

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 11-January-2004



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road



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

Happy New Year, Each Day Is Precious

Next to grace, time is the most precious gift of God. Yet, how much of both we waste. We say that time does many things. It teaches us many lessons, weans us from many follies, strengthens us in good resolves and heals many wounds. And yet it does none of these things. Time does nothing. But time is the condition of all these things which God does in time. Time is full of eternity. As we use it so shall we be. Every day has its opportunities. Every hour its opportunity of grace.

A hunter in India with a sling had come to the end of his stones and wanted one to sling at a bird on a tree. He saw some fine stones lying near, and took up a handful to hurl one by one with his sling, without very much success. However, for the bird flew off and the stones fell into the river, only one remained of the handful he had taken. He was going to throw it away, but seeing how pretty it was saved it as a plaything for his daughter. On the way home he met a merchant, and showed him the stone. The merchant saw at once that it was a diamond, and offered a large sum for it. The hunter started lamenting his bad fortune, and on being asked why he was so upset, he explained that it was because he had not realized the value of the stones he had thrown into the river. Had he but saved them, a fortune might have been his. They were now lost to him forever. So is every day of life precious – it can never be recovered.

A very Happy New Year in 2004. Make each day of it precious. Will you live each day of it to the full?

John O'Donovan

Reflection for Parents

As parents we can easily understand the proud words from heaven calling Jesus a beloved child. We may not always be pleased with the actions of our children, but they are indeed our beloved. It is through our baptism and the baptism of our children that we are all part of God's family. Like building relationships by staying in touch with our extended family, we help our children stay in touch with God's family by taking time to pray and worship together.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Sisters and brothers: let us bring our needs to God, whose Spirit renews the face of the earth.

Reader

For all the baptised, that they may take their Christian commitment seriously.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For young people preparing for Confirmation this year, that those already confirmed may show them what Christian living means?

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For newborn babies, and all who will soon be baptised, that they may have the grace to live truly Christian lives.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For expectant mothers, and parents hoping for a baby, that their dream of a healthy child may become a reality.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For our friends and relatives who have gone before us in faith especially those in our thoughts today, that they may pass from death to life.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For our own needs, for those who have asked for prayers.....

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest

Loving God, your creative Spirit renews humanity and sustains us always: hear our prayers and continue to support us by your grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are.

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BAPTISMS

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

Abbie Hennessy, 6 Oaklands.
 Emer Marion Elizabeth Dineen, 19 Westcourt.
 Peter Alexander Kenneally, 45 The Meadows, Classis Lake.
 Ciara Maisie Duggan, The Meadows, West Village.
 Louis Noel Alan Heffernan, 6 Mill Range.
 Frederic Stephane Guillot, 6 Mill Range.
 Sophia Marie Murphy, 19 Whitethorn Drive.
 Jayce Denis Cronin, 26 The Elms, Classis Lake.
 Colm Christopher Nagle, 147 Leeview.
 Amy Joan O'Shea, The Vale, Coolroe Meadows.
 Anthony John O'Mahony, 2 Glincool Lawn.
 Emily Ann Denny, 10 Hawthorn Drive, Inniscarra View.

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

Deceased members of John A. Wood.
 Jim Walsh, Carrigaline.
 Ned O'Donovan, Raheen, Carrigrohane.
 Joan & Eddie Murphy, Powdermills.
 David Spillane, Magazine Road.
 John Barry-Murphy.
 Donal Coughlan, Schull.
 Elizabeth McCarthy, Park Road, Muskerry Estate.
 John Hogan, Co. Tipperary.
 Thomas Reid, Curraheen.
 Brendan Lingwood, Bishopstown.
 Deceased members of the Ahern Family, Fr. Sexton Park.
 Elizabeth Hanlon, Carriganarra Road.
 William Murphy, Blarney.
 May Murphy, Blarney.
 Rita Kinsale, Carrigrohane.
 Oliver Scally, Hollyhill.
 Patrick Sheehan, Kilmurry.
 Daniel & Josephine Deady Buttevant.
 Bob Foolkes, Ballyphehane.
 James O'Sullivan, Blackpool.
 Daniel O'Neill, High Street.
 Michael O'Mahony, Whitethorn Ave., Inniscarra View.
 Patrick Kenneally, Curraheen.
 Mary Knight, Willow Drive.
 Joe O'Leary.
 Patrick Brennan.
 Farrell Dunne, Thurles.
 William Perrot.
 Elizabeth & William Murray.
 P.J. McCarthy, Templemartin.
 Maureen Callanan, West Village.
 Denis & Mary Lucey, Ballingearry.
 Timothy Murphy, Greenfield Place.
 Con O'Regan, Maglin.
 Sonny Cummins, Kinsale.
 Robert Barrett, Model Farm Road.
 Deceased members of the Linehan & O'Kane families.
 Dermot Cronin, Pouladuff Road,
 Alison Murphy, Wyndham Downs.
 Frank O'Kelly Lynch.
 Esther Lynch.
 Tim Dineen, Ovens.
 John Bubernick, USA.
 John Sheehan, Coachford.
 Pat Sheehan, Coachford.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

