

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 01-February-2004



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road



Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time
The messengers of God's truth have often had to suffer hostility and rejection. This is still part of the Church's fate today as it continues the work of the prophets. As we struggle for truth we are encouraged by the Lord's words to Jeremiah "I am with you to deliver you."



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

" He has sent me to bring good news to the poor"

The past few days have been fascinating for me as I visited some of the primary schools in the parish where the pupils and their teachers are preparing for the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. During the visits I tried to help the pupils to reflect for a little while on Luke's gospel and the question " Who are the poor" Various examples were given immediately i.e. - those without money; people without good clothes; the homeless; several categories of physical poverty were mentioned. Then the discussion moved on to "those who are not loved or perhaps those who are loved only when they please or oblige others ". Very quickly it is dawning on us that poverty is very difficult to confine and that Christ uses the term to describe something that is much wider than the lack of Money or Designer clothes or Fashionable houses and cars. Meanwhile the talk shows on radio were buzzing with a discussion" how to make friends "- " how to become the life and soul of every party". The chat shows and Luke's gospel are using very different language but I believe they are talking about a similar topic. The question for me though is "Do I want to recognise the poor and then perhaps with the help of God I may be able to bring them some Good News.

Today is a cold January day with the sun shining brightly; it is my favourite kind of winter day. Already people are talking about their gardens and some have begun to prepare their gardens for Spring and that is great. Perhaps like his own town people in today's Gospel we say we are delighted with Jesus, but in the bars, canteens and betting offices we might be tempted to say he should "stay with us". We may like to restrict Jesus to ourselves and more importantly restrict his way to our way of doing things and thinking and try to control God. We can be very caring and committed people in our work place but impossible in the home or the reverse can also apply. Lord help each of us to prepare for Spring with Luke's Gospel and do some digging if needs be and even some uprooting if some attitudes are in conflict with Christ's Good news.

George O'Mahony

Reflection for Parents

How many times do we react to what appears to be the situation? A few times of being wrong slows parents down and teaches us that "things are not always as they seem." It takes time and often forces us to "eat humble pie" (or at least laugh at ourselves), but very often, by the time we "get the story" we recognize that we have come to the wrong conclusion, that the evidence is misleading. We need to show our children that we trust and have faith in them. If our first impression turns out to be correct, then we can take necessary disciplinary steps, but at least our children recognize our faith in them as our first response.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

With faith in God's love and goodness, we express our needs in prayer.

Reader

For all God's people: may their hearts be open to Christ, may they hear and recognise his voice and be prepared to respond generously to his call.

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

For peace: may we work together for peace, justice and understanding; may the Church be a beacon of hope and peace in the world.

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

For all who are sick: may those who are distressed in body, mind or spirit be comforted by the care and kindness of those who surround them; may God continue to bless those who care for the sick.

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

For those who have departed this life: may all who have died be brought to eternal peace and rest in the company of Mary and the saints in heaven.

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

That older people may be cherished and their wisdom honoured in our community.

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

That perpetual light may shine on all our dead.

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

Priest

O God, you call us in baptism to be your voice today. Grant us words and actions to witness to your Son, who lives and reigns forever and ever.

Amen.

My lips will tell of your help.

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BAPTISMS

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

Emma Louise Bridget Egan, 'Woodhouse', Curraleigh, Inniscarra.
 Gregory John Barrett, 10 Whitethorn Avenue.
 Craig Daniel Murphy, 9 Castle Park.
 Patrick Adam Rayel, 2 The Meadows.
 Allie Elizabeth Murphy, Knockburden, Ballincollig.
 Nicole Mary Murphy, Knockburden, Ballincollig.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :

Helen O Keefe, Cloghroe.
 Bridget Crowley, Rylane.
 Nellie Patrick, The Crescent.
 Noel Ginty, Hawthorne Ave.

