

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

150 Years



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 21-February-2016

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
Innishmore

This is my beloved Son, listen to him.

In today's Gospel we hear the story of Jesus taking three of his disciples, Peter, James and John with him to a mountain to pray. It was during this time of prayer that He was transfigured before them. Moses and Elijah appeared and were speaking to Jesus of his forthcoming Passion and Death. The disciples were both overawed and fearful at the scene unfolding before them, when 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. Perhaps, we may hear Jesus speaking to us when we open our hearts to listen to Him in prayer, or when we reflect on his word in Scripture. He also speaks to us in the events of everyday life and through the voice of others around us.

Today's Gospel gives us an insight into the importance of prayer in our lives. Jesus's time of prayer, in preparation for his journey to Calvary, is a reminder for us to take time to turn to God in prayer whenever we are facing difficulties and painful situations in our own lives. When our faith is tested we can be filled with doubt and fear and we may 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 being open to what God may be asking of us at this particular time. Prayer can transform our own lives and the situations we encounter.

In the second Reading, St Paul encourages us to remain faithful to the Lord. He goes on to remind us that our homeland is in Heaven and from heaven comes the Saviour we have been waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. The goal and destination of our life is to be with God forever. We ask you Lord to be with us in the 'ups and downs' of daily life. 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

Parish Office Vacancy

Applications are invited for part time Secretary/Receptionist in the parish of Ballincollig. The role involves regular contact with parishioners on the phone and in person. Good interpersonal skills necessary and some I.T. skills an important requirement. Applications to Fr. George O'Mahony, The Presbytery, Station Road. Ballincollig before March 5th.

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 might sustain the people of God in faith, hope and love.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who are suffering the effects of war, famine and persecution in particular the people of Aleppo at this difficult time.

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 teaching 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 tis through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord is my light and my help.

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Gillian O'Donovan, Grange Manor.
 Mary Hurst, Surrey.
 Michael Murray, Beech Park/Carriganarra.
 Eileen Murphy, Rathmore/Maglin.
 Abbey O'Sullivan, Model Farm Road.
 Arleen Ohman, Cullahill & USA.
 Liam Manley, Blarney.

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

Olive Coleman, Redemption Road.
 Sean Ryan, Coolroe.
 Fred Hutchinson, Barrack Street.
 Timothy & Bridget O'Leary, Fairhill.
 Deceased members of O'Connell & Whooley families.
 Tim & Margaret Kelleher, Bandon.
 Sean Nyhan, Inniscarra View.
 Patrick & Catherine Howard, Ballinlough.
 Bernie McNamara, Carrigrohane.
 Nora Barrett, Coolroe.
 Billy Whelton, Muskerry Estate.
 Lisa McKane, Leo Murphy Terrace.
 John & Lucy Barrett, Leo Murphy Terrace.
 Daisy Buckley, Farranree.
 Mary O'Connell, Main Street.
 Margaret Connolly, Elm Lawn.
 Denis Jordan, Willow Drive.
 Noel White, Inniscarra View.
 Teresa Gilleran, Lara Lawn.
 Teresa Strahan, Dublin.
 Rita Clohessy, Thurles.
 Stephen Downey, Macroom.
 Timmy Lehane, Ovens.
 Tim & Lily Lucey, Prosperity Square.
 Dan & Margaret Murphy, Knockburden.
 Dan Murphy, Bray.
 Sean McCarthy, Dunmanway.
 Con O'Mahony, Ballyphehane.
 Edward O'Sullivan, Glenleigh.
 Jim Murphy, Pine Walk.

Annual Pilgrimage to Knock

The annual pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Sunday May 29th 2016.

Bus leaving at 7am at the bus stop outside Garda station.
 Early booking advised.

For details contact: Sally 0214870954 or Cathleen 0214874730

Lourdes 2016 – Young Adult Helpers

The Diocese of Cork & Ross invites Young Adults 18-30 year olds to come to Lourdes as helpers from 11th – 16 June.

