

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



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

Sunday 08-March-2009

Second Sunday of Lent

To be asked to offer up your only Son was a terrible sacrifice. In the end Abraham was not asked to make it, but God Himself has offered it for us. It is from this sacramental gift that all our blessings come.



**Christ Our Light
Innishmore**

Transfiguration

In today's Gospel story we hear of Jesus taking Peter, James and John up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. Just before this journey Jesus had been telling his disciples that he was destined to suffer, to be rejected, be put to death and to rise again after three days. Now that this time is drawing near, Jesus spends time in prayer, to prepare himself and his disciples. It was during this time of prayer that "he was transfigured before them and his clothes became dazzling white." Moses and Elijah appeared in conversation with him, while a cloud descended over them and a voice from the cloud said: 'This is my beloved Son, listen to him'. Hearing those loving words from his Father must have given Jesus strength to face the painful journey to Jerusalem and to take the road that led to Calvary.

While the disciples were confused and frightened, the transfiguration experience gives them a little glimpse of God's glory to sustain them as they witness Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection. I'm sure all of us can remember times when God responded to our prayer giving us the courage to carry our cross. We too are his beloved children. Knowing we are loved by God gives us the strength to face our own trials and sufferings with renewed hope and to bring that hope, love and encouragement to others around us. In our own journey through life we can face difficult decisions knowing that we are loved and supported.

While the Transfiguration event happened over two thousand years ago, we are called today to be aware of moments of transformation in our own lives. When have I glimpsed God's light or glory in my life? It could be during times of great suffering; a close experience of God in prayer or even being on a mountain top taking in the beauty of creation all around - moments of experiencing God's closeness and beauty. All of us need to find our own space to spend quiet moments of prayer with our heavenly Father, who' in the words of today's Gospel' says of Jesus: 'this is my beloved son, Listen to him'. We hear Jesus speaking to us when we open our hearts to listen to him in prayer and when we reflect on his word in Scripture. He also speaks to us in the events of everyday life and through the voice of others around us.

Sr. Colette

Reflection

Just as, for a greater good, Abraham is prepared to do the unthinkable, so the Father, because he loved the world so much, gave his only Son, that the people of the world might believe in him. We need to consider this aspect of the suffering and death of Jesus as an antidote to the sometimes vengeful image put forward of a God who demands the death of his Son for the redemption of the world.

Book Shop

The shop in Christ Our Light church is open this weekend. The shop carries a variety of religious goods including children's Bibles, Rosary beads, Baptism candles and a variety of religious Icons.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

In the Second Reading, St Paul says that we may be certain God will not refuse anything he can give. With this in mind we present our needs to the Lord.

Reader

For the Church; that it may continue to lead people in faith and bring them closer to God.

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

For politicians and civic leaders; that they may promote the values of life in their work.

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

For parents; that they may receive all the help they need in raising their children.

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

For vocations; that the Lord may send labourers to the vineyard.

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

For the sick; that they may receive comfort in their time of distress.

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

'O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.' We pray that those who have died may be received into the heavenly kingdom.

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

Priest

Heavenly Father, hear the prayers we make this day, grant us what we need. We make these and all our prayers through Jesus Christ, your Son.
Amen.

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

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BAPTISMS

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

Kate Maria O'Toole, 126 Coopers Grange, Old Quarter.
 Kayleigh Louise Ryan, Agharinagh, Dripsey.
 Isobelle Hillgrove O'Donovan, Droimneach, Bweeing.
 Jay Thomas Murray, The Elms, Bridewood.
 Luke Dermot Hussey, The Cloisters, Ballincollig.
 Oliver Thomas Gnyszha, Leslies Arch, Old Quarter.

MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Tomas Mulqueen, Rosewood & Linda McGrath, Muskerry Estate.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

John Patten, Willowfield.
 Pat Hynes, Donegal.
 Joseph O'Donnell, Bridgewater.

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

Pat, Kitty & Pat (Jnr) Sheehan, Coachford.
 Maurice, Dan & Charles O'Connor, Castlegregory.
 John Bourke, Poulavone & Florida.
 Ted Corkery, Aherla,
 William, Margaret & Kitty McNamara, Carrigrohane.
 James Finn, Coolroe Heights.
 Maureen Callanan, West Village.
 William & Frances Buckley, West Village.
 Frances Murray, West Village & Douglas.
 Con, John & Julia Harrington, Adrigole.
 Mary & Bridget-Ann Murray, Cork & Derry.
 Dan & Eileen Feehily, Upton.
 Alice & Mark Bolger, Wexford.
 David Murphy, Poulavone.
 Bridget Punch, Glincool.
 Kieran McNulty, Fr Sexton Park.
 Eileen Murphy, Rosewood.
 Mabel Neenan, Millstreet.
 Eileen Walsh, Holly Road.
 John Lucy, Carriganarra.
 Sr. Marie Celine, Poor Claires.
 James Hourigan, Co Limerick.
 Alan O'Callaghan, Aherla.
 Eileen Feeney, Beech Road.
 Sylvia McNulty, Castlepark.
 Daniel O'Sullivan, Donoughmore.
 Con, Mary & Josephine McAuliffe, Rathmore Place.
 Eugene & Bridie O'Sullivan, Ballingearry.
 Jerry & Mary Dempsey, Inniscarra.
 Eileen Claffey, The Maltings.

