

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday-02-March-2003



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road



EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Day of Prayer for Temperance)

The gift of speech is a tremendous power, but it can be used for good or evil. As a rule, our speech reflects the kind of person we are: if we allow Christ's victory to dominate our lives, then our speech will be kindly, tolerant and non-judgemental.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

THE SEASON OF LENT

"The faithful by receiving ashes, enter upon the season appointed for spiritual purification. This sign of penance, biblical in origin and preserved among the customs of the Church until our own day, expresses the human condition as affected by sin. In this sign we outwardly profess our guilt before God and thereby, prompted by the hope that the Lord is kind and compassionate, patient and abounding in mercy, express our desire for inward conversion. This sign is also the beginning of the journey of conversion that will reach its goal in the celebration of the sacrament of reconciliation during the days leading to Easter." (Ceremonial of Bishops).

The Christian tradition of Lent as "The Great Fast" is a very ancient and universally respected one. Each year at the beginning of Lent Christians are reminded that prayer and fasting bring about the vitally important change in their lives. Modern living conditions have modified the severities experienced in former times. In the present discipline of the Catholic Church the regulations prescribe that Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are to be observed as days of fast and abstinence.

Fasting means that the amount of food we eat is considerably reduced. Abstinence means that we give up a particular kind of food or drink or form of amusement. Those over eighteen are bound by the law of fasting until the beginning of their sixtieth year, while all over fourteen are bound by the law of abstinence.

There are many motives for fasting: to praise God by recognising that the good things we abstain from are gifts from God, to train ourselves in self-denial for times of temptation to sin; to do penance in atonement for sin; to prepare for a feast - to heighten the enjoyment. So Lent prepares for Easter; to make an act of communion with those who live in want, fasting in solidarity with them, and then contributing to the needy.

Other penitential exercises include: giving alms, abstinence from some foods or other pleasures; controlling our desires for possessions; controlling our desire for entertainment..

Leonard O'Brien

Thought for Today FALL FROM GRACE

As Lent begins we are reminded of Adam's fall from grace and of the reality of sin in human life, we are also reminded that Christ is the new Adam overcoming temptation in himself and so making possible a new life, a new humanity for those who belong to him.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Brothers and sisters let us present our petitions to our God of all compassion.

Reader

For those who follow Christ today, that they may have the gift of joy.

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

For all who face change, particularly those who find it difficult, that God, who is ever doing new things, may help them cope.

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

For people who are in love, that their sensitivity to each other's needs may grow.

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

For those who suffer because of addiction, that they may have the divine gifts of courage and new hope.

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

For all who find temperance difficult, that they may learn to face their difficulties, one day at a time.

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

For the members of our community who have died that God's compassionate love may bring them home to heaven.

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

Priest

Eternal God, we thank you for all your blessings: do not treat us according to our faults, but have compassion, we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Lord is compassion and love.

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BAPTISMS

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

David Robbie Walsh, 54 Carriganarra
Tara Delia O'Mahony, 62 Fern Walk
Sean Hillary Sugrue, 5 Glincool Rise

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

Sean Ryan, Coolroe
Robert O'Connor, 3 Leesdale Grove
Shamie Burrows, Ballincollig

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

Margaret Sexton, Bweeng
Jerry Buckley, Meelin
Joe Kearney, Beech Park
Mamie Quinn, Powdermills
Tim Murphy, Glantheaune
Kathleen & Thomas Holmes, 3 Leo Murphy Tce.
Deceased members of Buckley & McCarthy Families
Denis Mannix, Doneraile
Peter & Ellen Murphy,
Jim Vaughan, Newmarket
Michael Murray, Quaker Rd.
Elsie Finn
Noel Canning
Jim Deasy, Aherla
The Gleeson Family, Killarney
Christopher & Mary O'Donoghue, St. Bridget St.
Pat Hayes
The McCarthy Family
The Keffe Family
The Merchand Family
Bridie O'Mahony
Mary & Michael Naughton, Farranree
Larry Murphy, Dublin
Rose Moylan
Deceased members of Mulcahy Family, Cobh
Ellen & John O'Sullivan, Glanmire
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2 Sunday EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Green *Day of Prayer for Temperance*
HOURS Proper. Te Deum. Psalter Week 4
MASS Proper. Gloria. Creed.
Preface: Sundays, 29-36
No Masses for the dead, except funeral Masses, are permitted today
READINGS **Hos 2: 16, 17, 21-22. Ps. 103. 2 Cor. 3: 1-6. Mk. 2:18-22. Lect. I:754**
Hosea speaks of the eternal faithfulness of God towards his people. His relationship is one of integrity, justice, tenderness and love. Jesus speaks of his relationship with his new community as that of the bridegroom.
SECOND EVENING PRAYER of the Sunday

