

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 06-January-2008

The Epiphany of the Lord

God's plan for the world, the mysterious purpose of existence, is unveiled by the coming of Christ. God wants it to be known and it will be known, by all who follow the light of faith leading them to Christ.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Feast of the Epiphany

The year 2008 has arrived. I wish all our parishioners a very happy, peaceful and holy new year. New year is an opportunity to make a fresh start in one or maybe several areas of our lives. The opening reading today tells us 'Arise, shine out, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you.' I think this is daunting statement and it truly emphasises the great trust the Lord has in us. To help us to fulfil this calling, prayer has to be an important part of my day. Perhaps if I haven't already done so, I will try to keep prayer at the centre of each day.

Many people have clear goals in life and all their energies are directed towards that goal. The goal may be money, prestige, and family happiness, success in sport or friendship with God. Whatever it is, it is like a single star that beckons them on relentlessly

Today's gospel tells of the wise men who followed their star and it lead them to Jesus. They could have stayed where they were, but they paid the price of a long journey, risked their lives by approaching Herod. Their reward was to meet Jesus and to worship him as God.

Most of us are less definite about what I want from life. We follow many little stars, a bit of comfort and security, some selfishness here and there. We can be like Herod and expect somebody else to find Jesus for us. We must be prepared to pay the price of time and service to meet Jesus. The world today has many stars beckoning us, we must be prepared to choose one rather than rest..

George O'Mahony

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us present our prayers and our act of trust before our loving God, who always wants what is best for us.

Reader

For all peoples and all nations, that they may have the Good News proclaimed to them.

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

For a deepening of our own faith and that of all Christians in the mystery of the Word made flesh.

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

For the grace to begin the New Year well and for a spirit of hope.

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

For people in any kind of need, that they may be aware of the Father's care for them as they experience the help and support of their Christian neighbours.

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

For those who seek a meaning and purpose in life, for those who are in grief or in despair, for those who are victims of violence or unjust treatment, that they may not lose hope.

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

For the needs of this community.

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

Priest

King of Glory, you rule the world with justice and compassion. Listen to the prayers of your people, and grant them what they need to live a life in accord with your law. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our lord and Saviour.

Happy New Year

The priests of the parish extend a Happy New Year to all members of the parish and to all readers of the Ballincollig Parishioner.

George O'Mahony, Michael O'Mahony, Sean O'Driscoll & Ted Sheehan

All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Derry O'Neill, Cedar Crest, Carrigrohane.
 Noreen Keohane, Westcliffe.
 Michael Murphy, West Village.
 Stephen O'Connor, Innishmore.
 Mary Hume, Douglas.
 Eddie Barry, Inniscarra.

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

Aidan Burke, Beech Road.
 Maureen Callanan, West Village.
 Mary Cahalane, Muskerry, Estate
 Sheila O'Mahony, Coachford.
 Joseph Guerra, Portgal.
 Con, John & Julia Harrington, Adrigole.
 William & Frances Buckley, West Village.
 Bridget Ann & Mary Murphy.
 Con O'Regan, Maglin.
 Thomas, Nora & Sonny Cummins, Kinsale.
 William, Margaret & May Downey.
 Dorothy Downey.
 Ernest & Agnes Duffield.
 Catherine, Patrick & Mary Good.
 Kathy & James Good.
 James & John Linehan.
 Tom Noonan.
 Michael & Margaret O'Flaherty.
 John, Mary & Jack Seymour.
 Aiden & Ellen Seymour.
 Elizabeth, Patrick & May Seymour.
 Peggy Lingwood, Bishopstown.
 Mary Hackett, Spring Lane.
 Patrick & Margaret Kenneally, Curraheen.
 Tom Mulqueen, Rosewood.
 Marjorie O'Mahony, Bandon.
 Thomas Reid, Curraheen.
 Patrick Barry, Ardnarostig, Bishopstown.
 Mona Hourigan, Limerick.
 Eily O'Connor, Kanturk & Carriganarra.
 Deceased Members of the O'Regan Family, Carriganarra.
 Eileen & Ann Feehily, Upton.
 Pat Forde, Upton.
 Mary Forde, Upton.
 Patrick Sheehan, Kilmurry.
 Joe Casey, Fircus Gardens.
 Deceased members of the Ahern Family, Fr Sexton Pk.
 Noreen O'Driscoll, Castle Park.
 James O'Donovan, Union Hall.
 Jim & Noreen O'Callaghan, Hazel Grove.
 Kathleen O'Connor, Co Waterford.
 Denis Murphy, Fr Sexton Pk.
 Sheila Walsh, Castle Park.
 Mary Sheehan, Douglas.
 Cait Gabriel, Clash Road, Curraheen.
 Abina Carroll, Cloughduv.
 John Jo Hegarty, Carrignavar.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

