

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 01-March-2009



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

First Sunday Of Lent

As we begin Lent again, we learn that we need to be purified of our sins. Jesus went out into the desert to be put to the test for us, to overcome Satan. If we go into the desert with him, whatever is evil in our lives can be overcome.

Our Lenten Journey

The Gospel on this first Sunday of Lent, tells us that Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness for forty days. As Jesus faces this time of trial and temptation, he is not alone - we're told in today's reading that the angels looked after him. The angels represent God's loving support and care during difficult times. For us, the 'wilderness' can refer to times when our faith is tested and we experience trials and temptation.

As we begin our Lenten Journey in preparation for Easter, it is a time for personal reflection, allowing the Spirit to lead us into our own wilderness experiences. None of us like being in the 'wilderness' - it can be a lonely and painful place; a place of confusion and questioning when we may experience loss of purpose and meaning in life; for many, during this time of recession, it can be seeking direction when we struggle and are faced with unemployment. Our relationship with God is so often tested. The Cross we carry each day may be overwhelming at times, but let us remember we are never alone. Jesus, who knew what it was to be tested and who carried his own cross, is on this journey with us and very much wanting to support and care for us. Like the angels who came and cared for him, maybe he is inviting us this Lent to be available to reach out and care for the needs of someone in our parish community.

Today's Gospel is also a call to repentance. Repentance is about a change of mind and heart, a change of attitude, a change of direction, turning from whatever keeps me from God, knowing we are always loved by him. Next Wednesday night (4th March), we are invited to respond to his call to repentance by participating in the Penitential Service at the Church of St Mary and St John. Let us not refuse this invitation but rather let us join together as a community in celebration of God's loving compassion, forgiveness and healing.

During this Lent let us be led by the Spirit to deepen our relationship with God and to be nourished by his Word. In St Paul's letters to the different communities he encourages them to remain faithful to the gospel. During this year dedicated to St Paul, Lent might be a good time to reflect on one of his Epistles.

"Lord make me know your ways, Lord, teach me your paths".

Sr. Colette

Reflection

If repentance means a change of attitude or of heart what attitude is good to adopt? Is it that frame of mind and spirit which recognises that conversion is a daily and a life's project? Is it the insight which accepts that what God is inviting us to will always surprise us, will never be the merely predictable? Is it the grace to believe that God is on our side? If so, this is the springtime of the year and the seeds of new life contained in these and similar interpretations of the word 'repent' may usefully be sown..

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

'When he calls I will answer,' heartened by these words, we bring our prayers to the Lord with confidence.

Reader

For the Church and its leaders; that they may continue to guide people to walk in the truth of the Lord.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For our political leaders; that they may rule with humility and for the benefit of all members of society.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For our world; that humankind may learn to live in harmony with all God's creation.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who have recently been baptised; that their faith may be nurtured by our community.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For ourselves; that we may take time to reflect on our lives during this Lenten season and that God may grant us what we need.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who have died; that they may enter heaven through the power of the resurrection of Jesus.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest

God, our Father, you know us intimately. We place our prayers before you today with humility. Grant us what we need. We make these, and all our prayers, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.
Amen.

Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.

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BAPTISMS

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

Holly Margaret Roche, Island Way, Muskerry Estate.
Tia Elizabeth O'Regan, Rock View Apts, Midleton.
Lerie Ann Kelleher, Innishmore Park, Ballincollig.
David Elthan Coughlan, Old Court, Greenfields.
Jakub Buczynski, The Brambles, Classes Lake.
Shane Kevin Lucey, Beech Park, Ballincollig.
Lily Ribh O'Sullivan, Leslie Arch, Old Quarter.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Berry Ahern, Coolroe.
Johanna Daly, England & Carrigrohane.
Sharon O'Regan, Lochrea, Co. Galway.

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

Ted & Rose Moylan, Earwood Estate.
Eileen Long, Crosshaven.
John Kelly, Kilmichael.
James & Kathleen Whooley, Glanmire
Sheila Twohig, Ovens.
Ken Murray, Wilton Road.
Ellen Thompson, Wyndham Downs.
Sean McGeough, Holly Road.
Jerry Buckley, Meelin.
Mary & Seamus O'Riain, Moneygall.
Eugene & Margaret Teahan, Killarney.
Joseph & Mary Kearney, Beech Park.
Edward & Mary Brennan, Kilkenny.
Pat McGrath, Glasheen Road.
Eileen Parker, Inniscarra.
Ned Keating, West Village.
Tommy Long, Crosshaven.
Robert Cuthbert, Douglas.
Ellen & Denis O'Leary, Noonan Road.
Ann Kavanagh, Ivy Circle.
Bob & Eileen Foulkes, Ballyphehane.
Dan, Hannah & Ellen Dempsey, Leemount.
Ann Graham, Dublin.
Edward O'Sullivan, Glenbeigh.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

