

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 09-January-2011



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

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. In baptism we are born again by water and the Holy Spirit. We are cleansed from original sin and become sons and daughters of God in a special way. We see in today's second reading from the Acts of the Apostles a sermon delivered by Peter in the house of Cornelius, the Roman centurion, just before baptizing him and his companions. Peter is saying that 'God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him'. 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 how do I respond to my baptismal commitment to carry on the mission and ministry of Jesus today? 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 take a moment to renew our baptismal commitment to bear witness to the Good News of the kingdom of God in word and in deed. Let us also remember in prayer the infants and adults in 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

We pray for the Church; that it will continue to prepare the way of the Lord and shout without fear, 'Here is your God.

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

For those preparing for Baptism, Confirmation or First Holy Communion we pray.

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

For all who suffer because of war or famine, we pray.

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

For those who are ill, at home or in hospital, we pray.

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

For our own needs, we pray.

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

For our people who have died, we pray.

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

Priest

Lord our God, we proclaim your justice and mercy; hear the prayers we make, through Christ our Lord, 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 :

Ronan Francis Delea, London.
 Rian Eoin Murray, East Gate.
 Ciara Leah Power, Beech Road, Muskerry Estate.
 Eoin Domhnall Schmidt, Coopers Grange, Old Quarter.
 Edel Rose Minihane, Pembroke Woods, Passage West.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Donal Tobin, Blackrock & Ballincollig.
 Dan Twomey, Clash.
 Paul McDonnell, Donoughmore.
 Eilis O'Boyle, Cranford Grove.
 Michael O'Donovan, Madonna House.
 Eileen Hayden, Maglin Circle.
 Sheila Brennan, Greenfields & Birmingham.

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

Mary May O'Sullivan, Parknamore.
 John Deasy, Beech Road.
 Timothy Canty, Newcestown.
 Pauline O'Neill, Castleknock.
 Ted Dineen, Ovens.
 Mary Cahalane, Holly Road
 Maureen Callanan, West Village.
 Bobby O'Sullivan.
 Margaret Twomey, The Square.
 Imelda McGinn, Bracknagh.
 Paudie O'Driscoll.
 Bobby O'Sullivan.
 Bill & Kitty O'Connell.
 Eileen, John, & Jim Murphy, Douglas Road.
 Delia & baby Orla Kinnane, Douglas & Clare.
 Tom, Hannah & Jack Twomey, Raheen.
 John O'Connell, Main Street.
 Elizabeth McEvoy, Model Farm Road.
 Hannah & Dan Dempsey, Leemount.
 Paddy Doyle, Mallow.
 Patrick Barry, Ardnarostig.
 Eily O'Connor, Kanturk & Carriganarra.
 Denis & Mary Desmond, French's Villas.
 Peter Healy, Beech Park.
 Thomas Reid, Curraheen.
 Brendan Lingwood, Bishopstown.
 Michael O'Regan, Carriganarra
 Frank & Norah Kiely, Turners Cross.

*Prayer is not a burden, but a gift;
 it is not a constraint, but a freedom;
 it is not a millstone round our neck,
 but a source of joy.
 - Pope John Paul II -*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

First Week In Ordinary Time

09 Sunday Is. 42:1-4/ 6-7. Ps. 28. Acts. 10:34-38. Mt. 3:13-17. Lect I: 179 or 639
 10 Monday Heb. 1:1-6. Ps. 96. Mk. 1:14-20. Lect II: 3
 11 Tuesday Heb. 2:5-12. Ps. 8. Mk. 1:21-28. Lect II: 5
 12 Wednesday Heb. 2: 14-18. Ps. 104. Mk. 1:29-39. Lect II: 7
 13 Thursday Heb. 3:7-14. Ps. 94. Mk. 1:40-45. Lect II: 9
 14 Friday Heb. 4:1-5, 11. Ps. 77. Mk. 2:1-12. Lect II: 11
 15 Saturday Heb. 4:12-16. Ps. 18. Mk. 2:13-17. Lect II:13

Next Sunday's Readings 16-January-2011

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

'Mothers Prayers' Groups

Recommence on:

Wednesday 12th January at 10.30 am

Meeting Room at Christ our Light Church

Thursday 13th January at 10.00 am

LIBRARY ROOM, COMMUNITY HALL

All Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers are welcome to come along one of these mornings to pray for their children and the youth of our Parish

Remembering our Loved Ones.....

