

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 26-February-2012

First Sunday Of Lent

As we begin Lent again, we learn that we need to be purified of our sins. Jesus went out into the desert to be put to the test for us, to overcome Satan. If we go into the desert with him, whatever is evil in our lives can be overcome.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Covenant

This is the first Sunday of Lent and we begin our Lenten observance of prayer fasting and almsgiving. In today's gospel reading Jesus says that the time has come, the kingdom of God is here and we need to be ready. The forty days of the Lenten season recalls the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness, and indeed the forty years of wandering in the desert experienced by the children of Israel. We at times experience a wilderness in our lives, times of temptations and dangers, and hardship. And we remember that God has told us he will be with us, will hear us when we cry to him. He has made a covenant with us, and promised that his faithful love will not be withdrawn. A covenant signified an agreement by which the participants are bound to each other in a family like loyalty. We hear in the reading from Genesis of the covenant with Noah, a covenant of safety, of salvation, foreshadowing the new and eternal covenant of Jesus. All the promises of the covenants of the Old Testament are fulfilled in Jesus, he is the new Adam who restores creation, he brings the safety and salvation promised to Noah, he brings the new law of love to complete the law of Moses, he fulfils the promises to Abraham and fulfils the covenant with David.

As St Peter reminds today us Jesus died for the guilty, to lead us to God. He gives to those who accept him power to become children of God, and he ratifies that new covenant with his blood, shed on the cross. Jesus says his blood is the blood of the new and everlasting covenant, recalling the words of Moses at Mount Sinai when he spoke of the blood of the covenant, the old covenant with Israel. It is by the new covenant in Jesus' blood that we are committed as family to God and become his daughters and sons. As we enter into Lent we pray that we will indeed experience spiritual growth and prepare ourselves for God's kingdom, confident in his covenant of life and love.

Note that special Eucharistic Congress candles are placed before the altars in both churches this weekend to mark the continuation of our parish preparation for the International Eucharistic Congress in Dublin in June, when we will publically honour the new and eternal covenant which we celebrate at every Mass.

Billy O'Sullivan

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us now bring our needs before God, who guides us when we stray and raises us up when we fall.

Reader

For all Christians: that they may have a spirit of self-denial, and be moved to help those in need.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the Church: that it may nourish the faith of its members with the word of God.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For political leaders: that they may resist the temptation to seek their own honour and glory, and seek rather to serve the people.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the grace to be victorious over our temptations

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For all gathered here: that this holy season may help us to deepen our commitment to Christ and to the Gospel.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For a moment, we remember in silence our own particular needs.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest

Grant us in all our tasks your help, in all our doubts your guidance, in all our temptations your strength, in all our sorrows your consolation, and in all our dangers your protection. We ask you this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Ballincollig Parish at Work

Calling the people from the Community of Ballincollig.

Do you know what goes on within the Parish? Would you like to get involved in the community?

On Monday March 5th the A.G.M. of Ballincollig Parish Council takes place in the Annex Room of the Community Centre at 7.45 p.m. Volunteers are always needed and we would ask that you please come along on the night and become an active parishioner in our community. The life of Ballincollig Parish is enriched and strengthened by the contribution of so many individuals who give freely their energy and time to work on the Parish Council and in the various groups within our community. **Many hands make light work**

Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.

Visit Our Website: www.ballincolligparish.ie

BAPTISMS

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

Ruby Emma Cronin, Gincool Villas.
 Ryan Paul Power, Highfield Park.
 Anna Róisín Moriarty, Westgrove, Inniscarra Road.
 Brendan Eoin Sheehan, Greystones.
 Mia Hannah Jordan, Oaklands.
 Leah Rose Heinen, Caislean Way.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Seán Doab, Carriganarra & Lanzarote.
 Margaret Connolly, Elm Lawn, Muskerry Estate.
 Sheila Drew, Donoughmore & Church View.

