

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



**St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road**

**Sunday 05-March-2006**

## First Sunday Of Lent

*As we begin Lent again, we learn that we need to be purified of our sins. Jesus went out into the desert to be put to the test for us, to overcome Satan. If we go into the desert with him, whatever is evil in our lives can be overcome.*



**Christ Our Light  
Innishmore**

### Discovering Lent

Traditionally a time for fasting and self-denial, Lent can be viewed in a rather negative way, and with less enthusiasm than other times of the Christian year. From early childhood it becomes associated with “giving things up” and a strengthening of will power. Whilst these can be good and necessary things, Lent should not be a negative experience, as today’s Scripture shows us. Lent is a voyage of discovery, or re-discovery, of our real relationship with God.

When we read Jesus’ words, our attention cannot help but be drawn to those things that we should do - the fasting, the almsgiving and so on. Lent is certainly a time to take stock of our attitudes to these things. However, Jesus is not calling us just to get our lives in order, but to rekindle our personal prayer life. Several times he tells us to withdraw to a private place, where we can be alone to pray to our Heavenly Father, who sees all. Indeed, in the middle of this Gospel passage Matthew places the perfect prayer, the “Our Father”. The fasting and self-denial only have relevance in the context of a prayerful relationship with our loving Father. In other words, it’s not about doing things to make us feel good, or to feel a sense of achievement, but rather to make the ordering of our lives flow naturally from God’s love for us, and our love for him.

Perhaps, at times, it can seem rather more daunting to isolate ourselves to pray than it is to do good works. Prayer can seem intimidating, and it can be difficult to know where to start. The great spiritual classic ‘The Cloud of Unknowing’ wisely says that “God wants us to pray, and will tell us how to begin where we are.” God meets us in the weakness, the vulnerability and the inadequacy, which may characterise our present state. God meets us in the present moment, wherever we are. Let us resolve this Lent to set aside some time – even a modest amount of time at first – for personal prayer, in order to rediscover our need for God’s love in our lives.

“Father, help us to grasp the greatness of your love for us. Help me to know how close to me you are during the day, and help me to hear your voice and to discern your will for me.”

George O'Mahony

### Thought for Today

Jesus began his mission by fasting in the wilderness, without comfort or sustenance. When he has deprived himself of any support except that of his Father’s love, he begins to preach an utter reliance on and welcome of God’s Kingdom.

### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

#### Priest

Because we all have different needs we will each be observing Lent in different ways, by prayer, by reading, by fasting, by sharing our time, our money, our talents with those who need us. Let us pray that these things will make us more free to follow Jesus.

#### Reader

That during this Lent, God will moves us to be less preoccupied with ourselves and less insensitive to others’ needs so we may show tenderness to the poor and to those among us who are alone.

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

That we may be free to listen not only to the scriptures we like, but to every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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

For those who cannot afford the luxury of Lent: victims of war, of sickness, of drugs, of unspeakable grief or loneliness, those whose lives already hold more terror and pain that they can bear.

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

For broken families: that they become aware of the power of love and feel the healing power of reconciliation.

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

For all who have turned away from God or who have grown careless in their faith: may Lent be their time of new beginnings, awakened faith and renewed friendship with God and neighbour.

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

For those who mourn their loved ones: that all who have lost loved ones may be consoled by God’s promise of new and everlasting life after death.

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

#### Priest

We praise you, Lord, as we enter this season. Let our observances broaden our hearts, so that we can look forward with even greater joy and longing to Holy Easter. We ask this in Jesus’ name and for his sake.

*Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.*

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**BAPTISMS**

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

Dave Miguel Lopes Dos Santos, Classes Lake.  
 Kate Abbey Corcoran, Westbury Heights.  
 Joshua Patrick Fisher, Coolroe Heights.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Eileen Dolan R.I.P., Grenagh  
 Terence Farelly R.I.P., Kingscourt Co.Cavan.  
 Kate O'Leary-Keating R.I.P., Cloghroe.  
 Mourned by her cousin Mary Twomey, Sunningdale.

