

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 03-March-2019

Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

In the Gospel today Jesus reminds us that just as we can recognise a peach tree because of the fruit that grows on it, people will recognise us as followers of Jesus by the way we live our lives, by the things we say and the things we do.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Good Trees and Bad Trees

Can you remember an occasion when you were giving out about the behaviour of another person, and later realised you had some of the same fault yourself? Was that a wake-up call for you? Jesus tells us it is more constructive to correct our own faults, than complain about the faults of others.

No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit. This parable invites us to examine the motivation behind what we do. If our basis motivation is love, then our lives will bear good fruit. If love is absent from our lives then the fruits will be conflict, disharmony and abuse of people for our own selfish ends.

Fr. George O'Mahony

Ash Wednesday

Lent begins next Wednesday 6th March.

Ashes will be blessed and distributed at all Masses.

Masses during Lent:

Church of Christ Our Light

8.30am & 6.30pm Weekdays

Church of St. Mary & John

9.30am Weekdays

Lenten Retreat

Monday, 11th, Tuesday, 12th & Wednesday 13th March

Church of Christ Our Light

Morning Mass: 7am

Prayers: Homily: Liturgy: 8pm

Conducted by the Redemptorists

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PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

With the dignity of God's children, we stand in prayer before our God and Father who is Lord of all creation.

Reader

May the Church in our day be an authentic witness to the Gospel and the goodness of Jesus.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for those struggling with addiction; May the words of St. Paul find a home with them and may they find reason to thank God for giving them victory over the challenges they face.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For our community;

That each of us may help it to be a place of kindness, thoughtfulness and sincerity, especially in how we speak of others.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For all our faithful departed;

That by God's mercy, they may come to know that death has been overcome by Christ.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

May this Lent see a new awakening of a spirit of compassion and service among all the baptised.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for the intentions of all here present.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest

We give you thanks, almighty Father, confident of your love and of your victory over all that troubles your beloved children. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Roisín O'Donovan, Ivy Circle.
Alice O'Donovan, Schull

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

Sean & May Callaghan, Galway.
Dec. Mem's McCormack family, Rathmore Place.

John Nyhan, Coolroe Heights.
Eileen Stack, Currihaly, Farnanes.
Clare Dineen, Ovens.
John & EllenThompson, Ovens.
Pat Sheehan (Jnr), Coachford.
Elizabeth Cronin, Toames.
Martin & Patrick Guinnane, Shanakiel/Kilkenny.
Abbey O'Mahony, Main Road.
Thomas & Mary O'Donoghue, Killarney.
Patricia Feeney, Beech Park.
Colin James Herlihy, Ballincollig and Toronto, Canada.
Brendan Butler, Aylsbury.
Michael & Margaret Cahill & son Tom, Fairhill.
Ann Aherne, Park Road.
William & Hannah O'Brien, Ballypnehane.
Ken Murphy, Wilton Road.
Eileen Murphy, Rosewood.
Mary Schwatru, Cloyne.
Stephen Murphy, Chapel Lane.
Paddy & Julie Murphy, Ovens.
Dec. Mem. of the O'Mahony Family, Macroom.
Michael Hegarty, Westcourt Heights.
Frances Barrett, Togher.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Eight Week In Ordinary Time

- 03 Sunday Eccles (Sir) 27:4-7. Ps 91 :2-3, 13-16, R/ cf. v 2. 1 Cor 15:54-58. Lk 6:39-45. Lect I:859
- 04 Monday Eccles. (Sir) 17:24-29. Ps. 31. Mk. 10:17-27. Lect II: 94
- 05 Tuesday Eccles. (Sir) 35:1-12. Ps. 49. Mk. 10:28-31. Lect II: 96
- 06 Wednesday Joel 2:1-18. Ps 50. 2 Cor 5:20. Mt6:1-6, 16-18. Lect I: 191
- 07 Thursday Deut 30:15-20. Ps 1. Lk 9:2-25. Lect I: 194
- 08 Friday Is 58:1-9. Ps 50. Mt 9:14-15. Lect I: 196
- 09 Saturday Is 58:9-14. Ps 85. Lk 5:27-32. Lect I: 198

