

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 01-March-2015

Second Sunday of Lent

To be asked to offer up your only Son was a terrible sacrifice. In the end Abraham was not asked to make it, but God Himself has offered it for us. It is from this sacramental gift that all our blessings come.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Trust in God

This weekend the Word of God in passages from the book of Genesis and the gospel of Mark not only frightened Peter but really puts Abraham's trust in God to the test. Christ and Abraham are really committed to doing God's will. Abraham is faced with the most awful moment of his life, being asked to go to Moriah and kill his son. The angel of God spoke to Abraham "do not raise your hand against this boy". This account makes it clear that God forbids taking human life, inflicting pain or hurt on humans. This message from God leaves us in no doubt that we cannot hurt, harm or inflict pain on others in God's name or the name of religion.

The Genesis account also highlights the depth of faith and trust in God demonstrated by Abraham. May each of us be blessed with a similar faith?

The account of the Transfiguration in Mark's gospel at face value seems to be a pleasant occasion. Like all events there is a subtext. Christ at this stage of his public life was facing a real dilemma. Did the Father truly expect Him to go to Jerusalem, Did the Father really expect the ultimate sacrifice from Him. The mountain was a favourite place of prayer and reflection for Christ. This occasion on Mt Tabor there is reassurance by the presence of Moses and Elijah, no wonder even the brave Peter was frightened. Then from the cloud came the voice "this is my son, the beloved. Listen to Him."

Both readings give a very strong message that God is close to each of us. He is with us when the day is bright and dazzling. God is with us when we are frightened. God is with us when we are faced with impossible situations and furthermore God's presence makes a difference. May we have some of the faith and trust of Abraham.

George O'Mahony

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

With confidence in God's goodness let us now bring our needs before him.

Reader

For the Church: that through its preaching people may hear the Gospel in all its freshness and purity.

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

For government leaders: that they may find inspiration in the Gospel to work for justice and peace.

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

For those who have heard the Gospel but whose lives remain untouched by it.

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

For those who are sick: that in their pain they may know God's comforting.

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

For all gathered here: that we may realise that we will never understand the words of Christ until we act on them.

**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

Heavenly Father, open our ears so that we may hear the Gospel of your Son; guide our minds so that we may understand it; and strengthen our wills so that we may live it. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us Come Together for the week ahead!

Monday	Inclusivity & Diversity ~ To be aware of the various faiths enriching our parish.
Tuesday	Family ~ Acknowledging its strengths, various challenges and hopes.
Wednesday	Faith ~ The gift and promise with its many questions and doubts.
Thursday	Social Actions ~ Committed to serve God and one another and our environment.
Friday	Healing and being Reconciled ~ Celebrating Gods Mercy & Love.

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

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BAPTISMS

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

- Hubert Michalik, Beech Park.
- Ryan Oisin Murphy, The Close, Coolroe Meadows.
- Jasper Man Hei Wong, Grange Manor, Ovens.
- Erin Ryan O’Sullivan, Walthan Abbey, Old Quarter.
- Caolam Sean Herlihy Mulcahy, The Avenue, Highfield Park.
- Mateo O’Connor-Lardon, Daffodil Fields.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

- Michael Downing, Whitechurch.
- Cathal Kiniry, Mayfield/Ballincollig.
- Dr. David Dunne, Sarsfield Court.
- Kathleen Enright, Limerick.
- Mary O’Connell, Main Street.
- John Jordan, Wilton.

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

- Sean McGeough, Muskerry Estate.
- Jim Deasy, Aherla.
- Sean & May Callaghan, Galway.
- Dan O’Connell, West Village.
- Fred Hutchinson, Barrack Street.
- Michael & Mary McEvoy, Castlepark.
- Pat, Kitty & Pat (Jnr) Sheehan, Coachford.
- Clare Dineen, Ovens.
- Edward O’Sullivan, Glenleigh.
- Joe & Mary Kearney, Beech Park.
- Annie Drohan, Old Youghal Road.
- Sean O’Sullivan, Togher.
- Denis & Mary Desmond, French Villas.
- Seamus O’Shea, Park Road.
- Martin & Eily Murphy, Hodders Villas.
- John Murphy, Inchigeela.
- Teresa Gilleran, Well Road.
- Noel White, Inniscarra View.
- Margaret & Michael Leahy.
- Br. Angleus Leahy
- Jack O’Connel, Main Street.
- Eileen Murphy, Rosewood.
- Paddy & Julia Murphy, Ovens.
- Mamie Quinn, Powdermills
- Theresa & Gerald Kelly, Allihies.
- Shane Kelly, Allihies.
- Ellen & John O’Sullivan, Glanmire.
- Cecil & Patricia McCracken, West Village.
- Ann Graham, Dublin.

