

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 02-April-2006



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Fifth Sunday Of Lent

Jesus' Hour was approaching, the Hour which He would have to face alone, the Hour of his final act of obedience to the Father. Because of that Hour Jesus is no longer alone, He draws all to himself. If we can die with him we too will not be alone for ever.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Being True to Ourselves

We are all influenced by what others think and say about us. We all like to be well-thought of by others. There is a danger here. We might make popularity the goal of our lives. And we might forget the only thing that matters – The reality of who and what I am. No matter what others may think of me, God thinks well of me because I am His child and I am so special, even precious in his eyes. If only we could remind ourselves each day of these wonderful, reassuring realities. Maybe those sins of vanity and pride would be less a part of our lives.

Everyone likes to be well-thought of. Hence people try to carve for themselves a favourable image in the eyes of others. They tend to say and do only those things which help to build up that image. It is what others think of them and expect of them that matters, not what they think of themselves and expect of themselves.

Such people need praise and flattery like plants need air and water. Criticism affects them like bereavement. They will do anything to maintain the image others have of them, (provided of course it is favourable), even when they know that the inner reality is far different. Some people cannot tell anyone or let anyone see how they really feel inside themselves. They have too much to lose.

From the Gospel stories we read how little attention Jesus, in his own life on earth, paid to what other people thought of Him. They got it so wrong anyway. They even had such crazy ideas about who He was and what He was about. Some were convinced that He was John the Baptist come back to life. Others thought He was Elijah or one of the Old Testament Prophets. People will believe anything.

Jesus had no intention of living up to the popular expectations. If he had done so he would not have been true to Himself.

Many people go through their entire life wearing masks. But one thing is sure; we cannot enter into eternal life wearing a mask.

In a sense the only thing that matters in life is to be true to ourselves. After death we shall enter into true life. Then we will really be ourselves.

But we do not have to wait until then!

John O'Donovan

Thought for Today

On Good Friday we will face the great mystery – the Son of God, mocked, scourged, crucified, calling out 'My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?' That final cry was not one of despair. At that moment Jesus, who is our Way, was abandoning himself into his Father's hands. It is in giving ourselves without reserve to his Father that we share his death and resurrection.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

We present our prayers to our loving God, confident that our prayers are always heard.

Reader

As Jeremiah persisted in his calling to do God's will, may we also strive to do our best for the last weeks of lent.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Let us pray for the children who are preparing for their Confirmation this week, for their teachers and parents. May they always welcome the wisdom and guidance of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

That we who have been sealed with the Holy Spirit might strive to develop a deeper understanding of our faith.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Lord bless all the children being baptised. May their parents and godparents live so as to inspire them with a love and respect of Christ.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

May the sick and all who suffer find the healing and compassion they seek.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who have gone before us in death, may they share in the glory of Christ as children of the Resurrection.

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Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest

Father, our search for new life is our Lenten goal. Give us your hand as we stumble, your light as we fall in the darkness and new desire to find the life you foreshadowed in Jesus your son.

Amen

A pure heart create for me, O God.

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BAPTISMS

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

Tara Ruth O'Brien, Leesdale Court, Ballincollig
 Leaha Margaret McEvoy, Rosewood Estate, Ballincollig
 Aaron Patrick Hurley, City West Mews, Ballincollig
 Leon Jamie Banks, Mill Range, Ballincollig

MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Liam Timothy Linehan & Lisa Marie Davis, Sullivan Weir, Macroom.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Fr. Manikan R.I.P., Malaysia
 Bernie O'Connell R.I.P., Kilnaglory.
 Mourned by her husband Con and family.
 Tom Reck R.I.P., Togher.
 Mourned by his sons Tom, Innishmore and Michael, Rosewood.
 Conrad O'Sullivan R.I.P., Dripsey.
 Mourned by his parents Con & Eileen, Dripsey
 Margaret Keating R.I.P., Leesdale.
 Mourned by her son Tim Keating, Classes Lake.
 Frances McCarthy R.I.P., Gurrabraher.
 Mourned by her daughter-in-law Margaret McCarthy, Classes Lake.
 Cormac Cairns R.I.P., Shankill, Co. Dublin.
 Mourned by his daughter Aideen Webster, Glendower Court.

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

Agnes Fitzmaurice, Ballygar, Co. Galway.
 Benny Carew.
 Bridie Harkins, Boston.
 Catherine Murphy, Bishopstown & Powdermills.
 Cecelia Hurley, Fairhill.
 Deceased members Keelan & Lee Families.
 Deceased members of the Crowley Family, Kilmichael.
 Denis Coughlan, The Orchards, Glasheen.
 Eileen McCarthy.
 Ellen O'Sullivan, Inniscarra.
 Geraldine O'Sullivan-O'Brien, Timoleague & Wales.
 Hughie & Timothy O'Leary.
 Jerry & Nora O'Sullivan, Ministers Cross.
 John O'Connell, Muskerry Estate.
 Kay Coughlan, The Orchard, Glasheen.
 Kevin Shields, Castleknock.
 Kitty & Willie Murphy, Bishopstown.
 May Murphy, Blarney.
 Michael & Mary Twomey, Lissarda.
 Michael Dineen, Rooves, Coachford..
 Nora Tyrell, Dunmanway.
 Noreen O'Riordan.
 Paddy Keohane, Inniscarra.
 Patrick & Kathleen Halpin, Co. Meath.
 Patrick Kirstein, Inniscarra View.
 Peg O'Sullivan, Dingle.
 Richard Drauss, Aisling Close.
 Stephen & Rose Spitere, Prosperity Square.
 Stuart Sherratt, Waterfall.
 Tom Twomey.
 William Kavanagh, Eastgate.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Fifth Week Of Lent