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

Alan Touhy, Ringaskiddy.  
 Bertie & Mary Lehane.  
 Bina Buckley, Inchigeela.  
 Catherine & William O'Mahony, Tudor Grove.  
 David Brosan, Beech Road.  
 David Murphy, Poulavone.  
 Deceased members Crowley family.  
 Deceased members O'Riordan family, Ballinacarriga.  
 Denis Hegarty, Poulavone.  
 Dolly Mullins, England.  
 Eileen Walsh, Muskerry Estate.  
 Hannah & Daniel O'Sullivan, Donoughmore.  
 James Hourigan, Co Limerick.  
 Jerry & Hannah 'Sullivan.  
 Jerry Desmond, Ovens Bridge.  
 John Lucey, Carriganarra.  
 John Martin O'Sullivan, Raheens.  
 Joseph & Mary Brennan, Kilkenny.  
 Kieran McNulty, Fr, Sexton Park.  
 Kitty McNamara, Ballincollig.  
 Mabel Neenan, Millstreet.  
 Mary & Jack Spillane, Bandon Road  
 Mary Lucey, Coolroe.  
 Miah Shannon, Bandon.  
 Michael Bobby, Iniscarra  
 Nora & Christopher Twomey, Greenmount.  
 Noreen & Christy Deasy, Gerard Griffin St.  
 Pat & John Sheehan, Coachford.  
 Robert Cutbert, Douglas.  
 Sean McGough, Muskerry Estate.  
 Teresa Strahan, Dublin.  
 Tim & Catherine McCarthy, Dunmanway.  
 Timothy O'Keeffe, Shamrock Drive  
 Wal & Joan Proudfoot, Yorkshire.  
 William & Margaret McNamara, Ballincollig.  
 William & Sheila Murphy. Model Farm Road.

***Society of St. Vincent De Paul***

Church Gate Collection  
 will take place this  
 Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2006

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**First Week Of Lent**

- 05 Sunday Gen 9:8-15. Ps 24. 1 Pet 3:18-22. Mk 1:12-15. Lect I: 205
- 06 Monday Lev 19:1-2, 11-18. Ps 18. Mt 25:31-46. Lect I: 210
- 07 Tuesday Is 55:10-11. Ps 33. Mt 6:7-15. Lect I: 212
- 08 Wednesday Jon 3:1-10. Ps 50. Lk 11:29-32. Lect I: 214
- 09 Thursday Esth 4:17. Ps 137. Mt 7:7-12. Lect I: 216
- 10 Friday Ez 18:21-28. Ps 129. Mt 5:20-26. Lect I: 218
- 11 Saturday Deut 26:16-19. Ps 118. Mt 5:43-48. Lect I: 221

**Next Sunday's Readings 12-March-2006**

Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18. Ps 115. Rom 8:31-34. Mk 9:2-10. Lect I: 225

**TROCAIRE**

This Lent Trocaire is focusing on the plight of child labourers and especially on the children working in appalling conditions on the plantations of Nicaragua. Many of these children work long hours, all day every day in terrible conditions and do not get the opportunity to go to school.

Many children throughout our world are doing hazardous work in harmful conditions, putting their health, education and even their lives at risk. Sometimes work is a vital source of income that helps to sustain children and their families, but when a child is forced into exploitative labour then his or her entire childhood is destroyed. Throughout the world over 180 million children work in hazardous conditions. Many of these working children work very long hours for very little or in some cases no pay without any choice as they need to help support their families.

In this weeks gospel a promise is made between God and every living creature. God promises to look after our world and everything in it, so long as in return we all look after each other and protect the world for future generations. Pope Benedict XVI in his Lenten message reminds us that no economic, social or political project can replace that gift of self to another through which charity is expressed. This lent we should take into consideration the Gospel message and the Pope's Lenten message and help Trocaire give these children a second chance through education.

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**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Genesis 9: 8-15  
 God made covenants or agreements with men on three occasions in the Old Testament: with Noah, Abraham and Moses. These covenants implied that man agreed of his own free will to serve God. In return God would forgive and take care of mankind. The rainbow was aptly chosen as the sign of the covenant as rain from heaven had been one of the causes of the flood.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3: 18 - 22  
 Noah and his family were saved not only from water but by water, i.e. the water carried the ark aloft. In the same way the water of baptism saves us. The flood was a type of baptism that purified mankind.

Gospel: Mark 1: 12 - 15  
 Mark gives only a summary account of the temptation of Christ. Satan wished to discover whether Jesus was the Messiah and, if possible, to lead him from the path of suffering, which God had ordained as the course to be followed by the Redeemer. Mark alone mentions the wild beasts whose presence suggests the desolate character of the region to which the Lord had retired. John the Baptist was now in prison and Jesus went into Galilee where John had preached and began by repeating the call to repentance.

