

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 24-February-2013

Second Sunday of Lent

Today we are presented with two stories of God's appearance amongst us. They remind us that his presence is something awesome and mysterious, but for all that, it offers light for everyone at moments of crisis and doubt in life.



Christ Our Light
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Second Sunday of Lent

In today's Gospel we see where Jesus took three of his disciples, Peter, James and John with him to a mountain to pray. It was during this time of prayer that Jesus "was transfigured before them and his clothes became brilliant as lightning." Then Moses and Elijah appeared in conversation with him speaking of his Passion and Death. The disciples were overawed and also confused by the scene before them, when 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 taking the road that was to lead to his crucifixion and death on the Cross. God was also letting the disciples know that there was one person they needed to really listen to in their life and that was Jesus. The disciples having got a glimpse of God's glory and hearing Jesus' identity being affirmed as the beloved son of God, must have helped to sustain them through the suffering of Jesus' Passion and death.

Today's Gospel gives us an insight into the importance of prayer in our lives. How often we too can be confused and filled with doubt and we question: Where is God? Just as Jesus took his disciples up the mountain to pray, each of us can create a space in our own lives where we can spend some quiet time in prayer and listening to what Jesus may be saying to us at this particular time. Prayer can transform our own lives and the situations we encounter.

Death is the gateway to a new life with Christ of which the three Apostles had a fleeting glance in the transfiguration. St Paul, in the second reading, is calling us to remain faithful to the Lord, reminding us that our homeland is in heaven and from heaven comes the saviour we have been waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. The work of our transformation is going on all the time. It is a journey of faith and prayer.

In the words of today's Psalm, we pray: 'O Lord hear my voice when I call; it is your face O Lord that I seek; hide not your face'.

Sr. Colette

Reflection for Parents

Parents are often in a privileged situation to see a radiant look on a joyful child's face. Maybe it's how they light up when special company arrives, or maybe the look of delight at a special gift or surprise. What kind of transfigurations have you seen this week, either in the faces of your children, co-workers, or even in yourself?. In today's First Reading we hear the story of God's covenant with Abraham; in the Gospel we listen to the story of the transfiguration, where the glory of Jesus is revealed. We pray today that we might find the way to God's glory.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us pray to the Lord, who in his mercy hears us when we call to him in good times and in bad.

Reader

For the pope and the bishops: that they may sustain the people of God in faith, hope and love.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For our civil and political leaders: that the Lord may help them to fulfil their responsibilities.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the sick and the handicapped: that they may have the strength they need to bear their cross with dignity.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who are going through the dark valley of suffering: that they may not feel that God has abandoned them.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For all gathered here: that as followers of Jesus we may listen to him and live out his teachings in our lives.

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

God of love and mercy, give us the grace to rise above our human weakness so that we may be faithful to your Son and to the Gospel. Grant this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen

The Lord is my light and my help.

Visit Our Website: www.ballincolligparish.ie

BAPTISMS

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

James Darragh Murphy, Greenfields, Bandon.
 Gearoid Patrick Dwyer, Old Court, Greenfields.
 Lucy Marie O'Farrell, Granary Courtt, The Maltings.
 Isabel Gabriele Courtney, The Mews, Classes Lake.
 Emily Elizabeth Geldenhuys, Jacobs Island, Mahon Point.
 Billy Finbarr Gough, Beech Park.
 Emma Kate O'Regan, Castle Road.
 Meabh Catherine Kelleher, Rocklawn, West Village.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Margaret Canty, The Lough.
 Bernard Fitzgerald, Scotch Farm Lane, Model Farm Road.
 Billy Whelton, Beech Road.
 Margaret White, Coolroe.
 Liam Cashman, Glanmire.

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

Ted & Rose Moylan, Earlwood Estate.
 Deceased members of the Brennan & Greene families.
 Donal & Annie Noonan, Bonaventure Place.
 Nora Barrett, Coolroe.
 Sean McGeough, Muskerry Estate.
 Patrick & Catherine Howard, Ballinlough.
 Jim Butler, Inniscarra PO.
 Nora Molloy, Tullamore.
 Tom & Eileen Murphy, Bishopstown.
 John O'Sullivan, Glanmire.
 Hannah Mary O'Sullivan, Co Kerry.
 Timothy & Elizabeth Murphy, Carriganarra.
 Richard O'Hallorhan, Muskerry Estate.
 Elizabeth Crowley, Bishopstown.
 Tom Mulqueen, Rosewood.
 Thomas & Kathleen Holmes, Leo Murphy Terrace.
 Martin & Eily Murphy, Hoddars Villas.
 John Kelly, Kilmichael.
 John Dennehy, Castle View.
 Jim Murphy, Pine Walk.
 Tim & Lily Lucey, Prosperity Square.
 Lynne O'Sullivan, London.
 Ken Murphy, Castle View.
 Eugene & Kitty O'Callaghan, West Village.
 Eugene & Bridie O'Sullivan, Ballingearry.
 Mary Jo Swhartua, Midleton.
 Patrick & Margaret O'Callaghan, Dripsey.
 Patrick & Julia Murphy, Barnagore, Ovens.
 Dec members of the Murray family, Ballingearry.
 Kitty O'Mahony, Kilcrohane.

