

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 03-March-2013

Third Sunday of Lent

Today's gospel is a reminder of the need for conversion, for a change of direction in our lives. We cannot presume forever on the mercy of God.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Third Sunday of Lent

God said to Moses of Himself: I AM WHO I AM - Any time I hear the story of Moses' encounter with God I think of Holy Ground and the song that goes with it. To encounter the sacred for Moses was astonishing. It wasn't just the fire, the burning bush, but God proximate to the creature. A revelation beginning at the time of Moses that developed to its fullness in the person of Christ. By the time you have read this we will have completed our Lenten Retreat. On the first night we heard the nature of the personal call of each of us to "know" Jesus. Not just information but knowing within the burning heart of every one of us. As we follow Christ in our modern world amidst so many lights we call on the incarnate and proximate God to extend His gifts of Grace to us so that we might understand the Holy Ground of encounter that is in His word, prayer, the sacraments, fellow brothers and sisters. The other side of the encounter of God's call is that it tends to eliminate fear and to communicate on common ground. Perhaps you can notice for yourself the call of God to holiness as a call to ourselves into His holiness. To be Holy is about wholeness, oneness, communion, likeness to the Creator. The God who pursues us does so at times almost relentlessly. It is always God who is offering us opportunities to respond to His unconditional divine love. The year of Faith perhaps is creating opportunities to notice the Faith of people like Moses, St Patrick whose feast we will celebrate shortly, the faith of the neighbour tending to a person in need or simply being present in love, kindness, tolerance, peace to others. Our present season of Lent is also known as the Season of Grace. In faith you might pray for the graces you need – big or small – ordinary and some extraordinary. Perhaps there are areas in life where we simply need to let go of the obstacles between God and ourselves or between another and ourselves to let God touch our life situations and circumstances. It isn't necessarily our own effort but God's Grace and Love that will change us, move us, to His Will. On our part we need to recognise those things that stunt our response and our relationship with God or our neighbour. Now is as good as any time to cooperate with the Lord.

Dave O'Connell

Reflection for Parents

Some children worry whether or not their parents will live as long as the child needs them--basically forever! But often, parents worry more that they will someday be a burden to their children. Once in a while, parents know they only have a short period of time left with their children and they quickly take stock of what is truly important and act accordingly. Even without this notice, it would be good to evaluate each day with our children. How many nights do we fall into bed praying that this is not the last day our children remember with us!. In today's First Reading we hear the story of the call of Moses and the revelation of the divine name. We pray for the grace to recognise the Lord and to answer when he calls.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

The Lord is compassion and love. Let us now bring our petitions before him.

Reader

For all Christians: that they may produce the fruits of a good life.

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

For all of us, but for world leaders in particular: that we may see the earth as a gift from God, and take good care of its fragile environment.

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

For those in authority: that we may be compassionate towards those who fail.

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

For parents and teachers: that they may adopt a patient and encouraging attitude towards the young.

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

For all gathered here: that during this Lent we may heed Jesus' call to repentance, and show the fruits of repentance by a new way of living.

**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

God of grace, you are that careful and patient gardener who can produce fruit from the most unpromising of trees. Help us to produce in our lives the fruits of true repentance. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord is compassion and love.

Visit Our Website: www.ballincolligparish.ie

BAPTISMS

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

Taylor Ellen Bradley, Wyndham Downs.
 Benjamin Donnacha Duggan, Innisfallen, Killarney.
 Jacob Thomas Furlong, Whitethorn Drive, Inniscarra View.
 Darragh James Kearney, East Wall, Dublin.
 Sarah Jane O'Brien, Old Court, Greenfields.
 Ella Rai Deasy, Rossbrook Model Farm Road.
 Gearoid Cunningham, The Close, Coolroe Meadows.
 Cathal Cunningham, The Close, Coolroe Meadows.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Donal O'Brien, Limerick & Ballincollig.
 Marie Lowe, Dublin.
 Andzei Muholuc, Poland.
 Ann Drohan, Military Hill.

