

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 12-January-2020

The Baptism of the Lord

At his baptism Jesus was revealed as the Son of God and began his work of bringing the vision of God, his justice and his liberation to people. At our baptism each of us is given a share in this mission, so we become children of God.



Christ Our Light
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The Baptism of Jesus

It is surprising that Jesus, the Saviour of the world asked to be baptised by John. The request reminds us of the desire of Jesus to identify with us. At the same time he is filled with the Holy Spirit. That step of identifying with us is an important element in his being able to help us. Have you noticed that when someone identifies with you, it is easier for him / her to help you? Has your ability to identify with others had any impact on your effectiveness in helping others?

Today we might consider our own baptism and what it means to us. At that moment we were anointed as priests, prophet and Kings. To what extent do we live this in our Christian lives. John points us towards Jesus and we can ask, do we point the way to Jesus for others.

Remember today those who pointed the way for you at various times in your life. Maybe a grandparent, a friend, a parent or a neighbour. At various times in our lives we meet these "signposts" which help us grow in our faith and deepen our awareness of Christ's love .

Fr. George O'Mahony

Best Wishes For A Happy New Year

The priests of the parish join in sending New Year greetings to all members of the parish and to all readers of the Ballincollig Parishioner
Fr's George O'Mahony & Cian O'Sullivan

Reflection for Parents

Most parents know what it means to be pleased with our children. Even when they do things that annoy, challenge, or disappoint us, we love our children. Although we experience some notion of unconditional love with our own children, it is difficult for us to grasp the magnitude of God's love for us, even when we annoy, challenge, or disappoint Him. Through our baptism, we are members of God's family and will know the unconditional love of a parent.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Mindful that God has no favourites, and that each of us finds favour when we approach him with sincerity, let us now confidently raise our hearts in prayer.

Reader

For the Church, that her words and deeds may point to Jesus.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

That all the baptised may take their proper place in society.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For parents who present their children for baptism, that they may leave no stone unturned in bringing their children up to know and love Christ the Beloved.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the sick, the household and the vulnerable; may they encounter the goodness of Christ the Beloved in those who care for them.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the faithful departed, that they may hear the Father's invitation to enter into the joyful companionship of the saints.

**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

In your kindness, Father, help us to grow ever stronger in living out our baptismal commitments, as we make these prayers. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

First Week In Ordinary Time

12 Sunday Is. 42:1-4/ 6-7. Ps. 28. Acts. 10:34-38. Mt. 3:13-17. Lect I: 179 or 639

13 Monday 1 Sam. 1:1-8. Ps. 115. Mk. 1:14-20. Lect II: 457

14 Tuesday 1 Sam. 1:9-20. Ps. 1 Sam. 2. Mk. 1:21-28. Lect II: 459

15 Wednesday 1 Sam. 3:1-10, 19-20 Ps. 39 Mk. 1:29-39. Lect II: 461

16 Thursday 1 Sam 4: 1-11. Ps 43. Mk 1:40-45. Lect II: 464

17 Friday 1 Sam. 8:4-7, 10-22. Ps. 88. Mk. 2:1-12. Lect II: 466

18 Saturday 1 Sam. 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1. Ps. 20. Mk. 2:13-17. Lect II: 468

Next Sunday's Readings 19-January-2020

Is. 49:3,5-6. Ps. 39. 1 Cor. 1:1-3. In. 1:29-34. Lect I: 641

BAPTISMS

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

Alex Eoin O'Sullivan, Fionn Laoi.
 Clara Áine O'Donnabháin, Ovens.
 Lucy Marie Kennedy, Carrigrohane.
 Celine Margaret Treacy, Dublin.
 Sam Henry Lucey, Model Farm Road.
 Hailie Erin O'Callaghan, Greenfields.
 Aaron Patrick McCarthy, Ballincollig/Lissarda.
 Nadia Mary McCarthy, Ballincollig/Lissarda.
 Cormac John Walsh, Fionn Laoi.
 Alex Daniel Farmer, Ovens.
 Grace Ellen McCullagh, Beech Park.
 Corey Peter McGowan, Cranford Pines.
 Jakub Dymet, Station Road.
 Clodagh Breedra Farrell, Inniscarra View.
 James Seán O'Leary, Greenfields.

