

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 06-January-2013

The Epiphany of the Lord

God's plan for the world, the mysterious purpose of existence, is unveiled by the coming of Christ. God wants it to be known and it will be known, by all who follow the light of faith leading them to Christ.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Feast of the Epiphany

As we begin 2013 may I wish all our parishioners a very happy, peaceful and holy new year. New Year is an opportunity to make a fresh start in one or maybe several areas of our lives. The opening reading today tells us 'Arise, shine out, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you.' I think this is daunting statement and it truly emphasises the great trust the Lord has in us. To help us to fulfil this calling, prayer has to be an important part of my day. Perhaps if I haven't already done so, I will try to keep prayer at the centre of each day.

Many people have clear goals in life and all their energies are directed towards that goal. The goal may be money, prestige, and family happiness, success in sport or friendship with God. Whatever it is, it is like a single star that beckons them on relentlessly

Today's gospel tells of the wise men who followed their star and it lead them to Jesus. They could have stayed where they were, but they paid the price of a long journey, risked their lives by approaching Herod. Their reward was to meet Jesus and to worship him as God.

Most of us are less definite about what I want from life. We follow many little stars, a bit of comfort and security, some selfishness here and there. We can be like Herod and expect somebody else to find Jesus for us. We must be prepared to pay the price of time and service to meet Jesus. The world today has many stars beckoning us, we must be prepared to choose one rather than rest.

Having spent the last week with 18 young people from our parish at the Taize gathering in Rome where prayed in song and in silence in the great basilicas of the city of seven hills, joined tens of thousands of young people from Europe and beyond in the quest for a deeper understanding of faith and love. We experienced the hospitality of families in Rome and the surrounding area and met with people living out the Gospel in the midst of today's challenges. The trip was a great experience for the entire group, more details next week.

George O'Mahony

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

God has sent his Son into the world as the light of the world. Let us pray to him in faith for all our needs.

Reader

For the shepherds of the Church: that they may be selfless ministers of the Gospel.

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

For all of humankind: that Christ may be a beacon of faith and hope for all the peoples of the world.

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

For all of those who are lost and who have no star to guide them.

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

For us who have found Christ: that we may live according to his teachings.

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

For our deceased relatives and friends: that the light of Christ's glory may shine on them.

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

As we begin a New Year let us add any additional intentions in the silence of our hearts.

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

Priest

Lord our God, lead us from the faith by which we know you now to the radiant vision of your glory, where we shall see you face to face. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Best Wishes For A Happy New Year

The priests of the parish join in sending New Year greetings to all members of the parish and to all readers of the Ballincollig Parishioner

Fr's George O'Mahony, Dave O'Connell & James McSweeney

All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

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BAPTISMS

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

Zachary Conor Santry, Rosewood.
 Cian Finbarr Curran, Chicago.
 Eva Marie Verling, Lisheen Fields, Ovens.
 Amelia Elizabeth Daly, Coachford.
 James Denis Cullinane, Ballyburden.
 Amy Isabel Spillane.
 Fionn Michael McCarthy, Leslies Arch, Old Quarter.
 Aideen Maria Blenner-Hassett, Berryfield, Classes Lake.
 Caoimhe Patricia O'Driscoll, The Lawn, Coolroe Meadows.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Donal Healy, Corbally, Ballinora.
 Donal O'Brien, Limerick & Ballincollig.
 Gerard Dineen, Kanturk.
 Alan Jordan Douglas & Model Farm Road.
 Maura Murphy, Ballinora & Waterfall Road.
 Canon Michael Crowley, The Lough.

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

Farrell Dunne, Thurles.
 Maureen Calanan, West Village.
 William & May Murphy, Blarney.
 William & Rita Kinsella, Carrigrohane.
 Donal Tobin, Innishmore Lawn.
 Deceased members of The Legion of Mary.
 John & Joan Coughlan, Kilnamartyra.
 William & Margaret O'Connor, Carrigrohane.
 Paul & Mary O'Connor, Carrigrohane.
 Abina Carroll, Cloghduv.
 Rene Lucey, Station Road.
 Annie Murphy, Douglas.
 Margaret Healy, Muskerry Estate.
 Mary Cahalane, Holly Road.
 The Sexton & O'Shea Families.
 Sr. Bernadette Kelleher, South Africa & Macroom.
 Maria & James Hourigan, Limerick.
 Eily O'Connor, Kanturk & Ballincollig.

