

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 05-March-2017

First Sunday of Lent

Jesus fast of forty days reminds us that this is a holy season of self-denial. By rejecting the devil's temptations Jesus has taught us to rid ourselves of the hidden corruption of evil, and so to share his paschal mystery in purity of heart.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

The Season of Lent

Like spring Lent has come again for 2017. Both seasons Spring and Lent have quite a lot in common. Spring announces a new beginning with buds, flowers and new life shooting forth. Lent on the other hand invites us to make a fresh start in walking with Christ. The ashes on Ash Wednesday remind that as ambassadors for Christ we are called to a life of humility and simple living. Lent is a time of renewal and new beginnings. It is a time to more aware of the suffering and death of Christ, before we prepare to celebrate the joy and hope of the Resurrection at Easter. The gospel on the first Sunday of Lent tells us that God's word is nourishing --- "Man does not live on bread alone."

Lent is a period to reflect on the need for our focus to be on more than earthly things. The practicalities of life can dominate our lives. Life is full of rushing, planning and work. Lent is a time to think about what is really important. There- focusing of our lives on Christ by prayer and reflection is an important part of our spiritual journey. The sacrifices we make or the extra effort to make time for prayer or daily Mass and to become a better person is part of our journey to live a life focused on Christ and His gospel.

We have everything in Christ, He is everything for us, If you wish to heal a wound He is the doctor, If you burn with fever. He is the spring of refreshing water. If you have need of support, He is your strength. If you long for heaven, He is the way. If you seek nourishment. He is the bread. St Ambrose.

George O'Mahony

Reflection for Parents

Daily Lenten Prayer

Today Lord, I choose life,

I choose your love and the challenge to live it and share it,

I choose hope, even in moments of darkness,

I choose faith, accepting you as Lord and God,

I choose to let go of some part of my burdens,

day by day handing them over to you,

I choose to take hold of your strength and power ever more deeply in my life.

May this truly be for me a time of new life, of change, challenge and growth.

May I come to Easter with a heart open to dying with you and rising to your new life, day by day.

Amen

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 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 our temptations.

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, Mosul & Nigeria.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for the intentions of all here present.

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 this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Dermot O’Leary, Tory Top Rd., Turner’s Cross.
 Con O’Riordan, Kilnamartryra & Dublin Hill.
 Eileen Cotter, Inniscarra.

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

Joan & Eddie Murphy, Powdermills.
 Michael & Mary McEvoy, Castlepark.
 Tim Cagney, Gardiners Hill.
 Clare Dineen, Ovens.
 Pat Sheehan (Jnr), Coachford.
 Kevin Clarke, Ballincollig / Liverpool.
 Mary O’Connell, Main Street.
 Kathleen & Sonny Murray, Carrigrohane Road.
 Abbie O’Mahony, Main Road.
 Con & Kitty McCarthy, Poulavone.
 Deceased members of the O’Sullivan & Tully Families.
 William & Hannah O’Brien, Ballyphehane.
 Eileen Murphy, Rosewood.
 Eileen Walsh, Holly Road.
 Bridie & James Murphy, Dingle.
 Bridie & Eugene O’Sullivan, Ballingearry.
 Rose & Ted Moylan, Earlwood Estate.
 Sheila Twohig, Ovens.
 Joan O’Sullivan, Ovens.
 Jeremiah Buckley, Meelin, Newmarket.
 Con O’Mahony, Ballyvolane.
 Connie Jim O’Sullivan, Castletownkinneigh.
 Connie Jack O’Sullivan, Castletownkinneigh.

