarostig, Bishopstown.  
 Michael McNulty, Fr. Sexton Park.  
 Con & Kitty O'Riordan, Inchigella.  
 Lil O'Mahony, Bandon.  
 Dan Cremin, Ballingearry.  
 Emer O'Callaghan, Rosewood.  
 David Bronan, Beech Road.  
 Tess Goggin, Goleen.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**First Week In Ordinary Time**

08 Sunday Is 55:1-11. Ps Is 12:2-6.1 Jn 5:1-9. Mk 1:7-H. Lect I: 182  
 09 Monday 1 Sam 1:1 -8. Ps 115. Mk 1:14-20. Lect II: 457  
 10 Tuesday 1 Sam 1:9-20. Ps 1 Sam 2:1, 4-8. Mk 1:21-28. Lect II: 459  
 11 Wednesday 1 Sam 3:1-10, 19-20. Ps39. Mk 1:29-39. Lect II: 461  
 12 Thursday 1 Sam 4:1-11. Ps43. Mk 1:40-45. Lect II: 464  
 13 Friday 1 Sam 8:4-7, 10-22. Ps 88. Mk 2:1-12. Lect II: 466  
 14 Saturday 1 Sam 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1 Ps 20. Mk2:13-17. Lect II: 468

**Next Sunday's Readings 15-January-2006**

1 Sam 3:3-10,19. Ps 39. 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20. Jn 1:35-42. Lect I: 740

***Ballincollig Secular Franciscan Order***

The monthly Mass and meeting will be held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January at 11.00 am in St. Mary & St. John Church  
 Rosary will be recited at 10.40 am (Sharp)

***With Thanks***

The Priests of the Parish, Fr. George, Fr. Michael and Fr. John would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generosity in the Christmas Day and Christmas Eve collection for the Priests of the Parish.  
 Your generosity is much appreciated.

**Thanking you.**

**Fr. George O'Mahony, Fr. Michael O'Mahony & Fr. John O'Donovan**

***Concern***

December Church Gate Collection amounted to €2,100. Concern wish to express its thanks to the Parishioners of Ballincollig for their generosity

***Westgate Foundation***

Church Gate Collection will be held outside St Mary & St John and Christ Our Light, Ballincollig on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> January 2006.  
 Thanking you in advance for your support.

**CROWLEY**

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**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Isaiah 55: 1-11

The Prophet addresses these words to the Jews who had been in exile in Babylon. Soon they would return to their own land. This should be a time of renewal of their ancient Faith. Salvation is described as food and drink which is offered free to the hungry and thirsty. If they accept God's gift, He will make a new covenant with them. Our baptism is, in a sense, our own covenant with God by which we promise to do His will.

Second Reading: 1 John. 5: 1-9

Being a child of God involves three things: to love the children of God, to love God and to keep His commandments. Jesus came by water and blood. Water refers to the baptism of Christ and blood to his death. At his baptism the voice of God was heard proclaiming him to be His son; at his death, the Centurion said: "This was indeed the Son of God".

Gospel: Mark 1: 7-11

In coming to John to be baptised, Jesus, who had no need of repentance, gave an example of humility and showed his approval of the mission of the Baptist. The baptism marks the inauguration, with clear divine approval of the public ministry of Jesus.



**SAINT OF THE WEEK**

**St. Hilary 13-January-2005**

The word "heresy" is rarely mentioned these days. In the early Church the word was used for those who of their own will choose false teaching. The heretic tries to express Christian teaching but he refuses to believe one or more of the articles of Faith that have been handed down from the Apostles. A heretic is one who having been baptised and still professing himself to be a Christian deliberately and knowingly denies one of the truths of the Catholic faith. Some of the famous heretics in the early Church attracted many followers and so did much damage to the unity of the Church. One of these was Arius, a priest of Alexandria who put forward the theory that Jesus was not God; that he was not "consubstantial" with the Father. He attracted many followers and the heresy divided the Church for half a century. St. Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, defended the true teaching on the Blessed Trinity against the Arians, often at great danger to himself. At one stage Hilary was exiled from his city by the Emperor Constantius. During his exile he studied and wrote books in defence of the Faith. On his return to his diocese he continued to defend the Faith by writing and preaching while at the same time endeavouring to encourage those who had left the Church to return.

