

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 07-January-2007



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

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

Baptism

The Baptism of Jesus is celebrated today. It is an opportunity to reflect on the undertakings of parents when they promise at the baptism of their infant children to “hand on the faith to their child”. How can parents effectively fulfill this task in the culture in which we live?

“Stevie wants to water ski because she sees you ski, Larry. Maureen wants to sing at Mass because dad sings at Mass. Everything you do, they do, Larry!” Mary was trying to convince her husband that he was the primary role model for their daughters. Mary was voicing what parents and teachers know in their hearts: we teach by our example. Our actions speak louder than words. Mary’s point was that their daughters learn from their parents’ actions. She went on to argue that the only reason Maureen was interested in singing at Mass was because Larry did it. She even suggested that their daughters would never learn to cook because she and Larry didn’t cook!

And, so it is with our life of faith. Our young people learn the Christian way of life primarily by what they witness in the home. Children first learn how to be disciples of Jesus from those around them who live the Good News. Learning to follow Jesus is an “apprenticeship of the entire Christian life” (General Directory for Catechesis, no. 67). An apprentice learns by living the life.

Young people learn to follow the teachings of Jesus when they see us striving, sometimes struggling, to follow Jesus’ command to “love one another.” A teacher went to great lengths to be patient, compassionate and loving to a student who was being very mean and very disrespectful. No one would have blamed her if she had reacted differently. But she taught her students a great deal about treating others with dignity and mercy. She treated the misbehaving student, as Jesus would have. All those who witnessed her Christ-like love, learned a lesson in how to “love one another.”

Learning to pray is a part of the Christian way of life that can be taught from the earliest years of a child’s life. Children learn the melodic, comforting sound of the traditional Catholic prayers because they have heard those words prayed over them, to them, and with them since they were infants. As they grow, they learn for themselves the power and comfort of those prayers. In addition, they learn to call on God in times of stress and worry because they see their parents doing the same.

Seeing parents worshipping in Church, Sunday after Sunday is the most important lesson a child can learn. For so many families, weekend soccer, tournaments, basketball games, and other sport commitments make it difficult to “get to Mass.”

However, when parents live as though the Eucharist is the “source and summit” of their Christian lives, children learn that nothing is more important than taking time to praise and worship the Living God.

Last and perhaps most important, it’s the ordinary things. Loving those who are unlovable, going to church, singing at Mass, forgiving an unfriendly neighbor, smiling in the checkout line, visiting a feeble grandparent. These are the things kids learn from us. Whether it’s water skiing or singing or cooking or discipleship, our children first learn from the parent/guardians who surround them and love them. And, it helps to remember that God loved them first. So even where we fail, God’s grace prevails.

Have a happy New Year

Sean O’Driscoll

Reflection for Parents

As parents we can easily understand the proud words from heaven calling Jesus a beloved child. We may not always be pleased with the actions of our children, but they are indeed our beloved. It is through our baptism and the baptism of our children that we are all part of God’s family. Like building relationships by staying in touch with our extended family, we help our children stay in touch with God’s family by taking time to pray and worship together.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Baptism is our entry into new life in Christ. Conscious of our identity as believers, and of the goodness and kindness of God, we bring our prayers this day.

Reader

For all the baptised, that they may be strengthened in faith and hope.

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

For parents, teachers and all who lead the young by teaching and by example.

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

For adults preparing for reception into the Church.

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

For newborn babies, their parents, families and godparents that they may be richly blessed.

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

For our own needs and for those who have asked our prayers.

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

For those who have gone before us, signed with the seal of faith. May they receive the fullness of life in Christ.

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

Priest

Almighty God, you are our strength in time of need. Grant these our requests which we make in the name of Jesus, Our Lord and Saviour.

Amen.

Bless The Lord, My Soul! Lord God, How Great You Are.

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BAPTISMS

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

Caleb John Burke, 28 Limeworth, Carriganarra.
 Charlie Ted Summers, 94 Shamrock Drive.
 William Cornelius Herdman, 7 Aylsbury Court.
 Abbey Ellen Creedon, 33 Cherry Walk, Muskerry Estate.

MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Mary Rose Maura Burke Carriganarra & John Bermingham, Cloughleaf, Mitchelstown.
 Eoghan Donal O’Sullivan, Curraheen Road, Bishopstown & Niamh Noreen Crotty, Curraheen Road, Bishopstown.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Tom Mulqueen, Rosewood.
 Cait Gabriel, Clash.

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

Farrell Dunne, Thurles.
 Maureen Callanan, West Village.
 Mary Cahalane, Muskerry, Estate
 Paddy & Murty Brennan, Kilkenny.
 Patrick & Mary Howe, Kildare.
 Charles Mehigan, Greenmount.
 George Sutton, Rosewood.
 Denise Moylan, Glasheen Road.
 Sheila O’Mahony, Ballyvolane.
 Con O’Regan, Maglin.
 John Barry-Murphy, Farnanes.
 Deceased members of the Legion of Mary.
 Liam Walsh, Wolverhampton.
 John & Nora Kiely, Turners Cross.
 Ted Dineen, Ovens.
 Michael McNulty, Fr. Sexton Park.
 Nora Hourigan, Co. Limerick.
 Patrick Barry, Ardnarostig.
 Bina Carroll, Cloughduv.
 Nancy Minihan, Skibbereen.
 Joan Summers, Muskerry Estate.
 Josephine Deady, Buttevant.
 Tess Goggin, Goleen.
 Danie Farrell, 201 Rosewood.
 Aidan Burke, Dublin & Beech Road.
 John Pinfield, Blarney.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

