

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 13-March-2011

First Sunday of Lent

As Lent begins we are reminded of Adam's fall from grace and of the reality of sin in human life, we are also reminded that Christ is the new Adam overcoming temptation in himself and so making possible a new life, a new humanity for those who belong to him.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Lenten Retreat

This year we have a three day Parish retreat for Lent in the Church of Christ Our Light, starting on Sunday evening March 20th. Lent is a good time to withdraw a little from our normal day-to-day worries and concerns, to reflect on the meaning and purpose of our lives and to take stock of where we are in life. Our short retreat affords an opportunity of doing this, and of being nourished by the Word of Life and of allowing God to renew our faith, our hope and our love. The theme of our retreat will be the Eucharist and it will be conducted by Fr Finbarr O'Halloran of the Blessed Sacrament Fathers. The Lenten retreat will help us to prepare for Holy Week and Easter, and on a more long term basis to begin our preparation for the International Eucharistic Congress in Dublin in June of next year. One of the aims of the Congress is to promote an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Catholic Community.

God's love for us is poured out in the sacrament of the Eucharist, where Christ is truly present, giving us life and healing. "The Holy Eucharist is the perfect expression of the love of Jesus Christ for man" (Saint Peter Julian Eymund). When we come together for Mass we gather as God's people, present together before him. We listen together as his Word of Life is proclaimed in the Mass readings and we are nourished by his body and blood in the sacrament of Holy Communion. We give thanks and as we leave we are sent out by the Lord to live our lives in joy and love.

The retreat will begin at 7.30 pm each evening from Sunday to Tuesday with morning Mass on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. There will be an extra Mass at 7.00 am in Christ Our Light on these mornings to facilitate those unable to attend the 8.30 am or 9.30 am Masses.

We pray that our 2011 Lenten retreat will help us to learn about and reflect on the mystery of God's love for us, and to experience his care for us as we are renewed by the redeeming love of Christ. We pray that the retreat will increase our faithfulness to Our Lord's gift of himself to us in the Mass and deepen our appreciation of our faith.

*The retreat will be facilitated by
Fr. Finbarr O'Halloran
Blessed Sacrament Fathers.*

*Communications Group
Ballincollig Parish Council*



*Happy St. Patrick's Day to all our
Readers & Parishioners*



PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Jesus was tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us with confidence, then, approach him in our many needs.

Reader

For the followers of Christ: that they may take the path of self-denial and renewal this Lent.

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

For those who hold public office: that they may not seek their own interests and glory, but to serve others humbly and faithfully.

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

For all those who have no time for the things of the spirit.

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

For ourselves: that we may have the courage and strength to try to overcome temptations.

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

For our own special needs.

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

For those who have gone before us in death, may they share in the glory of Christ as children of the Resurrection.

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

Priest

Heavenly Father, in your gentle mercy guide our efforts at renewing our lives this Lent, for we know that, left to ourselves, we cannot do your will. We ask you this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

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BAPTISMS

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

Heidi Sarah Rohringer, Whitethorn Drive.
 Ben Mathew Melleney, Elm Lawn, Muskerry Estate.
 Hayden Denis Arthur Murphy/Cambridge, Innishmore Court.
 Cooper Michael Haskett, The Heathers, Classes Lake.
 Saoirse Marie Connaughton, Glendower Court.
 Cuan John Connaughton, Glendower Court.
 Chloe Anne Connaughton, Ard Na Greine, Macroom.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Dan Murphy, Rosscarbery.
 Paul Twomey, Blackrock.

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

Deceased members of O'Connell & Whooley families.
 Anne Noonan, Westgrove.
 Ellen Buckley, Boherbue.
 Ted Corkery, Aherla.
 Brid Dolan, Classes Lake.
 William, Margaret & Kitty McNamara, Carrigrohane.
 Joe Butler, Inniscarra View.
 Ander O'Keffee, South Terrace.
 Eileen McKechnie.
 William & Helena Sheehan, High Street.
 John Joe McCarthy, Ballydehob.
 Charles McCarthy, Ballydehob
 Norah Barry, Redemption Road.
 Richard & Ina Murphy, Mount Farran.
 James & Mary McSweeney, Classis, Ovens.
 Jim & Bridie Murphy, Dingle.
 Eugene & Bridie O'Sullivan, Ballingearry.
 Tom & Joe Heaton, Pearse Place.
 Billy & Maureen Denieffe, Curraheen.
 Donal O'Mahony, Wyndham Downs.
 Owen O'Dwyer, Ballyshoneen.
 Helen Kenneally, Beech Park.
 Neilie & Con Cleary, Westcourt & Ballydehob.
 Ellen Cronin, Mary Street.
 Dec members of the Cronin Family.
 Con Mary & Josephine McAuliffe, Rathmore Place.
 Sylvia McNulty, Castlepark.
 Tim Cagney, Gardiners Hill.
 Richard Krauss, Aisling Close.
 Tim O'Leary, Sunningdale.
 Peter Murphy, Terelton.
 Peg Kavanagh, Powdermills.
 Ken Murphy, Castlevew.
 John, Mary & Tom Dobbyn, Main Street.