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

Philomena McCullagh,
 Larry Murphy Dublin
 Calannan Family
 John Barry Murphy
 Deceased members of the O Sullivan Family, Rathbonane
 Ellen Murphy, Windsor
 Joseph Brennan
 Marie Moynihan, Rathmore
 Sean & Brid O Rourke, Carrick-on-Shannon
 Jack Noonan
 Dan & Mary Collins, Bantry
 Ellen O Sullivan Late of Glanmire
 Michelle Hogan, Maglin Vale
 Daniel & Theresa Scully, The Lough
 Martin Murphy, Hodders Villas
 Thomas Drew
 Paddy & Nora Kiely, Muskerry Est.
 Gerard Spillane, Castle Knock
 Mona Healy, Bishopstown
 Joe & Mary Kate Campbell, Galway
 Rita & Tadgh O'Connor, Friars Walk
 Laurance & Julia Buckley, Dripsey
 John, Mary & Tom Dobbyn, Main St.
 Bill Kemp
 Noel Buckley, Carrigdena
 Eugene O'Sullivan, Ballingearry
 Lena Down, Main St. & Muskerry Est.
 Billie Denieffe, Curraheen
 John & Mary Ann O'Reilly, Goleen
 Con & Nellie O'Mahony, Clash Road
 Timothy Dinneen, Curraheen
 Patrick & Nancy Manning, Farranree
 Patrick & Julie Lrhane & Family, Rahoona
 Sheila Murray, Carrighrohane
 Bobby Linehan, Inniscarra
 Donal Walsh, Fair St.

Found

Purse containing sum of money between Church of St. Mary & St. John and Muskerry Estate. Contact Sacristan

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

- 01 Sunday Jer. 1:4-5,17-19. Ps. 70.1 Cor. 12:31-13:13. Lk. 4:21-30. Lect I: 845
- 02 Monday Mal. 3: 1-4 or Heb. 2: 14-18. Ps. 23. Lk. 2:22-40. Lect I: 967 or II: 940
- 03 Tuesday 2 Sam. 18:9-19:3. Ps. 85. Mk. 5:21-43. Lect II: 500
- 04 Wednesday 2 Sam. 24:2,9-17. Ps. 31. Mk. 6:1-6. Lect II: 503
- 05 Thursday 1 K. 2:1-4,10-12. Ps. 1 Chr. 29. Mk. 6:7-13. Lect II: 506
- 06 Friday Eccles (Sir). 47:2-11. Ps. 17. Mk. 6:14-29. Lect II: 508
- 07 Saturday 1 K. 3:4-13. Ps. 118. Mk. 6:30-34. Lect II: 510

Next Sunday's Readings 08-February-2004
 Is. 6:1-2, 3-8. Ps. 137. 1 Cor. 15:1-11. Lk. 5:1-11. Lect I: 849

“I call you friends” (Jn. 15: 9 – 17)

Bishopstown Lay Dominican Chapter

Invites you to join them in

A Day Of Reflection And Prayer

On Saturday 7th February 2004 from 10.00am to 6.00pm

In St. Dominic's Retreat House, Ennismore, Montenotte

(Tel.: 021 4502520)

Offering (including light lunch) €20 Payable on arrival.

For booking, contact Mrs. Jean McKeown,

Abbeyfield House, Curraheen Road, Bishopstown

Tel.: 086 1647944 or any Council member.

FATIMA APOSTOLATE GROUP

The monthly meeting of the Apostolate will

be held on Monday 2nd February 2004 at

7 pm in the Youth House, Station Road.

Present members and new members

are all welcome to attend

Envelope Collection

Lourdes Invalid Fund

Next Weekend 7th & 8th February

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19
 Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before your birth I blessed you. I appointed you a prophet to all nations. The will fight you but not prevail, for I am with you.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:31 - 13:13
 Love is patient; love is kind. In the end there are only three things that last, faith, hope and love, and the greatest of these is love.

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30
 Jesus went to Nazareth and taught in the temple. At first the people were amazed at his knowledge but then it occurred to them, he was one of them--a carpenter in their own village! They became very angry with Jesus and planned to throw him bodily from a nearby mountain top. Jesus simply walked through them and left. Some scholars say that the crowd's reaction and Jesus escaping them to continue his teaching and preaching is a foreshadowing of Jesus' death and resurrection and the mission of the Church to continue spreading the Good News.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St Blaise 03-February-2003

According to legend St. Blaise was a physician at Sebaste, Armenia, before he became the Bishop of that See. Accounts of his life place his martyrdom in the year 316. At the time of the persecution he was taken prisoner at the command of the Governor, Agricolaus. The hunters of the Governor found him in the wilderness in a cave to which he had retired. While in prison he performed a wonderful cure on a boy who had a fishbone in his throat and who was in danger of choking to death. After suffering various forms of torture, St. Blaise was beheaded.

