

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



**St. Mary & St. John
Station Road**

Sunday 18-February-2007

Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time
Day Of Prayer For Temperance

Christians are required to answer hatred with goodness, curses with blessings and ill treatment with prayer. As descendants of Adam, this is difficult, but through the power of Christ and his Holy Spirit, we can succeed.



**Christ Our Light
Innishmore**

Season of Lent

To be reborn, to start a new life, to go to a new land - these are important Christian religious themes. Abraham goes to a new country; Moses leads a nation through the waters of the Red Sea to freedom and a new life; a humbled but joyful people return from exile; Christ passes from death to life.

Today the Christian celebrates new life in baptism and constantly renews that life, making new beginnings. Our whole religion focuses on beginnings. We never quite live up to yesterday's commitment, nor do we find today's commitment adequate tomorrow. We need to be healed and cleansed; we need to reaffirm in each other the possibility of a new beginning. Lent is an opportunity to make a new beginning. Ash Wednesday is an opportunity to gather and pray for one another's renewal. We will receive the Ashes; hear God's call to repentance "Receive the Good News". The Good News is not the fact that we will die and be buried but rather that this acceptance of God's call to repent is the beginning of a journey from ashes to life. The scripture texts of Lent tell us that God is close to his people, to each believer and especially to sinners. A God near at hand and patient; full of mercy, he does not resign himself to the wandering of his children, his wish is to reconcile all in his Son.

Perhaps we plan to answer the Lord's call as an individual, what better way to do that, than to take a leaf from the Gospel of Luke. Luke's gospel lays a heavy emphasis on prayer and worship. Jesus prays more often and has more to say about prayer in this gospel. He teaches his disciples to pray and encourages them to pray both directly and through parables about prayer. Let us try to give prayer a more central place in our lives this Lent.

Lent is also an opportunity to remember the less fortunate in our world and to help us Trocaire boxes are available today. This year Trocaire is focusing its efforts on ending gender inequality throughout the world.

George O'Mahony

Reflection for Parents

Children's greatest enemies can be their brothers or sisters! In the adult world, our enemies, our country's enemies, are part of God's human family. How does reconciliation come about in our family? Can we help people like the Red Cross who work to reconcile people who have been fighting?

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Our God is compassion and love. God enables us to do what seems impossible - to forgive those who injure us. We call upon God and present our needs.

Reader

For Christians everywhere, that they may be known by their willingness to forgive.

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

For those who cannot find it in their hearts at this time to forgive their enemies, that the grace of God may make it possible for them.

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

For peace and reconciliation between nations, and for an end to war.

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

For those whose lives have been damaged by violence, natural disaster or displacement, that they may be helped to rebuild their lives with dignity.

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

For families where relationships have been strained, that bitterness may give way to forgiveness and peace.

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

For the needs of this community.

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

Priest

Gracious God, you hear the prayers of those who cry out to you in their need. Hear the petitions we make this day in the name of Jesus, Our Lord and Saviour.

Amen.

The Lord is compassion and love.

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BAPTISMS

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

Kate Ellen O'Donovan, 7, Chestnut Lawn, Classis Lake.
 Tara Aideen Desmond, 1, Chestnut Lawn, Classis Lake.
 Alice Bridie Catriona O'Neill, 24, Whitethorn, Inniscarra View.
 Dylan Joshua Ryan – Wynne, 21, Cherry Walk, Muskerry Estate.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Orla Catherine Kinnane, Ennis.
 Ann McCarthy, Ovens.
 Brian Kelleher, Lissarda.
 Mairead Boyce, Millford.
 Eileen O'Sullivan, Willowfield.
 Eileen Valiquette, Vermont.

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

Martin & Patrick Ginnane, Shanakiel Road.
 Sean Ryan, Coolroe.
 Josie Hammond, Earlwood Estate.
 Catherine & William McCarthy.
 Deceased members of the Mitchell family.
 Julie Jenkins, Glincool.
 Julia Barrins, Kilmoyley, Co. Kerry.
 Mary Buckley, Dublin.
 Con O'Mahony, Ballyvolane.
 Mary, Michael & Ann Naughton, Farranree.
 Liam (Billy) Carroll, Woodbine Lawn.
 Joey O'Driscoll, Rosewood.
 Richard O'Halloran, Muskerry Estate.
 Michael Long, Turners Cross.
 Mary O'Leary, Farran.
 Pat McGrath, Glasheen Road.
 Deceased members of the Murray family, Quaker Road.
 Jim Green, The Square.
 Lil O'Mahony, Bandon.
 Edward & Joan Murphy, Powdermills.
 Denis & Mary Desmond, French's Villas.
 Deceased members of the Barry Family, Freemount.
 Eileen O'Grady, The Crescent.
 Timothy O Keffe, Shamrock Drive.
 Mary O'Leary, Tower.
 Anthony McCarthy, Castle Park.
 Charlie & Delia Kinnane, South Douglas Road.
 Patrick & Margaret O'Callaghan, Dripsey.
 John & Ellen O'Sullivan, Glanmire.