First Week Of Lent

01 Sunday Gen. 9:8-15. Ps. 24. 1 Pet. 3:18-22. Mk. 1:12-15. Lect I: 205
02 Monday Lev. 19:1-2,11-18. Ps. 18. Mt. 25:31-46. Lect I: 210
Lev. 19:1-2,11-18. Ps. 18. Mt. 25:31-46. Lect I: 210
03 Tuesday Is. 55:10-11. Ps. 33. Mt. 6:7-15. Lect I: 212
04 Wednesday In. 3: 1-10. Ps. 50. Lk. 11 :29-32. Lect I: 214
05 Thursday Esther 14:1,3-5, 12-14 (Vulgate). Ps. 137. Mt. 7:7- 12. Lect I: 216
06 Friday Ex. 18:21-28. Ps. 129. Mt. 5:20-26. Lect I: 218
07 Saturday Deut. 26:16-19. Ps. 118. Mt. 5:43-48. Lect I: 221

Next Sunday's Readings 08-March-2009

Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18. Ps 115. Rom 8:31-34. Mk 9:2-10. Lect I: 225

Events during Lent in St Dominic's Retreat Centre

Six Mondays in Lent (March 2 - April 6)

Prayer in St Paul : a Lenten experience
7.30pm - 8.30pm
Victor Tabone
Donation €5

Four Saturdays in Lent - Mar. 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th

10.00 am - 12.00 noon
Lectio Divina and the Gospel of Mark
Martina Lehane-Sheehan / Benedict Hegarty OP
Donation €5

Saturday March 7 - 10.00 am - 5.00 pm

Freedom from Time, Thought and Memory is ultimate Transcendence - simply stated, Meditation.

Pat Murray SCA
€30 (includes light lunch soup & Roll)

Holy Week Retreat April 9th - 12th

We will celebrate Holy Week together in liturgy, prayer and word.

Retreat Team
Resident or Non-resident.

Booking Essential - Tel. 021-4502520

Infant Jesus Sisters "Drishane"

Calling all friends, neighbours and past pupils for an informal get together in preparation for our centenary celebration in May.
Our well-known Alice Taylor will introduce the evening
Friday 20th March at 7.30 pm at the SMA Hall, Wilton
All welcome

Book Shop

The shop in Christ Our Light church is open this weekend. The shop carries a variety of religious goods including children's Bibles, Rosary beads, Baptism candles and a variety of religious Icons.

World Day of Prayer Service

International and Interdenominational
Friday March 6th 2009 at 8 pm
St. Peter's Church of Ireland, Carrigrohane.
Title: "In Christ there are many members yet one body"
Prepared by women of Papua New Guinea
All welcome.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Genesis 9: 8-15

God made covenants or agreements with men on three occasions in the Old Testament: with Noah, Abraham and Moses. These covenants implied that man agreed of his own free will to serve God. In return God would forgive and take care of mankind. The rainbow was aptly chosen as the sign of the covenant as rain from heaven had been one of the causes of the flood.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3: 18 - 22

Noah and his family were saved not only from water but by water, i.e. the water carried the ark aloft. In the same way the water of baptism saves us. The flood was a type of baptism that purified mankind.

Gospel: Mark 1: 12 - 15

Mark gives only a summary account of the temptation of Christ. Satan wished to discover whether Jesus was the Messiah and, if possible, to lead him from the path of suffering, which God had ordained as the course to be followed by the Redeemer. Mark alone mentions the wild beasts whose presence suggests the desolate character of the region to which the Lord had retired. John the Baptist was now in prison and Jesus went into Galilee where John had preached and began by repeating the call to repentance.



The Coeliac Society of Ireland

Date: Tuesday, 3rd of March, 2009
Place: SMA Hall, Wilton
Time: 8.00 p.m.

Anne Manning will give talk about Manufacturers Booklet & Eileen O'Mahony, Dietitian will be present.
Everyone welcome.



Trocaire's Lenten campaign this year is about 26 million of our brothers and sisters worldwide who have been forced to abandon their homes because of armed conflict and violence. People such as Khalid and his family, who appear on this year's Trocaire box, are forced from their homes in terrifying circumstances losing their land, their livelihoods, and often even their own family members. As Christians, we are challenged this Lent to open our eyes to the pain of these displaced peoples. We are called, like the Good Samaritan, to go to the help of our suffering brothers and sisters. One very effective way of doing this is by supporting Trocaire's Lenten campaign this year or doing the 24 hour fast on the 6th & 7th of March and remembering to pick up your Trocaire box today

Early Morning Prayer for Lent

Take advantage of this special time of LENT, and begin your day and preparation for EASTER the best way possible with the MORNING PRAYER of the CHURCH.
Taking place during Lent in St. Mark's Centre (opposite Christ Our Light Church)
Monday to Friday at 6 am.
Everyone Welcome

Bulletin Board

Masses during Lent

For the duration of Lent there will be evening Mass in **Christ Our Light at 6.30 pm** and **St Mary & St John at 8 pm**.

