

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 09-March-2008

Fifth Sunday of Lent

*Jesus as a man like us, wept for Lazarus his friend,
as eternal God he raised Lazarus from the dead, in
his love for us all, Jesus gave us the sacraments to
lift us up to everlasting life.*



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Fifth Sunday of Lent

This weekend we are given an account of another great human story as our gospel. The death of Lazarus plunged his sisters Martha and Mary into grief and sadness. Their difficulties were added to when their friend Jesus ignored their plight when He received the message that His friend Lazarus was sick. The delay by Jesus meant that Lazarus was dead and buried by the time He called to His friends. The plea by Martha "If you had been here my brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God he will grant you," is a cry from the heart. I believe that Martha's friendship with Jesus gave her the faith to make that statement and prayer. Lord help us to have a similar bond with you that will enable us to pray a little prayer in times of anguish and difficulty.

Moving on to the grave scene I can only wonder what must have been Martha's thoughts as she saw Jesus stand at the grave and shout "Lazarus come out." She might have wondered is Jesus suffering so much from grief that he has lost the run of himself. How could Lazarus come back after days in the grave? But come back he did. Surely Jesus is someone special when even his cry could be heard no matter what the obstacle.

This weekend Jesus calls us to come out of the tomb of our selfishness. We are so long in our grave of mediocrity and sin that no one could possibly expect us to respond. The power of God enabled Lazarus to rise from the grave and return to life. That same power of God will help us to break out of our selfcenteredness to serve neighbour and our God. This is the opportunity for us to hear His call and with His grace be changed to a better life..

George O'Mahony

Ballincollig Lenten Retreat in Christ our Light

on
10th, 11th & 12th March 2008

"A New Heart Create in us O Lord"

Evening Monday 10th at 7:30 pm

Called to Community and Service

Evening Tuesday 11th at 7:30 pm

Called to Welcome the Stranger

Evening Wednesday 12th at 7:30 pm

Called to Receive & Share Forgiveness (Rite 11)

Monday - Wednesday

Masses: 7:00 am. & 9:15 am.

Conducted by the Redemptorists

Fr. Dan Baragry C.Ss.R.

Fr. Derek Meskell C.Ss.R.

The Redemptorist Fathers will preach at all the Sunday Masses
in both Churches on 8th & 9th March 2008

The Sacrament of Anointing for the Sick and Elderly will be
administered during the 9:15 am Mass on Tuesday 11th

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

In the Gospel today we hear Martha say, 'whatever you ask of God he will grant you'. We place our petitions before God confident of being heard.

Reader

We pray for our community. As we gather around the altar this morning, may the unity we find in the Eucharist be mirrored in the rest of our lives.

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

We pray for teachers. May they find joy in their work of passing wisdom and faith to younger generations.

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

We pray for families. May our homes be places of nurture that allow children to grow healthily in body and mind and parents to experience peace and contentment.

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

We pray for those who suffer violence and religious persecution.

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

We pray for the women and men around the world who are preparing for baptism at this time. May their lives remain centred on the Lord and may they offer convincing witness to the gospel.

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

Lord, who raised Lazarus from the dead, may you raise those who have died to eternal life.

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

Priest

God our Father, listen to the prayers we make in this Lenten season. Help us to turn our hearts towards you. We make these, and all our prayers, through Christ, your beloved son. Amen.

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Visit Our Website: www.ballincolligparish.ie

BAPTISMS

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

Eoin Patrick O'Neill, The Green, Coolroe Meadows.
 Saoirse Moynihan, Oak Avenue, Brideswood.
 Eva Marie Whelan, Daffodil Fields.
 Lynda Sara-Jayne Young, Willow Grove, Coolroe Heights.
 Gemma Linda Young, Willow Grove, Coolroe Heights.
 Katie Erin O'Flynn, Wyndham Downs.
 Emily Catherine Hegarty, Manor Grove, Ovens

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Seamus Scriven, Ballingearry.
 John Burke, Florida & Poulavone.
 Eileen Classey, Ballincollig & Bantry.
 Dan Murphy, Bray.
 Paddy Troy.
 Marion Dineen.
 Breda Cagney, Glendower.
 Lily Carroll, Berrings.
 Mamie Kavanagh, East Gate.
 Mary O'Mahony, Berrings.