A PRAYER FOR TEMPERANCE

Jesus, You practiced temperance;
 You were the Model of self-restraint,
 Never over-indulging in the temporal.
 My body being the Temple of the Lord,
 I must treat it with ongoing respect.
 Self-abuse destroys the body;
 Be it alcohol, drugs, or excess food.
 Lord Jesus, bestow fortitude upon me
 For my soul to control my body,
 To practice the virtue of temperance.
 Jesus, You are the source of my vigour.
 Through You, all is possible!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Seventh Week In Ordinary Time

18 Sunday Sam. 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23. Ps. 102. 1 Cor. 15:45-49. Lk. 6:27-38. Lect I: 856
 19 Monday Eccles (Sir) 1:1-10. Ps 92. Mk 9:14-29. Lect II: 81
 20 Tuesday Eccles Sir. 2:1-11. Ps. 36. Mk. 9:30-37 Lect II: 83
 21 Wednesday Joel. 2:12-18. Ps. 50. 2 Cor. 5:20-6:2. Mt. 6:1-6. 16-18. Lect I: 191
 22 Thursday 1 Pet 5:1-4. Ps 22. Mt 16:13-19. Lect II: 962
 23 Friday Is 58:1-9. Ps 50. Mt 9:14-15. Lect I: 196
 24 Saturday Is 58:9-14. Ps85 Lk 5:27-32. Lect I:198

Next Sunday's Readings 25-February-2007
 Deut. 26:4-10. Ps. 90. Ram. 10:8-13. Lk. 4:1-13. Lect I: 207

Ballincollig Special Olympic Football Club

AGM will be held on Thursday 22nd February 2007 in Coláiste Choilm at 7.30 pm. All present committee members, trainers, volunteers and parents are requested to attend. If you would be interested in becoming a volunteer please come along to the meeting to find out more.

Parish Retreat

Retreat to be conducted by the Redemptorist will be held during Lent. March 12th, 13th & 14th. This retreat will take place in Christ Our Light church.
 More information later.

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday February 21st is Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at morning and evening Masses. Ash Wednesday is also a day of fast and abstinence. During Lent morning Masses will be at the usual times in each church. There will be an evening mass in Christ Our Light at 6:30 pm. and St Mary and St Johns at 8:00 pm

Muskerry Local History Society

February 2007 Lecture

Subject: Ballincollig's "Explosive Past"

An illustrated talk on Royal Gunpowder Mills and how the Black Powder changed World Order.

Speaker: Jenny Webb, Historian and Author

Venue: Ballincollig Rugby Club Function Hall

Date & Time: 20th February 2007 at 8.00 pm

Admission: € 2.00 for non-members
 Everyone most welcome.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23
Saul pursues David with an army of 3,000 men. David sends out spies and penetrates Saul's camp. David does not kill Saul, but takes his spear and water jar instead

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49
Paul compares the risen Christ with Adam. Adam received life, but the resurrected Christ gives us life. Adam is our human model and Jesus is our model as baptised Christians. We bear Christ's likeness and therefore have the full potential of life in him

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38.
Luke presented the Golden Rule in this part of his Gospel. Jesus said to love our enemies and to share with and forgive them. If our enemies take something from us, we are to give them what they take and more. The point Jesus made was that if we only love people like ourselves, we are no better than the sinner because even the sinner loves other sinners. Sinners lend to one another, so it is not any great thing we have done if we lend something expecting payment in return. No, we are to give more than we receive and expect nothing in return. Then will our reward be great in heaven because God will measure us in the same way we measure other people.

Bulletin Board

AGM of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Monday 19th February 2007 in the Annex Room Community Centre. Any person willing to serve in the parish are more than welcome to come to this meeting.

The parish will hold a special Lenten programme for five Consecutive Monday nights commencing at 8 pm on February 26th at the Westgate Foundation Centre it will include a series of talks presented on DVD entitled

**To Know God Better
All Are Welcome**

St Dominic's - Retreats for Lent

February 23 – 25
Reconciliation with other religions
Donagh O'Shea OP
March 2 – 4
Reconciliation with Nature
Pat Murray SCA
March 9 – 11
Reconciliation within oneself
Martina Lehane-Sheehan

Calling all singers!

Opera 2005 is holding auditions for singers for our upcoming production of The Merry Widow in June. Auditions will be held in Cork City on Friday Feb. 23rd 2007 from 6 pm-10 pm. If you would like to audition, contact Ruth: 021 4215180 or email info@opera2005.ie.
For more information check out our website:
www.opera2005.ie.

