

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 10-January-2016

The Baptism of The Lord

At his baptism Jesus was revealed as the Son of God and began his work of bringing the vision of God, his justice and his liberation to people. At our baptism each of us is given a share in this mission, so we become children of God.



**Christ Our Light
Innishmore**



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

150 Years

A New Year

Today we welcome the new year of 2016. The past year has been a very busy and enjoyable year for many in Ballincollig as we celebrate 150 years of the Church of St. Mary and St Johns'. The 150 years celebrations were marked by a variety of events, These included a musical evening with the ETB Youth Orchestra, parish mission lead by Redemptorist's, flower festival, presentation of John Rutter's Requiem, directed prayer weeks and finally a mass of thanksgiving on today Sunday January 10th at 12 noon when two specially composed pieces of music will be performed by Comhaltas. (These pieces are composed by Martin Power to mark the 150 years of St. Mary and St. Johns') The dedication and commitment of so many parishioners made it possible to plan and organise these events and occasions. Sincere thanks to one and all. Meanwhile the regular events including outdoor Stations of the Cross, Advent retreat, the children's Mass including its live broadcast which took place on December 13th. During the year contact was made with Fr Ibrahim and his parishioners in Aleppo, Syria in an effort to help these Christians and provide an opportunity to become aware of the suffering of others.

Sunday January 10th 2016 the Papal Nuncio Archbishop Charles Brown will visit the parish and be chief celebrant of Mass at 12 noon in St. Mary and St Johns' church. Members of Ballincollig Comhaltas will lead the music at this Mass and give a first public performance of two pieces of music composed specially by Martin Power in honour of the year for St. Mary and St Johns' church. This occasion will also see the launch of a booklet to mark the year. All are welcome to come and pray.

George O'Mahony

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

The baptism of Jesus help us to understand the meaning of our own baptism. Let us pray for the grace to live up to it.

Reader

For all Christians: that they may strive to live up to their dignity conferred on them in baptism.

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

For all political leaders and scientists: that they may obey their conscience, and seek to promote truth and justice in the world.

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

For all those who are suffering persecution in the cause of right.

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

For those who are suffering the effects of war, famine and persecution in particular the people of Aleppo.

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

For all who worship in St. Mary & St. For all who worship in St. Mary & St. John's Church that we may believe with our hearts, and practise with our lives the faith we profess with our lips.

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

Thanks for all who treasure the gift of God and endeavour to hand it on.

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

Priest

Almighty God, send us your spirit to open our eyes blinded by selfishness, and to set us free from the prison of our fears and doubts, so that we can grow to maturity as your sons and daughters. We ask this through 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 & Cian O'Sullivan

Bless The Lord, My Soul! Lord God, How Great You Are.

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Chris Foley, Shamrock Drive.
 Eric Philpott, Beech Park.
 John Murphy, Westgate.
 J. J. Long, Kilmurry.
 Peter Cremin, Aherla.
 Gerard Corkery, Ovens/Poulavone.
 Theresa O'Donovan, Blackrock.
 Pat Staunton, Bishopstown.

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

Maureen Calanan, West Village.
 Farrell Dunne, Thurles.
 Billy Greene, Station Road.
 Joe & Mona Thullier, Kinsale.
 William & Mary Murphy, Blarney.
 Peter Downey, Inniscarra Road.
 Denis O'Callaghan, Innishmore Grove.
 William, Rita & Patsy Kinsella, Carrigrohane.
 Ted & Clare Dineen, Ovens.
 Mary Ryan, Carrigrohane.
 Paul O'Connor, Carrigrohane.
 Margaret & William O'Connor, Carrigrohane.
 Pat Sheehan Coachford.
 Jack O'Connell, Main Street.
 Patrick Barry, Ardrostig.
 Joan Somers, Park Road, Muskerry Estate.
 Eily O'Connor, Carriganarra.
 Denis & Ellen Hurley, Coolgarten Park.
 Peter Healy, Beech Park.
 Dec. members Linehan family, Kanturk.
 Michael O'Regan, Carriganarra.
 Margaret & Michael Leahy.
 Rene Lucey, Station Road.
 Michael O'Mahony, Inniscarra View.
 Sheila O'Mahony, Coachford & Ballyvolane.
 Tess Goggin, Goleen.
 Catherine Calanan, Church View/Bantry.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