For further details contact Fr. Charlie Kiely 021 4537603
 Pastoral Development Office, Parochial House, Ballyphehane,
 Cork or email: Charles.kiely@corkandross.com.org

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Second Week Of Lent

21 Sunday Gen. 15:5-12, 17 -18. Ps. 26. Phil. 3: 17 -4: 1. Lk. 9:28-36. Lect I: 228
 22 Monday 1 Peter 5: 1-4 Ps 22 Mt 16: 13-19 Lect II: 962
 23 Tuesday Is. 1:10,16-20. Ps. 49. Mt. 23:1-12. Lect I: 232
 24 Wednesday Jer. 18:18-20. Ps. 30. Mt. 20:17-28. Lect I: 234
 25 Thursday Jer. 17:5-10. Ps. 1. Lk. 16:19-31. Lect I: 236
 26 Friday Gen. 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28. Ps. 104. Mt. 21:33-43, 45-48. Lect I: 239
 27 Saturday Mic. 7:14-15,18-20. Ps. 102. Lk. 15:1-3,11-32. Lect I: 241

Next Sunday's Readings 28-February-2016

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

BAPTISMS

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

Max John Connolly, Coopers Grange, Old Quarter.
 Isobel Violet Christopher, Waltham Abbey, Old Quarter.
 Benjamin Joseph Ginty, Carrigaline.
 Jesse Lucas Cotter, Rosewood

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.

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Talk for "Jubilee Year of Mercy"

The Pastoral Development Office have invited Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor to speak on "Pope Francis and the Gospel of Mercy" in Christ the King Church, Turner's Cross, Cork city on today Sunday 21st February at 3:00pm. Donation only. At this gathering Bishop Buckley will launch "The Year of Mercy Pilgrimage in Cork City".

Rediscovering Mercy

Four sessions to explore Mercy in a personal, local, global and prayerful context on Mondays 22nd, 29th February and Mondays 7th and 14th March beginning with coffee 10:30am and session from 10:45am to 12:15pm at the Pastoral Development Office, Ballyphehane, Cork – located in the grounds of Ballyphehane Church, access from Friars Walk where free parking is available. Contact: Sr Karen 021 4537601

The Matt Talbot Mass and Novena

Will continue this Friday, 26th February at 7.30p.m. in Togher Church. The Celebrant and preacher will be Fr. Shane Crombie C.C., who comes from Tullamore Parish. Some people will remember Fr. Shane from the Novena to Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, held in the Sacred Heart Church, Western Road, last September.

Thank You!

Sponsored Walk in Aid of Aleppo on 31st January 2016
 Just a little note to say thank you so much to Brid Dunne who walked a 10 mile sponsored walk to raise funds for Aleppo. The walk raised €805.00 which is fantastic and I want to say thank you to all who gave so generously. You are very kind.
 If anybody would like to carry out a fund raising event to raise money for Fr Ibrahim's Parish in Aleppo, please contact Virginia Harrington at virginia.harrington@murphyslaw.ie . Even the smallest event can make a huge difference and what is more important is that the people of Aleppo know that they are being remembered.

Cork Marriage Counselling Centre

Are you struggling in your marriage or family relationship? Why not talk to us to assess if couples or individual counselling might help. Contact us at 021 4275678 to arrange a low-cost preliminary professional consultation. It might break the ice and get you talking about what matters – your relationship.

Thanks Giving Mass January 10th

The Mass of thanks-giving celebrated by The Apostolic Nuncio Archbishop Charles Brown was recorded by Captured Occasions Video Productions. This was a very special and memorable occasion for the people of Ballincollig. DVD's are available at €15 each, if you wish to purchase please give your name and address to the parish office or sacristy

Cork Deaf Association of the Deaf

Church Gate Collection 30/31 January amounted to €538.96 with the help of some very kind local volunteers. The Cork Deaf Association are extremely grateful for your help and generosity.

Music Morning

Monthly Music Morning will take place in the Ballincollig Library on Tuesday February 23rd at 11am.
 It will be presented by Eileen Hackett & Kathleen Murray.
 Everyone most welcome. A cuppa will be served.

Bulletin Board

Masses during Lent for coming week.