Pilgrimage to Knock

The Annual pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Sunday, 28th May 2017. Bus is leaving at bus stop outside the Garda Station. Early Booking advised – For details please contact: Sally at 021-4870954 or Cathleen on 021-4874730

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

First Week Of Lent

05 Sunday Gen. 2:7-9, 3:1-7. Ps 50. Rom. 5:12-19. Mt. 4:1-11. Lect I: 201

06 Monday Lev. 19:1-2,11-18. Ps. 18. Mt. 25:31-46. Lect I: 210
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07 Tuesday Is. 55:10-11. Ps. 33. Mt. 6:7-15. Lect I: 212

08 Wednesday In. 3: 1-10. Ps. 50. Lk. 11 :29-32. Lect I: 214

09 Thursday Esther 14:1,3-5, 12-14 (Vulgate). Ps. 137. Mt. 7:7- 12. Lect I: 216

10 Friday Ex. 18:21-28. Ps. 129. Mt. 5:20-26. Lect I: 218

11 Saturday Deut. 26:16-19. Ps. 118. Mt. 5:43-48. Lect I: 221

Next Sunday’s Readings 12-March-2017

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

BAPTISMS

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

Seán James Twohig, Parknamore.
 Claire Eva O’Sullivan, Willowfield.

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 Parish

Lenten Retreat

6th, 7th & 8th March
Church of Christ Our Light

Morning Mass: 7.00am
Prayers: Homily: Liturgy: 8.00pm

Theme:

“Which of these three, do you think, proved a neighbour to the man who fell among the robbers?

He said: ‘The one who showed mercy on him’.

Jesus said “Go and do likewise” (Luke 10:36)

Conducted by: Fr. Derek Meskell C.Ss.R.

Table Quiz

In aid of Pieta House on Friday, 10th March at 8.30 pm in The Market Tavern, Anglesea Street.

€20 per table of 4.

Music and free finger food.

Fantastic Raffle on the night.

All Welcome

Cork and Ross Diocesan Pilgrimage

11th – 16th June 2017 – 5 Night Full Board

Pilgrim Booking Forms available from:

Joe Walsh Tours, 117 Patrick Street, Cork.

Telephone Number: 021-4277959

Booking of the Official Sick/Assisted Section

Contact: Canon James O’Donovan P.P., Parochial House, Ballinlough, Cork. Telephone Number: 021-4292296

Used Clothing Collection

Scoil Eoin are having a Used Clothing Collection in the school from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday 7th March, 2017. Clothes can also be dropped in to the school on Monday 6th March between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Time to carry out that clean up you’ve been meaning to do, de-clutter that wardrobe for the Summer and get all those old clothes and mobile phones in to Scoil Eoin.

Cork Pioneers

Why not take a short pledge and abstain from alcohol for the duration of Lent. You can join us online: www.pioneerassociation.ie or contact: (01) 8749464 or here in Cork 086 364 2619

The Matt Talbot Mass for 2017, will begin on Monday, 6th March at 7.30pm in the Way of the Cross Church, Togher. Fr. Seán O’Leary C.C.Sp., Mission to Taiwan, will be celebrant and preacher. The Novena will run for the 6 Mondays of Lent. It can be watched on the internet by clicking on the live stream link on www.togherparish.ie

Muskerry Local History Society

200 Years since the First Balloon ascent in Cork

Muskerry Local History Society are organising a lecture on 'One of the most daring efforts of human enterprise' - the first balloon flight in Cork by Windham Sadler in 1816. One year later, Sadler became the first person to cross the Irish Sea in a balloon, a feat which had failed his father. In 1824, Windham Sadler died in a ballooning accident. The speaker, Mark Davies, is a descendant of the Leslie family who built the original gunpowder mills in Ballincollig, and author of 'King of all Balloons: the Adventurous Life of James Sadler, the first English Aeronaut'. The lecture will be held on Monday, 6th March, at 8.00 pm in Ballincollig Rugby Club.

Bulletin Board

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 and June will be opened in both churches on Saturday 11th March at 9.00am .Priority will be given to those booking 1st Anniversary Mass.

Family Mass (formerly Children’s Mass)

The next Children’s Mass for children in second class preparing for their first Holy Communion will take place on Sunday March 5th, at 11.00am in Church of Christ Our Light. The Parents of children who are seven and eight are asked to bring them to this Mass. Preparation with the children commences in the main body of the church at 10.45am.

