

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 13-January-2008

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

The Baptism of Jesus

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus. When Jesus came to John to be baptized it was to mark the beginning of a new life for him - the beginning of his mission - his public ministry. The Baptism of Jesus is a reminder to us of our own baptism. Perhaps as we begin this New Year we can see it as a new beginning in our faith journey and an opportunity to reflect on how we are responding to our calling as baptized Christians.

After the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan, the Holy Spirit descended upon him, strengthening him and guiding him for his mission which would lead to his suffering and death on the cross. We have been anointed with the oil of chrism at our baptism and like Jesus we too received the Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen us on our Christian journey. Each one of us can ask ourselves; in what ways do I see myself carrying on the mission and ministry of Jesus?

In today's Gospel we read those beautiful words of the Father to his Son: "This is my Son, my Beloved, my favour rests on you". We too are special children of God, a God who says to each one of us, as he said to Jesus, 'you are my son, my daughter, my much loved one - with you I am well pleased'. Let us become conscious of God's love for us and within us. When we experience ourselves as loved, especially by God, it gives us the strength to face our own trials and sufferings with renewed hope and courage and to bring that hope, love and encouragement to others around us.

Let us today remember in prayer the infants, children and adults of our Parish who are preparing for the Sacrament of Baptism..

Sr. Colette

Reflection for Parents

Most parents know what it means to be pleased with our children. Even when they do things that annoy, challenge, or disappoint us, we love our children. Although we experience some notion of unconditional love with our own children, it is difficult for us to grasp the magnitude of God's love for us, even when we annoy, challenge, or disappoint Him. Through our baptism, we are members of God's family and will know the unconditional love of a parent.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us bring our prayers to God, who is full of power and majesty and splendour.

Reader

For all the baptized, that they may grow in appreciation of the gift bestowed on them.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For families and persons preparing for baptism, that they may be truly blessed.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For parents and godparents, that they may take seriously the responsibility given them.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For our priests and bishops, that they may be joyful in their ministry to the people of God.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the sick and housebound, for those who feel isolated or alone, that they may find the peace and friendship they seek.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those preparing for confirmation this year, that they may be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest

God, our Father, by baptism you give us a share in the life of your Son. Hear the prayers we make this day in the name of that same Jesus who is lord forever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord Will Bless His People With Peace.

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BAPTISMS

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

Cillian Paul O'Toole, 20, Leesdale Court.
Teagan Yvette O'Flynn, 208 Rosewood Estate.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Eileen Murphy, Killowen, Millstreet.
Brendan Moloney, Bristol.
Tom Buckley, Hillsboro, Model Farm Rd.
Fr Michael Nolan P.P., Enniskeane.

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

John Pinfield, Blarney.
Ted Dineen, Ovens.
Dermot Cronin, Connolly Park.
Alison Murphy, Wyndham Downs.
John Comerford.
Catherine Forbes.
Daniel Cronin, Rathmore.
Michael Hickey, Greenfields.
Pat, Kitty & Pat (Jnr) Sheehan, Coachford.
Patrick & Mary Howe, Kildare.
William & Ellen Cronin.
Pat McCarthy, London & Eyeries.
Frank Collins, Ballingulley.
Peter Healy, Beech Park.
Liam Walsh, Wolverhampton.
Joan Somers, Muskerry Estate.
Patrick Barry, Ardnarostig.
Michael O'Regan, Carriganarra.
John Hogan, Tipperary.
Lill O'Mahony, Bandon.
Eugene Courtney, Glincool.
Tim & Nora Maverly, Quaker Road.
Charlie, Delia & Orla Kinnane, South Douglas Road.
Josephine Deady.
Helen Kenneally, Beech Park
Mary O'Leary, Templemartin.
Ger Bohan, Kinsale.
Jack McCarthy, Ballintemple.
Jimmy Lucey, Station Road.

World day of prayer for Migrants

Today, we remember the 35 million people who are refugees - and outside their home country - or who are uprooted and displaced within their country. We remember, too, the 250 million international migrants in the world today many of whom had no choice but to leave home for the sake of the livelihood of themselves and their families.

The Bible should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. The Bible is meant not to inform, but to transform.
Men do not reject the Bible because it contradicts itself but because it contradicts them.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

First Week In Ordinary Time

13 Sunday Is. 42:1-4, 6-7. Ps. 28. Acts. 10:34-38. Mt. 3:13-17. Lect I: 179 or 639
14 Monday 1 Sam. 1:1-8. Ps. 115. Mk. 1:14-20. Lect II: 457
15 Tuesday 1 Sam. 1:9-20. Ps. 1 Sam. 2. Mk. 1:21-28. Lect II: 459
16 Wednesday 1 Sam. 3:1-10, 19-20. Ps. 39. Mk. 1:29-39. Lect II: 461
17 Thursday 1 Sam. 4:1-11. Ps. 43. Mk. 1:40-45. Lect II: 464
18 Friday 1 Sam. 8:4-7, 10-22. Ps. 88. Mk. 2:1-12. Lect II: 466
19 Saturday 1 Sam. 9:1-4, 17-19. Ps. 20. Mk. 2:13-17. Lect II: 468