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

Ned Keating, West Village.
 Rose & Ted Moylan, Earlwood Estate.
 Dan O'Leary, Glenville.
 Jim Spencer, West Village.
 Peter & Ellen Murphy, Windsor, Ovens.
 William, Margaret & Kitty McNamara, Ballincollig.
 Kathleen & Dan Dorgan, Powdermills.
 Eileen & Bob Foulkes, Ballyphehane.
 Eileen Murphy, Rosewood.
 Neil McGroarty, Beech Park.
 Eugene & Margaret Teahan, Killarney.
 Daniel O'Sullivan, Donoughmore.
 Kieran McNulty, Fr. Sexton Park.
 James Hourigan, Co. Limerick.
 John Lucey, Carriganarra.
 Bridget Punch, Glincool.
 Julia Allen, Kinsale.
 John Corcoran, Manor Hill.
 Joseph Walsh, Ballyphehane.
 Sheila Twomey, Windsor.
 Sean McGeough, Muskerry Estate.
 Catherine & Thomas O'Donnell, Drimoleague.
 Jim Deasy, Aherla.
 Pat, Kitty & Pat Junior Sheehan, Coachford

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Fifth Week of Lent

09 - Sunday: Ez. 37: 12-14. Ps. 129. Rom. 8:8-11. Jn. 11: 1-45.
 Lect 1: 305
 10 - Monday: Dan. 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62. Ps. 22. Jn. 8: 1-11. Lect 1: 319
 11 - Tuesday: Num. 21:4-9. Ps. 101. Jn. 8:21-30. Lect 1: 326
 12 - Wednesday: Dan. 3: 14-20, 24-25, 28. Ps. Dan. 3:52-56. Jn. 8:31-42. Lect 1: 328
 13 - Thursday: Gen. 17:3-9. Ps. 104. Jn. 8:51-59. Lect 1: 331
 14 - Friday: 2 Sam 7:4-5, 12-14, 16. Ps. 88. Rom. 4: 13, 16-18, 22. Mt. 1:16, 18-21 or Lk. 2:41-51 Lect 1: 970 or II: 980
 15 - Saturday: Jer 1:4-9. Ps 116. Acts 13:46-49. Lk 10:1-12, 17-20. Lect 1: 1015 or II: 1326

Next Sunday's Readings - 16 - March 2008

Is. 50:4-7. Ps 22. Phil. 2:6- 11. Mt. 26:14-27,66. Lect 1: 346

**Trocaire's Lenten Campaign 2008
 Fifth Sunday in Lent
 New Life - New Creation**

The resurrection of Christ is the beginning of a new creation. "In Him a new age has dawned, the long reign of sin is ended, a broken world has been renewed and human beings are once again made whole". Our world is enduring another "brokenness" -despoiled, pillaged, polluted. It is surely time for another "New Creation". Let us pray that the Spirit will inspire us to "renew the face of the earth" so that all who come after us "may have life and have it to the full." Please support Trocaire this Lent.

Reflection for Parents

The healing power of Jesus brings new life to all of us. Are there some things in our lives that cause us to die to others? Perhaps we are impatient, ungrateful, critical, or quick to anger. Maybe we're proud, boastful, or envious. Jesus promises us new life if we trust in him and allow our actions to follow his ways.

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"We must be on guard against giving interpretations of Scripture that are far-fetched or opposed to science, and so exposing the word of God to the ridicule of Unbelievers".

St. Augustine (354 -430)

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14
The Lord God told the people that soon the graves of the dead would open and they would rise. "I will put my spirit in you that you may live . . . says the Lord."

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11
"Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him." God, who raised Jesus from the dead, will raise also those in whom the Spirit dwells.

Gospel: John 11:1-45
In this Gospel, John tells the story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. The story is significant because it is likely that his action was his last miracle before Jesus began the journey toward his own death. Jesus was called to Bethany to save his friend, but instead waited several days to return. This action confused Lazarus' sisters, Mary and Martha, because they knew that Jesus could have healed their brother. Jesus used the incident to strengthen the faith of Mary, Martha, and all who believed. He made sure that Lazarus was raised from death so that the people could witness God's glory.

St Dominic's Retreat Centre, Ennismore

March 15th – Saturday 10.00 am - 5.00 pm

Praying the Passion with Music (BACH)
Led by: Carol Dorgan
Cost: €30 (includes light lunch: soup & roll)

HOLY WEEK RETREAT

March 19th – 23rd Holy Week:

Journeying with Jesus through suffering, death and resurrection.

Joseph Ralph OP and Martina Lehane Sheehan

Cost: €220 residential

APRIL

April 1st, 8th, 22nd & 6th May Tuesdays

(4 Tuesday mornings 10.00 am - 12.00 noon)
ARTS & CRAFTS – Salt Dough Craft, Paper Craft.