Thanks to you for generosity to the Lourdes collection on Sunday February 11th.

The number signing on for the Tax Rebate through direct debits continues to grow. The number at present is 78. The hundred is beckoning.

I take this opportunity to welcome Sr. Colette who has come to live and work in Ballincollig parish. Sr Colette is a Bon Secours sister and will reside in Aylsbury with her colleagues.
Fr. George

Faith Development Programme

Five weekly talks, during Lent, will be given in Bru Columbanus, Wilton. Fr. John Newman will give the first talk "Betrayal, Crucifixion and Resurrection - Everyday Realities" on Thursday 22nd February at 8:00 pm.

Admission free. All welcome.

49th Cork Ballincollig Scout Group

Our Scouts qualified for the National Scout quiz, which was held in Tullamore. It was an early start last Saturday, when we got there we checked in and soon the quiz started, the questions were harder than we thought they would be, but having said that we did well. In the afternoon challenges were held around the outside of the building, we really enjoyed these, included was balloon making base, battleships, compass bearings and boiling water in a paper bag. We discovered that quizzes were not our strongest point, we did not bring home any trophies, but we enjoyed the day.

Six needs of a young person.

- ◆ To climb a mountain and to look afar.
- ◆ To sit around an ember camp fire with good friends
- ◆ To test his strength and his skill on his very own
- ◆ To be alone with his thoughts and with his God
- ◆ To be ready to reach out and find the hand of an understanding person, ready and willing to help.
- ◆ To have a code to live by – easily understood and fair.

Commissioning of New Ministers of the Eucharist

The new Ministers of the Eucharist who have recently undergone training will be commissioned next weekend, the First Sunday of Lent (Sat 24, Sun 25 Feb). The short ceremony will take place during the mass at which they have chosen to serve as Ministers. Therefore a number of Ministers will be commissioned at all masses. Please show them your support as they embark on this important role of service to the parish.

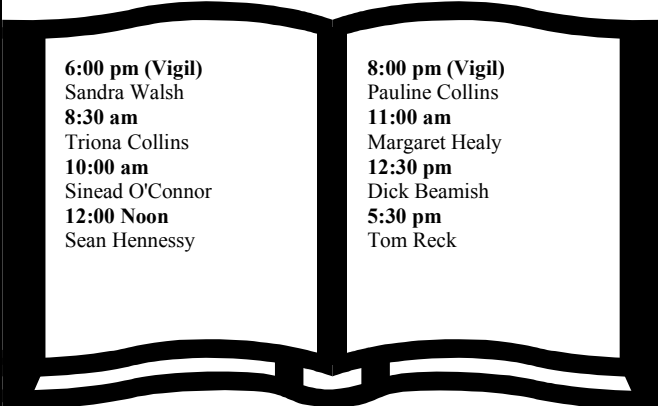
Diabetes

The Southern Region of the Diabetes Federation will hold a Public Education Meeting including Cork Branch AGM on Sunday the 18th of February in the Metropole Hotel, McCurtain St. Cork at 2.00 pm entitled, '**Emerging Trends in Diabetes**'. Dr. Tomas Ahern, Specialist Registrar in Endocrinology and Diabetes, Cork University Hospital and Ms. Liz Kirby, Diabetes Federation of Ireland will address the meeting. All are welcome and admission is free. **For further information, contact the Diabetes Federation of Ireland on 021 4274229 or email sro@diabetes.ie**

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Feb-24 & Feb-25-2007

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light



6:00 pm (Vigil)
Sandra Walsh
8:30 am
Triona Collins
10:00 am
Sinead O'Connor
12:00 Noon
Sean Hennessy

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Pauline Collins
11:00 am
Margaret Healy
12:30 pm
Dick Beamish
5:30 pm
Tom Reck



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Feb-24 & Feb-25-2007

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm	Steve Wills Margaret O'Sullivan Rita Aherne Rose Doyle Jim Walsh Frances O'Brien	8:00 pm	Anne O'Regan Mairead Murphy Finbarr Murray
8:30 am	Mary Buckley Rita Murphy Mary O'Keefe	11:00 am	Seamus O'Connell Mary O'Connell Alan O'Riordan Geraldine Keohane
10:00 am	Christina Walsh Peter Reilly Mary Collins Christy Roche Katie O'Shea Claire Creedon	12:30 pm	Lucy O'Callaghan Jackie Sheehan Mary Green Michael O'Leary
12 Noon	Oliver O'Donovan Barbara Kelly John Jeffers Mary McLean Ellen Seymour Nora Hennessy	5:30 pm	Noelle Buckley Mary Breen Siobhan Burke

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 & 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**

BAPTISMS

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

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