All nature heeds the call of spring
 As God awakens everything.
 And all that seemed so dead and still
 Experiences a sudden thrill
 As springtime lays a magic hand
 Across God's vast and fertile land
 Oh, the joy of standing by
 To watch a sapphire springtime sky
 Or see a fragile flower break through
 What just a day ago or two
 Seemed barren ground still hard with frost
 For in God's world, no life is lost,
 And flowers sleep beneath the ground
 But when they hear spring's waking sound
 They push themselves through layers of clay
 To reach the sunlight of God's day
 And man and woman like flowers, too, must sleep
 Until called from the darkened deep
 To live in that place where angels sing
 And where there is eternal spring.

(Anonymous)

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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.

Tension Awareness

Make an effort in social situations...

Many of us have the feeling we are being inadequate, excluded, slighted or neglected when in the company of others, especially when meeting a new group of people. Instead of shrinking away and withdrawing, occasionally try making the opening move yourself, rather than waiting to be introduced by others or drawn into conversation..

Special Pilgrimage 2011

A group of young adults from various parishes throughout the diocese have come together in recent months to plan a Young Adults (18-35) Pilgrimage as part of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes between the 11th and 16th June 2011.

They extend an open invitation to anyone aged between 18 and 35 who wishes to "come and see and be a helping hand." The experience will include walking in the footsteps of Bernadette and sharing her story, exploring the message of Lourdes together, spending time in a spirit of faith with other like-minded young adults, participating in the prayer and liturgies of the wider diocesan pilgrimage as well as being of service to the sick pilgrims from the diocese and ministering to them.

It's a great opportunity not only to share the experience of Lourdes but also to meet other young adults from Cork and Ross and to share and learn from one another. All are welcome.

If you are interested, or simply would like to know more, please contact Sr. Karen Kent in the Pastoral Development Office at 021-4537601 or email karen.kent@corkandross.org

Bulletin Board

Offertory Collection Boxes

The boxes of envelopes for the Offertory Collection are available in both churches. Families are asked to take one box. Please use the envelopes for the Offertory Collection for the Vigil and Sunday Masses during the year, families who avail of the Direct Debit system are not expected to take one. The Offertory Collection is solely for the upkeep, maintenance, insurance, lighting, heating and related expenses of both churches. Thanks for your generosity and we look forward to your support for the coming year.

Confirmation Dates 2011

Scoil Mhuire	Wednesday, 13th April 2011
Scoil Eoin	Monday, 9th May 2011
Scoil Barra	Tuesday, 5th April 2011
Our Lady of Good Counsel	Tuesday, 5th April 2011
Gaelscoil Ui Riordain,	Thursday, 19th May 2011

Dates for your diary

Ash Wednesday	Wed-09-Mar-2011
St. Patrick's Day	Wed-17-Mar-2011
Good Friday	Fri-22-Apr-2011
Palm Sunday	Sun-17-Apr-2011
Easter Sunday	Sun-24-Apr-2011
Easter Monday	Mon-25-Apr-2011
May Bank Holiday	Mon-02-May-2011
June Bank Holiday	Mon-06-Jun-2011
August Bank Holiday	Mon-01-Aug-2011
The Assumption	Mon-15-Aug-2011
October Bank Holiday	Mon-31-Oct-2011
All Saints	Tue-01-Nov-2011
Immaculate Conception	Thu-08-Dec-2011

Children's Mass

The Children's Mass continues every **Sunday at 11.00 am in Christ Our Light**. The Children of 2nd class retire to the crying room at the beginning of Mass where they celebrate The Liturgy of the Word in child friendly fashion – word searches, colouring and maze search are some of the methods used. Volunteers are welcome and needed to help, training and practice will be given. Parents are welcome to join their Children for the celebration of the Word of God. We invite Parents of First Communion children to please try and bring Children to this Mass. Bringing your Child to the Sunday Mass is an important preparation for your Child's First Holy Communion. Looking forward to seeing you.