Early Morning Prayer

(For LENT)

The great Feast of EASTER is coming.
 LENT is the preparation time.
 Come to the MORNING PRAYER of the CHURCH.
 Taking place during Lent in St. Mark's Centre
 (opposite Christ, Our Light Church)
 Mon. - Fri. at 6 am.
 Everyone Welcome

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

First Week Of Lent

13 Sunday Gen. 2:7-9, 3:1-7. Ps 50. Rom. 5:12-19. Mt. 4:1-11. Lect I: 201
 14 Monday Lev 19:1-2, 11-18. Ps 18. Mt 25:31-46. Lect I: 210
 15 Tuesday Is. 55:10-11. Ps. 33. Mt. 6:7-15. Lect I: 212
 16 Wednesday Jon. 3:1-10. Ps. 50. Lk. 11:29-32. Lect I: 214
 17 Thursday Eccles. (Sir) 39:6-10, Ps.115.2 Tim 4:1-8. Mt.13:24-32. National Proper
 18 Friday Ez 18:21-28. Ps 129. Mt 5:20-26. Lect I: 218
 19 Saturday 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 I: 970

Next Sunday's Readings 20-March-2011

Gen. 12: 1-4. Ps. 32. 2 Tim. 1:8-10. Mt. 17: 1-9. Lect I: 223

Ballincollig Parish

Biblical Reflection on The Eucharist

Following the series of talks on the writings of St Paul and on St John's Gospel, our occasional series of Biblical reflections continues this Lent with four talks on the Eucharist. These will examine the Biblical foundations of the Eucharist, and reflect on the Eucharist as the source and summit of our Christian Life.

The talks, as before, will be held in the St Mark Centre, opposite the Church of Christ Our Light in Innishmore. These will include presentation of the material by Fr Billy O'Sullivan followed by tea and group discussion.

The schedule of meetings is as follows.

	Monday 7.30 pm	Wednesday 10.00 am
Talk 1	28 th March	30 th March
Talk 2	4 th April	6 th April
Talk 3	11 th April	13 th April
Talk 4	18 th April	20 th April

Autism Awareness

The Fourth Annual World Autism Awareness Day is being held on April 2nd, 2011.

April is Autism Awareness Month.

Irish Autism Action is celebrating this by holding a series of national collection days and running unique fundraising activities throughout the month of April in the 26 counties around Ireland. If you have any of the following days Free April 1st, 8th, 14th and 29th Please join us! Get behind our Patron Keith Duffy and come out and collect for your county to help raise much needed funds for local families affected by Autism. We would love to hear from you regarding how you would like to get involved - contact us directly on 087 - 2496068

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
 The Lord God created Adam and Eve and set them in the Garden of Eden. They had all they needed, but the serpent tempted them, and they disobeyed God's command.

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19
 Just as through Adam's disobedience all became sinners, through Christ's obedience all shall become just.

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11
 Following his baptism in the Jordan River, Jesus went out to the desert to pray and understand God's will. He was alone in the desert for 40 days and nights. Satan waited until Jesus emerged from the desert before tempting Jesus to use his powers. Of course, Jesus was hungry after fasting for 40 days, so the devil tempted him first with food. "Command these stones to become loaves of bread," was the first dare. Later the devil tempted Jesus to use his power to prove that God would send angels to help Jesus if he jumped from the top of the temple. Finally, Satan offered Jesus the glory and power of the entire world if he would but worship Satan. To each temptation, Jesus held fast to what he knew was God's will for him.

**Ballincollig
 St Patrick's Day Parade 2011**

Ballincollig's St Patrick's Day parade 2011 promises to be bigger and better than last year and we encourage everyone to come along to promote and support our community.

This year the Route has been extended to allow the parade be viewed more easily.

Parking Restrictions will be in place from the evening of Wednesday 16th March in the immediate Town Centre and for the duration of the parade on St. Patrick's Day.

All diversions will be fully signposted.
 People are asked to co-operate with the Gardai and Stewards and to observe the diversions and Parking Restrictions.