Flower arranging/gardening & Needlecraft. (all materials supplied) Led by Ethel McLeish McCarthy

Cost €5 (Max 15)

APRIL 5th – Saturday 10.00 am – 5.00 pm

SUPPORTING HOME CARE GIVERS

Directed by: Dermot Brennan OP

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

**Booking Essential for all of the above -
Telephone 021 4502520**

West Meets West at Easter

East meets West in Cork this Easter weekend as Singapore's finest, the Tang Quartet, join Ireland's leading young Callino Quartet for an Easter celebration in the CIT Cork School of Music and St Mary's, Pope's Quay, Cork from Friday 21st March to Monday 24th March.

Tickets for these concerts are available from West Cork Music on Lo Call 1850 788 789 or 027 52788,
www.westcorkmusic.ie

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

As 17th March falls on the Monday of Holy Week, the Church will celebrate the Fast of St. Patrick on Saturday 15th March.

**Please note the additional Mass times for both
Saturday 15th and Monday 17th.**

Bulletin Board

Lenten Retreat

Ballincollig Lenten Retreat in Church of Christ Our Light 10th, 11th & 12th March 2008. Retreat will be conducted by the Redemptorists' Fathers.

Mass Book

Diaries to book Mass Intentions for April, May & June are open in both Churches.

Diocese of Cork and Ross

Church Directory 2008 is for sale in both Churches. It contains Mass times, phone numbers, list of various services and other items of interest. Price €6.

Spring Dues

Envelopes are currently being distributed to homes throughout the parish of Ballincollig. Contribution of the dues is for the support of the priests of the parish. Please return it by placing it in the basket at Mass. Should your home be missed, spare envelopes are available from the back of the church.

Envelope Collection

This weekend Irish Bishops Commissions. This collection helps fund the work of the Irish Bishops' Conference and its agencies and commissions.

Pilgrimage to Knock

Legion of Mary Annual Pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday 11th May. Bus leaving village at 7.00am. Bus Fare €20, to be paid as soon as possible. Phone Sally (021) 4870954 or Kathleen (021) 487 4730.

Gate Collection

Gate Collection next weekend 15th and 16th March at both Churches is in aid of the Irish Heart Foundation.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Mar-15 & Mar-16-2008

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Derval Spillane
Muireann Nelligan
8:30 am
Triona Collins
10:00 am
Sean Collins
Katie Collins
12:00 Noon
Tomas Miller
Niall Hartnett

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Rosarie Cotter
Louise McGrath
11:00 am
Alex Hatsigrigoriou
Alison Henchion
12:30 pm
Joseph Manning
5:30 pm
Brian O'Donoghue



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Mar-15 & Mar-16-2008

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Eileen Murphy
Ted Nelligan
Angela Murphy
Ann O'Connell
Sheila Walshe
Rita Hodge
8:30 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 Noon Joy Daly
Pat Kelleher
Helen Plunkett
Ellen O'Sullivan
Ursula McAuliffe
Sally Crowley

7:30 pm John O'Donoghue
Mary Dineen
Kathleen Daly
Mairead Keenan
11:00 am Mary O'Mahony
Mona Bowen
Billy Barry
Mary Aylward
Pauline Baston
12:30 pm Mary Twomey
Maura O'Driscoll
Mary Lehane
Dympna Byrne
5:30 pm Garreth Irish
Shelia Curran
Elizabeth O'Sullivan

MASS TIMES

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| 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 | 7 am, 9:15 am & 8 pm | |
| 9:30 am | Tuesday | 7 am, 9:15 am & 8 pm | |
| 9:30 am | Wednesday | 7 am, 9:15 am & 8 pm | |
| 9:30 am | Thursday | 8:30 am & 8 pm | |
| 9:30 am | Friday | 8:30 am & 8 pm | |
| 8:30 am, 10 am & 6 pm (Vigil) | Saturday | 12:30 pm & 7:30 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**

PARISH CLERGY

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Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C. 021-4877161
Fr. Sean O'Driscoll C.C. 021-4870434
Fr. Ted Sheehan 021-4876171



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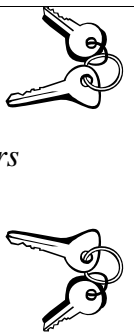
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| Monday | Closed |
| Tuesday | 9.30 – 5.00 pm |
| Wednesday | 10.30 – 5.00 pm |
| Thursday | 9.30 – 5.00 pm |
| Friday | 9.30 – 5.00 pm |
| Saturday | 9.30 – 12.30 pm |

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