

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 06-February-2005

Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

The light of Christ's love has been given to each one of us but it will go out if we fail to use it. We are invited to share our food, our homes, our possessions with the needy so that through us they can see the light of God and give him thanks.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Lenten Journey

This year Lent arrives very early; next Wednesday 9th of February is Ash Wednesday. So as well as trying to get some ashes on Ash Wednesday what else might I do for Lent 2005. Maybe I will do without certain foods, alcohol or gambling? I might do some extra things - good works, say more prayers or some other activity. I could give some extra money for good causes or to a poor box. Another line of thought is that perhaps I could cut down on things. Prune our life of excess activity and excess involvement. We could do more spiritual reading, study the bible or set a time aside for meditation. All these actions or inactions are based on good intentions and the thinking behind them is based on the traditional teaching that Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and abstinence. Yet Lent often leaves us as it finds us, perhaps even a little weary of trying to be a Christian. How can we avoid that disabling after-effect this lent. How can we find new hope, new meaning in our lives during this season, which will inspire and encourage us during the months ahead?

I suggest that to help us in developing our relationship with God that we turn to the New Testament. In the New Testament we find God's full response to his people - he sends his Son Jesus Christ not only to reassure us of his love and involvement with us, but also to show us how to be fully human. In Jesus, we see the completion of the purpose of our life; it is to become like him, fully human, fully divine, one with God. That is what we are called to, that is what we are created for. Jesus shows us how to live, how to conduct our relationships, how to treat other people. Jesus shows us what our priorities are to be and where we should invest our time and attention. Every time our actions, our behaviour or our lifestyle cannot find a reflection in Christ's life and behaviour it means we are less than human; we are incomplete human beings.

George O'Mahony

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!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us bring our needs with confidence before the Lord of all goodness.

Reader

For Christians everywhere, that they may be a light to the world.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the spread of temperance, especially in our own country, and for God's blessing on the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association, Alcoholics Anonymous, and all individuals, groups and organisations that work for temperance and come to the aid of those who are addicted.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For all who are unjustly accused, unjustly treated or unjustly imprisoned at this time, that they may not lose heart, but find comfort in the support of friends and in the efforts of all who work for justice.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For all children, that they may grow up in the knowledge that they are cherished.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For all who serve in our parish - our priests, musicians, special ministers, sacristans, secretaries, and all who help to build up our parish community by their generous giving of their time and talent.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For our beloved dead, that they may have eternal life and joy.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest

O God, you are our hope in times of difficulty and doubt. You love us as you love your only Son, Jesus, who is Lord for ever and ever.

Amen.

The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.

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BAPTISMS

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

Chigozie Tanwie Obi, 'Junior', 12 Leeview.
 Anthony Thomas Nagle, Castlepark.
 Thomas Jude Gilmore, 24 Fernwalk, Greenfields.
 Ben David Roche-O'Brien, 49 Island Way, Muskerry Est.
 Cathal James Erangey, 12 The Willows, Classis Lake.
 David Kevin Fahy, 10 Glincool Grove.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Sadh Caoimhe McCarthy, Rosewood.
 PJ Minihane, Co. Mayo.
 Molly Lehane, The Paddocks & Shanagarry.
 Dan Joe Kelleher, Ballinora.
 Con Lynch, Dripsey.
 Paddy O'Regan, Schull.
 Etienne Kinack, Dslhang, Cameroon.
 Donnacha Ó Muineachain, Leemount, Portmarnock.
 John Collins, Rossmore.