First Week In Ordinary Time

10 Sunday Is. 40:1-5,9-11. Ps. 103. Tit. 2:11-14,3:4-7. Lk. 3:15-16,21-22. Lect II: 185
 11 Monday 1 Sam. 1:1-8. Ps. 115. Mk. 1:14-20. Lect II: 457
 12 Tuesday 1 Sam. 1:9-20. Ps. 1 Sam. 2. Mk. 1:21-28. Lect II: 459
 13 Wednesday 1 Sam. 3:1-10, 19-20 Ps. 39 Mk. 1:29-39. Lect II: 461
 14 Thursday 1 Sam 4: 1-11. Ps 43. Mk 1:40-45. Lect II: 464
 15 Friday 1 Sam. 8:4-7, 10-22. Ps. 88. Mk. 2:1-12. Lect II: 466
 16 Saturday 1 Sam. 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1. Ps. 20. Mk. 2:13-17. Lect II: 468

Next Sunday's Readings 17-January-2016

Is 62: 1-5. Ps. 95. 1 Cor 12:4-11. Jn 2:1-11. Lect I: 838

BAPTISMS

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

Koby James Hanley, Douglas.
 Sophia Sarah Ann O'Donovan, The Avenue, Coolroe Heights
 Alexander John O'Sullivan, Limeworth.
 Abigail Grace Power, Willowgrove.
 Ailbhe Brid Kearney, Beech Road, Muskerry Estate.
 Patrick Joseph Dwyer, Carriganarra.
 Joseph William Nunan, Old Quarry, Coolroe.
 Aoibhlinn Constance Murray, Newcastle Upon Tyne.
 Peter Jack O'Leary, The Cloisters.
 Cadhla Maisy McCann, Model Farm Road.
 Sam John Costello, River's Edge.
 Kate Anne Murphy, Maglin.

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: IS. 40:1-5, 9-11
 The passage from Isaiah which forms today's first Scripture reading is one of the songs of the servant which is found in Isaiah. It describes the ideal Jew, the servant of God who will bring justice and light to the world and save his people. This servant is Christ.

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14,3:4-7
 The second Scripture passage is the conclusion of an episode in which Peter has a vision. In the vision he is instructed to receive into the infant Church not only Jews, but the whole world.

Gospel : Lk. 3:15-16. 21-22
 People in the crowds wondered if John the Baptist was the Messiah. Luke provided a direct question and response to make clear that John understood he was not the Messiah. Luke removed the attention completely from John by not even making it clear whether or not John was present at Jesus' baptism. For Luke, John was the last prophet from the old age. Jesus marked the beginning of a new age. Luke was the only evangelist to have Jesus praying when the Holy Spirit, in the form of a dove, came down on Jesus while a voice from heaven proclaimed him as God's beloved Son.

Ballincollig for the last decade

Here is a Chronology of developments that took place since 2005

2005: Opening of the Ballincollig Shopping Centre, half of Old Fort Road and Old Quarter
 Reopening of the Oriel House Hotel with new extensions to the original house including a leisure centre

2006: Opening of Ballincollig's 2nd Aldi, the enlargement of Quish's Supervalu

2007: Ballincollig Bronze Medal Winners in the National Tidy Towns Competition
 Completion of Barrack's Square Office Complex
 Opening of Supernova Sports Complex

2008: Ballincollig Bronze Medal Winners in the National Tidy Towns Competition
 Opening of Heaton's and the Parade section of the Ballincollig Town Centre, opening of Eastside Retail Complex, however only Leeview Pharmacy is the only unit in operation today
 Opening of the Astro Turf Pitch in Colaiste Choilm
 Opening of St Marks Centre in Innishmore

2009: Ballincollig Bronze Medal Winners in the National Tidy Towns Competition
 Completion of Old Fort Road
 Opening of Lidl.

2010: Ballincollig Silver Medal Winners in the National Tidy Towns Competition
 Completion of the Ballincollig Green Route, with new cycle lanes, bus lanes, traffic light junctions
 St. Patrick's Day Parades return to Ballincollig after a 27 year absence

2011: Ballincollig Silver Medal Winners in the National Tidy Towns Competition
 Installation of an outdoor gym in the Regional Park
 Opening of the new Garda Station

2012: Ballincollig Gold Medal Winners in the National Tidy Towns Competition
 Opening of Community Drive Link Road connecting Innishmore with Old Fort Road
 Opening of Solas Parish House on Station Road
 Opening of the new Gaelscoil Ui Riordain in Carriganarra.

2013: Ballincollig Representing Ireland in Entente Florale Europe and winner of a silver plaque
 Ballincollig Gold Medal Winners in the National Tidy Towns Competition
 Opening of Halla Phadraig in Colaiste Choilm
 Opening of the Allotments in Innishmore

2014: Ballincollig Gold Medal Winners in the National Tidy Towns Competition
 Ballincollig becoming Cork Senior Football Champions for the very first time
 Opening of Tesco, McDonalds, Boots and Ramen
 Completion of new walkways in the Regional Park
 Introduction of the 220 bus route with more frequent buses to Cork City and also on towards Carrigaline, Crosshaven and Fountainstown

2015: 150 years celebration of St. Mary & St. John's Church
 50 years celebration of Ballincollig Tidy Towns
 We welcomed Fr. Cian O'Sullivan to the parish and said farewell to Fr. Dave O'Connell.
 Opening of Mr. Price
 A new playground in the Regional Park
 Music in the Community in the Regional Park.