Lenten Retreat

Ballincollig Parish Lenten Retreat in Church of St Mary & St John on 2nd 3rd & 4th March 2009 at 7.30 pm. Retreat Masses St Mary & St John at 7.00 am & 9.30 am on 2nd 3rd & 4th.

Retreat will be conducted by the Redemptorists Fathers J.P. O'Riordan and John Hanna. The Redemptorists will speak at all Masses in both Churches on weekend preceding retreat.

There will be NO evening Masses during the Retreat

First Friday

Friday March 6th is the first Friday of the month. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St Mary & St John from 6.30 pm to 8 pm, you are invited to come and spend some time with the Lord. Mass (for Lent) in both churches on Friday evening. 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 neighbour who is sick or housebound.

Mass Book

Diaries to book Mass Intentions for April, May & June will open in both churches on Saturday 14th March at 8.30 am.

Mass Envelope Collection

Next weekend March 7th & 8th.

Bishop's Commissions.

Year of St Paul

Easter Pilgrimage to Rome and San Giovanni
13th - 19th April, 2009. Direct Flight Cork - Rome
Spiritual Director: Fr Martin O'Driscoll Tel: 028-22878
Enquiries: Premier Travel: Tel: 021 4277700

Priesthood in Cork & Ross

Information day about becoming a priest in Cork & Ross

Date: Saturday March 28th 2009
Venue: Ennismore Retreat Centre Cork
Time: 11 am to 5 pm (Lunch Provided)

For more information telephone:

Fr Tom Deenihan: 021 4301717 or
Fr Bertie O'Mahony: 021 4371684

Children's Mass

The Children's Mass is on **Sundays at 11.00 am in Christ Our Light**. The Children of 2nd class retire to the crying room at the beginning of Mass where they celebrate The Liturgy of the Word in child friendly fashion - word searches, colouring and maze search are some of the methods used. Volunteers are welcome and needed to help, training and practice will be given. Parents are welcome to join their Children for the celebration of the Word of God. We invite Parents of First Communion children to please try and bring Children to this Mass. Bringing your Child to the Sunday Mass is an important preparation for your Child's First Holy Communion. Looking forward to seeing you.

Baptism Notice

There will be **NO** Baptisms on Easter Saturday, 11th April, 2009

Catholic Paper

Copies of the Catholic Paper -**The Universe** - are available in both Churches every week.

Fr. George

Knock

Legion of Mary annual pilgrimage to Knock
on Sunday 31st May 2009.
Bus leaving village at 7 am sharp.
Early booking advised
Phone Sally 4870954 or Cathleen 4874730.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Mar-07 & Mar-08-2009

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Ailish O'Reilly
Daniel McAuliffe
8:30 am
Pat Fennell
10:00 am
Grace Buttimer
Orla Horgan
12:00 Noon
Tony Lynch
Even Keating

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Fiona Feely
11:00 am
Jack Dorgan
12:30 pm
Tadhg Buckley
James Nyagaya
5:30 pm
Siobhan Keane-Hopcraft

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 & 8 pm	Monday	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	Tuesday	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	Wednesday	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	Thursday	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	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**



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Mar-07 & Mar-08-2009

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Patsie Murphy
Marie Bohan
Mary Walsh
Marie Healy
Margaret Kearney
Nora Barry

7:30 pm Sheila O'Connor
John Canty
Brid Healy-Harris
Kit Cahill
11:00 am Carmel Ryan
Angela Cunningham
Laurence Cunningham
Eileen Byrne

8:30 am Theresa Lucey
Rita Murphy
Mona Holland

10:00 am Tadhg Murphy
Mary Murphy
Joan Tobin
Tony O'Leary
Phil Kennedy
Seamus O'Shea

12:30 pm Eileen Garvey
Sally Power
Breda Callanan
Catherine Freehill
Attracta McKiernan

12 Noon Michael Crowley
Breda Lenihan
Noel Hennessey
Jacinta Jeffers
Rena O'Connor
Sean Farrell

5:30 pm Phil O'Connell
Maire McCullagh
Olan O'Mahony

PARISH CLERGY

Priest on Duty 087-2479140

Fr. George O'Mahony P.P. 021-4871206
Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C. 021-4877161
Fr. Billy O'Sullivan C.C. 021-4876171
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