11 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
 12 Monday 1 Sam. 1:1-8. Ps. 115. Mk. 1:14-20. Lect II: 457
 13 Tuesday 1 Sam. 1 :9-20. Ps. 1 Sam. 2. Mk. 1 :21-28. Lect II: 459
 14 Wednesday 1 Sam. 3 :1-10, 19-20 Ps. 39 Mk. 1 :29-39. Lect II: 461
 15 Thursday 1 Sam 4: 1-11. Ps 43. Mk 1 :40-45. Lect II: 464
 16 Friday 1 Sam. 8:4-7, 10-22. Ps. 88. Mk. 2:1-12. Lect II: 466
 17 Saturday 1 Sam. 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1. Ps. 20. Mk. 2:13-17. Lect II: 469

Children's Liturgy at 11.00am Mass, Christ Our Light Church

A Children's Liturgy Group was organized in October this year. We have had a very positive response from the schools and especially from the parents who have been making a special effort to bring their children to this Mass. Our purpose is to bring the Gospel to life in a way that is easily understood by the children. We do this with the help of worksheets from the Redemptorist Fathers, especially designed around the message in the Gospel. One point from the Gospel is highlighted each week and other activities on the worksheet are also based on this central theme. In this way, the children can meet Jesus and get to know him as a friend. This enhances their school Alive-O program and also what they learn at home. From the feedback we've been getting from the children, they are so far enjoying the Liturgy. We hope this Group will continue to flourish, and that the children will bring a good message home with them.

† IN SYMPATHY † PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :

Cathal O'Dowda, Macroom & Ballincollig.
 Josephine Hallihan, Powdermills & Manchester.
 Mary Bridget Creed, Healy's Bridge & Inniscarra View.
 Noreen Curran, Courtmaesherry.
 Mary Burns, St. Lukes.
 Eileen O'Sullivan, Sneem, Co. Kerry.
 Mary O'Connell, Dripsey.
 Vincent Coughlan, Mill Range.
 Jack Noonan, Westcourt.
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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.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Hilary 13-January-2004

The word "heresy" is rarely mentioned these days. In the early Church the word was used for those who of their own will choose false teaching. The heretic tries to express Christian teaching but he refuses to believe one or more of the articles of Faith that have been handed down from the Apostles. A heretic is one who having been baptised and still professing himself to be a Christian deliberately and knowingly denies one of the truths of the Catholic faith. Some of the famous heretics in the early Church attracted many followers and so did much damage to the unity of the Church. One of these was Arius, a priest of Alexandria who put forward the theory that Jesus was not God; that he was not "consubstantial" with the Father. He attracted many followers and the heresy divided the Church for half a century. St. Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, defended the true teaching on the Blessed Trinity against the Arians, often at great danger to himself. At one stage Hilary was exiled from his city by the Emperor Constantius. During his exile he studied and wrote books in defence of the Faith. On his return to his diocese he continued to defend the Faith by writing and preaching while at the same time endeavouring to encourage those who had left the Church to return.

Ballincollig Confirmations 2004

Dates for your diary

Scoil Mhuire	Thursday 1 st April
Scoil Barra	Tuesday 27 th April
Our Lady of Good Counsel	Tuesday 27 th April
Scoil Eoin	Thursday 29 th April
Gaelscoil Uí Ríordáin (SMA Wilton)	Tuesday 4 th May

Suicide Helpline

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6 to 10 pm daily

The Southern Health Board will provide advice, support and assistance to individuals who are feeling suicidal and to family members, friends, professionals and others who know someone who is showing symptoms of depression, anxiety or who is threatening suicide or self-harm.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul wish to thank parishioners for their generosity during the past year and especially thanks for the generosity to the basket collection on Sunday 14th December 2003 when €17,025.00 was contributed. During Christmas 2003 the society, thanks to your generosity, was able to help approx. two hundred families. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul takes this opportunity to wish each of you a very happy and peaceful New Year.

Notice to former Alter Servers

St Mary & St. John

If you still have your Alter Server's Gown at home, it would be appreciated if you return it to the sacristy

Sick Or House Bound?

If you have a friend or relative who is sick, house bound or in hospital, please let the Priests of the Parish know, so they may visit.

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To every man there openeth
A way, and ways and a way.
And the high soul climbs the high way,
And the low soul gropes the low,
And in between, on the misty flats,
The rest drift to and fro.
And to every man there openeth
A high way and a low,
And every man decideth
The way his soul shall go.

(By John Oxenham)

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

Elizabeth Bibesco

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Jan-17 & Jan-18-2004

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Muireann Nelligan
8:30 am
Annette Collins
10:00 am
Declan Chalmers
12:00 Noon
Miriam Maunsell

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Joy O'Driscoll
11:00 am
Catherine Cronin
12:30 pm
Dick Beamish
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

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Thursday

8:30 am

9:30 am

Friday

8:30 am

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

Jan-17 & Jan-18-2004

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Patsie Murphy
Breda Foley
Mary Walsh
Sr. M. Carmody
Geraldine Hegarty
Cathy Horgan

8:00 pm Jim Cahill
Kit Cahill
Sheila O'Connor

11:00 am Maura McNamara
Angela Cunningham
Laurence Cunningham
Neil Cantillon Murphy

8:30 am Theresa Lucey
Rita Murphy

10:00 am Tadgh Murphy
Mary Murphy
Joan Tobin
Betty Sheehan

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
Patrica O'Donoghue
Statia O'Callaghan

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