Taizé Prayer

The next Taizé Prayer Service
 at Christ Our Light Church
 will be **on Friday 25th January at 7.30 P.M.**
 All are welcome to join us for
 some quiet reflective prayer with the Songs of Taizé

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

The Epiphany of The Lord

06 Sunday Is. 60:1-6. Ps. 71. Eph. 3:2-3, 5-6. Mt. 2:1-12. Lect I: 161
 07 Monday 1 Jn. 3:22-4:6. Ps. 2. Mt. 4: 12-17, 23-25. Lect I: 164
 08 Tuesday 1 Jn. 4:7-10. Ps. 71. Mk. 6:34-44. Lect I: 166
 09 Wednesday 1 Jn 4:11-18. Ps 71. Mk 6:45-52. Lect I: 168
 10 Thursday 1 Jn 4:19-5:4. Ps 71. Lk 4:14-22. Lect I: 171
 11 Friday 1 Jn 5:5-13. Ps 147. Lk 5:12-1b. Lect I: 173
 12 Saturday 1 Jn 5:14-21. Ps 149. Jn 3:22-30. Lect I: 175

Next Sunday's Readings 13-January-2013
 Is. 42:1-4, 6-7. Ps. 28. Acts. 10:34-38. Mt. 3:13-17. Lect I: 179 or 639

Reflection for Parents

There are many people, opportunities, and circumstances that guide our families. Talk together about what "stars" lead you as a family. Continue the discussion by reflecting on what gifts you have to offer Jesus. Help your children remember that what we give to others is what we give to Jesus. How will your family share your gifts for Jesus?

"Mothers' Prayers"

Recommence

Wednesday 15th January 10.30 am
at Meeting Room at Christ our Light Church
Thursday 16th January 10.00 am
At Parish house - 'Sonas' - Station Road
(almost opposite Parish Community Hall)

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

**Ennismore Retreat Centre
 January Events**

Every Thursday evening from 10th January at 7.30 pm.
 Our evenings on Christian Meditation will continue - All Welcome
 Facilitator: Harry O'Halloran
 Cost: Donation.
Monday evenings from January 21st - February 11th
 7.30 pm. - 9.30 pm.
 Facilitator: Fr. Stephen Cummins OP
 New Ecclesial Communities - Another Way of living the Gospel in the 21st Century
 As part of the year of Faith, we invite you to share the origins, history and spirituality of some New Ecclesial Movements - What are they? What's new about them?
 Members of Opus Dei, Focalare, San Egidio, Neo Catechumenate and Youth 2000 will address these questions.
8 Thursday Evenings from January 24th
 7 pm. - 9 pm.
 Mindfulness
 Facilitator: Timothy Sweeney
 8 week course to include one full day €350

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading 1 Isaiah 60:1-6

What a vision the prophet gives us of the way life should be, and one day shall be! He sees a new Jerusalem bursting in the future with the riches and abundant life of the Lord. Pilgrims from every nation stream into the holy city to praise God, who has called them home. Their hearts throb with wonder, joy, and gratitude. For Christians, the new Jerusalem is understood as a symbol of the universal Church. The Church gathers God's people from east and west, north and south, to worship together and present their gifts to the Lord.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

A message similar to that of the first reading is given to the people of Ephesus: the good news of Jesus is meant for all people, not just a few. All people are called to share in the promise of Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Today we celebrate the showing forth (epiphany) of Jesus to the nations beyond Israel. When astrologers, or magi, from the East saw a new star appear in the sky, they accepted it as a sign that a great leader had been born. Without knowing where the star would lead them or what they would find, the magi set out bearing gifts. Their faith and courage were rewarded when God revealed to them his own Son.

Origin of the Epiphany

"Epiphany" is a word of Greek origin, relating to such English words as "theophany", "phenotype" and "phenomenon". It means an appearance, a displaying, a showing forth, a making clear or public or obvious. On this day, Christians have traditionally celebrated the making known of Jesus Christ to the world.