Compiled by Fearghal O'Muineachain

Bulletin Board

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday January 23rd at 12.00 noon in the Library Room, Community Hall, Station Road. The presentation lasts for approximately forty minutes. The following questions are addressed, What is Baptism? What are the symbols used in the Sacrament of Baptism? How can the family become involved in the ceremony? Parents might book the baptism a few weeks in advance to give ample time to take part in the preparation.

Children's Mass

The next Children's Mass for children in second class preparing for their first Holy Communion will take place on Sunday January 17th, at 11.00am in Church of Christ Our Light. The Parents of children who are seven and eight are asked to bring them to this Mass. Preparation with the children commences in the main body of the church at 10.45am. The Children retire to the crying room where they celebrate the Liturgy of the Word in a child friendly fashion. They return to the main body of the church for the offertory of the mass

Diocesan Collection

The quarterly collection in aid of the Diocesan Funds will be taken up next week end at all masses 16/17 January.

Week of Prayer Service

The gathering for prayer of the various Christian traditions coming together is deferred until Pentecost Week. Pentecost Sunday 15th May.

Thank You

I take this opportunity to express my appreciation and gratitude to each of you for your generosity and support during the past year. Your contribution to the support of the priests of the parish has been outstanding. Thanks very much. This generosity continues each week in your contributions to the offertory collection, the offertory collection is entirely for the running costs of the parish (including, lighting, heating, insurance, maintenance, wages to sacristans and parish secretary). Special thanks to the ministers of Word, Eucharist, Choirs and Music at the various Masses and Altar servers. Thanks to those who lead the baptism preparation, distribute the fliers and dues envelopes; the collectors and counters. Thanks to the funeral ministry teams for their support at such difficult times for families.

The altar societies in both churches and cleaners do Trojan work week after week. Sincere thanks to the sacristans, Geraldine, Pat, Clara and Mary; to Catherine the parish secretary. Thank you to Sr. Colette and her colleague Sr. Bridget for their dedication and continuous work-in the parish. The faith community of Ballincollig is also blessed that many committed and gifted people give of their time and talents to the work of the parish council. To the many members of the sub groups of the parish council a sincere thank you.

Fr. George

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Jan-16 & Jan-17-2016

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Laura O'Keeffe

8:30 am
Triona Downey
Riain Brennan
10:00 am
Grace Buttimer
Orla Horgan
12:00 Noon
Tony Lynch
Shane Tully

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Rebecca Feely
Josh Nyagaya
11:00 am
Jacob Derham
Ciara Healy
12:30 pm
Adaugu Ebili
Caterina Nugent
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

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

PARISH CLERGY

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Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

Week 11th Jan to 17th Jan

Tim Murphy
Siobhan Glavin

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

Jan-16 & Jan-17-2016

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
Tom Butler
Denis Healy

11:00 am Seamus & Mary O'Connell
Ciaran Kelleher
Alan O'Riordan
Geraldine Keohane
Gerard Murray

10:00 am Mary Collins
Christy Roche
Katie O'Shea
Joe Coughlan
Elaine Crowley
Ann Buckley

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

12 Noon Oliver O'Donovan
Sean Hennessy
Mary McLean
Eleanor Seymour
Nora Hennessy

5:30 pm Noelle Buckley
Mary Breen
Valerie Barry

Muskerry Local History

'Remembering the six men who died following the ill-fated Dripsey Ambush 1921'

Remembering the men executed by British Crown Forces in February 1921 following an ill-fated ambush at Dripsey, Co. Cork is the subject of a slide show presentation being delivered by Tim O'Brien at 8.00 pm on 18 January in Ballincollig Rugby Club. Under the auspices of Muskerry Local History Society, the presentation will include news on the formation and growth of the Irish Volunteers in the East Muskerry areas of Donoughmore, Courtbrack and Inniscarra; the ambush plan; the capture of men involved; their subsequent court martial at Cork's Victoria Barracks; the traumatic execution morning; the construction of a memorial at Dripsey and some key commemoration ceremonies through the decades.

Reflection for Parents

There is more work for parents to do in a day than will ever get done. Some of us work outside our homes while some stay at home. In either case there are always bills to pay, laundry to wash, meals to prepare, errands to run and things to fix. Unless we deliberately set aside time to prepare ourselves and our families for Jesus' return, we will continue with the busyness of everyday life like the people of Noah's time and the workers in the field and at the mill. Especially at this time of year, it is easy to get caught up in the demands centred on Jesus' birth rather than his return.

Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can read
Mark Twain