

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 03-April-2011

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Jesus came among us to lead us from darkness into the light of faith. Through Adam's fall we were born as slaves of sin but now through Christ we are reborn as God's adopted children.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Christ Be Our Light

In today's Gospel Acclamation, we hear Jesus' words: 'I am the light of the world, anyone who follows me will have the light of life'. Our readings today show a contrast between light and darkness. In the first reading, Samuel is having difficulty choosing a king from among the sons of Jesse, but only succeeds when he begins to see as God sees - God does not judge by outward appearances but sees what is in the heart of the person. Jesse's youngest son, David, is chosen for God's service and anointed King of Israel. His anointing is a reminder to us that we also were anointed for God's service when we were given the light of faith at our Baptism. In the second reading, Paul reminds us that we were darkness once, but now because of our Baptism we are light in the Lord. We are therefore challenged to have nothing to do with works of darkness but rather to be children of light, for 'the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness, in right living and in truth'.

In today's Gospel we hear the story of Jesus healing the man born blind. When Jesus' disciples first see the blind man they presume his affliction is a result of sin. Jesus' response is that neither he nor his parents sinned but he was born blind so that the works of God might be shown in him. Jesus not only gives him physical sight, but he also heals his spiritual blindness giving him the light of faith. On the other hand, the Pharisees refuse to recognize Jesus as the messiah; they refuse to acknowledge that Jesus has the power to heal the blind man and they remain totally blind to Christ. Jesus also heals our spiritual blindness. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation we receive not only Jesus's forgiveness and healing but also the grace and strength to live out our Christian life. In our blindness, in our weaknesses, in our darkest hours, faith in God will allow us to see again. As we pray in the words of the psalmist today: the Lord is our Shepherd who guides us along the right path and if we should walk in the valley of darkness he is there to lead us and to give us comfort.

Having gained new sight, the man born blind sees with the eyes of faith and, in spite of opposition, proclaims that Jesus is truly the Lord, the Son of God. Just as he began to witness to Christ, we too are challenged to spread the light of Christ wherever we are.

Sr. Colette

Reflection for Parents

In order to help our children follow the light of Christ, we too must open our eyes. As Jesus helped the blind man understand, it is not enough to see only with our eyes. We need also to see with our hearts and allow our every action to reflect this sight. Jesus healed the man of his blindness, but in the end the man recognised Jesus as the Messiah and worshiped him.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Once we were darkness, but now we are light in the Lord. So let us pray as children of the light.

Reader

For all Christians: that the light of faith may grow stronger in their lives.

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

For all those in the position of authority: that they may be able to judge wisely and act justly.

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

For all those who are in the darkness of doubt or unbelief: that Christ may enlighten them.

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

For all gathered here: that we may be saved from the calamity of having eyes, yet failing to see.

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

For our own particular needs: Let us pray to the Lord.

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

For mothers who have died and for all the dead, especially all those in our thoughts today.

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

Priest

Heavenly Father, in this life we see as in a glass darkly. Open our eyes that we may walk with confidence along the road which leads to your Kingdom, where we shall see as we are seen. We ask you this through Christ Our Lord. Amen

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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BAPTISMS

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

Jessica Etin Osa Igbinoghene, The Willows.
 Gavin aisosa Igbinoghene, The Willows.
 Byron Eseosa Igbinoghene, The Willows.
 Jenna Rose Johnson, Church View.
 Emma Mary Doyle, Pine Walk, Muskerry Estate.
 Michael John McGillicuddy, An Caislean.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Joan Coughlan, Kilnamartyra.
 Patrick Arrigan, Patrickswell, Limerick.
 Mary Creedon, Ballincollig & Liscarroll.

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

Patrick & Mary Kelly, Tipperary.
 Deceased Members of the O'Mahony & Greene
 Kathleen Nolan, London.
 Paddy Keohane, Inniscarra.
 Annie Kavanagh, Wicklow.
 Lena Gaffney, Carrigrohane.
 Danny Downing, Bandon.
 Carmel Shanahan, East Gate.
 Tom O'Leary, Maglin.
 Gina Moloney, Raheen/Kinsale.
 Ann Kavanagh, Muskerry Estate.
 Thomas & Mary O'Donoghue, Killarney.
 Connie O'Regan, Carriganarra.
 Helen Coomey, Carriganarra & Boston.
 Sexton & O'Shea Families.
 John O'Mahony, Carriganarra.
 Ellen O'Sullivan, Inniscarra.
 Paddy Kirstein, Inniscarra View.
 Humphrey Kerins, Kerry/London.
 Kevin Shields, Castleknock.
 William Walsh, Galway.
 Eileen Murphy, Muskerry Estate.
 Donal & Eleanor O'Halloran, Castlepark.
 Una Keegan, Eniscarthy.
 Eamonn Staunton, Clash.
 Francis O'Donovan, Cloyne.
 Daniel & Hannah Dempsey, Leemount.
 Daniel & Hannah O'Connor, Ballinagree.