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

Ted & Rose Moylan, Earlwood Estate.
 Sean & May O'Callaghan, Galway.
 Jim Butler, Inniscarra PO.
 Tadgh & John O'Regan, Poulavone.
 Scott Fitzgerald, Lisheen Fields & Innishmore.
 Patrick & Catherine Howard, Ballinlough
 John & Ellen McAndrew, Belmullet, Co. Mayo.
 Jack & Mary Corkery, Rathpeacon.
 Della & Sean Collins, O'Donovan Crescent.
 Hubert & Frances Burrows, The Square.
 John & Ellen O'Sullivan, Glanmire.
 Deceased members of the Hopkins Family, Rosewood.
 Deceased members of the Harrington Family, The Square.
 Michael Buckley, Castlepark.
 Joseph & Mary Kearney, Beech Park.
 Eugene & Mary Freehan, Killarney.
 Donal Coughlan, Schull.
 Mary Chapling, Schull.
 Tim & Lily Lucey, Prosperity Square.
 Tim Cagney, Gardiners Hill.
 Denis Hegarty, Poulavone.
 John & Mary McAuliffe & Daughter Mary, Cobh.
 Paddy Murphy, Inniscarra.
 Ken Murphy, Wilton Road.
 Dec members of the Murphy Family, Quaker Road.
 Mary Joe Schwartua, Middleton.
 Eileen & Bob Foulkes, Ballyphehane.
 Elizabeth & Timothy Murphy, Carriganarra Road.
 Mamie Quinn, Powdermills.
 John, Nora & Joseph Fleming, Mallow.
 Paddy & Lucey Doyle, Mallow.

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

26 Sunday Gen 9:8-15. Ps 24. 1 Pet 3:18-22. Mk 1:12-15. Lect I: 205
 27 Monday Lev 19:1-2, 11-18. Ps 18. Mt 25:31-46. Lect I: 210
 28 Tuesday Is 55:10-11. Ps 33. Mt 6:7-15. Lect I: 212
 29 Wednesday Jon 3:1-10. Ps 50. Lk 11:29-32. Lect I: 214
 01 Thursday Esth 4:17. Ps 137. Mt 7:7-12. Lect I: 216
 02 Friday Ez 18:21-28. Ps 129. Mt 5:20-26. Lect I: 218
 03 Saturday Deut 26:16-19. Ps 118. Mt 5:43-48. Lect I: 221

Next Sunday's Readings 04-March-2012
 Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18. Ps 115. Rom 8:31-34. Mk 9:2-10. Lect I: 225

Bon Secours Exhibition

The Sisters of Bon Secours are celebrating the 150th Anniversary of their arrival in Ireland with an exhibition at the Cork Public Museum in the Mardyke until 31st March 2012. The exhibition is free and open to the public, Monday -Friday 11 am to 5pm and Saturday 11 am to 4 pm.

**Dyslexia Association of Ireland
 Cork Branch**

Presents
 Information meeting on
*Exam Accommodations for
 Junior and leaving cert Students with dyslexia*
 Venue: Bishopstown Community School
 Date: Monday 27th February, 2012
 Time: 7.45 pm
 Guest Speaker: Eithne Ui Chonail
 Educational Psychologist
 Admission €10

TRÓCAIRE "Yes, I know what plans I have for you," says the Lord, "plans for peace, not for disaster, to give you a future and hope." Jeremiah 29:11. On this first Sunday in Lent Trócaire asks people to remember the thousands of families in Uganda who have been torn apart by conflict and who are beginning their lives again thanks to generous donations to Trócaire from people in Ireland. Please take a Trocaire Box home with you and for more information on the campaign visit www.trocaire.org/lentor call 1850 408 408

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Genesis 9: 8-15
 God made covenants or agreements with men on three occasions in the Old Testament: with Noah, Abraham and Moses. These covenants implied that man agreed of his own free will to serve God. In return God would forgive and take care of mankind. The rainbow was aptly chosen as the sign of the covenant as rain from heaven had been one of the causes of the flood.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3: 18 - 22
 Noah and his family were saved not only from water but by water, i.e. the water carried the ark aloft. In the same way the water of baptism saves us. The flood was a type of baptism that purified mankind.

Gospel: Mark 1: 12 - 15
 Mark gives only a summary account of the temptation of Christ. Satan wished to discover whether Jesus was the Messiah and, if possible, to lead him from the path of suffering, which God had ordained as the course to be followed by the Redeemer. Mark alone mentions the wild beasts whose presence suggests the desolate character of the region to which the Lord had retired. John the Baptist was now in prison and Jesus went into Galilee where John had preached and began by repeating the call to repentance.

God Needs You

Monastic Weekend for young women seeking to find God's way for them.
 This will take place on Fri. (approx 4 pm to 8 pm)
 2nd, 3rd and 4th of March in
 St. Joseph's Monastery
 Mount Carmel, Loughrea, Co. Galway.
 Please write to above address or email
 <loughrea@carmelitesisters.ie>

The Coeliac Society of Ireland

Cork Support Group,
 Will hold the following meeting in March
 Date : **Saturday 3rd March 2012**
 Place: **Rochestown Park Hotel, Rochestown, Cork.**
 Time: **2.00 pm to 6 pm**
 Topic: **Demonstration of Dr. Schar products.**
 All Welcome. (€5 entrance fee)
There will be NO MEETING
in the SMA Centre, Wilton