Several events have been thought of as special instances of the making known of Our Lord, such as: His birth; the coming of the Magi; his Baptism; His first miracle at Cana. Current majority usage, at least in the West, celebrates His birth on 25th December, the coming of the Magi on 6th January, and His Baptism on the next Sunday. On the following Sundays up to the beginning of Lent, we remember Our Lord's public preaching of the kingdom, particularly the earlier stages of that preaching when opposition had not yet crystallised. On the Last Sunday after Epiphany (the Sunday before Lent), we commemorate the Transfiguration, the climax of this first phase of our Lord's public ministry. Today, then, we commemorate the visit of the Magi, a token of the day when all the peoples of the earth will acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord, God and Saviour. The visit of the Magi is recorded in the second chapter of Matthew.

Christian writers have interpreted the gold as a sign that Jesus is King, the Frankincense as a sign that He is God, and the myrrh (used in embalming) as a sign that He is by His death and Resurrection the Saviour of the world. This imagery is found in the song, "We three Kings of Orient Are". The three gifts are also understood as a sign of three responses that we ought to make to Christ.

"Blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting"
Elizabeth Bibesco

Bulletin Board

Thank You

Sincere thanks to the many people who gave their time throughout the year –, Altar Society, Altar Servers, Choir, Cantors, Folk Group, Ministers of the Word, Ministers of the Eucharist, Collectors, Cleaners, Parish Council, The Parishioner and Parish Council Sub Groups, people who distributed dues envelopes and the various flyers throughout the year, the Sacristans in both Churches. Thanks to the people of the Parish for their generous support to the Priest of the Parish during the past year.

Your support is much appreciated. I wish you and your families a happy New Year.

Christmas Collection

The Priests of the Parish would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generosity in the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Collection for the Priests of the Parish. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Offertory Collection Boxes 2013

The boxes of envelopes for the Offertory Collection are available in both churches. Families are asked to take one box. Please use the envelopes for the Offertory Collection for the Vigil and Sunday Masses during the year, families who avail of the Direct Debit system are not expected to take one. The Offertory Collection is solely for the upkeep, maintenance, insurance, lighting, heating and related expenses of both churches.

Thanks for your generosity and we look forward to your support for the coming year.

Christmas Mass Video

The 12 noon Mass on Christmas Day in St. Mary & St. Johns was video taped. Some highlights from the Mass now on parish website.

More details to follow regarding CD of Mass

Fr. George

Remembering our Loved Ones.....

*All nature heeds the call of spring
 As God awakens everything.
 And all that seemed so dead and still
 Experiences a sudden thrill
 As springtime lays a magic hand
 Across God's vast and fertile land
 Oh, the joy of standing by
 To watch a sapphire springtime sky
 Or see a fragile flower break through
 What just a day ago or two
 Seemed barren ground still hard with frost
 For in God's world, no life is lost,
 And flowers sleep beneath the ground
 But when they hear spring's waking sound
 They push themselves through layers of clay
 To reach the sunlight of God's day
 And man and woman like flowers, too, must sleep
 Until called from the darkened deep
 To live in that place where angels sing
 And where there is eternal spring.*

(Anonymous)

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Jan-12 & Jan-13-2013

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Sandra Walsh
Brian Hennessy»
8:30 am
Eadaoin O'Leary
Gerard O'Leary
10:00 am
Sean Collins
Kate Collins
12:00 Noon
Sean Hennessy
Shane Lehane

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Chidera Ebili
11:00 am
Jack Dorgan
Harry O'Brien
12:30 pm
Kay Carew
Jane O'Leary
5:30 pm
Emily Hardman



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Jan-12 & Jan-13-2013

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
John O'Donoghue

5:30 pm Shelia Curran
Elizabeth O'Sullivan

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- Enrolments taken Monday 7th January 2013
- Classes commence week of 28th January 2013 (unless otherwise stated)
- To avoid cancellations book early

The Adult and Community Education Department of Ballincollig Community School is committed to providing a diverse range of quality classes in our Adult Education programme. Your support and opinions are most welcome.

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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	Saturday	4:30 pm
Except First Saturday of Month		First Saturday of Month
12:45 pm	Sunday	

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A New Year

The New Year while offering us the promise of a new future can also call us back to the love we had for Jesus in more innocent days just as old friendships call to us from the past. Mary Coleridge puts that thought nicely in one of her poems:

*Time brought me many another friend
That loved me longer.*

*New love was kind, but in the end
Old love was stronger.*

*Years come and go. No New Year yet
Hath slain December.*

*And all that should have cried - "Forget!"
Cries but - "Remember!"*

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A Happy New Year

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