02 Sunday Jer 31:31-34. Ps 50. Heb 5:7-9. Jn 12:20-30. Lect I: 310
 03 Monday Dan 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62. Ps 22. Jn 8:1-11. Lect I: 319
 04 Tuesday Num 21:4-9. Ps 101. Jn 8:21-30. Lect I: 326
 05 Wednesday Dan 3:14-20, 24-25, 28. Ps Dan 3:52-56. Jn 8:31-42. Lect I: 328
 06 Thursday Gen 17:3-9. Ps 104. Jn 8:51-59. Lect I: 331
 07 Friday Jer 20:10-13. Ps 17. Jn 10:31-42. Lect I: 333
 08 Saturday Ex 37:21-28. Ps Jer 31:10-13. Jn 11:45-56. Lect I: 336

Next Sunday's Readings 09-April-2006
 Is. 50:4-7. Ps 22. Phil. 2:6- 11. Mt. 26:14-27,66. Lect I: 346

TROCAIRE

The Pope's Lenten message this year reminds us that in this rapidly changing world our responsibility towards the poor emerges with ever-greater clarity and urgency. Our wish to help the poor and the voiceless during lent is a sign that of our solidarity and putting the Papal message into action. One way to do this is by supporting the Trocaire Lenten campaign so that the young people can be given a future and no longer have to go out to work. We are helping to give hope to these communities and the message that a brighter future is possible.

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul,
 Station Road, Ballincollig.
 Tel: 021-4874626**

We would like to appeal to the community to donate good quality clothes and bric-a-brac to our charity shop. During recent times there has been an influx of door-to-door collections, which have greatly affected our Charity Shop. In supporting your local Charity shop you are supporting your community

Confirmation

Wednesday 5th April, 2006 at 10.30 am
 Scoil Barra & Our Lady of Good Counsel

Thursday 6th April, 2006 at 10.30
 Scoil Eoin

Please keep the boys and girls being confirmed and their teachers and parents in your prayers

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Spring Dues

Envelopes have now been distributed to each household. Please return it by placing it in the Basket at Mass.
 Spare envelopes are available from the back of the Church.

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Jeremiah 31: 31-34
The prophet foretells the day when a new covenant will be made between God and man. Christ will be the new High Priest. Before him all men will be equal and the different religious beliefs will one day disappear, as all men will come to know the one true God.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5: 7-9
Gethsemane rather than Calvary is the scene here. Christ is presented in his weakness. Nowhere was Jesus more evidently one of our weak human selves than in the garden of Gethsemane where he suffered his agony of anticipation. Being innocent he could not offer sacrifice for his own sins like the High Priests in the Old Testament but he could pray out of the anguish of mortal weakness which he took on for our salvation.

Gospel: John 12: 20-30
The grain of wheat has life in it but that does not germinate into the production of other living grains unless it is subject to death and burial in the ground. Martyrdom is the highest act of self-denial. The cross frightens us, but it also frightened Jesus. The vivid image of a cruel death brought to Jesus a tremor of fear. Crucified, he will draw all people, without distinction of race, to himself.

Open Day At Coláiste Stiofáin Naofa,

College of Further Education, Tramore Road, Cork.

Monday 3rd April 11.00am – 8.00pm

Over 40 Full-Time and Part-Time Courses.

Talk to Students, meet with Tutors.

Everyone welcome.

AL-ANON

Open-Meeting

Wednesday next 5th April, 2006 at 8.00 pm

Dominican Centre, Popes Quay

Information and support for anyone affected by another's problem drinking

Society of St. Vincent De Paul

Church Gate Collection will take place

Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd April, 2006.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

LOST Futures

Weekly Support Group for ALL BEREAVED PARENTS

Contact: Deirdre, The Presbytery, Holy Trinity Church, Fr.

Matthew Quay.

Phone: 086 8196423

Thinking of becoming a priest?

A Vocations Information Day about becoming a priest in Cork and Ross

Venue: St. Dominic's Retreat Centre, Ennismore, Montenotte, Cork

Date: Saturday 8th April, 2006 from 11.00 am – 5.00 pm

Cost: Free (lunch provided).

Phone: Fr. Aidan O'Driscoll (021) 4303015

or

Fr. Bertie O'Mahony (021) 4393815

Marymount Hospice

Car Boot Sale

Venue: Penrose Wharf Car Park

Date: Sunday 2nd April 2006 at 9.00 am

All proceeds to new hospice building fund.