***Fatima Apostolate Group***

The monthly meeting of the Apostolate will be held on Monday 6th March, 2006 At 7 pm in the Youth House, Station Road. Present members and new members are all welcome to attend

***Cork Simon Community***

Food Collection  
 Volunteers will be calling to your homes commencing Monday 6th March 2006 – Rosewood Estate

***St Dominic's Retreat Centre***

**Caring For The Carer Within**  
 Four Wednesdays during March  
 Beginning on Wednesday March 8th. 10.30 am – 1.00 pm  
 Caring for the hidden and sometimes forgotten carer within. An opportunity to care for myself and to take time to ask the question 'How am I', and also to take time to answer this question and many more. An opportunity to listen to my body, to reflect and to heal from within, to share with others and to be led towards inner healing.

Cost: €30 for all sessions.  
 It is recommended that you attend all sessions where possible. The Secretary, at St Dominic's, Tel. 021-4502520  
 As places are limited to 20 participants.

**St. Aloysius**

School Entrance Assessment will be held on Saturday March 11th at 9.00 am. Late application forms available from school secretary. Phone 021-4316017."



***The Coeliac Society Of Ireland***

Date: Tuesday March 7th, 2006  
 Place: SMA Hall, Wilton  
 Time: 8.00 p.m.  
 Open Forum with Anne Marie Brennan, Dietician  
 Question and Answer Session  
 Refreshments will be served  
 Everyone welcome.

***Diary for Mass Intentions***

The diary to book mass intentions for April, May & June will be open in the Sacristy of St. Mary & St. John and the Sacristy of Christ Our Light on Saturday 11th March next at 9.00 am.

***Final Reminder – Week of Directed Prayer***

The Week of Directed Prayer for all participants will begin Sunday evening (5th March) at 7.00 pm in the Annex, Community Hall.

*If you have a bible please bring it with your*

***Are You Unemployed Due To Illness, Injury Or Disability?***

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 or  
**Eoin Kelly (021) 4341028 (Model Farm Road)**

***Lenten Programme***

The Lenten Programme will take place on the next five consecutive Tuesdays.  
 Venue: Upstairs Room of the St. Vincent DePaul premises.  
 Time: 10.00 – 10.30 am.

The program is based on the readings for the coming Sunday.

**All are welcome.**

***Ash Wednesday***

Well done to the big numbers that made an effort to come to Mass on Ash Wednesday. It was certainly heartening and encouraging to see so many people making the effort. Hopefully Lent will see us continuing to maintain our effort of turning to the Lord

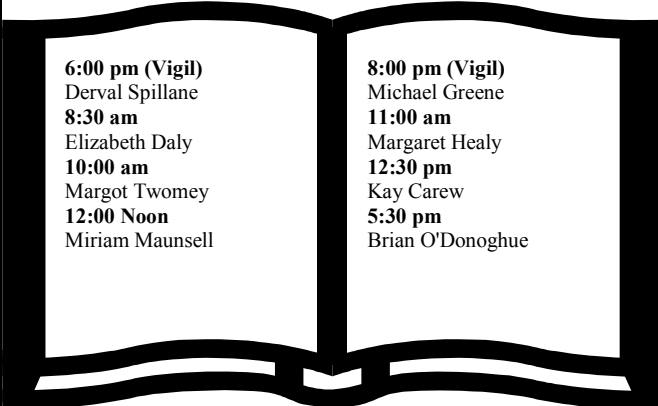
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**6:00 pm (Vigil)**  
Derval Spillane  
**8:30 am**  
Elizabeth Daly  
**10:00 am**  
Margot Twomey  
**12:00 Noon**  
Miriam Maunsell

**8:00 pm (Vigil)**  
Michael Greene  
**11:00 am**  
Margaret Healy  
**12:30 pm**  
Kay Carew  
**5:30 pm**  
Brian O'Donoghue

**MASS TIMES**

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

Mar-11 & Mar-12-2006



**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

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<b>Monday</b>	<b>Closed</b>
Tuesday	9.30 – 5.00 pm
Wednesday	10.30 – 5.00 pm
Thursday	9.30 – 5.00 pm
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9.30 – 5.00 pm</b>
Saturday	9.30 – 12.30 pm

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