Next Sunday's Readings 10-March-2019

Deut. 26:4-10. Ps. 90. Ram. 10:8-13. Lk. 4:1-13. Lect I: 207

Help the Homeless

Cork Simon's Coffee Morning is back, and we need your help. Organise a coffee morning during March in your workplace, school or home and help fight homelessness in Cork. Don't like coffee – no worries organise an Afternoon Tea instead. We have everything you need to help you organise your gathering. Please contact Margaret 021 4929415 to receive your pack.

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7
The Book called Ecclesiasticus or Ben Sira is not part of the Hebrew Bible. When the Hebrew Bible was translated into Greek some extra material was included. Among this material are seven books, of which this is one. Today's reading contains some short sayings. One of these refers to the quality of a tree being rated by the quality of its fruit. It is likely that Jesus encountered these proverbs and this book. If so, it's easy to see how they helped to shape his own teaching.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58
This is the final section from Chapter 15 of Paul's first letter to the Christians at Corinth. He has been saying that resurrection does not mean returning to the physical body we have now. Here he concludes by stating that we shall be changed so that we shall have a new, spiritual body that carries the image of the heavenly Christ.

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45
Today's Gospel is the final excerpt from the Sermon on the Plain. There are two themes in this section: on judging others and a test of goodness. The point of comparison of the three pairs of people who appear as examples here - namely, two blind people, a disciple and a teacher and two siblings - is to emphasise their equality. That is to say, in each case neither is superior to the other and so, neither one can afford to presume to correct the faults of the other.

Pilgrimage to Fatima

On 28th Sept to 4th Oct.
6 nights. Flights from Cork.
€609 if booked before Feb 1st (€50 discount).
Price includes trips to Eucharistic Miracle of Santarem
St Anthony's birth place in Lisbon
and Blessed Alexandrina Da Costa in Balasar.
Spiritual Director Fr Marius O'Reilly.
Limited places! Contact Damien on 087 204 9048

**Follow The Footsteps of Jesus
From Galilee To Jerusalem 2019**

Take the TRIP of a LIFETIME to the HOLY LAND, May 28th- June 7th 2019.

Group Leader, Mícheál de Barra and Spiritual Director, Fr. John Newman (Bible Scholar) In association with Premier Travel, Cork

Contact Mícheál at 0868337681/
emailculturaltoursireland@gmail.com

What former pilgrims have said about this tour:

'Masada was awe inspiring but I was moved by Calvary in a way I could not imagine or describe' (Mike)

'Keep it up, the happiness you brought to your pilgrims will never be forgotten,' (Alice)

'We will now read and hear the gospels in a very different light since our pilgrimage', (Lucille)

Lourdes 2019 - Young Adult Helpers

The Diocese of Cork and Ross invites young adults 18-25 to join the pilgrimage to Lourdes as helpers from 10th to 15th June. As helpers you will assist with the sick and be involved in the full pilgrimage programme – time for prayer, sharing in the story of Lourdes and making new friends. Limited number of places – for further Details contact Fr Charlie Kiely on 021 4537474

Reflection for Parents

The beginning of today's Gospel reading contains much food for thought for parents and all teachers of the faith. Jesus asks, "Can a blind person guide a blind person?" and he says, "When fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher". Today, take time to think about what you are doing to grow in your knowledge of the Catholic faith and in your relationship with God. Realise the importance of your role as the primary teacher of the faith to your child. Ask for the help and wisdom of the Holy Spirit in fulfilling this valuable ministry.

**South Munster Money Advice
and Budgeting Service CLG**

We are pleased to invite you to our office on 101 North Main Street, Cork on Friday 22nd March at 2pm for a brief information session detailing the services offered by MABS followed by some light refreshments. RSVP by 15th March to cork@mabs.ie / 076-1072090.

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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.