First Week In Ordinary Time

07 Sunday Is. 40:1-5,9-11. Ps. 103. Tit. 2:11-14,3:4-7. Lk. 3:15-16,21-22. Lect II: 185
 08 Monday Heb 1:1-6. Ps96. Mk 1:14-20. Lect II: 3
 09 Tuesday Heb 2:5-12. Ps8. Mk 1:21-28. Lect II: 5
 10 Wednesday Heb 2:14-18. Ps 104. Mk 1:29-39. Lect II: 7
 11 Thursday Heb 3:7-14. Ps 94. Mk 1:40-45. Lect II: 9
 12 Friday Heb 4:1-5, 11. Ps 77. Mk 2:1-12. Lect II: 11
 13 Saturday Heb 4:12-16. Ps 18. Mk 2:13-17. Lect II: 13

Next Sunday’s Readings 14-January-2007

Is 62: 1-5. Ps. 95. 1 Cor 12:4-11. Jn 2:1-11. Lect I: 838

Job - a model of mature faith

We often ask the question: how come bad things happen to good people? And how come some of the biggest chancers can thrive?

The Bible addresses such questions in the book of Job. Job is a just and prosperous man, but one day, God takes it all away. Job’s wife and friends tell him to curse God and be done with it. Job refuses.

While Job doesn’t exactly curse God, he does curse the very day he was born. Job refuses to accept that he offended against God. Look around the world, he says. All over the place, God lets the wicked prosper! And look at the weather! God allows droughts in some places and floods in others! And look at governments! God puts people in government and then removes wisdom from them! While God doesn’t answer the question of evil and suffering directly, He warns Job not to become a self-righteous religious phoney.

God seems to say to Job, that everything has its place, that He respects human freedom, even that of the wicked. There’s always hope they’ll change. Job’s story is what true religion is about: mature friendship with God, where a frank exchange of views is encouraged, along with the ability to live happily with the mixed bag that life can sometimes be.

Robert Mc Namar Redemptorists.ie

“Blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting”

Elizabeth Bibesco

*Make all the friends you can.
 Keep all the friends you make.
 And when you meet a stranger,
 give his hand a hearty shake.
 For all the countless treasures
 which in time may come your way,
 there'll be nothing quite as precious
 as the friends you make today.*

- Ernest Sidwell -

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: IS. 40:1-5, 9-11

The passage from Isaiah which forms today's first Scripture reading is one of the songs of the servant which is found in Isaiah. It describes the ideal Jew, the servant of God who will bring justice and light to the world and save his people. This servant is Christ.

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14,3:4-7

The second Scripture passage is the conclusion of an episode in which Peter has a vision. In the vision he is instructed to receive into the infant Church not only Jews, but the whole world.

Gospel : Lk. 3:15-16. 21-22

People in the crowds wondered if John the Baptist was the Messiah. Luke provided a direct question and response to make clear that John understood he was not the Messiah. Luke removed the attention completely from John by not even making it clear whether or not John was present at Jesus' baptism. For Luke, John was the last prophet from the old age. Jesus marked the beginning of a new age. Luke was the only evangelist to have Jesus praying when the Holy Spirit, in the form of a dove, came down on Jesus while a voice from heaven proclaimed him as God's beloved Son.

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Monday 8th January 2007

Tuesday 9th January 2007

Wednesday 10th January 2007

Thursday 11th January 2007

From 3:00 – 5:00 & 7:00 – 9:00 pm

With Thanks

The Priests of the Parish, Fr. George, Fr. Michael and Fr. Sean 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. Sean O'Driscoll

Ballincollig Parish Pastoral Council

The next meeting of the council will be held in the
Annex Room, Community Centre
on Monday January 15th at 7.45 pm

Diary Dates 2007

Confirmation

Scoil Mhuire	Monday 14th May
Scoil Eoin	Monday 26th March
Scoil Barra	Thursday 19th April
Our Lady of Good Counsel	Thursday 19th April
Gaelscoil Uí Riordáin	Wednesday 18th April

First Holy Communion

Scoil Mhuire	Saturday 28th April
Scoil Eoin	Saturday 26th May
Scoil Barra	Saturday 12th May
Our Lady of Good Counsel	Saturday 12th May
Gaelscoil Uí Riordáin	Saturday 19th May

Ballincollig Secular Franciscan Order

The monthly Mass and meeting will be held
on Thursday 11th January at 11.00 am
in St. Mary & St. John Church

Rosary will be recited at 10.40 am (Sharp)

All Welcome

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Sick Or House Bound?

If you have a friend or relative who is sick, house bound or in hospital, please let the Priests of the Parish know, so they may visit.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Jan-13 & Jan-14-2007

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Muireann Nelligan
8:30 am
Triona Collins
10:00 am
Hanah Bunyan
Katie Collins
12:00 Noon
Miriam Maunsell

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Pauline Collins
11:00 am
Cormac Manning
Marie Ni Niada
12:30 pm
Dick Beamish
5:30 pm
Christine O'Brien

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	Wednesday	8:30 am
9:30 am	Thursday	8:30 am
9:30 am	Friday	8:30 am
10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)	Saturday	8 pm (Vigil)

CONFESSIONS

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

BAPTISMS

4:30 pm	Saturday	4:30 pm
Except First Saturday of Month		First Saturday of Month
12:45 pm	Sunday	



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Jan-13 & Jan-14-2007

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Patsie Murphy
 Breda Foley
 Mary Walsh
 Finbarr Lehane
 Margaret Kearney
 Nora Barry

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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Friday	9.30 – 5.00 pm
Saturday	9.30 – 12.30 pm

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Wednesday	10.30 – 5.00 pm
Thursday	9.30 – 7.30 pm
Friday	9.30 – 7.30 pm
Saturday	9.30 – 5.00 pm