Small children preschool/infants/1st class retire to the crying room where they celebrate the Liturgy of the Word in a child friendly fashion. They will return to the main church at the start of the offertory procession.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday 1st April 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.

Fr. George

Pilgrimage to Norfolk

Irish Group Pilgrimage to Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, Norfolk, England’s National Shrine of Our Lady
Friday 21st – Tuesday 25th April 2017
(4 Nights with full board €450.00)

Group accompanied by Spiritual Director
Pilgrims make their own air travel arrangements on designated Ryanair flights* to/from Stansted. Private coach is provided from/to Stansted and to/from Shrine. Accommodation is in Pilgrim Hostel – Deposit: €50 secures place. Book early as places limited. Insurance not included.

Details from:

Margaret Golden 086 855 4665 or Rose 087 9630 193

Balance Charity Shop

Balance Charity Shop are having a sale on Wednesday, 8th March until Friday, 10th March to support the Special Needs Summer Camp in Ballincollig.
All support gratefully appreciated.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Mar-11 & Mar-12-2017

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)

Niamh O'Riordan
Padraig McAuliffe

8:30 am

Triona Downey
riain Brennan / Miriam Healy

10:00 am

Grace Buttimer
Orla Horgan

12:00 Noon

Emer Wiseman

7:30 pm (Vigil)

Rebecca Feely / Siobhan Keane
Josh Nyagaya

11:00 am

Ciara Healy
Yago Greaux

12:30 pm

Bernard Vallely
Colm Walsh

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

7:00 am, 8:30 am & 6:30 pm

9:30 am

Tuesday

7:00 am, 8:30 am & 6:30 pm

9:30 am

Wednesday

7:00 am, 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

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Fr. George O'Mahony P.P.

021-4871206

Fr. Cian O'Sullivan C.C.

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Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

06-Mar-2017 to 12-Mar-2017

Tim Murphy

Siobhan Glavin

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

Mar-11 & Mar-12-2017

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm

Steve Wills
Bernadette Bell
Danny Farrell
Jim Walsh
Frances O'Brien
Eileen Coughlan

7:30 pm

Anne O'Regan
Mairead Murphy
Finbarr Murray
Mary Murphy
Lettie Kelly

8:30 am

Mary Buckley
Denis Healy
Tom Butler

11:00 am

Seamus O'Connell
Mary O'Connell
Alan O'Riordan
Geraldine Keohane
Gerard Murray / Ciaran
Kelleher

10:00 am

Christy Roche
Mary O'Regan
Elaine Crowley
Anna Buckley
Claire Creedon
Jim Lordan

12:30 pm

Lucy O'Callaghan
Jackie Sheehan
Michael O'Leary
J.P.O'Leary

12 Noon

Oliver O'Donovan
Sean Hennessy
Mary McLean
Eleanor Seymour
Nora Hennessy
Christina Walshe

5:30 pm

Noelle Buckley
Mary Breen
Valerie Barry



How can I help someone who's feeling suicidal?

Step-by-step action plan

- ◆ We know this is an extremely difficult time for you, as well as for your friend or loved one. You're probably very worried and may not know what to do. We're here to help you both through this crisis.
- ◆ **Treat the issue seriously.** First of all, you should take this really seriously. It's not just attention-seeking. Someone who's talking about feeling suicidal is likely to try to take their own life. Honour the person's trust by showing them kindness and compassion. Reassure them that you'll get them the help they need.
- ◆ **Take action.** Talk to them about Pieta House and maybe show them this website. Tell them you will be happy to phone us to make the initial appointment and that you'll come with them to the first meeting. When you call us, a trained centre manager will ask you some questions to make sure that you are bringing your friend or family member to the right place. Then we'll arrange an appointment for them as soon as possible.

Visit Pieta House

(Reach out to Pieta House Cork – let us help.

Phone: 021-4341400)