Marriage Encounter Weekend

A Marriage Encounter Weekend will take place in Cork on 8th -10th March, 2013. This is a weekend to enrich your marriage. IS YOUR MARRIAGE WORTH THAT?

For more information phone: - 021 4381511

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Second Week Of Lent

24 Sunday Gen. 15:5-12, 17 -18. Ps. 26. Phil. 3: 17 -4: 1. Lk. 9:28-36. Lect I: 228
 25 Monday Dan. 9:4-10. Ps. 78. Lk. 6:36-38. Lect I: 231
 26 Tuesday Is. 1:10,16-20. Ps. 49. Mt. 23:1-12. Lect I: 232
 27 Wednesday Jer. 18:18-20. Ps. 30. Mt. 20:17-28. Lect I: 234
 28 Thursday Jer. 17:5-10. Ps. 1. Lk. 16:19-31. Lect I: 236
 01 Friday Gen. 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28. Ps. 104. Mt. 21:33-43, 45-48. Lect I: 239
 02 Saturday Mic. 7:14-15,18-20. Ps. 102. Lk. 15:1-3,11-32. Lect I: 241

Next Sunday's Readings 03-March-2013

Ex. 3:1-8, 13-15. Ps. 102.1 Cor. 10:1-6, 10-12. Lk. 13:1-9.lect I: 255

Trócaire

"Yahweh is my rock and my fortress, my deliverer is my God. I take refuge in him, my rock, my shield, my saving strength, my stronghold, my place of refuge." Psalms 18:2. This month marks Trócaire's 40th anniversary and the agency thanks you for four decades of steadfast support for the world's poorest people. Trócaire is proud to work on your behalf with those in greatest need. Please support Trócaire's Lenten campaign in whatever way you can. www.trocaire.org/lent

Westgate

Marking 10 Years of caring in the Community. Westgate is celebrating 10 years in Ballincollig. **A special Mass will be celebrated on Friday 8th March in Christ Our Light Church.** All are welcome to attend. Please join us on the 8th to give thanks for the past 10 years and to pray for the continued success of the Foundation.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Please support Monster Table Quiz in aid of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul
 Top prize €5,000 for winning team.
 Further details - www.corkmonsterquiz.ie or phone 085 8559898

Music Morning

Musical morning in the Ballincollig Library from 11am on Tuesday 26th February, 2013. This month's musical choice is presented by Margaret O'Leary. Admission free. All are welcome.

CROWLEY

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Gen 15:5-12. 17-18
 God makes a covenant with Abram. ...a covenant never revoked.

Second Reading: Phil. 3:17-4:1
 Paul assures us that our bodies, like the body of Jesus, will be transfigured.

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36.
 Peter, James and John went with Jesus to pray on a mountain top. The disciples witnessed what we call the transfiguration where Jesus' face became radiant and his clothes dazzling white. Along with Jesus stood Moses and Elijah. The disciples had no idea what was happening and Peter, in his ignorance, suggested that they erect three tents to commemorate the event. As though to correct Peter's misunderstanding, a voice came from the cloud naming Jesus as his son and telling the disciples to listen to him. There was not to be confusion about Moses or Elijah being equal to Jesus nor should Peter have tried to assume control of a holy happening, but rather listen to this holy one.

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.

Knock

Legion of Mary Annual Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday 26th May 2013. Bus leaving village at 7.00 am sharp. Early booking advised. For details contact; Sally (021) 4870954 or Cathleen (021) 4874730.

**Dyslexia Association of Ireland
 Cork Branch**

Information Meeting on
*Supporting Dyslexic Students in Higher
 and Further Education*
 Venue: Bishopstown Community School
Date: Monday 25th February, 2013
Time: 7.30pm
Guest Speaker
Ms. Lorraine Gallagher of AHEAD
(Association for Higher Education Access + Disability)
 Teachers, Parents, Students - all welcome
Admission €10.00

Troubled by someone else's drinking?

Try Al-anon. Local Meetings S V de P Centre Station Road
 Thursdays 8.30 pm. Phone: 021 4311899.

