

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 02-February-2014

Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

The Presentation of The Lord

In the person of Jesus, God enters his Temple, unrecognised by most but welcomed by Simeon and Anna, both people of prayer. As Mary stood on Calvary, she is now present when the Lamb of sacrifice is presented in the Temple. Darkness seeks to reject the True Light, so already the shadow of the Cross is to be seen.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

The Feast of the Lord's Presentation

According to many experts in the field of study of the human personality it has been concluded that the human spirit can be affected by climate, weather, dark days, small amounts and low levels of sunlight. The human personality is subject to periods of time where we await the light, vitality and energy of spring and summer.

Nature itself similarly reveals this in plant life as the seed in the ground will eventually blossom and give forth its flower & visible life. On this first weekend of February our Sunday coincides with the Feast of the Lord's Presentation at the Temple, the fourth joyful mystery of the Rosary.

As I mentioned last weekend during my homily reflections I noticed that the past number of weeks and leading towards today's feast there seemed to be an obvious theme of light in the readings and liturgy.

Celebrating the Feast of the Lord's Baptism we renewed our baptismal candles as the Paschal Candle burned in the sanctuary.

Jesus was proclaimed last weekend in the scriptures as the Light of All Nations and all peoples, all time. During the 10.00am Mass in St Mary's & St John's candles will be blessed. As we celebrate the close of the Christmas festival of light or candles we carry the blessed to our home, to nursing homes, to schools, to places of prayer and reflection.

Simeon and Anna spent many a day in the temple. They have lived prayerful lives of faith, and, in particular, of hope and expectation. Beings wise, they are people of discernment and they recognize the moment of grace, the coming of the Messiah.

My dear friends very close to us, as close to us as our own shadow is the Spirit of God, a light for our spirits and hearts. God is understood to dwell in the Temple of our being and so much as a man-made temple or sanctuary. That Spirit prompts us to remember the person of Christ Jesus who brought into our world a love, a light, a life, that transforms and changes the human personality the human spirit, human life.

Let us take up the challenge to acknowledge where the light of Christ is needed. We seek to recognize the shadow of that which is other than the true light and is a contradiction to the light of love, hope, peace, charity. There's always room for letting the Lord transform the percentages in His and humankind's favour.

"Abba, Father, God of all time, you call us to become your children. Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts that we may live our faith serenely in the present moment and give us grace to recognise the time of your appearing (St Paul's Missal – Feast of the Presentation)".

Dave O'Connell

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us pray to our heavenly Father for those qualities Christ wants to see in his followers.

Reader

For all Christians: that they may set their hearts on the Kingdom of God, and on its justice.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For all in position of authority: that they may be gentle and merciful in their dealings with those they serve.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who mourn: that they may be comforted.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who are working for peace: that their efforts may bear fruit.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who suffer for doing what is right: that they may be strong

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, give us the grace to imitate your Son more closely, and to follow him more faithfully, so that we may know the blessing of belonging to your kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Who Is The King Of Glory? It Is The Lord.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Fourth Week In Ordinary Time

02 Sunday Mal. 3: 1-4 or Heb. 2: 14-18. Ps. 23 Lk. 2:22-40. Lect I: 967 or II: 940
 03 Monday 2 Sam 15:13-14, 30, 1&5-13. Ps 3. Mk 5:1-20. Lect II: 498
 04 Tuesday 2 Sam 18:9-10, 14, 24-25, 30-19:3. Ps 85. Mk 5:21-43. Lect II: 500
 05 Wednesday 2 Sam. 24:2,9-17. Ps. 31. Mk. 6:1-6. Lect II: 503
 06 Thursday 1 K. 2:1-4,10-12. Ps. 1 Chr. 29. Mk. 6:7-13. Lect II: 506
 07 Friday Eccles (Sir) 47:2-11. Ps 17. Mk 6:14-29. Lect II: 508
 08 Saturday 1 Kgs 3:4-13. Ps 118. Mk 6:30-34. Lect II: 510

Next Sunday's Readings 09-February-2014
 Is. 58:7-10. Ps. 111. 1 Cor. 2:1-5. Mt. 5:13-16 Lect I: 650

The Social & Health Education Project (SHEP)

SHEP is offering a Spring 2014 programme of short 20 hour courses, many of which are at no charge, in topics Men's Health, Managing Stress, Women's Health, Effective Communication for Better Relationships, Introduction to Personal Development, Seasons for Growth – Living with Grief, Loss & Change, Intercultural Awareness, and Family Communication. If you wish to enquire further please call Geraldine Flanagan or Liam Mc Carthy on 021-4666180.