Anam Cara Parent Bereavement Support

Anam Cara Parent Bereavement Support was formed to address the needs of bereaved parents and families throughout Ireland. The loss of your child is like no other and bereaved parents often find themselves isolated and lonely in their grief. Who can really understand how you are feeling? Only someone else who is walking the same road as yourself. Anam Cara will not take the pain away but we hope it will make it easier to bear. We offer a variety of services information, support and events during the year to let you know you are not alone in your darkest hours.

Venue: Silver Springs Conference Centre, Tivoli, Cork
Date: Wednesday 6th April 2011
Start/Finish Time: 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm
Cost: All Anam Cara services are offered at no charge to our parents

As we need to confirm numbers for light refreshments, we would appreciate if you could RSVP to info@anamcara.ie before Tuesday 5th April 2011 or call 01 4045378 or 085 2888888

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Fourth Week Of Lent

03 Sunday 1 Sam. 16:6-7, 10-13. Ps. 22. Eph. 58-14. Jn. 9:1-41. Lect I: 276
 04 Monday Is. 65:17-21. Ps. 29. Jn. 4:43-54. Lect I: 290
 05 Tuesday Ez. 47: 1-9.12. Ps. 45. Jn. 5:1-3.5-1 6. Lect I: 292
 06 Wednesday Is. 49:8-15. Ps. 144. Jn. 5:17-30. Lect I: 294
 07 Thursday Ex. 32:7-14. Ps. 105. Jn. 5:31-47. Lect I: 297
 08 Friday Wis. 2: 1 , 12-22. Ps. 33. Jn. 7: 1 -2, 10, 25-30. Lect I: 300
 09 Saturday Jer 11 :18-20. Ps 7. Jn 7:40-53. Lect I: 303

Next Sunday's Readings 10-April-2011

Ez. 37: 12-14. Ps. 129. Rom. 8:8-11. Jn. 11: 1-45. Lect I: 305

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 2	4 th April	6 th April
Talk 3	11 th April	13 th April
Talk 4	18 th April	20 th April

Society of St. Vincent De Paul

Church Door Easter Collection

This Weekend - 2nd & 3rd April 2011
 Please Support

Lourdes

Cork & Ross Pilgrimage 2011
 11 - 16 June - 5 nights - full board accommodation
 Booking Forms available from the Pilgrim Section of
 Joe Walsh Tours, 117 Patrick Street
 Tel. 021-4277959 / 021-4277120
 Enquiries for Special Invalid Section to
 The Pilgrimage Director, Monsignor Kevin O'Callaghan
 No.2 Presbytery, Curraheen Road. Tel. 021-4346463

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13
 The Lord sent Samuel to Bethlehem to the house of Jesse, where Samuel was to anoint the new king of Israel. After Jesse presented each of his sons, the Lord instructed Samuel to anoint the youngest, David.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14
 Live as children of light in goodness, justice, and truth. "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

Gospel: John 9:1-41
 Using saliva and earth, Jesus made a paste to heal the blind man. The healing became a true conversion for the man, but created some problems for Jesus with the Jewish leaders. Because this healing took place on the Sabbath, the Pharisees accused Jesus of breaking Jewish law. The Pharisees tried to get confirmation of this action from the blind man's parents and from the blind man himself. In the end, the authorities were unable to charge Jesus with any wrongdoing and had to recognise that Jesus was gaining many disciples.

Trócaire

On this fourth Sunday in Lent we think of vulnerable mothers overseas who are raising their children against the odds. The inequalities that women and girls face all over the developing world condemn them to a future of poverty. By supporting Trocaire's Lenten campaign you can help them look forward to a better future.

Living Eucharist Today

A series of four evenings exploring the Mass and our lives today. This series is part of our diocesan preparation for the Eucharistic Congress in Ireland 2012

April 4th: Jesus present in the Eucharist
April 11th: Jesus present in our living
 With Fr. Christy Fitzgerald and Dr. Anne Francis
 Blackrock Parish Centre,
 Mondays 8.00 - 9.30 pm. All Welcome.
 Cost: €20 for the four nights.
 For further information and booking:
 Anne Francis, abfrancis@eircom.net 087-2282134.
 Christy Fitzgerald, liturgy@corkandross.org 021-4537600.

Job Vacancy

Caretaker required for Ballincollig Community Hall (19.5 hours per week)
 Applicants must be eligible for community employment
 To apply please send C.V.
 To Ber Newman,
 St Vincent De Paul Family Centre,
 Station Road, Ballincollig.
 (next to Community Hall)
 Tel. 021 4874626

Knock

Legion of Mary Annual Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday 29th May 2011. Bus leaving village at 7.00 am sharp. Early booking advised. For details contact Sally (021) 4870954 or Cathleen (021) 4874730.