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

Tim Cagney, Gardners Hill.
 Paddy & Tadg Walsh, Ballypnehane.
 Margaret White, Coolroe.
 Clare Dineen, Ovens.
 Pat, Kitty & Pat (Jnr) Sheehan, Coachford.
 Daniel & Kathleen Dorgan, Powdermills.
 John Burke, Poulavone & Florida.
 Donal Healy, Corbally, Ballinora.
 Daniel O'Sullivan, Donoghmore.
 Edward O'Sullivan, Glenleigh.
 Jim Deasy, Aherla.
 John, Nora & Joseph Fleming, Mallow.
 Paddy & Lucey Doyle, Mallow.
 Tim & Catherine McCarthy, Dunmanway.
 Mamie Quinn, Powdermills.
 Bernie McNamara, Carrigrohane.
 Bridie & Ted Brennan, Kilkenny.
 Seamus O'Shea, Park Road, Muskerry Estate.
 Denis West, Carrigrohane.
 Michael Flaherty, Pouladuff.
 Deceased members of the Wilson Family, Carlow.
 Thomas & Kathleen Holmes, Leo Murphy Terrace.
 Deceased members of Ballincollig ICA.
 Eileen Murphy, Rosewood.
 Eugene & Margaret Trahan, Kilcummin.
 Thomas & Mary O'Donoghue, Killarney.
 Ellen Kehily, Newcestown.
 Mabel Neenan, Millstreet.
 Tadgh & Ellen O'Donovan, Lissarda.
 Danjo & Margaret O'Shea, The Crescent.
 Jerry Buckley, Meelin, Newmarket.
 Jeremiah Foley, Kilmichael.

Marriage Encounter Weekend

A Marriage Encounter Weekend will take place in Cork on 8th -10th March, 2013. This is a weekend to enrich your marriage. IS YOUR MARRIAGE WORTH THAT?

For more information phone: - 021 4381511

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Third Week Of Lent

03 Sunday Ex. 3:1-8, 13-15. Ps. 102.1 Cor. 10:1-6, 10-12. Lk. 13:1-9.lect I: 255

04 Monday 2 K. 5:1-15. Ps. 41. Lk. 4:24-30. Lect I: 262

05 Tuesday Dan. 3:25,34-43. Ps. 24. Mt. 18:21-35. Lect I: 264

06 Wednesday Deut 4:1, 5-9. Ps 147. Mt 5:17-19. Lect I: 267

07 Thursday Jer. 7:23-28. Ps. 94. Lk. 11:14-23. Lect I: 268

08 Friday Hos. 14:2-10. Ps. 80. Mk. 12:28-34. Lect I: 271

09 Saturday Has. 5:1 5-6:6. Ps. So. Lk. 18:9-14. Lect I: 273

Next Sunday's Readings 10-March-2013

Josh. 5:9-12. Ps. 33.2 Cor. 5:17-21. Lk. 15:1-3, 11-32. Lect I: 284

Trócaire

"For he rescues the needy who call to him, and the poor who have no one to help." Psalms 72:12. Ambika Paraja (Age 9) from Jhilligoan, an isolated, rural community in Odisha, eastern India, is featured on this year's Trócaire box. Her family can now look forward to a better life thanks to your support of Trócaire's work. Trócaire's Lenten campaign runs until Easter Sunday. www.trocaire.org/lent

Westgate

Marking 10 Years of caring in the Community.

Westgate is celebrating 10 years in Ballincollig.

A special Mass will be celebrated on Friday 8th March in Christ Our Light Church @ 7:30 pm

All are welcome to attend. Please join us on the 8th to give thanks for the past 10 years and to pray for the continued success of the Foundation.

Vocations Information Day

The Annual Cork and Ross Vocations Information Day will be held at St. Dominic's Retreat Centre, Ennismore, Montenotte, Cork, on Saturday, March 23rd from 10.30am to 4pm.

Many contemplating the possibility of a vocation to priesthood are nervous about taking the first step. This day allows prospective students to explore the possibility of a vocation and make enquiries in an informal setting. Seminarians for the Diocese will also attend.

Further information from:

Fr. Tom Deenihan 021 4301717

Canon Bertie O'Mahony 021 4371684

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15
 To Moses, God spoke in a burning bush. He gave Moses a message to preach. Moses was to tell his people that freedom was at hand, freedom and happiness.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12
 Paul compares the Exodus story to Christian baptism. He reminds us again that God was not always pleased with His people. We are warned not to become complacent

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9
 God calls us to conversion, to turn to him, to reform. Moses once formed a people, but in the desert most of them sinned. Today, if we repent, God will again bring us out of captivity.

Early Morning Prayer for Lent

The great feast of Easter is coming.
Lent is the preparation time
 Come to the MORNING PRAYER of the CHURCH
 Taking place during Lent in St. Mark's Centre
 (opposite Christ Our Light Church)
 Mon. – Fri. at 6 am
Everyone welcome.

Knock

Legion of Mary Annual Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday 26th May 2013. Bus leaving village at 7.00 am sharp. Early booking advised. For details contact; Sally (021) 4870954 or Cathleen (021) 4874730.

