

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 26-February-2006

Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time
(Day of Prayer for Temperance)

The gift of speech is a tremendous power, but it can be used for good or evil. As a rule, our speech reflects the kind of person we are: if we allow Christ's victory to dominate our lives, then our speech will be kindly, tolerant and non-judgemental.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Week of Directed Prayer

On the 5th March 2006 we will again hold a week of Directed Prayer. This week gives participants an opportunity to gain a deeper insight into the Bible, and their own prayer life. A team of trained guides from outside the Parish will direct the week. Each guide will, on an individual and private basis, help the participant to pray, and to reflect on what God is saying to him or her in his or her life. All parishioners and prayer groups are asked to please pray for all those taking part in this week.

WHO CAN COME? Anyone who would like help in prayer and who can give the time. 30 minutes each day of the week (Monday – Friday)

WHERE? Ballincollig Parish

WHEN? 5th – 10th March inclusive.

HOW DO I APPLY? Complete the section below and drop it into the Sacristy of either Church before 26th February.

IMPORTANT

The Retreat will begin with a meeting for Guides and participants --- on Sunday 5th March at 7.00 pm in the Annex Room, Community Centre.

Any Questions Phone: Mary 4871275
Sally 4870841

Please complete and return this portion as soon as possible to facilitate booking of sufficient prayer guides.

I would be interested in taking part in the Week of Prayer.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No: _____

Suitable Time please tick (✓) as appropriate

Morning	<input type="checkbox"/>
Afternoon	<input type="checkbox"/>
Evening (after 6 pm)	<input type="checkbox"/>

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

For the Church, that the light of Christ will shine in every corner of the world, warming the naked, feeding the starved, and comforting the lonely.

Reader

For the world and all who live in it: may our efforts to live in peace with one another help to make these days the truly “acceptable time” of God’s salvation.

Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For families: that the members of families may support each other in happy times and sad, and encourage each other in doing good.

Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For those we have rejected, deliberately or without thinking, that the love of Jesus will heal their wounds and lead us to reconciliation.

Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

That in our daily suffering, stress, worries and hardship we recognise and accept our own crucifixion with Christ.

Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

That we will use our skills to break the bonds of illiteracy, hunger, unemployment, and poverty that burden nearly half the people of the world.

Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who have departed from us in death, whether they died strong in faith or in confusion and fear, that they may rise in glory with Jesus on the last day’

Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest

Father, so often we are like those who first heard Christ: blind, deaf and insensitive to the reality before us. Help us as we struggle to grasp the word we have listened to, as we strive to share with others the love we have felt in our midst. Let Christ gown in our lives. We ask this, Father in his name: Christ the Lord.

Amen

BAPTISMS

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

Aisling Guinevan, Classes Lake
 Emma Rose McElwain, Greenfields
 Polly Wall, Portobello, Dublin 8
 Rory Michael O'Flynn, Wyndham Downs
 Sinead Ellen Woodhouse, Westcourt
 Sophie Elizabeth Brown, Greenfields.

MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Kieran Denis O'Connell, Kerry Pike & Barbara Ann McDonagh, Bridgewater.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Ena Barry, Togher R.I.P.
 Mourned by her friend Sheila Courtney, Glincool.
 Sonny Horgan, Glanmire
 Mary O'Leary, Farran R.I.P.
 Mourned by her grandson Michael O'Leary, Limeworth.

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

Bina Carroll, Cloghdubh.
 Breda O'Donovan, Dunmanway.
 Brian Magennis.
 Deceased members Hallahan family.
 Edward O'Sullivan, Glenleigh.
 Eileen Nagle, Model Farm Road.
 Gerard Spillane, Castleknock.
 Jim Deasy, Aherla.
 Joe & Mary Kearney, Beech Park.
 John Kelly, Dunmanway.
 John O'Sullivan, Glanmire.
 Joseph Fleming, Mallow.
 Ken Murphy, Castle View.
 Lily Lucey, Prosperity Square.
 Lucy Doyle, Mallow.
 Margaret Sexton, Bweeng.
 Marie Quin, Muskerry Estate.
 Mary O'Mahony, Castlepark.
 Michael Bobby Linehan, Inniscarra.
 Michael Murray, Quakers Rd..
 Mildred & Saidbh McCarthy, Rosewood & Union Hall.
 Mona Healy, Bishopstown.
 P.J McCarthy, Templemartin..
 Paddy & Margaret O'Callaghan, Dripsey
 Rose Moylan, Earlwood Estate.
 Sean McGeough, Muskerry Estate.
 Sheila Murray, Carrigrohane.
 Tim Cagney, Gardners Hill.
 Timothy Finbarr Lehane, Ovens.
 Timothy O'Keefe.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Eight Week In Ordinary Time

26 Sunday Hos 2:16-17, 21-22. Ps 102. 2 Cor 3:1-6. Mk 2:18-22. Lect I: 754
 27 Monday 1 Pet 1:3-9. Ps 110. Mk 10:17-27. Lect II: 549
 28 Tuesday 1 Pet 1:10-16. Ps 97. Mk 10:28-31. Lect II: 551
 01 Wednesday Joel 2:1-18. Ps 50. 2 Cor 5:20. Mt6:1-6, 16-18. Lect I: 191
 02 Thursday Deut 30:15-20. Ps 1. Lk 9:2-25. Lect I: 194
 03 Friday Is 58:1-9. Ps 50. Mt 9:14-15. Lect I: 196
 04 Saturday Is 58:9-14. Ps 85. Lk 5:27-32. Lect I: 198