Cork & Ross Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2012

11- 16 June – 5 nights- full Board Accommodation
 Booking Form available for the Pilgrim Section from
 Joe Walsh Tours 117 Patrick St Cork
 Tel: (021) 4277959 (021) 4277120
Enquires for Special Sick/Assisted Section to
The Pilgrimage Director
Monsignor Kevin O'Callaghan
No 2 Presbytery, Curraheen, Road Cork.
Tel: 021 4346463

Bulletin Board

Lenten Retreat 2012

Will take place on 27th, 28th, & 29th February 2012
 Church of Christ Our Light
 Mass at 7.00 am: Liturgy, Homily, Prayer at 8.00 pm
 The Retreat will be conducted by the Redemptorist Fathers.
Evening Retreat instead of evening Mass for duration of retreat.

Lenten Masses

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

Mass Diary

Diaries to book intentions for April, May & June will open in both churches on Saturday March 10th at 9.00 am.

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.

First Friday

Friday March 2nd is the first Friday of the month. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St Mary & St John from 6.30 pm to 7.45 pm, you are invited to come and spend some time with the Lord. There is Mass in St Mary & St John on Friday evening at 8.00 pm. The priests of the parish visit the sick of the parish on the first Friday of each month; please let us know if you have a family member or neighbour who is sick or housebound.

Children's Mass

The next Children's Mass for children in second class preparing for their first Holy Communion will take place on Sunday 11th March 2012, at 11.00 am in Church of Christ Our Light.

Fr. George

Thank You

On behalf of the charity Development Pamoja we would like to say a big thank you to all those who supported the Table Quiz in Rugby Club last Thurs night. There was €2,500 raised on the night. We also take this opportunity to thank our Sponsors without whom fundraiser could not have taken place.

Thought for Today

Jesus began his mission by fasting in the wilderness, without comfort or sustenance. When he has deprived himself of any support except that of his Father's love, he begins to preach an utter reliance on and welcome of God's Kingdom.

Gramophone Recital

Musical morning in the Ballincollig Library from 11.00 am on Tuesday 28th February 2012. This month's musical choice is presented by Joan Kenneally. Admission free all are welcome.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Mar-03 & Mar-04-2012

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Muireann Nelligan
Padraig McAuliffe
8:30 am
Eadaoin O'Leary
gerard O'Leary
10:00 am
Louise McCarthy
Robert Noonan
12:00 Noon
Oliver O'Donovan
David Drohan

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Niamh Murray
11:00 am
Maebh Nic Mheanmain
12:30 pm
Cathy Naughton
Una Lynch
5:30 pm
Emily Hardman

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
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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

AWARE

Coffee Morning in aid of AWARE (helping to defeat depression) on Wednesday 29th February 2012 from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. at Yeats House, Barrack Square, Ballincollig (behind Bank of Ireland). Your support for this worthy cause would be much appreciated.

Youth Event

St Mary's, Pope's Quay, Saturday 3rd March, from 7 pm to 10 pm. Join us for an evening of prayer, music and reconciliation. This event is an evening run by young people for young people; open to 16-35 yrs.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Mar-03 & Mar-04-2012

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm	Patsie Murphy Pat Moore Mary Walsh Marie Healy Margaret Kearney Nora Barry	7:30 pm	Sheila O'Connor Martin O'Regan Brid Healy-Harris Kit Cahill
8:30 am	Theresa Lucey Rita Murphy Mona Holland	11:00 am	Bernadette Spillane Angela Cunningham Laurence Cunningham Eileen Byrne Carmel Ryan
10:00 am	Tadgh Murphy Mary Murphy Joan Tobin Eileen O'Connell Niamh Nic Gerailt Breda Monaghan	12:30 pm	Eileen Garvey Sally Power Breda Callanan Catherine Freehill Betty Walsh
12 Noon	Marie Bowen Breda Lenihan Jacinta Jeffers Rena O'Connor Sean Farrell Mary Hennigan	5:30 pm	Olan O'Mahony Ann-Marie Whelan



**For Families of Children Preparing for First Holy Communion
Learning About the Mass with Kath and Qumen**

The Altar

Another word for altar is table. The altar table is in the centre of the part of God's house that we call the sanctuary. Sanctuary means 'holy' and this is indeed a holy place. The servers may prepare the altar. They put the following on the altar:

- The Corporal** A square-shaped white cloth on which the paten and chalice are placed
- The Roman Missal** The book from which the priest reads the prayers
- The Purificators** Small white towels which are used to clean the chalice and paten later in the Mass.