The Epiphany of the Lord

06 Sunday Is. 60:1-6. Ps. 71. Eph. 3:2-3, 5-6. Mt. 2:1-12. Lect I: 161
 07 Monday 1 Jn. 3:22-4:6. Ps. 2. Mt. 4: 12-17, 23-25. Lect I: 164
 08 Tuesday 1 Jn. 4:7-10. Ps. 71. Mk. 6:34-44. Lect I: 166
 09 Wednesday 1 Jn 4:11-18. Ps 71. Mk 6:45-52. Lect I: 168
 10 Thursday 1 Jn 4:19-5:4. Ps 71. Lk 4:14-22. Lect I: 171
 11 Friday 1 Jn 5:5-13. Ps 147. Lk 5:12-1b. Lect I: 173
 12 Saturday 1 Jn 5:14-21. Ps 149. Jn 3:22-30. Lect I: 175

Next Sunday's Readings 13-January-2008

Is 42:1-4, 6-7. Ps 23. Acts 10:34-38. Mt 3:13-17. Lect I: 179

BAPTISMS

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

Julie Margaret White, 18, Old Court.
 Tara Eileen Goulding, 41, Walladil Fields.
 Sean Chibuzo Oraqui, 80, Highfield Park.
 Albertos Macuilevicuis, 64, Beech Park.
 Joshua Michael Miller, 44, Aylsbury Drive.
 Elode Saoirse Wohlgemuth, 12 Island Way.
 Josephine Anastasia Jahamanah Bangara, 98, An Caislean Grove.
 Laura Maria Buckley, 52, Willow Grove.
 Maudhbh Nora Boland, 41, The Willows.
 Isabel Claire Woodcock, 67 Fernwalk.
 Carys Tess Redington, Aghabullogue.
 Arlana Ada Redington, Aghabullogue.
 Ciarán James Murphy, 86, The Green, Coolroe Meadows.
 Tomás Michael Murphy, 86, The Green, Coolroe Meadows.

Reflection for Parents

There are many people, opportunities, and circumstances that guide our families. Talk together about what "stars" lead you as a family. Continue the discussion by reflecting on what gifts you have to offer Jesus. Help your children remember that what we give to others is what we give to Jesus. How will your family share your gifts for Jesus?

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.

"Blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting" Elizabeth Bibesco

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading 1 Isaiah 60:1-6

What a vision the prophet gives us of the way life should be, and one day shall be! He sees a new Jerusalem bursting in the future with the riches and abundant life of the Lord. Pilgrims from every nation stream into the holy city to praise God, who has called them home. Their hearts throb with wonder, joy, and gratitude. For Christians, the new Jerusalem is understood as a symbol of the universal Church. The Church gathers God's people from east and west, north and south, to worship together and present their gifts to the Lord.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

A message similar to that of the first reading is given to the people of Ephesus: the good news of Jesus is meant for all people, not just a few. All people are called to share in the promise of Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Today we celebrate the showing forth (epiphany) of Jesus to the nations beyond Israel. When astrologers, or magi, from the East saw a new star appear in the sky, they accepted it as a sign that a great leader had been born. Without knowing where the star would lead them or what they would find, the magi set out bearing gifts. Their faith and courage were rewarded when God revealed to them his own Son.

Bulletin Board

Offertory Collection

Envelopes for the offertory collections for 2008 are now available in both churches. There is one envelope for each Sunday in every box and it is an opportunity for every member of the family to contribute. The offertory collection is solely for the upkeep, maintenance, insurance, lighting, heating and related expenses of both churches. Thank for your generosity and we look forward to your support for the coming year. Families who have signed a Direct Debit are not expected to contribute to this collection and can refrain from taking a box.