Infant Jesus Sisters "Drishane"

Calling all friends, neighbours and past pupils for an informal get together in preparation for our centenary celebration in May. Our well-known Alice Taylor will introduce the evening Friday 20th March at 7.30 pm at the SMA Hall, Wilton All welcome

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Second Week Of Lent

08 Sunday Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18. Ps 115. Rom 8:31-34. Mk 9:2-10. Lect I: 225
 09 Monday Dan 9:4-10. Ps78. Lk 6:36-38. Lect I: 231
 10 Tuesday Is 1:10, 16-20. Ps 49. Mt 23:1-12. Lect I: 232
 11 Wednesday Jer 18:18-20. Ps 30. Mt 20:17-28. Lect I: 234
 12 Thursday 16 Thursday Jar 17:5-10. Ps 1. Lk 16:19-31. Lect I: 236
 13 Friday Gen. 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28. Ps. 104. Mt. 21:33-43, 45-48. Lect I: 239
 14 Saturday Mic 7:14-15, 18-20. Ps 102. Lk 15:1-3.11-32. Lect I: 241

Next Sunday's Readings 15-March-2009

Ex 20:1-17. Ps 18. 1 Cor 1:22-25. Jn 2:13-25. Lect I: 251

Ballincollig Scouts

Last July the troop went on summer camp to the Gorges Du Tarn in France. It is known as the Grand Canyon of France, absolutely spectacular scenery, with a whole range of activities. A place to soak up the sun and enjoy the best of the south of France. Having travelled by coach for 10 hours, arriving in the village at one am. we were met by a van which would take our gear up the side of the gorge to our accommodation, we would have to hike the mile to the house, well at least most of us, one leader spotted a free seat in the van and throwing down his crutches (for he was recovering from a hip operation) sprinted to the van. It didn't feel like the best place in France at this time . After a good nights sleep, looking down the gorge you could see why it is so spectacular. We organised the scouts into squads, each squad would be on duty for a day, cooking, wash-up and cleaning for the whole Troop.

The Scouts spent the first day exploring our surrounding, at the bottom of the gorge a river flowed, the scouts spent a lot of time swimming in the clear water and jumping off the rocks. The next day Monday was Bastille Day in France, so we decided to climb to the top of the Gorge. It is about 400 m high, we split the group into two the more fit of the group went up the back of the house an up a mountain path, the rest of the group went by a winding road , both groups met at the top where we all had lunch . The road group travelled down the mountain path; while the other group were to follow the road, but somewhere along the way they found a short cut and cut a lot of the road out. Both groups found their way back to the house, where they went for a well earned soak in the river.(more next time)

Learn to accept criticism. You can only avoid it by saying nothing, doing nothing and being nothing.

Cardiac Support Group:

Monthly Meeting on Monday 9th March at the Bishopstown Library, Wilton Shopping Centre 11 am - 1 pm. This month's Guest Speaker will give a presentation on "Eating for a Healthy Heart"

CROWLEY

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Genesis 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18
 By his command to sacrifice Isaac God proclaimed his absolute dominion over the lives of men who are the work of his hands. By the revocation of the order he manifested that he did not wish this dominion to be acknowledged by the actual sacrifice of human life. The double lesson was necessary as the neighbouring Canaanites offered such sacrifices to their gods.

Second Reading: Romans 8: 31-34
 St. Paul summarises the blessings of the spiritual life in the assurance of God's love for us in Christ. All our personal difficulties become insignificant as soon as our eyes turn away from them to contemplate that one great act of love of God in which he did not spare his own Son for our salvation. It is true that there will be an examination after death, which we all fear. Redeemed and defended by Christ we need fear no condemnation from his lips.

Gospel: Mark 9: 2-10
 The Transfiguration of Christ, together with the appearance of Moses and Elias and the declaration by the Father, was a confirmation of all that Christ had taught them concerning his own Person and his relation to the Old Law. It was intended to strengthen the faith of the Apostles and to prepare them for the trials of the Passion. According to Leo the Great the chief purpose of the Transfiguration was to remove the scandal of the Cross from the hearts of the disciples.