Church of Christ Our Light

8.30am & 6:30 pm

Church of St. Mary & John

9.30am No evening Mass

Trocaire Boxes

Trocaire 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 Diaries

Mass Diaries to book Mass intentions for April, May, & June 2016 will open in both churches on Saturday March 12th at 8.30am

Priority will be given to 1st Anniversary Mass.

Tax Rebate

Many thanks to the Parishioners who returned their CHY4 Cert for 2015. The parish, being a registered charity, is entitled to claim tax back paid by their donors. Thank you for your support and I look forward to your continued support.

Lourdes Collection

The Lourdes collection amounted to €610. Many thanks for your generosity which is greatly appreciated

Coeliac Hosts

Altar Bread Supplies Ltd have informed us they are discontinuing the production of hosts that are totally gluten free. From now on a second chalice will be on the altar at all the Sunday Masses. This will be especially suitable for Coeliacs to receive Holy Communion.

Fr. George

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.

Ballincollig Family Resource Centre

ICOS in conjunction with BFRC present a National "Foot in the Door" @ Oriel House Hotel Ballincollig Tues 8th March, 9-1pm. The event is aimed at supporting job creation opportunities and employability as well as accessing / acquiring additional information and skills for work. Limited capacity/Pre-registration a requirement. For queries /pre-registration contact reception BFRC at 4876295. Ask to speak to Pat. We can also email you a pre-registration form.

SHEP

The Social & Health Education Project, Village Centre Station Road, Ballincollig. Course: Supporting Yourself as a Parent Start Date: 1st March 2016. Duration: 8 weeks. Cost: Free.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Feb-27 & Feb-28-2016

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Adrian Cotter
Alan Murphy
8:30 am
Tom McDonagh
Sean Casey
10:00 am
Louise McCarthy
Robert Noonan / Declan Crowley
12:00 Noon
Tony Lynch
Shane Tully

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Nonyi Ebili
Jennifer Nyagaya
11:00 am
Maebh Nic Mheanmain
Lisa Aylward
12:30 pm
Aisling Dore
Clara Herdman
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 & 6:30 pm
9:30 am	Tuesday	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am	Wednesday	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am	Thursday	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am	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

PARISH CLERGY

Priest on Duty 087-2479140
Fr. George O'Mahony P.P. 021-4871206
Fr. Cian O'Sullivan C.C. 021-4876171

Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

Week 22ndFeb to 28thFeb

Michael O'Leary
Kay O'Sullivan

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.



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

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Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Patsie Murphy
Pat Moore
Mary Walsh
Marie Healy
Margaret Kearney
Nora Barry

8:30 am Theresa Lucey
Tom Butler
Triona Collins

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

12 Noon Marie Bowen
Breda Lenihan
Jacinta Jeffers
Rena O'Connor
Sean Farrell

7:30 pm Sheila O'Connor
Martin O'Regan
Brid Healy-Harris
Kit Cahill

11:00 am Carmel Ryan
Eileen Byrne
Bernadett Spillane
Laurence / Angela Cunningham
David Mahony / Stella McVeigh

12:30 pm Eileen Garvey
Breda Callanan
Catherine Freehill
Betty Walsh

5:30 pm Olan O'Mahony
Noel Kelleher

Ireland's Best Kept Towns Competition 2016

Resulting from Ballincollig's excellent performance in last year's National Tidy Towns Competition, the town has qualified to participate in Ireland's Best Kept Towns Competition for 2016 under the Large Urban Centre Award.

Ireland's Best Kept Towns Competition is an all island initiative organised jointly by the Department and the Northern Ireland Amenity Council and participation is based on a town's performance in Tidy Towns and the Northern Ireland Amenity Council's 'Best Kept Awards' in the previous year. Adjudication takes place during the month of May and the results are announced at an awards ceremony in Belfast in June. There are four awards in this year's competition; Best Village, Best Small Town, Best Large Town and Best Large Urban Centre, with one of these going on to take the overall prize.

We ask for the support of the wider community to help us achieve more positive results for Ballincollig, categories to be judged are;

- Presentation of Buildings
- Appearance of Approach Roads and Streets and Public Areas
- Presentation of Natural Environment
- Presentation of Immediate Residential Areas
- Tidiness
- Comprehensiveness
- General Impression