St Mary & St. John

Parking is at a premium with the great number of cars used. We request church users to be careful not to obstruct exits in the car park adjacent to Church. Be extra careful when parking adjacent to Madonna House, be sure not to obstruct exit as this is the only point of entry for ambulance.

Ministers of the Word

The Sunday Missal is available in the Sacristy of both Churches please collect copy at your earliest convenience.

Thank You

Sincere thanks to the many people who gave their time throughout the year - Ministers of the Word, Ministers of the Eucharist, Altar Society, Altar Servers, Choir, Cantors, Folk Group, Collectors, Cleaners, The Parishioner, Parish Council and Parish Council Sub Groups, volunteers who distributed dues envelopes and the various flyers throughout the year. The Sacristans in both Churches, Geraldine and Siobhan. Thanks to Parishioners for your generous support to the Priests of the Parish during the past year. Your support is much appreciated. I wish you and your families a happy New Year.
Fr. George

Origins Of The Epiphany

"Epiphany" is a word of Greek origin, relating to such English words as "theophany", "phenotype" and "phenomenon". It means an appearance, a displaying, a showing forth, a making clear or public or obvious. On this day, Christians have traditionally celebrated the making known of Jesus Christ to the world.

Several events have been thought of as special instances of the making known of Our Lord, such as:

His birth; the coming of the Magi; his Baptism; His first miracle at Cana.

Current majority usage, at least in the West, celebrates His birth on 25 December, the coming of the Magi on 6 January, and His Baptism on the next Sunday. On the following Sundays up to the beginning of Lent, we remember Our Lord's public preaching of the kingdom, particularly the earlier stages of that preaching when opposition had not yet crystallised. On the Last Sunday after Epiphany (the Sunday before Lent), we commemorate the Transfiguration, the climax of this first phase of our Lord's public ministry.

Today, then, we commemorate the visit of the Magi, a token of the day when all the peoples of the earth will acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord, God and Saviour. The visit of the Magi is recorded in the second chapter of Matthew.

Christian writers have interpreted the gold as a sign that Jesus is King, the Frankincense as a sign that He is God, and the myrrh (used in embalming) as a sign that He is by His death and Resurrection the Saviour of the world. This imagery is found in the song, "We three Kings of Orient Are". The three gifts are also understood as a sign of three responses that we ought to make to Christ.

'MOTHERS PRAYERS'

Groups will recommence
In Meeting Room at Christ our Light Church
Wednesday 16th January at 10.30 a.m.
and at
The Annex of the Parish Hall
Thursday 17th January at 10.00 a.m.

Christmas Collection

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 greatly appreciated.

Thanking you Fr. George O'Mahony
Fr. Michael O'Mahony
Fr. Sean O'Driscoll

Msza Św. Mass in Polish

w języku polskim w Ballincollig
16 luty - 16 February
sobota - 19:00 - Saturday 19:00
Zapraszamy
Powiadom znajomych

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Jan-12 & Jan-13-2008

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Aine Sheehan
Mark Prendergast
8:30 am
Pat Fennell
10:00 am
Sinead O'Connor
Eileen O'Connell
12:00 Noon
Miriam Maunsell
Evan Smith

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Murigen Ni Mhathuna
Niamh Murray
11:00 am
Chide Ebili
Karen Flavin
12:30 pm
Kay Carew
5:30 pm
Emily Hardman

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	

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MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Jan-12 & Jan-13-2008

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Patsie Murphy
Marie Bohan
Mary Walsh
Marie Healy
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
Denis Healy

12 Noon Michael Crowley
Breda Lenihan
Noel Hennessey
Jacinta Jeffers
Rena O'Connor
Sean Farrell

8:00 pm Jim Cahill
Kit Cahill
Sheila O'Connor
John Canty

11:00 am Carmel Ryan
Angela Cunningham
Laurence Cunningham
Eileen Byrne

12:30 pm Eileen Garvey
Sally Power
Breda Callanan
Marie O'Brien
Olan O'Mahony

5:30 pm Neil O'Donoghue
Phil O'Connell
Maire McCullagh



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