Blood Donors Clinic:

GAA Pavilion Ballincollig
Mon. 9th March 2009
5 pm – 8 pm
Tues. 10th, Wed. 11th & Thurs. 12th March 2009
3 pm - 5 pm & 7 pm – 9 pm

An Garda Siochana

Any Business wishing to get involved in Ballincollig Business Watch please contact Trish at Ballincollig Garda Station as final draft is now being prepared. Tel: 4871222

TRÓCAIRE

That we can call God our father tells us the kind of relationship we can have with our God. He cares for his as a father cares for his children. This second Sunday of Lent, we remember parents as they work so tirelessly and often against the odds to care for their children. Khalid the little boy on the front of this year's Trócaire box, is one of these children. Khalid is just one of almost one million Somalis who have been forced from their homes due to ongoing conflict and violence, where one in five children die before reaching the age of five. Please support Trócaire's Lenten campaign this year. In doing this, you help the poorest parents of our world care for their children as God cares for us his children.

Early Morning Prayer for Lent

Take advantage of this special time of LENT, and begin your day and preparation for EASTER the best way possible with the MORNING PRAYER of the CHURCH. Taking place during Lent in St. Mark's Centre (opposite Christ Our Light Church) Monday to Friday at 6 am. Everyone Welcome

Bulletin Board

Masses during Lent

For the duration of Lent there will be evening Mass in **Christ Our Light at 6.30 pm** and **St Mary & St John at 8 pm.**

Mass Book

Diaries to book Mass Intentions for April, May & June will open in both churches on Saturday 14th March at 8.30 am.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place **Saturday 14th March 2009 at 1.00 pm** in the **Library Room, Community Hall, Station Road.** The presentation lasts for approximately forty minutes. The following questions are addressed, What is Baptism? What are the symbols used in the Sacrament of Baptism? How can the family become involved in the ceremony? Parents might book the baptism a few weeks in advance to give ample time to take part in the preparation.

Mass Envelope Collection

This weekend March 7th & 8th - Bishop's Commissions.

Priesthood in Cork & Ross

Information day about becoming a priest in Cork & Ross

Date: Saturday March 28th 2009
Venue: Ennismore Retreat Centre Cork
Time: 11 am to 5 pm (Lunch Provided)
For more information telephone:
 Fr Tom Deenihan: 021 4301717 or
 Fr Bertie O'Mahony: 021 4371684

Car Parking at Christ Our Light & St Mary & St John:

Please follow white arrows displayed. Try to ensure the exits and accesses are not obstructed.

Car Parks

Due to recent vandalism in car parks adjacent to the churches parishioners are reminded not to leave handbags or personal items in their cars. We ask people to be vigilant with a view to protecting other people's belongings.

Car Parking, Station Road & Environs

Cork County Council has engaged Consultants to develop a parking plan for Station Road, Church View & Tudor Grove. These plans were made public a few months ago at a meeting of invited guests. Basically the plan is to develop park and pay in the areas adjacent to St Mary & John's Church and Station Road. This system may change the parking patterns for the patrons of St Mary & St John Church. There is limited parking around the Church, in the play ground of Scoil Eoin and around the Parochial house.

Last year there were seventy two funerals and thirty seven weddings. Most take place on weekdays and people generally travel. I envisage that park and pay in areas around the Church will cause major difficulties for parishioners during morning mass, funerals and weddings.

I am aware that Cork County Council has made adjustments to their parking plans in other towns to take into account the parking of parishioners for daily mass, funerals and weddings. I think it would help if parishioners spoke to our local council representatives to highlight the issues raised by the proposed park and pay by Cork County Council. The importance of accommodating the parking needs of worshippers at St Mary & St John need to be emphasised to the Councillors and Council Officials.

Catholic Paper

Copies of the Catholic Paper -**The Universe** - are available in both Churches every week.

Fr. George

Ballincollig Secular Franciscan Order

The monthly Mass and meeting will be held on Thursday 12th March at 11.00 am in St. Mary & St. John Church
 Rosary will be recited at 10.40 am (Sharp)

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Mar-14 & Mar-15-2009

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Sandra Walsh
Brian Hennessy
8:30 am
Elizabeth Daly
10:00 am
Sean Collins
Katie Collins
12:00 Noon
John Dorgan
Fergal Monahan

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Murigen Ni Mhathuna
Niamh Murray
11:00 am
Cormac Manning
Marie Ni Niada
12:30 pm
Joseph Manning
Sorcha Nic Mheanmain
5:30 pm
Marlyn O'Connor

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 & 8 pm	Monday	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	Tuesday	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
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	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**



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Mar-14 & Mar-15-2009

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm	Eileen Murphy Ted Nelligan Angela Murphy Ann O'Connell Sheila Walshe Rita Hodge	7:30 pm	John O'Donoghue Mary Dineen Kathleen Daly Mairead Keenan
8:30 am	Helen Kelly Mary O'Connor	11:00 am	Mary O'Mahony Mona Bowen Billy Barry Mary Aylward Pauline Baston
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 Suzanne Leetch
12 Noon	Joy Daly Pat Kelleher Helen Plunkett Ellen O'Sullivan Ursula McAuliffe Sally Crowley	5:30 pm	Shelia Curran Elizabeth O'Sullivan

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Sat 10:30 am - 12 Noon. Phone No. (021) 4871206, Office Secretary Catherine Crowley.



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