Reflection

Just as, for a greater good, Abraham is prepared to do the unthinkable, so the Father, because he loved the world so much, gave his only Son, that the people of the world might believe in him. We need to consider this aspect of the suffering and death of Jesus as an antidote to the sometimes vengeful image put forward of a God who demands the death of his Son for the redemption of the world.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Second Week of Lent

- 01 Sunday Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18. Ps 115. Rom 8:31-34. Mk 9:2-10. Lect I: 225
- 02 Monday Dan 9:4-10. Ps78. Lk 6:36-38. Lect I: 231
- 03 Tuesday Is 1:10, 16-20. Ps 49. Mt 23:1-12. Lect I: 232
- 04 Wednesday Jer 18:18-20. Ps 30. Mt 20:17-28. Lect I: 234
- 05 Thursday 16 Thursday Jar 17:5-10. Ps 1. Lk 16:19-31. Lect I: 236
- 06 Friday Gen. 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28. Ps. 104. Mt. 21:33-43, 45-48. Lect I: 239
- 07 Saturday Mic 7:14-15, 18-20. Ps 102. Lk 15:1-3.11-32. Lect I: 241

Next Sunday’s Readings 08-March-2015

Ex 20:1-17. Ps 18. 1 Cor 1:22-25. Jn 2:13-25. Lect I: 251

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Genesis 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18
 By his command to sacrifice Isaac God proclaimed his absolute dominion over the lives of men who are the work of his hands. By the revocation of the order he manifested that he did not wish this dominion to be acknowledged by the actual sacrifice of human life. The double lesson was necessary as the neighbouring Canaanites offered such sacrifices to their gods.

Second Reading: Romans 8: 31-34
 St. Paul summarises the blessings of the spiritual life in the assurance of God's love for us in Christ. All our personal difficulties become insignificant as soon as our eyes turn away from them to contemplate that one great act of love of God in which he did not spare his own Son for our salvation. It is true that there will be an examination after death, which we all fear. Redeemed and defended by Christ we need fear no condemnation from his lips.

Gospel: Mark 9: 2-10
 The Transfiguration of Christ, together with the appearance of Moses and Elias and the declaration by the Father, was a confirmation of all that Christ had taught them concerning his own Person and his relation to the Old Law. It was intended to strengthen the faith of the Apostles and to prepare them for the trials of the Passion. According to Leo the Great the chief purpose of the Transfiguration was to remove the scandal of the Cross from the hearts of the disciples.

St. Patricks Day 2015

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Women's World Day of Prayer - March 6th

Is a global, ecumenical movement of Christian women joined together to observe a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday of March. What started as separate days of prayer organised by individual denominations in America has become a truly international and ecumenical world day of prayer. Today around 170 countries take part. The service is translated into more than 60 languages and 1000 dialects.

Through the World Day of Prayer, women are encouraged to become aware of the other countries and cultures and no longer live in isolation. The World Day of Prayer aims to demonstrate that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence in the world.

Every year, the Prayer Service focuses on a different country and a specific theme. The Prayer Service for World Day of Prayer 2015 has been prepared by Christian women of the Bahamas. The theme "Jesus said to them 'Do You Know What I Have Done to You?'" is based on the Gospel of John 13:1-17. After washing the feet of his community of disciples, a gesture described in detail in the Gospel, Jesus asked this question, "Do you know what I have done to you?" How would you respond to that? Jesus is God's presence of radical love in the world. Following Jesus' example of washing his disciple's feet, we are asked to continue the gesture of love in The Bahamas and in our own communities around the world. That is how the spiral of informed prayer and prayerful action moves around the globe.

THROUGH WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER,
Women are encouraged

- to be enriched by the faith experience of other Christians
- to become aware of the situation of women in other countries
- to share their hopes fears, joys, sorrows, opportunities and needs and to pray with and for them
- to turn their prayers into positive action

We rejoice in the lives of dedicated women throughout the world who have enabled the original vision to grow and blossom. We thank God that we have the privilege of sharing in this precious gift of Women's World Day of Prayer and we pray that it will continue to bind women together throughout the world in the love of Christ.

LOGO

This very unique logo was designed in Ireland in 1982, the year in which Irish women from both Northern Ireland and the Republic prepared the service. It was later adopted as the Movement's International logo. Some of those symbols are the circle and the Celtic cross, arrows from north, south, east, and west converging as if toward the centre of a compass, and persons kneeling in prayer, all superimposed on a globe. These symbols simultaneously indicate unity and diversity. All are joined together within the circle of the world and enfolded in God's love



Bulletin Board

First Friday

Friday March 6th is the first Friday of the month. Morning Mass at 7.am and 9.30am in St Mary & St. John and 8.30am in Christ our Light. The closing ceremony of the Parish Mission will take place at 7.30pm in the Church of St. Mary & St. John. 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.

Trocaire Boxes

Lenten boxes are available at the back of both churches. Parishioners are asked to please take one and to make a weekly contribution during lent. Boxes will also be distributed to the schools.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday March 7th at 12.00 noon in the Annex, Community Hall, Station Road. The presentation lasts for approximately forty minutes. The following questions are addressed, What is Baptism? What are the symbols used in the Sacrament of Baptism? How can the family become involved in the ceremony? Parents might book the baptism a few weeks in advance to give ample time to take part in the preparation.

New Ministers of the Eucharist

Presently in Ballincollig Parish we are inviting parishioners to volunteer to become Ministers of the Eucharist. You are invited to minister in either Christ Our Light Church or St Mary & St John Church, approximately once a month at a week end Mass (rota will be provided).