Bulletin Board

Stations of the Cross

This year, for the first time, Ballincollig Parish will have outdoor Stations. It is proposed that the 12 Stations will be held out of doors, with the Stations in various positions in Ballincollig. The aim of having the stations out of doors is to bring the stations to the community which will enable the people of Ballincollig to follow the cross, and become actively involved.

Please join us at the church of St Mary & St John on Good Friday, April 22nd at noon.

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 both church .

Communion Dates

Scoil Eoin	7 th May, 2011
Scoil Barra	14 th May, 2011
Our Lady of Good Counsel	14 th May, 2011
Scoil Mhuire	21 st May, 2011
Gael Scoil	28 th May, 2011

Daily Masses during Lent

Church of Christ Our Light
 8.30 pm & 6.30 pm
Church of St Mary & John
 9.30 am & 8.00 pm

Fr. George

History of Mother's Day

The first celebrations in honour of mothers were held in the spring in ancient Greece. They paid tribute to Rhea, the Mother of the Gods. During the 17th century, England honoured mothers on "Mothering Sunday," celebrated on the fourth Sunday of Lent. In the United States, Julia Ward Howe suggested the idea of Mother's Day in 1872. Howe, who wrote the words to the Battle Hymn of the Republic, saw Mother's Day as being dedicated to peace. Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia is credited with bringing about the official observance of Mother's Day. Her campaign to establish such a holiday began as a remembrance of her mother, who died in 1905 and who had, in the late 19th century, tried to establish "Mother's Friendship Days" as a way to heal the scars of the Civil War. Two years after her mother died, Jarvis held a ceremony in Grafton, West Virginia, to honour her. She was so moved by the proceedings that she began a massive campaign to adopt a formal holiday honouring mothers. In 1910, West Virginia became the first state to recognise Mother's Day. A year later, nearly every state officially marked the day. But Jarvis' accomplishment soon turned bitter for her. Enraged by the commercialisation of the holiday, she filed a lawsuit to stop a 1923 Mother's Day festival and was even arrested for disturbing the peace at a war mothers' convention where women sold white carnations - Jarvis' symbol for mothers - - to raise money. "This is not what I intended," Jarvis said. "I wanted it to be a day of sentiment, not profit!"

She died in 1948, aged 84.

Today, because and despite Jarvis' efforts, many celebrations of Mother's Day are held throughout the world.

"Best Wishes to All Mothers Today"

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Apr-09 & Apr-10-2011

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Aine Sheehan
Mark Prendergast
8:30 am
Tom McDonagh

10:00 am
Jordan Crowley
Fergal Monahan
12:00 Noon
Oliver O'Donovan
David Drohan

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Fiona Feely

11:00 am
Chidera Ebili
Karen Flavin
12:30 pm
Tadhg Buckley
James Nyagaya
5:30 pm
Brian O'Donoghue

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**

PARISH CLERGY

Priest on Duty **087-2479140**
Fr. George O'Mahony P.P. **021-4871206**
Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C. **021-4877161**
Fr. Billy O'Sullivan C.C. **021-4876171**
Fr. James McSweeney **021-4873308**

Discern your Future

With The Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary.
Women aged 18-45 are invited to come and Reflect on Jesus'

Invitation to
"Come and See"

Venue: Cork
29th April - 1st May 2011

Information:
Sr Una Mulvey sshjm
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MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

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St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Eileen Murphy
Ted Nelligan
Eileen Corkery
Ann O'Connell
Sheila Walshe
Ann McCarthy

8:30 am Helen Kelly
Mary O'Connor
Michael Crowley

10:00 am Fionnuala McDonagh
Mary Buckley
Breda Ring
Mary O'Regan
John Henchy
Martin O'Leary

12 Noon Ann-Marie Cosgrove
Phil Kennedy
Ellen O'Sullivan
Ursula McAuliffe
Sally Crowley

7:30 pm John O'Donoghue
Mary Dineen
Kathleen Daly
Mairead Keenan
Kay O'Sullivan

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
Suzanne Leetch

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.**

50th International Eucharistic Congress

10th June-17 June, 2012

The Programme of Events for the week will include:

Prayer, Eucharist, workshops, discussions groups, cultural events, a youth space, tours, exhibitions and more.

Venues: 10th June Opening Ceremony; RDS, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4
11th – 16th June Daily Mass and workshop: Ballsbridge
17th June Closing Ceremony: Croke Park Stadium

Registration:

Groups and individuals pilgrims will be able to register online from June 2011 on our website www.iec2012.ie.

You can also register an expression of interest now on our site www.iec2012.ie