Next Sunday's Readings 20-January-2008

Is. 49:3,5-6. Ps. 39. 1 Cor. 1:1-3. In. 1:29-34. Lect I: 641

Holidays and Notable Dates 2008

Ash Wednesday	Wednesday 6 th February
First Sunday in Lent	Sunday 10 th February
Mothers Day	Sunday 2 nd March
St. Patrick's Day	Monday 17 th March
Palm Sunday	Sunday 16 th March
Good Friday	Friday 21 st March
Easter Sunday	Sunday 23 rd March
Easter Monday	Monday 24 th March
May Holiday	Monday 5 th May
Ascension	Sunday 4 th May
Whit Sunday/Pentecost	Sunday 11 th May
Trinity Sunday	Sunday 18 th May
Corpus Christi	Thursday 22 nd May
June Holiday	Monday 2 nd June
Fathers Day	Sunday 15 th June
August Holiday	Monday 4 th August
Assumption	Friday 15 th August
October Holiday	Monday 27 th October
All Saints	Saturday 1 st November
First Sunday in Advent	Sunday 30 th November
Immaculate Conception	Monday 8 th December
Christmas Day	Thursday 25 th December
St. Stephen's Day	Friday 26 th December

17 March 2008 is Monday of Holy Week. The solemnity of St Patrick is transferred back to Saturday, 15 March 2008. It is not a holyday of obligation.
The solemnity of St Joseph is transferred from Holy Week and is be celebrated on Saturday, 15 March 2008 in the General Calendar but on Friday, 14 March 2008 in the dioceses of Ireland.
The Annunciation of the Lord is transferred from Easter Week to Monday 31 March 2008.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

"Here is my servant whom I uphold. I, the Lord, have called you for the victory of justice," said Isaiah. "To open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners," and to make you a light for the nations.

Second Reading: Acts 10: 34-38

God does not play favourites. All who fear the Lord are justified. God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and the power to do good works and heal all in need.

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus came to the Jordan River to be baptised by John. At first John objected and said that it was he, John, who should be baptised by Jesus. Jesus indicated a future baptism when he responded to John saying that it was fitting for John to baptise Jesus. John acquiesced and at the conclusion of the baptism, the Spirit came down from heaven in the form of a dove and clearly announced Jesus as his son. God was pleased with His 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.

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.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The week of prayer for Church Unity commences on January 18th and continues to January 25th. This week is an opportunity for each of us to promote and pray for a better understanding of the various Christian traditions. Faith is a precious gift from God, let us be grateful for this great gift and learn to respect all people of Faith.

This Week's Calendar

Monday 14 – Weekday (1st in Ordinary Time).

Tuesday 15 – St Ita. She was one of the early Irish women saints whose name is remembered in many place-names. A native of County Waterford, in the sixth century she founded a monastery in Killeedy, Co. Limerick. She was given the title 'foster-mother of the saints of Ireland.' She died in 570.

Wednesday 16 – St Fursa, abbot and missionary.

Thursday 17 – St Anthony, abbot, known as the 'Father of Monasticism.' One of the earliest monks, Anthony lived a life of solitary prayer in the desert. Many people were drawn to him because of his wisdom and insight.

Friday 18 – Weekday. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins today.

Saturday 19 – Weekday.

Fr. George

Scout News

I am part of nature.

I am part of everything that lives

I am bound together with all living things,
in the air, in land, in water.

My life depends on nature – upon its balance,
Upon its resources and upon the continuity of both.

To destroy them is to destroy myself.

As a member of the human race,

I am responsible for its survival.

I am a part of nature.

I will not destroy it.

*You wouldn't worry about what others leaders think of you,
if you knew how seldom they do.*

'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.

The Cork College of Commerce

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Now enrolling for the above courses.

Enrolment can be made during office hours. There will be an evening enrolment night which will take place on Tuesday 15th January 2008 from 6.00 - 8.00 pm.

Msza Św. Mass in Polish

w języku polskim w Ballincollig

16 luty - 16 February

sobota – 19:00 - Saturday 19:00

Zapraszamy

Powiadom znajomych

St. Dominic's Retreat Centre

February 2nd – Saturday 10.00 am - 5.00 pm

MEDITATION

The Silence of Heaven is the essence of our being

Presenter: Pat Murray SCA

Cost €30 (includes light lunch: soup & roll)

Commencing February 6th – Wednesday 7.30 - 8.30 pm
(7 Wednesdays during Lent)

Mid-week meditation using scripture guided input

Led by: Martina Lehane Sheehan

Donation €5

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.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Jan-19 & Jan-20-2008

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Michael Fitton
Paul Kearns
8:30 am
Elizabeth Daly
10:00 am
Grace Buttimer
Orla Horgan
12:00 Noon
Declan Chalmers

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Rebecca Feely
Jessica Lingard
11:00 am
Alex Hatsigrigoriou
Alison Henchion
12:30 pm
Margaret Healy
5:30 pm
Phil O'Connell

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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Fr. Ted Sheehan 021-4876171

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Jan-19 & Jan-20-2008



St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Eileen Murphy
Ted Nelligan
Angela Murphy
Ann O'Connell
Sheila Walshe
Rita Hodge

8:00 pm John O'Donoghue
Mary Dineen
Kathleen Daly
Mairead Keenan
11:00 am Mary O'Mahony
Mona Bowen
Billy Barry
Mary Aylward
Pauline Baston

8:30 am Helen Kelly
Breeda Feehily
Mary O'Connor

10:00 am Miriam Maunsell
Mary Buckley
Breda Ring
Mary O'Regan
John Henchy
Martin O'Leary

12:30 pm Mary Twomey
Maura O'Driscoll
Mary Lehane
Dympna Byrne

12 Noon Joy Daly
Pat Kelleher
Theresa O'Donovan
Ellen O'Sullivan
Ursula McAuliffe
Sally Crowley

5:30 pm Garreth Irish
Shelia Curran
Elizabeth O'Sullivan



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Monday	Closed
Tuesday	9.30 – 5.00 pm
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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Monday	9.30 – 5.00 pm
Tuesday	9.30 – 5.00 pm
Wednesday	10.30 – 5.00 pm
Thursday	9.30 – 7.30 pm
Friday	9.30 – 7.30 pm
Saturday	9.30 – 5.00 pm