

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 09-March-2014

First Sunday of Lent

*Jesus fast of forty days reminds us that this is a holy season of self-denial. By rejecting the devil's temptations Jesus has taught us to rid ourselves of the hidden corruption of evil, and so to share his paschal mystery in purity of heart.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

## *The Season of Lent*

Today as I try to gather my thoughts it is Pancake Tuesday. There is a long standing tradition of making and having pancakes on the day before Ash Wednesday. Throughout the world this day is marked by festivals (carnival days) and Mardi Gras celebrations. Hopefully it is a day to give thanks for all the good things in our lives. Thanks for all creation, for our family and all those whom we love, for our Faith, for the mystery of God's love for us and the food we enjoy.

This year Pope Francis asks us to take a look at the great Lenten journey ahead. The Pope goes on to pray that this Lenten season may find the whole church ready to witness to all those who live in material, moral and spiritual destitution, the Gospel message of the merciful love of God our father who is ready to embrace everyone in Christ. We can do this to the extent that we imitate Christ who became poor and enriched us by his poverty. Lent is a fitting time for self denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty. Let us not forget that real poverty hurts: no self denial is real without this dimension of penance.

May the holy Spirit, through whom we are "as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything (2 cor 6: 10) sustain us in our resolutions and increase our concern and responsibility for human destitution, so that we can become merciful and act with mercy. May we support one another on this journey and be encouraged by the Holy Spirit working in us.

*George O'Mahony*

## **Reflection for Parents**

One of our primary goals as parents is to help our children discover their gifts and use them generously in a way that glorifies God. From a very early age we can remind our children of the source of their gifts and encourage them to use them humbly.

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

**Priest**

Jesus was tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us with confidence, then, approach him in our many needs.

**Reader**

For the followers of Christ: that they may take the path of self-denial and renewal this Lent.

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

For those who hold public office: that they may not seek their own interests and glory, but to serve others humbly and faithfully.

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

For all those who have no time for the things of the spirit.

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

For ourselves: that we may have the courage and strength to try to overcome our temptations.

**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 a moment, we remember in silence our own particular needs.

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

**Priest**

Heavenly Father, in your gentle mercy guide our efforts at renewing our lives this Lent, for we know that, left to ourselves, we cannot do your will. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.*

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**BAPTISMS**

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

Saoirse Blaithin O'Shea, Ardnarostig, Bishopstown.  
 Saoirse Catherine Fanneran, The Elms, Classes Lake.  
 Thomas Conor McNamara, Distillery Court, The Maltings.  
 Kai Brydon Verling, Old Fort Gate.  
 Cian Brian Murphy Dinan, Innishmore Court.  
 Colm James Lynch, Fernwalk Greenfields.

**† IN SYMPATHY †**

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

Tom Clancy, Canada  
 James O'Sullivan, Birchley.  
 John Brady, Kilnaglorry.  
 Ellen Duffy, Timoleague.

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

Frank Whelan, Maglin Vale.  
 Tommy Bradley, Leitrim.  
 Tom Cullagh, Cork / Camp  
 Tom & Winnie Holloway, Galbally.  
 Marcelo Basilan.  
 Sean McGeough, Muskerry Estate.  
 Diarmuid Cashman, Glounthane.  
 Sean & May Callaghan, Galway.  
 Catherine McKechnie, Tower.  
 Ellen Thompson, Wyndham Downs.  
 Paddy Foley, The Lough.  
 Con, Mary & Josephine McAuliffe, Rathmore Place.  
 Brid Doolan  
 Denis West, Carrigrohane.  
 Catherine McCarthy, Dunmanway.  
 Nancy & Donie McCarthy, Coachford.  
 Thomas & Kathleen Holmes, Leo Murphy Terrace.  
 Eugene & Bridie O'Sullivan, Ballingearry.  
 Jim & Julia Walsh, Carrigaline.  
 Joe Delaney, Inniscarra View.  
 Eileen Walsh, Holly Road.  
 Kieran McNulty, Fr. Sexton Park.  
 Breda Ryan, Highfield Estate  
 Tadgh O'Sullivan, Park Road & Highfield Lawn.  
 John & Denis Lucey, Carriganarra.  
 Ken Murphy, Greenfields.  
 James & Mona Hourigan, Limerick.  
 John Dennehy, Castleview.  
 Thomas Keane, Galway.  
 Dec members of O'Regan family, Carriganarra.  
 Timothy O'Keeffe, Shamrock Drive.  
 Mairead Boyce, Milford.  
 Dec. members Aherne family.  
 Dec. members of Reilly & Hanney families.  
 Shelia Wash, Castlepark.  
 Dec members of O'Sullivan family, Donoughmore.  
 Tim O'Leary, Sunningdale.  
 Frank Whelan, Maglin Vale.  
 John, Margaret & Timothy O'Brien, Cathedral Road.  
 Denis & Nora Riordan, Citi West Mews.  
 Edward O'Sullivan, Glenleigh.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**First Week of Lent**