The veneration of the saint was brought into Western Europe at an early date and he became one of the most popular saints of the Middle Ages. On the day of his feast a special blessing is given: two candles are held in a crossed position beneath the throat of the recipient and a special prayer for protection against diseases of the throat is said.



**The Coeliac Society of Ireland
 Southern Branch February Meeting**

Date: Tuesday, 3rd of February, 2004
 Place: SMA Hall, Wilton
 Time: 8.00 p.m.
 Gluten Free Cookery Demonstration. Our Dietician will be on hand to meet with new members and old.
 Everyone welcome.

Ballincollig Parish Pastoral Council
 Next meeting of the council will be held in the Community Centre, on Monday February 9th at 7.45 pm

Alpha

Come and explore the meaning of life in a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere

Blarney Alpha Course

An 11 week, free admission course of talks and interactive discussions, building friendships and exploring the basis of Christian faith

The course is used by Catholic and Protestant denominations in Ireland and worldwide

Each Thursday from January 22., 2004. 7:30 pm
 Church of the Resurrection, Blarney (C of I)
 All are welcome!

For information contact Bill Lane 4874055 or George Newell 4383115

MONASTIC EXPERIENCE

Weekend for Women

CISTERCIAN SISTERS,
 ST. MARY'S ABBEY, GLENCAIRN,
 CO. WATERFORD

Friday 6th - Sunday 8th February 2004

Single women interested in finding out more about monastic life are invited to join in our life of prayer, liturgy and work for the weekend

Places limited, Preferred age: 22-40 years.

Details from:

Sr. Eleanor, St. Mary's Abbey,
 Glencairn, Co. Waterford.

Phone: 058 - 56168 Fax: 058 - 56616

Email: info@glencairnabbey.org
 web: www.glencairnabbey.org

**Friday 6th February 2004
 (First Friday)**

**Church of St. Mary & St. John
 EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Following 9:30 am Mass, Rosary at 6 pm,
 Directed hour of prayer from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm
 this hour will be led by Emmaus men's prayer group,
 please try to come along and join in the hour of prayer.
 Benediction at 7:30 pm and Mass 8:00 pm.

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
 MONTHLY COLLECTION**

This Weekend PLEASE SUPPORT

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Feb-07 & Feb-08-2004

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Muireann Nelligan
8:30 am
Triona Collins
10:00 am
Declan Chalmers
12:00 Noon
Oliver O'Donovan

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Michael Greene
11:00 am
Jack Dorgan
12:30 pm
Pat McGeough
5:30 pm
Michelle Beamish

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
9:30 am	Thursday	8:30 am
9:30 am & 8 pm	Friday	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)	Saturday	9:00 am & 8 pm (Vigil)

CONFESSIONS

After 10:00 am Mass & before 6:00 pm Mass **Saturday** After 9:00 am Mass

BAPTISMS

5:00 pm **Saturday** 7:15 pm
12:45 pm **Sunday**

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Feb-07 & Feb-08-2004

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Vera Allen
Ber Bell
Oliver Delaney
Betty Casey
Frank Riordan
Siobhan Riordan

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Theresa Lucey

10:00 am Anne Cahill
Pat Lee
May Delaney
Seamus O'Shea
John O'Donovan

12 Noon Joan Barrett
Sheila Carroll
Marsie Curling
Will Casey
Geraldine Graham

8:00 pm Geraldine Lynch
Charlie Vaughan
Joan Stephenson

11:00 am Marie Ui Chrualaof
Neil Jeffers
Eileen O'Donoghue
Mary Coleman
Dan Coleman

12:30 pm Con O'Connell
Denis O' Mahony
Christine O'Mahony
Tom Murray
Maura Lombard

5:30 pm Patsy Galvin
Margaret Murphy
Phil O'Donnell

PARISH CLERGY

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