3 Monday 8th Week in Ordinary Time
Green HOURS Psalter Week 4. Mass of choice
READINGS **Sir. 17:24-29. Ps. 31. Mk. 10:17-27. Lect II:94**
The demands of the kingdom begin with the need to turn away from sin back to the ever-merciful God, then to leave all behind and follow Christ, with a detachment of the heart from the attractions of the world

4 Tuesday 8th Week in Ordinary Time
Green HOURS Psalter Week 4. Mass of choice
READINGS **Sir. 35:1-12. Ps. 49. Mk. 10:28-31. Lect II:96**
Generosity in the service of the Lord is rewarded. Token sacrifices are not enough, there has to be a complete giving, with cheerful heart. Leaving everything to follow Christ brings its own reward.

5 Wednesday ASH WEDNESDAY Day of Fast and Abstinence
Violet HOURS Psalter Week 4.
Psalms of Friday Week 3 may be used at Morning Prayer.
MASS Proper. Preface: Lent IV, no.11.
READINGS **Joel 2: 12-18. Ps. 50. 2 Cor. 5:20-6:2. Mt. 6: 1-6, 16-18. Lect I: 191**
In the readings today there is a great consciousness of our sinfulness, as we pray "Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned." There is also a sense that the time to repent and turn back is now. The Gospel tells us how to approach that renewal of our lives. It puts before us the remedy in prayer, fasting and almsgiving. These three strands of Lenten observance are as ancient as Christianity itself. There is no substitute for them. "Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. If we have not all three together, we have nothing" says St Peter Chrysologus.
No Masses for the dead, except Funeral Masses, are permitted today

6 Thursday after Ash Wednesday
Violet HOURS Psalter Week 4.
MASS Proper. Preface: Lent I-IV, Nos. 8-11
READINGS **Deut. 30:15-20. Ps. 1. Lk. 9:22-25. Lect I: 194**
Today we are called to make a choice, a choice between life and death. "Let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the Armour of light that having sailed across the great sea of the Fast, we may reach, on the third day, the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Saviour of our souls." *Byzantine vespers.*

7 Friday after Ash Wednesday
Violet HOURS Psalter Week 4.
MASS Proper. Preface: Lent I-IV, Nos. 8-11
READINGS **Is. S8: 1.9. Ps. 50. Mt. 9: 14.15. Lect I: 196**
Christian fasting began as a voluntary practice; as a support to prayer, as penance for sin, as a way to save something for the poor, and as a way to prepare for a feast. It was a suitable practice to prepare for the celebration of Easter. The need for fasting is still there.

8 Saturday after Ash Wednesday
Violet HOURS Psalter Week 4.
MASS Proper. Preface: Lent I-IV, Nos. 8-11
READINGS **Is. 58:9-14. Ps. 85. Lk. 5:27 -32. Lect I: 198**
Isaiah calls out for greater service of God and fellow human beings. Lent gives us the opportunity to jettison much that is unnecessary and unhelpful in our way of life. The following of Christ implies a leaving behind of much that causes unhappiness in our own lives and in the lives of others.

THE SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING: Hosea, 2:16-17, 21-22

The relationship between God and His chosen people is described in terms of the faithful love between a man and his wife. It is a relationship of trust, faithfulness and love. This will be the new Messianic Age, the age of Jesus in which we now live. This is an age in which God's people will at last respond to the Divine love with tenderness and gratitude.

SECOND READING: 2Corinthians: 3: 1-6

St. Paul stresses the love and affection that exists between him and the people to whom he has preached. He sees himself as nothing more than a secretary for Jesus. Everything that he has achieved in his mission is due to the power of Jesus. The "new covenant" means the religion of Christ.