**Diabetes**

The Cork Branch of the Diabetes Federation of Ireland will host a Public Information Meeting entitled, 'New Research, Diabetes Self-Management' in the Gresham Metro-pole Hotel on Sunday the 22nd of January 2006 at 2.30 pm. Speakers include Professor Colin P. Bradley, Professor of General Practice at UCC and a range of other HSE diabetes professionals. There will be a focus on the responsibility of the patient in managing their condition and guidance on diet and living a healthy lifestyle. Admission is free and all are welcome. For further information contact the Diabetes Federation of Ireland on 021 4270009 or email [sro@diabetes.ie](mailto:sro@diabetes.ie).

**Thank You**

The Priests of the Parish (Fr. George O'Mahony, Fr. Michael O'Mahony, Fr. John O'Donovan and Fr. Paul O'Donoghue) take this opportunity to say a sincere thank you to all the members of the Parish community in Ballincollig. Your support, generosity and enthusiasm for matters of faith and Parish are very much appreciated. This year some initiatives commenced in the Parish, eg. a group of parishioners came together and initiated a pre-baptism preparation in Ballincollig. The initial preparation meeting with parents on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December was a great success. The RCIA Programme, led by Sr. Bridget is successful with adults who wish to be baptised. The recruiting and training of Minister of the Eucharist and Minister of the Word continued this year. Those who give their time and talents in Ministry to the Community deserve our support and encouragement. Ballincollig is lucky to have two Communities of Sisters in the Parish and their work with various Prayer and Lexio Groups in the Parish deserves the highest praise.

The Parish Office is also open now and deals with a host of tasks including giving information and dealing with bookings of Baptisms etc., making appointments, providing backup to the Parish Council and putting Parish records on a database.

Your generosity to the victims of the Tsunami and the victims of the earthquake in Pakistan as well as support for other good causes including the St. Vincent DePaul Christmas collection is an indication of the practical faith of so many in this Parish.

The list of those who contribute their time to Parish activity is too long to mention here and I hope that anyone that is unintentionally omitted is not offended. The Sacristans, Choirs, Alter Societies, Parish Council, "Parishioner", Offertory Collectors, Counters, Envelope Distributors, Legion, St. Vincent DePaul, Ministers of the Word and Eucharist, Alter Servers, Parish Organisations, Children's Mass Organisers, Folk Groups, Cantors, Musicians and Boards of Management etc. etc. are all volunteers who work for God and the Parish. You will not see their pictures in the newspapers. You may not know their names, but we do see the results of their contribution in the liturgical, education, cultural and social life of our community.

Our wish is that the Lord will reward you all with a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

**Fr. George O'Mahony, PP**

**Ballincollig Regional Park**

**Ballincollig Woodland Walk**

Sunday 8th January @ 1:45 pm

**With special guests Anne Donaldson and Jenny Webb**

Meet at the Eastern end of Ballincollig Regional Park. Coming from Cork city, in Ballincollig turn right after Healy's Bar, going through the pillars to the Gunpowder Mills. Walk starts at the end of this track.

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Jan-14 & Jan-15-2006

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

6:00 pm (Vigil)  
Aine Sheehan  
8:30 am  
Niamh Gallagher  
10:00 am  
Tony Hegarty  
12:00 Noon  
Miriam Maunsell

8:00 pm (Vigil)  
Amy Ni Cheallaigh  
11:00 am  
Alex Hatsigrigoriou  
12:30 pm  
Orlaith McVeigh  
5:30 pm  
Brian O'Donoghue

**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-14 & Jan-15-2006



**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

6.00 pm Patsie Murphy  
Breda Foley  
Mary Walsh  
Finbarr Lehane  
Margaret Kearney  
Maud O'Mahony  
8:30 am Theresa Lucey  
Rita Murphy  
Mona Holland  
10:00 am Tadgh Murphy  
Mary Murphy  
Joan Tobin  
Tony O'Leary  
Phil Kennedy  
Claire McCarthy  
12 Noon Michael Crowley  
Breda Lenihan  
Noel Hennessey  
Marie O'Callaghan  
Rena O'Connor  
Sean Farrell

8:00 pm Jim Cahill, Kit Cahill  
Sheila O'Connor  
John Canty  
11:00 am Brid Healy-Harris  
Angela Cunningham  
Laurence Cunningham  
Eileen Byrne  
12:30 pm Eileen Garvey  
Sally Power  
Breda Callanan  
Marie O'Brien  
5:30 pm Neil O'Donoghue  
Phil O'Connell  
Maire McCullagh

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**Wednesday 10.30 - 5.00 pm**  
**Thursday 9.30 - 5.00 pm**  
**Friday 9.30 - 5.00 pm**  
**Saturday 9.30 - 12.30 pm**



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**Saturday 9.30 - 5.00 pm**