The Irish Blood Transfusion Service

will hold a Blood Donor clinics in

Ballincollig GAA Pavilion,
 on Monday 13th & Tuesday 14th January
 &
 Ovens Éire Óg GAA Hall,
 on Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th January

5pm – 8.30pm, each day

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

Richard Power, Rossmacowen, Beara.
 Pat Daly, Castletownroche.
 Peter Winning, Togher.
 Paddy Owens, Inniscarra View.
 Oliver Lawlor, Wicklow.
 Denis Sheehan, Kilmurray.
 Marie Moynihan, Kilnaglogy.
 Rose Murray, Inniscarra.
 Jim Cotter, Mayfield/Ballincollig.
 Catherine Keogh, Clonmel.
 Josephine Corkery, Daffodil Fields.
 Breeda McGrath, Glasheen.
 Joe Quinn, Model Farm Road.
 James Geraghty, Belmullet, Co Mayo.
 Sheila O'Reilly, Farran.

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

Alan O'Brien, Gurranabraher.
 May Keohane, Inniscarra.
 Gerry Ward, Douglas.
 Ted Dineen, Ovens.
 Sheila O'Reilly.
 Pat Sheehan, Coachford.
 Jerry Delaney, Maglin.
 John Kelleher, Rosewood.
 Catherine & Robert Morey, Wolfe Tone St.
 Sr. Elizabeth Lynch, Ovens.
 Don McGovern, Rosewood.
 Rita Forde, Curraheen.
 Dec. Mem's of Aherne Family, Fr. Sexton Park.
 Olan McCarthy, Cork/California.
 Lisa Dineen (nee Cronin), Maryborough/Glincool.
 Denis Murphy, Fr. Sexton Park.
 Mary Hourihan, Skibbereen.
 Kathleen Kiely, Glincool.
 Joe & Aoife Redmond, Cloghroe.
 Patrick & Margaret Kenneally, Curraheen.
 Patricia O'Donovan, Raheen.
 Dec. Mem's of O'Donovan & Ring families.
 Margaret Horgan, Carriganarra Est.
 Peter Healy, Beech Park.
 Dec. Mem's of Healy & Lane families.
 Dec. Mem's of Cunningham family, Waterford.
 Trevor Philips, England.
 Dec. Mem's of O'Keeffe, Boyce & Aherne families.
 Patrick Foley, Kerry/Wembley.
 John Joe O'Connell, Maglin.
 Rene Lucey, Station Road.
 Michael O'Mahony, Whitethorn Avenue, Inniscarra View.

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
 "Here is my servant whom I uphold. I, the Lord, have called you for the victory of justice," said Isaiah. "To open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners," and to make you a light for the nations.

Second Reading: Acts 10: 34-38
 God does not play favourites. All who fear the Lord are justified. God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and the power to do good works and heal all in need.

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17
 Jesus came to the Jordan River to be baptised by John. At first John objected and said that it was he, John, who should be baptised by Jesus. Jesus indicated a future baptism when he responded to John saying that it was fitting for John to baptise Jesus. John acquiesced and at the conclusion of the baptism, the Spirit came down from heaven in the form of a dove and clearly announced Jesus as his son. God was pleased with His son.

Charitable Donation Scheme

The Charitable Donation Scheme allows tax relief on qualifying donations made to eligible charities and approved bodies.

If an individual makes a donation of over €250 in the year, the charity or approved body can claim a refund of tax paid on that donation by the donor.

If a company makes a donation of over €250 in the year, the company can claim a tax deduction as if the donation was a trading expense.

There is a four year time limit for making a claim under this scheme.

For those wishing to participate please download the CHY4 form from www.revenue.ie, complete and return it to the Parish Office.

Mary Elmes, Holocaust Hero

Ann Twomey will present a lecture on Mary Elmes, a Cork-born woman, who rescued Jewish children from a camp in Vichy France during the Second World War. This saved them from being transported to extermination camps in Poland. Her dangerous work resulted in her imprisonment by Nazi authorities but it didn't prevent her from renewing her work after her release. The lecture, organised by Muskerry Local History Society, will be held in Ballincollig Rugby Club on Monday, 13 January at 8.00 pm

Bulletin Board

Christmas Collection

The Priests of the Parish would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generosity in the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Collection for the Priests of the Parish. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Thank You

Sincere thanks to the many people who gave their time throughout the past year Altar Society, Altar Servers, Choir, Cantors, Folk Group, Ministers of the Word, Ministers of the Eucharist, Collectors, Cleaners, Parish Council, The Parishioner and Parish Council Sub Groups, people who distributed dues envelopes and the various flyers, the Sacristans in both Churches. Thanks to the people of the Parish for their generous support to the Priests of the Parish. Your support is much appreciated. We wish you and your families a happy New Year.