Bulletin Board

First Friday

Friday March 1st is the first Friday of the month. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St Mary & St John from 6.30pm to 7.45pm, you are invited to come and spend some time with the Lord. There is Mass in St Mary & St John on Friday evening at 8.00pm. 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.

Lenten Masses

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

No evening Masses during Lenten Retreat.

Lenten Retreat 2013

Lenten Retreat 25th, 26th & 27th February 2013.
 Church of Christ Our Light
Mass 7 am - Liturgy, Homily & Prayer 8pm
 The Retreat will be conducted by the Redemptorist Fathers.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on **Saturday March 2nd at 12.00 noon** 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.

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.

Mass Diary

Diaries to book Mass intentions for April, May & June will open in both Churches on Saturday 9th March at 9.00am. 1st Anniversaries Masses will be given priority

Altar Servers

Volunteers are invited to serve as Altar Servers in both Churches. Please contact any priest, together with parents, or contact parish office Phone: 021 4871206.

Accord

Pre marriage courses will be held in the Parish Community Hall, Ballincollig on the following dates –
 March 22nd & 23rd
 October 19th & 20th
 Website: www.accord.ie

Fr. George

Get Help Getting Active

Over 50? Need to get active? **FITLINE** has the answer. Our **FREE** service gives information, advice and motivation to get moving. We know what physical activity is available all over Cork city and county. For more information free phone Go for Life on 1800 303 545.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Mar-02 & Mar-03-2013

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Sandra Walsh
Brian Hennessy
8:30 am
Triona Downey

10:00 am
Hannah Bunyan
Stephen Bunyan
12:00 Noon
Sean Hennessy
Shane Lehane

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Fiona Feely

11:00 am
Jack Dorgan
Harry O'Brien
12:30 pm
Kay Carew
Jane O'Leary
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 & 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. Dave O'Connell C.C.	087-2479140
Fr. James McSweeney	021-4873308

Social / Coffee Mornings

Continue every Friday morning in parish house "Sonas" on Station Road at 10 am.

Everyone welcome as it is an ideal opportunity to get and know people from our community.

Society of St. Vincent De Paul

Monthly Collection
Next Weekend 2nd & 3rd March 2013

Please Support
Would you like to speak, in complete confidence, to a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society?
Please Phone: SVP Ballincollig 086 3202182
or SVP Tuckey St., Cork: 021 4270444



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Mar-02 & Mar-03-2013

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 / Tom Butler
Mona Holland

11:00 am Carmel Ryan
Eileen Byrne
Bernadett Spillane
Noel Kelleher
Laurence / Angela Cunningham

10:00 am Margaret Bunyan
Mary Murphy
Joan Tobin
Breda Monaghan
Niamh Nic Gearailt
Katie Collins

12:30 pm Eileen Garvey
Sally Power
Breda Callanan
Catherine Freehill
Betty Walsh / Liam Buckley

12 Noon marie Bowen
Breda Lenihan
Jacinta Jeffers
Rena O'Connor
Sean Farrell
Mary Hennigan

5:30 pm Olan O'Mahony
Ann-Marie Whelan

Lent & Christian Fasting

The Christian tradition of Lent as the "Great Fast" is a very ancient and universally respected one, with clear warrant in the Bible. In the present discipline of the Catholic Church the regulations prescribe that Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are to be observed as days of fast and abstinence. Fasting means that the amount of food we eat is considerably reduced. Abstinence means that we give up a particular kind of food or drink or form of amusement. Those over eighteen are bound by the law of fasting until the beginning of their sixtieth year, while all over fourteen are bound by the law of abstinence. There are many motives for fasting: To praise God by recognising that the good things we abstain from are gifts from God; to train ourselves in self-denial for times of temptation to sin; to do penance, fasting in atonement for sin to prepare for a feast - to heighten the enjoyment. So Lent prepares for Easter. To make an act of communion with those who live in want, fasting in solidarity with them, and then contributing to the needy. Other penitential exercises include: giving alms; abstinence from some foods or other pleasures; carrying out the duties of state; meditative reading of the scriptures or other religious books and magazines; controlling our desires for possessions that are newer, bigger, better and more automatic: controlling our desire for entertainment by TV and radio, films and spectator sport. "The annual observance of Lent is the special season for the ascent to the holy mountain of Easter. Through its twofold theme of repentance and baptism, the season of Lent disposes both the catechumens and the faithful to celebrate the paschal mystery. Catechumens are led to the sacraments of initiation by means of the rite of election, the scrutinies, and the catechesis. The faithful, listening more intently to the word of God and devoting themselves to prayer, are prepared through a spirit of repentance to renew their baptismal promises."