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

Sheila O'Donovan, Rochestown.
 Michelle Hogan.
 Noel Buckley, Carrigdenne.
 Donal Walsh, Fair Street.
 Agnes Fitzmaurice, Galway.
 Trevor Phillip, England.
 Derry O'Sullivan, Carrigaline.
 Denis O'Sullivan, Birmingham.
 Martin Murphy, Hodders Villas.
 Mary Sexton, Clash Road.
 Michael Gilleran, Rosewood.
 Timothy O'Keefe, Shamrock Drive.
 James & Mary McCarthy, Ballymacoda.
 Con Lucey, Kilmichael.
 Deceased members of the Donovan, McCarthy & Buckley families.
 Ellen O'Sullivan, Glanmire.
 John, Mary & Tom Dobbyn, Main Street, Ballincollig.
 Laurence & Julia Buckley, Dripsey.
 May & Con Twomey, Churchfield.
 Rita O'Connor, Friars Walk.
 Marie Brooks, Glengarriffe.
 Christy Mulrennan, Sixmilebridge.
 Paddy Horgan, Coolyduff, Inniscarra.
 Deceased members of the Lynch & Hourigan families.
 Patrick Conway, Friars Walk.
 Noel Ginty, Inniscarra View.
 Garret Collins, Windsor, England.
 Ellen Collins, Dunmanway.
 Joseph Brennan, Kilkenny.
 Jim Donegan, Bishopstown.
 Ellen O'Sullivan, Glanmire.
 Johannah Murphy, Clash.
 Manuell & Joanna Mary De'Mella, Tanzania.
 Michael & Julie O'Connell, Ballingully.
 Nellie Manning, Ballyvolane.
 Sonny & Sheila O'Mahony, Dunmanway.
 Joan Brennan.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Fifth Week In Ordinary Time

06 Sunday Is. 58:7-10. Ps. 111. 1 Cor. 2:1-5. Mt. 5:13-16 Lect I: 650
 07 Monday Gen. 1: 1-19. Ps. 103. Mk. 6:53-56. Lect II: 54
 08 Tuesday Gen. 1:20-2-4. Ps. 8. Mk. 7:1-13. Lect II: 56
 09 Wednesday Joel 2: 12-18. Ps. 50. 2 Cor. 5:20-6:2. Mt. 6: 1-6, 16-18. Lect I: 191
 10 Thursday Deut. 30:15-20. Ps. 1. Lk. 9:22-25. Lect I: 194
 11 Friday Is. 58: 1-9. Ps. 50. Mt. 9: 14-15. Lect I: 196
 12 Saturday Is. 58:9-14. Ps. 85. Lk. 5:27-32. Lect I: 198

Next Sunday's Readings 13-February-2005
 Gen. 2:7-9, 3:1-7. Ps 50. Rom. 5:12-19. Mt. 4:1-11. Lect I: 201

Lourdes

Cork & Ross Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2005

11 -16 June - 5 nights - Full Board Accommodation
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 Parochial House Bandon Co Cork Tel: 023-43794

Lent is Here

Can you give a little more time to the Lord?
 You are invited to four weeks of reflection
 With the theme **"Let my People Go"**.
 Starting on Wednesday 23rd February at 8 pm
 Continuing every Wednesday, finishing with the
 Passover Meal on March 23rd
 Looking forward to seeing you
 Wednesday 23rd February in the
 Community Hall Annex

Eucharistic Adoration

Church of St. Mary and St. John
 One hour per week, commencing Thursday, 10th Feb.
 Eucharistic Adoration will take place
 after 8.00 pm Mass, finishing at 9.30 pm.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

Isaiah prophesied: Share bread with the hungry. Shelter the homeless. Clothe the naked. Do not turn away from your own. "Then your light shall break forth like the dawn."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Paul's teaching did not come from himself but from the convincing power of the Spirit. So the faith he passed on rests "not on human wisdom but on the power of God."

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16.

It is common for us in our times to be careful about the salt we use. However, in Jesus' day, salt was a very important commodity. It was used to pay salaries. Like us, people used salt to flavor food. But, because there was no refrigeration, salt was also used to preserve food. That is why, when Jesus called his disciples "salt" and "light," he declared their great importance. What was of significant importance to Jesus was the enthusiasm with which the disciples spread the Good News.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Gobnait 11-February-2005

Saint Gobnait is one of the best loved saints in West Cork but only traditions concerning her life survive. The main part of her life was spent in Ballyvourney, Co Cork, where there has always been a deep devotion to her, and which is a place of pilgrimage on February 11th and on Pentecost. Her gifts of caring for and curing the sick have been a significant part of her cult through the centuries.

A number of magical stories are related about her. She was told by an angel that she would find "the place of her resurrection" where she saw nine white deer together, and she travelled along the south western coast of Ireland looking for this place - and founding religious sites as she went - until she saw the sign in Ballyvourney. Here she established a monastery.