09 Sunday Gen. 2:7-9, 3:1-7. Ps 50. Rom. 5:12-19. Mt. 4:1-11. Lect I: 201  
 10 Monday Lev. 19:1-2,11-18. Ps. 18. Mt. 25:31-46. Lect I: 210  
 11 Tuesday Is. 55:10-11. Ps. 33. Mt. 6:7-15. Lect I: 212  
 12 Wednesday Jon. 3:1-10. Ps. 50. Lk. 11:29-32. Lect I: 214  
 13 Thursday Esth. 4:17. Ps. 137:1-3. Mt. 7:7-12. Lect I: 216  
 14 Friday Ez 18:21-28. Ps 129. Mt 5:20-26. Lect I: 218  
 15 Saturday Deut. 26: 16-19. Ps. 118. Mt. 5:43-48. Lect I: 221

**Next Sunday's Readings 16/March/2014**

Gen. 12: 1-4. Ps. 32. 2 Tim. 1:8-10. Mt. 17: 1-9. Lect I: 223

**Novena**

The Novena in honour of Matt Talbot will begin on Friday next 7th March at 7.30 and will run for the 6 Fridays of Lent in the Way of the Cross Church, Togher. While the focus of the Novena is mainly to pray for all those who suffer in any way because of addictions, we will also be remembering the intentions of all God's people. For more details check out the parish website [www.togherparish.ie/parish/](http://www.togherparish.ie/parish/)  
 A Lunch and Social for Pioneers and Friends will take place in The Ambassador Hotel, Military Hill on Sunday 23rd March at 1.30, cost €27.50. Everybody is welcome. For tickets contact Sorcha (086) 3642619.

**Blood Donor Clinic**

**Eire Og GAA Hall, OVENS**

Wednesday 12th & Thursday 13th March 2014  
 From 4.30pm - 8.30pm each day  
 Blood Donation is essential to ensure Hospital Patients get the treatment they need.  
 One Donation can save up to 3 Lives  
 Full details of all clinics and on Giving Blood can be found on [www.giveblood.ie](http://www.giveblood.ie)  
 or by telephoning 021 4807400 or 1850 731 137

**St Patrick's Day Parade - Ballincollig 2014**

Why not get your club/organisation involved?  
 Are you available to Steward at Ballincollig's largest annual community event?  
 Contact [admin@ballincollig.ie](mailto:admin@ballincollig.ie)  
 Tel 086 0551911

**CROWLEY**

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**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7  
 The Lord God created Adam and Eve and set them in the Garden of Eden. They had all they needed, but the serpent tempted them, and they disobeyed God's command.

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19  
 Just as through Adam's disobedience all became sinners, through Christ's obedience all shall become just.

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11  
 Following his baptism in the Jordan River, Jesus went out to the desert to pray and understand God's will. He was alone in the desert for 40 days and nights. Satan waited until Jesus emerged from the desert before tempting Jesus to use his powers. Of course, Jesus was hungry after fasting for 40 days, so the devil tempted him first with food. "Command these stones to become loaves of bread," was the first dare. Later the devil tempted Jesus to use his power to prove that God would send angels to help Jesus if he jumped from the top of the temple. Finally, Satan offered Jesus the glory and power of the entire world if he would but worship Satan. To each temptation, Jesus held fast to what he knew was God's will for him.

**A Series of Talks for Lent**

Tuesday 18th March LENT, our journey to Baptism  
 Tuesday 25th March THE EASTER TRIDUUM  
 Tuesday 1st April A reflection on St. Matthew's Passion

**Speaker: Fr. Christy Fitzgerald**

8pm – 9.30 pm

Frankfield Parish Centre

Admission free – all welcome!

**Ballincollig Tidy Towns**

Table Quiz

Thursday 13th March 2014 @ 8.30pm

Treacy's Bar & Restaurant

Table of Four: €30.00

To Register for Quiz: Call Pat Clarke 087-6348807

**Arthritis Ireland - Working on a Cure**

Join us in Cork to hear Prof. Gerry Wilson, Arthritis Ireland Chair of Rheumatology UCD, on his plans for life-changing research in rheumatology in Ireland.

Prof. Gerry Wilson was recently appointed to take charge of Arthritis Ireland's new world-class centre of rheumatology research and education in UCD. There he will continue his research into the genetic origins of rheumatoid arthritis with the aim of improving treatment to help people living with arthritis throughout Ireland

Prof. Wilson will also work to foster a combined national approach to rheumatology so that Ireland can become an international centre of excellence in the field.

Date: 26 March 2014

Time: 7:30-9pm

Location: Rochestown Park Hotel,  
 Douglas, Co. Cork, Ireland

\*Pre-Registration for this event is essential, please contact Arthritis Ireland

**Bulletin Board**

**Daily Masses During Lent**

Church of Christ Our Light 8.30am & 6.30pm  
 St Mary & St John 9.30am & 8pm.