Carpe Diem Tours

Cordially invites you to the...
 2014 SEASON LAUNCH
 Thursday Feb. 13 from 6pm. Cork School of Music
 Address 7.30pm. Mark Patrick Hederman,
 Abbot of Glenstal
 Information and Booking for Pilgrimages to the Holy
 Land, Krakow and Russia
 Cultural Tours to Skellig Michael, Blasket Islands
 and The Burren
 Competitions, Tour Highlights and much more
 Music: John Gibson R.S.V.P.
 For enquiries, contact Mícheál at 086-8337681

Get Help Getting Active

Over 50? Need to get active? **FITLINE** has the answer. Our **FREE** service gives information, advice and motivation to get moving. We know what physical activity is available all over Cork city and county. For more information free phone Go for Life on 1800 303 545.

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BAPTISMS

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

Adam Anthony McKibben - Nagle, Old Fort Gate.
 Harry Timothy O'Riordan, Aylsbury Lawn.
 Pius Raupelis, Highfield Park.
 Joseph Thomas Holland, Glendower Court.
 Barra Tom Aidan McCarthy Dunne O'Donovan Crescent.
 Aine Mai O'Connell, An Caislean.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Eileen Collins, Moyvane, Annascaul Co. Kerry.
 Margaret O'Flynn, Fr. Sexton Park.
 Dean Nyhan, Inniscarra View.
 Peg Murphy, Model Farm Road.
 Kitty Whooley, Lisheen.
 Mary Butler, Thurles.
 Joan Barrett, Carrigrohane.

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

Shay Graham, Glincool.
 Dan O'Connell, West Village.
 Jeremiah & Ellen Kehily, Newcestown.
 Bernard & Josephine Boylan, Maple Lawn.
 Margaret McSweeney, Kilnaglory.
 Jim, Margaret & Finbarr Kelleher, Bandon.
 Joe Doherty, Clare.
 Tim & Maureen Twomey, Inniscarra.
 James & Margaret O'Mahony, Skibbereen.
 Catherine Herbert, Inniscarra View.
 Eileen Lucey, Station Cross.
 Annie Lombart.
 John Desmond, Garryhesta.
 Jim Greene, The Square.
 Mary Cronin, Kilnamatya & Manor Hill.
 Philip & Thomas Murphy, South Douglas Road.
 Con McCarthy, Poulavone.
 Frank Dillon, Douglas.
 Brendan Butler, Aylsbury.
 John Ellen Scully, Castlemartyr.
 Billy Coyle, Glincool Grove.
 Bridie Sexton, Hillsboro.
 Donal Walsh, Fair Street.
 Cunningham Family, Waterford.
 Trevor Philips, England.
 Daniel & Mary O'Leary, AGLISH, Farran.
 Mary O'Mahony, Castlepark.

Thought for Today

A Light to Enlighten the Pagans (Gospel)
 "Christ be our light, shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness." In the Temple, Simeon recognises him as the light; Anna speaks of him to all that will listen. The light of Christ has shone for us; others should be able to see it shining in our lives.

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Malachi 3: 1-4

God's people were complaining that their oppressors were prospering while they were left to suffer. "If God is just", they asked. "Where is He?" God answers that he will come but that they are not fit to receive his coming. He will have to purify them like gold is purified in fire before they will be fit to serve the Lord.

Second Reading: Hebrews 2: 14-18

Christ did not come to help immortal angels but mortal men. As helper of mortals he had to resemble them in every possible way so as to become merciful by partnership in misery. Experience of suffering and of trial is the best school of compassion. Knowing pain and trial, Christ is a competent helper of those who are being tried.

Gospel: Luke 2: 22- 40

As in the case of the birth of Jesus the narrative of Luke is marked with great simplicity. The precise prescriptions of the Law are followed. As the firstborn, Jesus is God's property, consecrated to God as in a sacrifice. Mary offers what was known as "the poor woman's sacrifice": two young pigeons. The future of the Child is foretold by the two old people, Simeon and Anna. Luke, in one brief sentence, passes over the first twelve years of the life of Jesus: "he grew to maturity and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him."

Ballincollig Parish

Bereavement Support Group

A Bereavement Support Programme will commence in Ballincollig Tuesday 18th February. It will continue each Tuesday night for 8 weeks (7.30 to 9.30 pm). It is open to anyone who is experiencing the grief and loss of a loved one. It is held in a small group, confidential setting.