She is said to have driven away invaders by loosing her bees on them, and to have prevented an undesirable intruder from building his castle in the neighbourhood by each night throwing a round stone across the valley at the building, which would knock down the walls and then bounce back to her. This round stone is said to be still visible embedded in the wall of her church.

Happily her memorial coincides with the World Day for the Sick.

Parish Council

The recent meeting of the parish council was held in the Community Hall on Monday January 31st. The meeting was very well attended and was facilitated by Sr. Mairead, St Joseph's ; Model Farm Rd. The meeting began with a short reflection on "Jeremiah visits the potter" Jer. ch18. Then we went on to elect a facilitator Michael Crowley for the year; Frances O'Brien and Fiona Feely agreed to act as Hon Sec. Tony Lynch will be our Hon Treas. The following were nominated to a committee; Declan Chalmers; Anne O' Regan; Brendan Collins; Maureen Cotter; Michael Green; Sheila Carroll; John Walsh; Mary Murphy; Sr. Elizabeth. Members were then invited to join existing sub groups that they had an interest in and several suggestions were made concerning other areas of life that could be addressed in the parish. There was great enthusiasm and commitment at the meeting.

Ash Wednesday

Ashes will be blessed and distributed at each Mass. There will be an evening Mass in both churches throughout the weekdays of Lent.

Ash Wednesday is also a day of fast and abstinence.

Male and Female Volunteers Wanted!!

ISPCC are currently recruiting volunteers for our activity based mentoring programme.

Activities include anything from guitar lessons to soccer training.

This is a fun, flexible opportunity to support young people in Cork and share your interests.

Training provided

For further information please contact 021 4962949

Gospel Singing

Come and join the Gospel Singing Group in the Togher Church Sacristy on Monday next February 7th at 7.15 pm. No need to be able to read music. Everybody welcome.

Envelope Collection

Lourdes Pilgrimage Invalid Fund
This Weekend 5th & 6th February

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Monthly Collection

This Weekend
5th & 6th February 2005
Please Support

Trocaire Lent Boxes

Lenten boxes have arrived and they will be distributed through the primary schools and some will be available in each church next Sunday. I am somewhat uneasy distributing Trocaire boxes so soon after your marvellous response to the appeal to provide relief for the victims of the Tsunami disaster. However I think we can only do our best. Trocaire's appeal is focused this year on their work in Ethiopia.

First Holy Communion Preparation

Monday February 7th M's Anne Irwin will meet the parents of second-class pupils in Scoil Mhuire. This meeting will focus on preparing children and us for the sacrament of First Communion. A similar meeting will be held in Scoil Barra on Tuesday 8th February. Both meetings will commence at 7.30 pm.

World Day of The Sick

This year the World Day of The Sick will be held on Friday February 11th, this is also the feast of Our lady of Lourdes. We are asked to remember and pray especially for those suffering from Aids and their families. "Lord I count my blessings and leave the disappointments of today in your hands."

Ballincollig Secular Franciscan Order

The monthly Mass and meeting will be held on Thursday 10th February at 11.00 am in St. Mary & St. John Church
Rosary will be recited at 10.40 am (Sharp)

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Feb-12 & Feb-13-2005

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Sandra Walsh
8:30 am
Elizabeth Daly
10:00 am
Dave Murphy
12:00 Noon
Tony Lynch

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Fiona Feely
11:00 am
Margaret Healy
12:30 pm
Marie Groarke
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	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 & 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

Feb-12 & Feb-13-2005

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm	Patsie Murphy Breda Foley Mary Walsh Geraldine Hegarty Betty Sheehan Ann O'Reilly	8:00 pm	Jim Cahill, Kit Cahill Sheila O'Connor John Canty
8:30 am	Theresa Lucey Rita Murphy	11:00 am	Brid Healy-Harris Angela Cunningham Laurence Cunningham Nell Cantillon Murphy
10:00 am	Tadgh Murphy Mary Murphy Joan Tobin Tony O'Leary	12:30 pm	Anne O'Connell Eileen Garvey Sally Power Breda Callanan Marie O'Brien
12 Noon	Michael Crowley Breda Lenihan Noel Hennessey Marie O'Callaghan Rena O'Connor Angela Roche	5:30 pm	Neil O'Donoghue Statia O'Callaghan Phil O'Connell

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