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 Children's Mass for children in second class preparing for their first Holy Communion will take place on Sunday 19th January 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.

Diocesan Envelope Collection

The quarterly envelope collection in aid of the Diocesan Funds will be taken up next weekend 18th & 19th January at all masses.

Offertory Collection Boxes

The boxes of envelopes for the Offertory Collection are available in both churches. Families are asked to take one box. Please use the envelopes for the Offertory Collection for the Vigil and Sunday Masses during the year. The Offertory Collection is solely for the upkeep, maintenance, insurance, lighting, heating and related expenses of both churches.

Parishioners who gave their name and offertory box number for Tax Rebate to the Church will have their boxes delivered to them. Thanks for your generosity and we look forward to your support for the coming year.

Fr. George & Fr. Cian

'A friend knows the song in my heart and sings it to me when my memory fails'

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Jan-18 & Jan-19-2020

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
 Niamh O'Riordan
 David O'Connell
8:30 am
 Pat Fennell
 Kate Healy
10:00 am
 Lauree Hegarty
 Mary O'Driscoll
12:00 Noon
 Seán Hennessy
 Shane Lehane

7:30 pm (Vigil)
 Pauline Collins
 Dylan Ebili
11:00 am
 Jamie O'Sullivan

12:30 pm
 Brian Dore

5:30 pm
 Marlyn O'Connor

MASS TIMES

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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	Thursday	8:30 am
9:30 am	Friday	8:30 am
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

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Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

13-Jan-2020 to 19-Jan-2020

Michael O'Leary
 Kay O'Sullivan

Are we ready to travel!

One day we all will depart on a journey free of cost. Don't worry about seat reservation, it is confirmed. The flight is always on time. Our good deeds will be our luggage. Humanity will be our passport. Love will be our visa. Make sure we do our best so that we travel to heaven in business class.



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Jan-18 & Jan-19-2020

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Bernadette Bell
 Betty Casey
 Frank Riordan
 Siobhan Riordan
 Pauline Quane
 Aisling Leahy

8:30 am Mary Buckley
 Mary B. Murphy

10:00 am Betty Flavin
 Anne Spillane
 Anne O'Connell
 Con O'Connell

12 Noon Seamus O'Donovan
 Eleanor Knowles
 Catherine Greene
 Joan Barrett
 Frances Hogan
 Mary O'Leary

7:30 pm Sheila O'Connor
 Brid Healy-Harris
 Kit Cahill
 Mary Murphy

11:00 am Angela Cunningham
 Laurence Cunningham
 Eileen Byrne
 Bernadett Spillane
 David Mahony

12:30 pm Eileen Garvey
 Betty Walsh
 Theresa O'Driscoll

5:30 pm Sheila Curran
 Margaret Kelly
 Noelle Buckley

Night Prayer

Now I am going to sleep and if this sleep be for me the sleep of death then may your own mighty hand lead me from the light of this world into the great light of eternity. Our night prayers are our final conversation of the day with God, and this lovely old prayer from the Scottish Gaelic is a wonderful example of the spirit that should permeate our night prayer. This little prayer touches on so much of Christian faith and hope. It is a solemn but confident handing over of ourselves to God's loving care; it is a calm acknowledgement that we are pilgrims on this earth and that day by day, night by night, our heavenly Father is leading us to himself and to our heavenly home. Such an approach can help make our night prayer a richer experience. Many of us may have been encouraged or even dragooned, in our earliest years - 'Say your night prayers' before going to bed. What did that mean for us? Perhaps it was a quick act of contrition for anything we had done wrong in the day. Now, an examination of conscience and an act of contrition at the end of the day are excellent practices, and I hope we are doing this and leading our children to do likewise. However, our night prayer is not to consist of these acts only - it is, like all our prayers, to be centred on God and his grace. It reaches out to God in gratitude, contrition, trust, hope and petition. We need not focus straight away on our failures, rather try and see how God was with us during the day, what God was doing with us and for us, and how we responded. then we can thank God for his grace at work in us and ask pardon for our failures. Finally, we can ask God for the blessings of his protection and a good night's rest - no small matter in our stressful world.