Your cooperation and understanding is much appreciated

*Ballincollig Farmers & Craft Market starting at 11 am,
 Music & Entertainment starting at 2 pm.
 Parade Starts at 3 pm.*

Parade Organised by Ballincollig Business Association

Living Eucharist Today

A series of four evenings exploring the Mass and our lives today. Blackrock Parish Centre, March 21st, 28th, April 4th, 11th, 8.00-9.30 pm.
 With Fr. Christy Fitzgerald and Dr. Anne Francis.
 All welcome. Cost €20 for the four nights.
 Information and bookings
 Anne Francis, 087-228-2134,
 abfrancis@eircom.net.

Muskerry Local History Society

Talk and slide show presentation on the sinking of the Lusitania off the Old Head of Kinsale in 1915 at Ballincollig R.F.C. Hall on Tuesday March 15th.
 The talk commences at 8 o'clock and is open to the public.

Bulletin Board

St Patrick's Day Masses

Church of St Mary & St John
 Vigil Wednesday 16th March at 8.00 pm
 Thursday 17th March
 8.30 am, 10.00 am & 8.00 pm

Church of Christ Our Light
 Vigil Wednesday 16th March 6.30 pm
 Thursday 17th March
 12.30 pm (Irish Mass) & 6.30 pm

Mass Book

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

Trocaire Boxes

Lenten boxes are available at the back of both churches. Parishioners are asked to please take one and to make a weekly contribution during lent. Boxes will also be distributed to the schools.

Crying Room - 11.00 am Mass

Please do not use the door to the Crying Room to enter the church to attend Mass. This is to provide for the safety and care of children. Your co-operation is much appreciated.

Fr. George

Marriage Enrichment Weekend

Lake Hotel, Killarney on the 8th – 10th April.

Marriage is a wonderful vocation and one of the most fundamental plans of God for our happiness in this world. But as all married couples know, you have to work on a marriage relationship and give it a principal place of priority. During this short life of ours, many opportunities come our way and too often we are too afraid and too preoccupied to avail of them.

One such opportunity is a Marriage Enrichment Weekend. The weekend is directed by married people and it will do what it says - enrich your marriage. Any enrichment brings greater fulfilment into our lives and into our families.

For details visit: www.marriageencounter.ie
 or phone 021 4381511, 087 0567794.

Reflection for Parents

One of our primary goals as parents is to help our children discover their gifts and use them generously in a way that glorifies God. From a very early age we can remind our children of the source of their gifts and encourage them to use them humbly.

St. Patrick's Day

Special Day of Prayer For Emigrants

St. Patrick was set apart by God to bring his word to the end of the earth. He brought faith in Christ to our land and the message of peace for those who accept that faith. On Thursday we thank God for Patrick who true to his vocation and so made possible for our names to be written in heaven.

tion on the campaign visit www.trocaire.org/lent or call 1850 408 408
 ger simply because they are poor. Please take a Trocaire box home with you today and remember the world's poor this Lent. For more informa-

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Mar-19 & Mar-20-2011

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)

Ailish O'Reilly

8:30 am

John Healy

10:00 am

Eileen O'Connell

Diandra Buckley

12:00 Noon

Sean Hennessy

Shane Lehane

7:30 pm (Vigil)

Rebecca Feely

Jessica Lingard

11:00 am

Sorcha Nic Mheanmain

Maire Buckley

12:30 pm

Adaugu Ebili

Caterina Nugent

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

8:30 am, 10 am & 8 pm

Thursday

12:30 pm & 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

PARISH CLERGY

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Suggested donation for the series: €20 (€10 Senior Citizens / Students)

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.



An Inter-Church *Alpha* course begins in March, run jointly by the Carrigrohane Union of Parishes (Church of Ireland) and Ballincollig Parish (Catholic). This is an opportunity to explore the meaning of life in an informal, fun and friendly environment. The course starts on Wednesday March 23rd, and continues in the Westgate Foundation Building, Ballincollig on Wednesday evenings from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm for ten weeks.

What is the point of life?

What happens when we die?

What relevance does Jesus have for our lives today?

How do we deal with guilt?

If you would like to explore any of these questions, then Alpha is for you. *Alpha* considers some basic aspects of the Christian faith, including - Who is Jesus, Why Did Jesus Die?, How does God guide us? and What about the Church?

Contact:

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Ballincollig Parish
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LÁ FÉILE PÁDRAIG

BALLINCOLLIG PARISH COUNCIL

Welcomes you all to our

St. Patrick's Day Celebrations.

Join us after the 12.30 p.m. Mass, as Gaeilge, in the

Church of Christ our Light

For our traditional cupán tae agus bia.

Later watch out for our

"FLOCK"



as they participate in the

St. Patrick's Day Parade

at 3.00 p.m. in Ballincollig.