Information And Registration Contact (021) 4501201

Heart Disease

Stroke affects about 10,000 people in Ireland each year. The Irish Heart Foundation is working to help ease the burden on those affected by Stroke and their carers. As part of this work, they encourage people to share their experiences with Stroke.

On Wednesday 5th April 2006, Cork businessman, Mr Vivian Nathan will talk about his own encounter with Stroke in the Imperial Hotel, South Mall, Cork from 8 pm To reserve a place, please contact the Irish Heart Foundation on 021 4505822

Report from Parish Pastoral Council Meetings of 20th February and 20th March 2006.

We held our AGM on 20th February last.

The election of officers took place with the following elected for the coming year.

Facilitator Michael Crowley

Assistant Facilitator Sheila Carroll

Secretary Frances O'Brien

Assistant Secretary Ann O'Regan

Treasurer Tony Lynch.

A number of points were discussed:

- Sale of Parish Lands is now at the legal stage.
- Prayer Room in Ballincollig Shopping Centre almost complete - awaiting signage.
- Child Protection – a solicitor has been engaged to assist sub-group with the drafting of the policy.
- Parish Mission – a number of Missionary Groups have been contacted to obtain suitable dates. Presently one group is interested and will meet shortly with Fr George and the Parish Council to arrange a Mission for the Parish.

At our meeting of the 20th March 2006:

We had a guest speaker Mr John McSweeney from the Diocesan Pastoral Group on Parish Renewal with responsibility for a number of parishes in the Dioceses including Ballincollig.

He spoke of his role in helping parishes in conjunction with the strategy outlined in the booklet "Pilgrim Steps". A lively discussion took place afterwards.

The Eucharistic Procession was discussed and a sub-committee was formed which will be led by Mr Brendan Collins.

Three groups very active in the Parish were invited to give a celebration of the activities for our next Parish Council Meeting in May. These groups are the Children's Mass Group, Adult Baptism Group and the Children's Baptism Group.

A rota for the Easter Services has been made out and this will be distributed from April 1st and will also be available in both Churches.

Ballincollig Tidy Towns

A General Meeting will be held in the White Horse Inn

on Wednesday 12th April.

Time 8:30 pm

We welcome your support and ideas to promote and develop a cleaner environment for all of us to live in

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Apr-08 & Apr-09-2006

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Carmel Keane
8:30 am
Pat Fennell
10:00 am
Sinead O'Connor
12:00 Noon
Oliver O'Donovan

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Amy Ni Cheallaigh
11:00 am
Dave Murphy
12:30 pm
Orlaith McVeigh
5:30 pm
Christine O'Brien

MASS TIMES

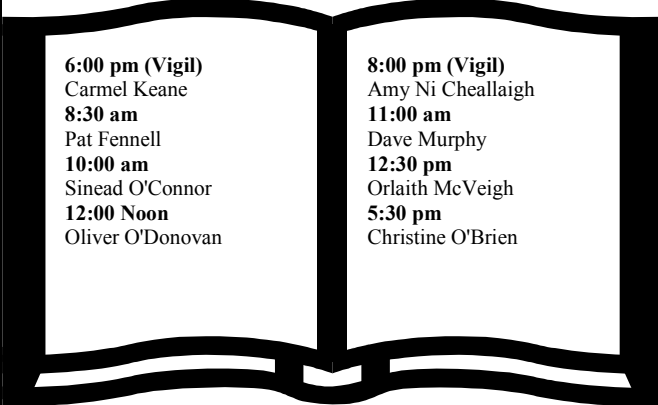
St. Mary & St. John		Christ Our Light
8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon	Sunday	11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	Monday	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	Tuesday	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	Wednesday	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	Thursday	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	Friday	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)	Saturday	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

Apr-08 & Apr-09-2006

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm	Patsie Murphy Breda Foley Mary Walsh Finbarr Lehane Margaret Kearney Maud O'Mahony	8:00 pm	Jim Cahill, Kit Cahill Sheila O'Connor John Canty
8:30 am	Theresa Lucey Rita Murphy Mona Holland	11:00 am	Brid Healy-Harris Angela Cunningham Laurence Cunningham Eileen Byrne
10:00 am	Tadgh Murphy Mary Murphy Joan Tobin Tony O'Leary Phil Kennedy Claire McCarthy	12:30 pm	Eileen Garvey Sally Power Breda Callanan Marie O'Brien
12 Noon	Michael Crowley Breda Lenihan Noel Hennessey Marie O'Callaghan Rena O'Connor Sean Farrell	5:30 pm	Neil O'Donoghue Phil O'Connell Maire McCullagh

PARISH CLERGY

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Fr. John O'Donovan C.C. 021-4870434
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Fax: 021-4872532



New Town Centre Office
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Fax: 021-4872532

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	9.30 - 5.00 pm
Wednesday	10.30 - 5.00 pm
Thursday	9.30 - 5.00 pm
Friday	9.30 - 5.00 pm
Saturday	9.30 - 12.30 pm

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