Croí na Gaeilge

Is holding a leaving certificate oral Irish (worth 40% of total exam marks) intensive 4-hour preparation course on Sunday March 24th from 2-6 p.m. given by an experienced oral examiner / native speaker and open to all 5^h and 6th year students in Ballincollig and surrounding areas. all topics will be covered (including sraith pictiúr, general conversation, poetry reading, gaeltacht phrases and nathanna cainte). Early booking is advisable. (Tel. 085 1541560)

**The Coeliac Society of Ireland
 Cork Support Group,
 Meeting Notice**

Date: Tuesday 5th March 2013
Venue: SMA Centre Wilton, Cork
Time: 8pm
Topic: Bread making demo and a search for volunteers

All Welcome, €4 entrance fee, refreshment will be provided
 We will also have our resident Dietician for those who want to talk to her

Troubled by someone else's drinking?

Try Al-anon. Local Meetings S V de P Centre Station Road
 Thursdays 8.30 pm. Phone: 021 4311899.

Bulletin Board

Lenten Masses

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

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.

Mass Diary

Diaries to book Mass intentions for April, May & June will open in both Churches on Saturday 9th March at 9.00am. 1st Anniversaries Masses will be given priority

Altar Servers

Volunteers are invited to serve as Altar Servers in both Churches. Please contact any priest, together with parents, or contact parish office Phone: 021 4871206.

Accord

Pre marriage courses will be held in the Parish Community Hall, Ballincollig on the following dates –
 March 22nd & 23rd
 October 19th & 20th
 Website: www.accord.ie

Parish Retreat

Thanks to all who supported the Parish Retreat; those who helped to plan and prepare for the retreat. Special thanks to the Redemptorists Fathers: J.P Riordan, John Hanna and Noel Kehoe.

Offertory Collection Boxes

Sincere thanks to all who gave their name & number of their Boxes to the Sacristan or one of the priests. There is still time to give your name and number of your offertory box of envelopes (green). Doing this will help the Parish Finances at the end of the year without expense to the contributor.

Envelope Collection

Bishop's Commission collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend.

Fr. George

Dyslexia Association - Cork Branch

The Education Sub-Committee have organised "Junior Cert. Math's and English workshops -Making the exam Dyslexia friendly" to be held in Bishopstown Community School on Saturday, 23rd March from 10am -1.30pm. These workshops are for those pupils in 2nd & 3rd year. Cost €20 for D.A.I. members / €30 for non-members.

Places limited so early booking is essential.
 Enquiries Liz 086/3858463 after 6pm.

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.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Mar-09 & Mar-10-2013

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Karen Sheehan
Padraig Graham
8:30 am
Tom McDonagh

10:00 am
Shannon O'Brien
Erin Holmes

12:00 Noon
Tony Lynch / Shane Tully
Evan Keating

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Pauline Collins
Niall Cronin
11:00 am
Tomas Buckley
Alison Henchion
12:30 pm
Bernard Valley
Colm Walsh
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
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.

087-2479140

Fr. James McSweeney

021-4873308

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.

Society of St. Vincent De Paul

Monthly Collection

This Weekend 2nd & 3rd March 2013

Please Support

Would you like to speak, in complete confidence,
to a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society?

Please Phone: SVP Ballincollig 086 3202182

or SVP Tuckey St., Cork: 021 4270444



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Mar-09 & Mar-10-2013

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Eileen Murphy
Ted Nelligan
Eileen Corkery
Maurice Bunyan
Sheila Walshe
Ann McCarthy

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

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

11:00 am Mary O'Mahony
Mona Bowen
Billy Barry
Mary Aylward
Pauline Baston

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

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

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

5:30 pm Shelia Curran
Elizabeth O'Sullivan

Alpha Course Ballincollig

Colaiste Choilm (Wooden Cabin)

Wed 3rd April 2013 at 7.15pm – 9.00pm.

(continuing every Wednesday for 10 weeks)

Augustinian Faith Formation

Dates: Saturdays: March 9th., 16th, 23rd.

Time: 10-12.30

Location: St. Augustine's, Washington Street.

All welcome.

Jesus Then and Now

Discipleship Then and Now

From Generation to Generation.

We're having a New & Used Clothing Collection

Recycle and support your National School.

Your school will receive €5.50 per each 10kg bag of clothes and €2 per each old mobile phone. We collect new & used men's women's & children's clothing, shoes, belts, handbags, ties, linens, household textiles, stuffed toys etc.

(Any condition once they are clean.)

Where : Scoil Eoin: Tuesday 5th March, 2012

Collection on Monday afternoon at 2.45pm.

Before 9.30am on Tuesday morning .

A Creative Writing Workshop

Will take place on Thursdays, March 7th, March 14th and March 21st
In the SMA Parish Centre, Wilton.

Fee: €30 for full course, or €12 drop-in rate.

Bookings: 087 6831623