Coeliac Hosts

Low gluten hosts are available that are suitable for Coeliac. Please inform the priest prior to Mass if possible if you require it.

Family Mass

The next Family Mass for parents with children in second class preparing for their first Holy Communion will take place on Sunday 3rd March 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 these children commences in the main body of the church at 10.45am.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday 23rd March 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.

Tax Rebate

Many thanks to the Parishioners who returned their CHY4 Cert for 2018. 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.

Mass Diaries

Mass Diaries to book Mass intentions for April, May and June will be opened in both churches on Saturday 9th March. Priority will be given to those booking 1st Anniversary Mass.

Confirmation Dates 2019

Scoil Eoin	Tuesday, 12th March
Scoil Barra	Friday, 15th March
Our Lady of Good Counsel	Friday, 15th March
Gaelscoil Uí Ríordáin	Monday, 25th March
Scoil Mhuire	Friday, 5th April

First Holy Communion Dates 2019

Scoil Barra	11th May
Our Lady of Good Counsel	11th May
Gaelscoil Uí Ríordáin	18th May
Scoil Eoin	25th May
Scoil Mhuire	8th June

Fr. George

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Mar-09 & Mar-10-2019

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Michael Collins
Viktoria Sarkauy
8:30 am
Tom McDonagh
Seán Casey
10:00 am
Fearghal Monahan
Debra Daly
12:00 Noon
Sean Hennessy
Shane Lehane

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Pauline Collins
Dylan Ebili
11:00 am
Joseph Buckley
Rory Doherty
12:30 pm
Laura O'Leary
Brian Dore
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 & 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
12:45 pm	Sunday	

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

04-Mar-2019 to 10-Mar-2019

Tim Murphy
Siobhan Glavin

Cork Scripture Group

Title: The Gospel of John: Reflecting on the Word made Flesh
Facilitators: Fr. John Newman and Pauline Byrne
Mondays 4th, 11th, 25th March and 1st April from 7.30 – 9.30 p.m. in Scala Centre, Blackrock (opposite Blackrock Castle)
Saturday Workshop: Ecology and the Bible
Facilitator: Sr Celine Mangan OP (formerly of UCD and Milltown Institute)
Sat March 23rd from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. in Sacred Heart Hall, Western Road
Cost: €50 [for the 4 nights and Saturday workshop]
For those who wish to attend the workshop only, the cost will be €10.
To book a place or find out more please email corksripture-group@gmail.com

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MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Mar-09 & Mar-10-2019

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Steve Wills
Bernadette Bell
Frances O'Brien
Eileen Coughlan

7:30 pm Geraldine Lynch
Charles Vaughan
Joan Stephenson
Bernie Bowen

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Denis Healy
Tom Butler

11:00 am Neil Jeffries
Eileen O'Donoghue
Padraig Fleming
Hugh / Catherine Moran
Imelda Power / Martina Woods

10:00 am Christy Roche
Mary O'Regan
Elaine Crowley
Claire Creedon
Jim Lordan

12:30 pm Tom Murray
John O'Regan
Gerard Dunne
Brid Dunne

12 Noon Sean Hennessy
Mary McLean
Eleanor Seymour
Nora Hennessy
Christina Walshe

5:30 pm Bernard Curran
John Canty

World Down Syndrome Day — 21st March 2019 Guinness World Record.

In aid of The Down Syndrome Centre Cork, Bingo at the Rock will be hosting their annual coffee morning in aid of the charity from 10:00 am until 12 noon. FREE tea & Coffee and CAKES on the day as well as some AMAZING spot prizes that will be raffled as always. Aside from the coffee morning, they will also be making an attempt to break the WORLDS LARGEST BINGO CARD world record. This will begin at 12:30 followed by some bingo and major fun!! Tickets to be involved in the attempt at breaking the world record will be €20 and this will give the ticket holder entry into the game by means of a 3-page bingo book. Tickets can be bought in The Down Syndrome Centre, Forge Hill, Cork 0219615616 or in Rock Bingo, Deanrock Business Park, Togher, Cork. 021425011