GOSPEL: Mark 2: 18-22

Fasting was well known to the Jews as a sign of repentance and mourning. The question put to the Lord was intended to place him in an unfavourable light. Christ uses a simple illustration to show that fasting by his disciples is inopportune while he is still with them.

In the two further illustrations, Jesus shows that the disciples were being prepared for a new life animated by a spirit totally different from that of the Pharisees. In this new way of life fasting would be practised as a sincere expression of repentance, not as a display of righteousness.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Kieran 05-March-2003

Cape Clear is one of two islands off the West Cork coast in the care of the Dioceses of Cork & Ross. One of the most popular christian names among the people who live there is Kieran. This is so because Saint Kieran was born on Cape Clear before Saint Patrick came to Ireland. He is one of the few pre-Patrician saints.

As a young man Kieran went to the Continent where he was baptised and later ordained priest and bishop. He returned to Ireland and went to live in Ossory as a hermit in the Slieve Bloom Mountains. Soon he began to attract followers and a town grew up around his monastery in Saighir. The Kings of Ossory were buried in this monastery.

In the stories about St. Kieran he is associated with wild animals that were obedient to his commands. There are still substantial ruins of the monastery he founded.

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PEACE MASS

Sunday 9th March 2003

St. Augustine's Church

3.30 pm

Special Preacher: Fr. Aidan Troy C.P.

Lent on the Edge

Lunch Time Talks

Nuala O'Loan

Ombudsman of P.S.N.I

Wednesday March 5th 1.10—1.30 pm.

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Mar-08 & Mar-09-2003

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Karen Sheehan
8:30 am
Martha Barry
10:00 am
Elaine Murphy
12:00 Noon
Miriam Maunsell

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Joy O'Driscoll
11:00 am
Dick Beamish
12:30 pm
Margaret Healy
5:30 pm
Michelle Beamish

MASS TIMES

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

8:30am, 10am & 12 noon	Sunday	11am, 12:30pm & 5:30pm
9:30 am	Monday	8:30 am
9:30 am	Tuesday	8:30 am
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 & 6 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

Mar-08 & Mar-09-2003

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

12:Noon Joan Barrett
Sheila Carroll
Marsie Curling
Will Casey

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
Bridie O'Donnell
Phil O'Donnell

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Friday 7th March 2003

(First Friday)

Church of St. Mary & St. John

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACREMENT

Following 9:30 am Mass, concluding with Rosary, Benediction at 7:45 pm and Mass 8:00 pm.

FATIMA APOSTOLATE GROUP

The monthly meeting of the Apostolate will be held on Monday 3rd March 2003 at 7 pm in the Youth House, Station Road.

Present members and new members are all welcome to attend

CARETAKER WANTED BALLINORA

Caretaker, male or female, wanted for Ballinora National School. 16-20 hours per week. Applications in writing to: Chairperson c/o Ballinora N.S., Waterfall, Co. Cork School Telephone: 4871664

Notices, articles, etc. for publication in our next issue should be handed in on or before 8 pm each Tuesday to The Office, over sacristy, St. Mary & St. John

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MONTHLY COLLECTION

This Weekend
1st & 2nd March 2003
PLEASE SUPPORT

THE ROSARY

Pope John Paul II has declared October 2002 to October 2003 as "The Year of the Rosary". The Rosary is recited each day in the Church of St. Mary & St. John after 9.30 am Holy Mass and also at 6.30 pm each evening Monday to Friday. The intention for the month of March is "THE FAMILY" Our Blessed Lady has requested that we "pray the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world and the end of war".

Come pray the Rosary with us, God bless all

Acknowledgement - Edward O' Donovan R.I.P

The brothers, sisters, nephews, nieces and their families of the late Edward O'Donovan, Raheen, Carrigrohane, would like to sincerely thank all those who sympathised with them in their recent bereavement, those who attended rosary, removal Requiem Mass and funeral and those who travelled long distances to be with us. A special thank you to the Clergy, Doctors and Nurses who were so kind to Ned, also to Crowley's Undertakers for their efficiency, those who sent Mass Cards and floral tributes.

Mass will be offered for the intentions of all.



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