Fr. George

Pacem in Terris

"May He banish from the hearts of all men and women whatever might endanger peace.

May He transform them into witnesses of truth, justice and love.

May He enkindle the rulers of peoples so that in addition to their solicitude for the proper welfare of their citizens, they may guarantee and defend the great gift of peace.

May He enkindle the wills of all so that they may overcome the barriers that divide, cherish the bonds of mutual charity, understand others, and pardon those who have done them wrong.

May all peoples of the earth become as brothers and sisters, and may the most longed-for peace blossom forth and reign always among men and women."

Pope John XXIII, 4/11/1963



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MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Jan-15 & Jan-16-2011

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Brendan Collins
Michael Collins
8:30 am
John Healy

10:00 am
Grace Buttimer
Orla Horgan
12:00 Noon
Oliver O'Donovan
David Drohan

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Rosarie Cotter
Louise McGrath
11:00 am
Aisling O'Leary
Alex O'Donovan
12:30 pm
Bernard Vallely
Colm Walsh
5:30 pm
Christine O'Brien

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	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

Priest on Duty	087-2479140
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Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C.	021-4877161
Fr. Billy O'Sullivan C.C.	021-4876171
Fr. James McSweeney	021-4873308

Irish Friends of the Suicide Bereaved
Information

Support Group for people who are bereaved by the suicide of a relative or friend.
Grief support programme including residential weekend, Spring/Autumn 8-week Bereavement Courses also available.

Contact Details
P.O. Box 162, Cork or Tel: 021-4316722
Meetings every Wednesday at the Planning Office, St. Finbarr's Hospital, Douglas Road



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Jan-15 & Jan-16-2011

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm	Eileen Murphy Ted Nelligan Eileen Corkery Ann O'Connell Sheila Walshe Ann McCarthy	7:30 pm	John O'Donoghue Mary Dineen Kathleen Daly Mairead Keenan Kay O'Sullivan
8:30 am	Helen Kelly Mary O'Connor Michael Crowley	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	Ann-Marie Cosgrove Phil Kennedy Ellen O'Sullivan Ursula McAuliffe Sally Crowley	5:30 pm	Shelia Curran Elizabeth O'Sullivan

**Parish Office, The Presbytery, Ballincollig is open Mon - Wed from 9 am - 1 pm & 2 pm - 3 pm.
Sat 10:30 am - 12 Noon. Phone No. (021) 4871206, Office Secretary Catherine Crowley.**

Age Action's Care & Repair Programme

Free Handyman Service for Older People Are you 65+ years of age and living in Cork City and suburbs, Ballincollig, Kinsale, Carrigaline, Glanmire or Carrigtwohill? Do you have a small repair job that you would like to have done for you? Age Action's Care & Repair service uses a pool of trustworthy volunteer handypersons to carry out minor repairs and odd jobs for older people who find it difficult to do these jobs themselves.

Some of the jobs that our volunteers can do include changing light bulbs, changing locks, minor painting and decorating, hanging curtains, minor gardening, minor carpentry and installing smoke alarms. The service is free; you only pay for the materials used. For your bigger jobs that are beyond the scope of our volunteers, we maintain a register of reliable and honest tradespersons whose contact details we can provide for you. We can also arrange regular social visits to older people. All volunteers are Garda vetted and carry official Age Action identification cards. You can arrange to have a job done for you by phoning the Age Action Care & Repair number, 1890 369 369.

Age Action is Ireland's leading charity for older people. We believe that Ireland should be the best place in which to grow older. We work to fight discrimination, promote positive ageing and improve policies and services for all older people. Care & Repair is sponsored by Irish Life.