**Lenten Retreat 2014**

Lenten Retreat 24th, 25th & 26th March, 2014

Church of Christ Our Light Mass 7 am

Liturgy, Homily & Prayer 8pm

The Retreat will be conducted by Fr. Tom Clancy.

No evening Masses during Retreat.

**Mass Diaries**

Mass Diaries to book Mass intentions for April, May & June 2014 are now open in both churches .

Priority will be given to those booking 1st Anniversary Mass.

**Diocesan Directory**

New Diocesan Directory available, up to-date information on Parishes, Mass times, Religious, and Schools.

**Envelope Collection**

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

**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.

**Fr. George**

**Interested in joining a Local Book Club ?**

Venue: Sonas House, Station Road, Ballincollig

Thursday Mornings / Evenings

Time to be arranged

Contact: Eleanor Phone 087 3097434

**Ballincollig Annual Pilgrimage to Knock**

Sunday May 25th

Bus leaving Village at 7.30am sharp

Contact: Sally 021 4870954 or Cathleen 021 4874730

**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.

**Muskerry Local History Society**

The society is organising a two part slide show presentation at Ballincollig Rugby Club on Tuesday 18 March. Presenter Tim O'Brien will feature two topics - the construction of the River Lee hydro electric stations at Inniscarra and Carrigadrohid in the 1950s and the development of the Turkish bath water cure idea by Cooldaniel, Macroom native Dr. Richard Barter at St Ann's Hill, Tower a century earlier. The lecture is open to the public and commences at 8 o'clock..

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Mar/15 & Mar/16/2014

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**  
Karen Sheehan

**8:30 am**  
John Healy  
Kerry O'Leary

**10:00 am**  
Grace Buttimer  
Orla Horgan

**12:00 Noon**  
John Dorgan / Rosin Crew  
Noella Ngenwie

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**  
Pauline Collins

Niall Cronin  
**11:00 am**  
Jack Dorgan  
Harry O'Brien

**12:30 pm**  
Bernard Vallely  
Colm Walsh  
**5:30 pm**  
Tom Reck

**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

**Saturday**

4:30 pm

Except First Saturday of  
Month

First Saturday of Month

12:45 pm

**Sunday**

**PARISH CLERGY**

Priest on Duty  
Fr. George O'Mahony P.P.  
Fr. Dave O'Connell C.C.  
Fr. James McSweeney

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**Funeral Pastoral Team Rota**

Week 10th March to 16th March

Laurence Cunningham  
Virginia Harrington

**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.

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Mar/15 & Mar/16/2014

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6.00 pm** Steve Wills  
Margaret O'Sullivan  
Danny Farrell  
Jim Walsh  
Frances O'Brien  
Eileen Coughlan

**7:30 pm** Anne O'Regan  
Mairead Murphy  
Finbarr Murray  
Lettie Kelly  
Mary Murphy

**8:30 am** Mary Buckley  
Rita Murphy  
Denis Healy / Tom Butler

**11:00 am** Seamus O'Connell  
Mary O'Connell  
Alan O'Riordan  
Geraldine Keohane  
Gerard Murray

**10:00 am** Christina Walsh  
Peter Reilly  
Mary Collins  
Christy Roche  
Katie O'Shea  
Claire Creedon

**12:30 pm** Lucy O'Callaghan  
Jackie Sheehan  
Mary Green  
Michael O'Leary  
J.P.O'Leary

**12 Noon** Oliver O'Donovan  
Miriam Maunsell  
Sean Hennessy  
Mary McLean  
Ellen Seymour  
Nora Hennessy

**5:30 pm** Noelle Buckley  
Mary Breen

**Cork Simon Community**

Works in solidarity with men and women who are homeless, offering housing and support in their journey back to independent or supported living. In 2013, over 1,000 people turned to Cork Simon Community for support. Cork Simon relies on hundreds of volunteers to undertake its work and to help to fundraise over 2 million euro each year to maintain its services. Cork Simon is seeking volunteers for its Annual Bag Pack Fundraising Drive taking place in Cork and Kerry on April 4th, 5th and 6th. If you would like to get involved by giving up two hours of your time to bag pack in your local Tesco or Dunnes please contact Kerry on 021 4929410. Volunteering in your local community is an opportunity to make a meaningful contribution to supporting the work of Cork Simon and supporting people in finding a pathway out of homelessness. Among Cork Simon's most well know services are the Emergency Shelter and the Soup Run. Cork Simon's Emergency Shelters has 48 beds and is full every night of the year while the Soup Run operates every night of the year, offering nourishing food and a listening ear and is often the first point of contact for people who become homeless in Cork. Cork Simon Community also provides housing at five high-support houses throughout the city for people with health needs that require 24 hour care and 27 flats throughout the city for people who are leaving homelessness behind them. In addition to accommodation, Cork Simon offers support to people to maintain their tenancies', access to health services, training and employment opportunities and a range of personal supports to enable people to move out of homelessness. For more information on Cork Simon Services visit [www.corksmon.ie](http://www.corksmon.ie).