Next Sunday's Readings 05-March-2006

Gen 9:8-15. Ps 24. 1 Pet 3:18-22. Mk 1:12-15. Lect I: 205

Community Games Church Gate Collection

As the local Ballincollig Community Games Committee begins preparations for another season they take the opportunity to express their gratitude to the Ballincollig community and commercial sectors for their continued financial support. Without such support it would not be possible to continue to provide the youth of the area with the opportunity to represent Ballincollig and Cork at national level. With the start of a new season the local committee appeals for adult support in organising this year's programme. People interested in getting involved should contact the Chairman Rick O'Mahony at either 087-2358347 or 4872629. The annual Church Gate Collection will be held this Saturday and Sunday. Once again they appeal for the continued generous support of the community on behalf of the youth of the area.

Cork Simon Community Shop

The Cork Simon Shop urgently requires good quality clothes, shoes, books and bric-a-brac for their shop on North Main Street. These goods will be given to residents or resold to raise funds for the Cork Simon Community. The Simon Shop is on 97 North Main Street and is open 10 am to 4 pm Monday to Saturday, so please drop in your goods here. We will not accept electrical goods or furniture.

Diary for Mass Intentions

The diary to book mass intentions for April, May & June will be open in the Sacristy of St. Mary & St. John and the Sacristy of Christ Our Light on Saturday 11th March at 9.00 am.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Hosea, 2:16-17, 21-22
 The relationship between God and His chosen people is described in terms of the faithful love between a man and his wife. It is a relationship of trust, faithfulness and love. This will be the new Messianic Age, the age of Jesus in which we now live. This is an age in which God's people will at last respond to the Divine love with tenderness and gratitude.

Second Reading: 2 Cor. 3: 1-6
 St. Paul stresses the love and affection that exists between him and the people to whom he has preached. He sees himself as nothing more than a secretary for Jesus. Everything that he has achieved in his mission is due to the power of Jesus. The "new covenant" means the religion of Christ.

GOSPEL: Mark 2: 18-22
 Fasting was well known to the Jews as a sign of repentance and mourning. The question put to the Lord was intended to place him in an unfavourable light. Christ uses a simple illustration to show that fasting by his disciples is inopportune while he is still with them.

In the two further illustrations, Jesus shows that the disciples were being prepared for a new life animated by a spirit totally different from that of the Pharisees. In this new way of life fasting would be practised as a sincere expression of repentance, not as a display of righteousness.

Children's' Mass in Christ Our Light

The 11.00 am Mass in Christ Our Light welcomes children of 2nd and 3rd class. Before the readings, the children are invited to the Crying Room. Parents prepare and present the Liturgy of the Word in an appropriate way. Parents are welcome to come along and observe the Liturgy and take part in it if they so wish.

Society of St. Vincent De Paul

Church Gate Collection
 will take place on
 Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th March, 2006

First Friday

Friday 3rd March 2006
 Church of St. Mary & St. John
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following 11:00 am
 Women's World Day of Prayer Service.
Rosary 6:45 pm. **Directed prayer** 7:00 pm.
Benediction 7:45
Holy Mass 8:00 p.m.

Reflection for Parents

Parents know that life is a constant adjustment. We swing from plan A to plan B with the ease of a circus trapeze artist. Some changes are simply an alteration of our errand route, but others may involve learning to live without a loved one or modifying our life style due to economic change. There are many expressions that summarise letting go of something old in order to receive something new. Our children take their cues from us as they learn to adjust to change. This was the message that Jesus conveyed in today's gospel. Sometimes the new and old just don't work together. Sometimes we have to let go of the old and totally embrace the new. For some it was difficult and even impossible. The others chose to follow Jesus.

Cork Simon Community

Cork Simon Community is seeking volunteers to help out for a few hours a week in their administrative offices in Cove Street, Cork. Some office experience is desirable, but training will also be provided.
 If interested, please contact Georgia or Carol in at: 021-4321051, or email: info@corksimoncommunity.ie

Women's World Day of Prayer Service (International and Interdenominational)

Venue: Church of St. Mary & St. John
Date : Friday 3rd March, 2006
Time: 11.00 am

Speaker: Mrs. Mary Venables
 After the service there will be a cuppa at Ballincollig Town Centre and a visit to our New Prayer Room

Ash Wednesday – 1st March, 2006

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. It is primarily a time of prayer and turning to the Lord but it is also a time to think of others. There will be an evening mass in each church during the weekdays of Lent. Trocaire boxes are available through the primary schools and some in each Church.

Ashes will be distributed at each of the Masses on Ash Wednesday.

Lee Valley Ladies Club

March Meeting Wednesday 1st March 2006
 Time: 8:30 pm
 Venue: White Horse Inn, Ballincollig (Upstairs)
 Guest Speaker: Francis O'Brien
 Topic: *Forever Living, Aloe Vera Products*
 All Ladies Welcome
 Non Members €5

Scoil Eoin & Scoil Mhuire

Enrolment Week
March 6th to 10th
 Open Afternoon
 At Scoil Eoin & Scoil Mhuire
 For parents of children wishing to attend these Primary Schools
 On Wednesday, March 8th from 2 pm - 4.00 pm
 Bring the children along...

The Lord is compassion and love.

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