The requirements are that you are:

- A person 18 years or over
- A person with faith in the Eucharist and anxious to deepen their own faith through ministry
- A person willing to serve and minister to others.

You are also invited to nominate a friend or neighbour as a minister of the Eucharis. Volunteers are also welcome as a Minister of the Eucharist. (Pease give full name, address and contact no to Parish Office or Sacristy .) There will be a preparation for all those interested in becoming ministers.

Ballincollig Parish Mission

March 2nd – March 6th Church of St. Mary & St John.
Mission Mass 7 am & 9.30am
Liturgy, Homily & Prayer 7.30pm
No evening Masses in both churches during Retreat.

Mass Diaries

Mass Diaries to book Mass intentions for April, May and June will open in both churches on Saturday March 14th at 9.00am. Priority will be given to those booking 1st Anniversary Masses.

Children's Mass

The next Children's Mass for children in second class preparing for their first Holy Communion will take place next Sunday March 1st 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 the children commences in the main body of the church at 10.45am. The Children retire to the crying room where they celebrate the Liturgy of the Word in a child friendly fashion. They will return to the main church at the start of the offertory procession.

Fr. George

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Mar-07 & Mar-08-2015

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Aine Sheehan
Michael Collins
8:30 am
Triona Downey
Riain Brennan
10:00 am
Rory Horgan
Kate Greene
12:00 Noon
Oliver O'Donovan
Niamh Heelan

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Fiona Feely
11:00 am
Jacob Derham
Ciara Healy
12:30 pm
Aisling Dore
Clara Herdman
5:30 pm
Tom Reck

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
7:00 am & 9:30 am	Monday	8:30 am
7:00 am & 9:30 am	Tuesday	8:30 am
7:00 am & 9:30 am	Wednesday	8:30 am
7:00 am & 9:30 am	Thursday	8:30 am
7:00 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 Except First Saturday of Month	Saturday	4:30 pm First Saturday of Month
12:45 pm	Sunday	

PARISH CLERGY

Priest on Duty	087-2479140
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Fr. Dave O'Connell C.C.	021-4876171 or frdaveoconnell@gmail.com
Fr. James McSweeney	021-4873308

Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

Week 2nd Mar to 8th Mar

Tim Murphy
Siobhan Glavin

Social / Coffee Mornings

Continue every Friday morning in parish house "Sonas" on Station Road at 10 am.

Everyone welcome as it is an ideal opportunity to get and know people from our community.



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Mar-07 & Mar-08-2015

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Eileen Murphy
Ted Nelligan
Eileen Corkery
Maurice Bunyan
Sheila Walshe
Katie Collins

7:30 pm John O'Donoghue
Mary Dineen
Mairead Keenan
Kay O'Sullivan

8:30 am Helen Kelly
Michael Crowley

11:00 am Mary Twomey
Mona Bowen
Billy Barry / Diarmuid Horgan
Mary Aylward
Pauline Barton

10:00 am Fionnuala McDonagh
Mary Buckley
Fiona Kelly
Mary O'Regan
Martin O'Leary

12:30 pm Maura O'Driscoll
Mary Lehane
Dympna Byrne
Suzanne Leech

12 Noon Ann-Marie Cosgrove
Phil Kennedy
Ellen O'Sullivan
Ursula McAuliffe
Sally Crowley
Jim Lordan

5:30 pm Shelia Curran
Elizabeth O'Sullivan

Children's Corner

A Prayer to say...

Dear Jesus, sometimes I feel afraid, like the disciples did. Help me to listen to you. Help me to remember that you are always with me. Amen.

In the Gospel today...

Jesus took his friends Peter, James and John up a high mountain. Jesus changed and looked different. His face shone and his clothes became bright white. Two prophets, Moses and Elijah, appeared with him. The disciples heard God's voice telling them that Jesus is his Son. Jesus' friends were scared but Jesus said, "Do not be afraid."

Trocaire Lenten Campaign 2015

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says that 'The Eucharist commits us to the poor. To receive in truth the Body and Blood of Christ given up for us, we must recognise Christ in the poorest, his brethren.'

Did you know?

On the World Day of Peace, 2010, Pope Benedict XVI spoke about our use of the earth's natural resources. 'Yet no less troubling are the threats arising from the neglect – if not downright misuse – of the earth and the natural goods that God has given us. For this reason, it is imperative that mankind renew and strengthen 'that covenant between human beings and the environment, which should mirror the creative love of God, from whom we come and towards whom we are journeying'.

A Public Workshop

With Dr Kieran O'Mahony
Saturday March 7th 2015

10.00am -1.30pm
Sacred Heart Hall,
Western Road
Cork

Details and Booking:
corksripture-
group@gmail.com

021-4295144 (Marian or Phil)

Cost: €10

All Welcome

Kieran O'Mahony OSA is an Augustinian friar and biblical scholar. He lives in Orlagh, the Augustinian pastoral centre in Dublin 16. He works for Dublin diocese as coordinator of biblical studies.