

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 26-February-2023

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

First Sunday of Lent - 50 years of Trocaire

As we are beginning the season of Lent we journey with Trocaire over the next few Sundays of Lent. Did you know that Trocaire is celebrating its 50th Birthday this year? In 1973 the bishops of Ireland established Trocaire in response to poverty and injustice in the developing world. The same year, fifty years ago, Ryan Tubridy, the television and radio presenter and Grainne Seoige, journalist and television presenter were born. 1973 also saw the United States ending its involvement in the Vietnam War after the signing of the Paris Peace Accords.

Saint Paul VI's was Pope and who famously said: If you want peace, work for justice. (Pope Paul VI in his message for the Celebration of the Day of Peace in 1972)

This declaration, "if you want peace, work for justice" is exactly what the Bishops of Ireland put into action, when they established Trocaire in 1973.

In the past 50 years Trocaire has given and enabled many people from all over the world to new hope, new dreams, new tools, new skills. "From the time when it was first founded Trocaire has taken a strong stance on issues of international justice - exploitation of poor people and minorities, human rights, and the struggle for justice by the people of countries governed by dictatorial repressive governments, especially in Latin America and South Africa." In the reading we hear about Adam and Eve, how they got tempted and failed to stay strong. In the Gospel Jesus had been tempted by the Devil. Adam and Eve were presented with a paradise. With a divine order. The creation at its best. God had created them in His image.

Did you ever wonder if God knew that they might be tempted? That Adam and Eve might be curious about what else is there? In the Gospel we hear about Jesus being tempted. After forty days in the desert. Jesus was alone, maybe deep in prayer but no doubt he was challenged. He could have given in. The Devil offered to end his forty days in the desert. However, Jesus, true God and true Man, trusted in God and was able to turn away from the temptation.

Similarly, Adam and Eve and Jesus you and me are tempted here today. We could choose to sit back and let Trocaire do what they do best, without thinking more about. We could ignore what Saint Paul VI's said: If you want peace work for justice. We could leave the Church without paying any further attention to what's going on in the world. But wait a moment: Adam and Eve's Eyes were opened! Jesus saw through the Devil and its plan!

What do you "see" when thinking about Trocaire? It is the responsibility of every Christian to work for Justice to establish peace. You cannot sit back - the past twelve months have shown how fragile peace has become. We have to look at the reality of our brothers and sisters - and once we do - there can only be one outcome — to support the work of Trocaire on our behalf - today and for the next fifty years to come.

Christina Malone - Trocaire

Taizè Prayer

Will be held in Christ our Light Church 7.30pm during March: Friday 3rd, Friday 10th, Friday 23rd, Friday March 31st. All are welcome to come and pray for these four Fridays in Lent. The prayer format consists of Taizè Chants, one psalm, one scripture reading, Silence and Prayers of Intercession. If you play a musical instrument, you are very welcome. It would be lovely if the various languages could be used in the chants. Then it would be a truly Taizè Prayer.

LECTIO DIVINA

God is real and alive and active in our lives.

To deepen our awareness of the Divine Presence in our daily lives come along to pray with the Scriptures on Tuesday nights at 7.30 in Sonas house. Beginning first Tuesday in March. All welcome. Contact Goretti at 0861611615 if you have any questions.

Faith and Freedom

From 9th. March the group "Faith and Freedom " (Veritatis et Libertas) will present the world renowned course called "Alpha" in the "Annex" attached to the Community Hall, Ballincollig, each Thursday night @ 7.30. Night will begin with tea/coffee and refreshments followed by a teaching video via screen followed by discussion in small groups 7 to 10 max. and guaranteed to finish by 9.00 pm The whole idea is to have a look at what our lives and existence is all about. "Truth will set you free", so what is the truthful way we're encouraged to live our lives? Not a bunch of "do's" and "don'ts" but a full life of peace, love and joy. Isn't that what we'd all ask for? We know we have a formula for that existence, through this course. Please note again the dates and times above. Contacts 086/8200933 087/2185282 085/1555000

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

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

First Week of Lent

- 26 Sunday Gen. 2:7-9, 3:1-7. Ps 50. Rom. 5:12-19. Mt. 4:1-11. Lect I: 201
- 27 Monday Lev. 19:1-2,11-18. Ps. 18. Mt. 25:31-46. Lect I: 210
- 28 Tuesday Is. 55:10-11. Ps. 33. Mt. 6:7-15. Lect I: 212
- 01 Wednesday Jon. 3:1-10. Ps. 50. Lk. 11:29-32. Lect I: 214
- 02 Thursday Esth. 4:17. Ps. 137:1-3. Mt. 7:7-12. Lect I: 216
- 03 Friday Ez 18:21-28. Ps 129. Mt 5:20-26. Lect I: 218
- 04 Saturday Deut. 26: 16-19. Ps. 118. Mt. 5:43-48. Lect I: 221
- 05-March-2023 Gen. 12: 1-4. Ps. 32. 2 Tim. 1:8-10. Mt. 17: 1-9. Lect I: 223

† IN SYMPATHY †
 PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :
 Maura Butler, Ballincollig/Inniscarra/Carlow.
 Allan Boyce, Milford.
 Aidan Handley, Dublin.
 Helena (Lena) Hourihan, Ballincollig/Pouladuff.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS OR OTHERWISE REMEMBERED:
 Nora Barrett, Coolroe.
 John Nyhan, Coolroe Heights.
 Tim Cagney, Gardiner's Hill.
 Alexander Myles, Church View.
 Stella O'Callaghan, Raheen Farm.
 Mary O'Connell, Main Street.
 Mary-Anne Sheehan, Blarney Street.
 Daniel McSweeney, Gurranabraher.
 Derry Lane, Castlepark/Westgate.
 Eugene & Margaret Vallely, Bishopstown.
 Joe Kavanagh, Fr. Sexton Park.
 Patrick Feeny, Beech Park.
 Edward O'Sullivan, Glenleigh, Kilcorney.
 Con O'Mahony, Ballyvolane.
 Bill Whelton, Muskerry Estate.
 Jim Deasy, Aherla.

Mass Times for week ahead

St. Mary & St. John		Christ Our Light
8:30 am & 10 am	Sunday	11 am & 12:30 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
6 pm (Vigil)	Saturday	7:30 pm (Vigil)

Bulletin Board

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.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament continues every Friday from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m. in St. Mary & St. John's Church.

Meditation

Meditation continues every Tuesday in Ballincollig Community Hall after 9.30am Mass. Please feel free to join any Tuesday.

First Friday

Friday 3rd March is the first Friday of the month. There is Mass in St Mary & St John on Friday evening at 7.30pm. 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 neighbor who is sick or housebound.

Reflection for Parents

One of our primary goals as parents is to help our children discover their gifts and use them generously in a way that glorifies God. From a very early age we can remind our children of the source of their gifts and encourage them to use them humbly.

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 Church Cantor

Tony O'Brien available with accompanist
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