For further details please contact: Sr Colette at 086 3557375

"Mothers' Prayers"

Continue

Every Wednesday at 10.30 a.m

At Meeting Room at Christ our Light Church

Every Thursday at 10.00 a.m

At Parish house - 'Sonas' - Station Road

We welcome all Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers to join in prayer for all our children and the youth of our parish on one of these mornings

An opportunity to explore the Bible

Letter To The

Hebrews

For 8 weeks at Sonas House Ballincollig

In an informal, fun and friendly environment

Starting 22nd January 2014 @ 7:30 – 9:15PM

Contact Ger @ 085 1555000

Or Terry @ 086 2596448

Belief: Trust yourself, then you will know how to live. *Goethe*

Bulletin Board

First Friday

Friday February 8th is the first Friday of the month. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St Mary & St John from 6.30pm to 7.45pm, you are invited to come and spend some time with the Lord. There is Mass in St Mary & St John on Friday evening at 8.00pm. 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.

Feast of St Blaise

Monday 3rd February is the feast of St Blaise. Throats will be blessed after 9.30am Mass and at 7.30pm in the church of St Mary & St John.

Bake Sale

Bake Sale in aid of baby O'Riordan next weekend after the 11.00am Mass in Church of Christ Our Light.

Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund

Special Envelope Collection next weekend February 8th & 9th. This collection subsidises the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage for individuals whose health/or means would otherwise prevent them from travelling to Lourdes. It also subsidises medical expenses, travel and care personnel.

Prayer for Christian Unity 2014

This Sunday 2nd February 2014, St Luke's Church of Ireland, Douglas at 7pm. All Welcome.

Garda Vetting

Many thanks to the Ministers of the Eucharist who returned their Garda Vetting forms. Please return outstanding forms without delay, to the Parish Office or Sacristy. Thank you for your co-operation.

Car Parking at Church of St Mary & St John and Christ Our Light

Please keep to left hand side as you approach the car parks. This is important from a health and safety point of view. Please also be careful of pedestrians who walk to Mass or from their cars to the church. Take care also not to obstruct entrance and exit to the car parks and church doors.

Coeliac Host

Coeliac Host available at all Masses in both churches. Generally the Priest celebrating the Mass has the Coeliac Host. To help the Celebrant you might please let him know before the Mass.

Fr. George

St. Finbarr's Oratory, Gougane Barra

St. Finbarr's Oratory is open to the public as usual. You are very welcome to come and pray and send some quiet time in the Oratory and on the Island.

Gougane Barra Forest Park is closed to the public at the moment to facilitate the felling of trees. This does not affect access to the Oratory.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Feb-08 & Feb-09-2014

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Aine Sheehan
Michael Collins
8:30 am
John Healy
Kerry O'Leary
10:00 am
Eoin McDonagh
Diandra Buckley
12:00 Noon
Catherine O'Sullivan
Emer Wiseman

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Rebecca Feely
Josh Nyagaya
11:00 am
Chidera Ebili
Kristian Calvert
12:30 pm
Adaugu Ebili
Caterina Nugent
5:30 pm
Colm / Liam Tuohy

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	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
Fr. George O'Mahony P.P.	021-4871206
Fr. Dave O'Connell C.C.	021-4876171 or frdaveoconnell@gmail.com
Fr. James McSweeney	021-4873308

Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

Week 3rd February to 9nd February
Laurence Cunningham 087 6823989
Virginia Harrington 086 8103848

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.

Croí na Gaeilge

Is holding the following mid-term LEAVING CERT HONOURS IRISH INTENSIVE ONE DAY PREPARATION COURSES: ORAL IRISH (40% of total exam marks) on MONDAY FEBRUARY 17th and WRITTEN IRISH (50% of total exam marks) on WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 19th given by an EXPERIENCED ORAL EXAMINER / TEACHER / EXAM CORRECTOR and open to all 6th and 5th Year honours students in Ballincollig and surrounding areas. ALL TOPICS WILL BE COVERED (including all 20 sraith pictiúr, general conversation, poetry, próis, Gaeltacht phrases, essays, comprehension, grammar & nathanna cainte).
Excellent notes will also be provided on the day.
Contact (Tel. 085 1611573)



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Feb-08 & Feb-09-2014

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

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

8:30 am Helen Kelly
Mary O'Connor
Michael Crowley

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

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

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

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

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

5:30 pm Shelia Curran
Elizabeth O'Sullivan

Young Adults to Lourdes - June 2014

An invitation is extended to all young adults aged 18-35 to join our diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes from 11th to 16th June 2014 participating in our "come and see & be a helping hand" programme. This includes spending six days assisting with the sick and elderly pilgrims from our diocese, participating in the Masses and liturgies each day, walking in the footsteps of Bernadette, taking time for prayer, for making new friends and for spending time in a spirit of faith with other like-minded young adults from our diocese. Accommodation will include full board at the Hotel Excelsior located within minutes of the sanctuary.
The cost includes flights from Cork Airport.
Further details and booking from
Sr Karen tel: 021 4537601