

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 13-February-2005

First Sunday of Lent

As Lent begins we are reminded of Adam's fall from grace and of the reality of sin in human life, we are also reminded that Christ is the new Adam overcoming temptation in himself and so making possible a new life, a new humanity for those who belong to him.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Ash Wednesday and Lent

Ash Wednesday is the day when many of us make the effort to go to Mass and receive ashes on our foreheads. This year more people made the effort to mark Ash Wednesday than in previous years. As the reading from the prophet Joel reminds us Joel 2; 12 -15 "Now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart. Return to the Lord, your God. For he is generous and forgiving, slow to anger and rich in kindness. Gather the people together to pray and repent".

In the early Church it took three years of preparation for an adult to become a Christian. In those early days of the Church, adults who decided to become Christians were really like people standing on the threshold between two worlds - their old life and their Christian future. After the three years, these "catechumens" as they were known, began a final time of preparation for their baptism, which would take place at Easter. This stage lasted for forty days. During this time, just like Jesus in the desert, they fasted and prayed. It was also a time of getting to know the other members of the local Christian community. As they prepared for Baptism, the catechumens learned about the scriptures, beliefs and way of life of the Church. It was seen as an opportunity for the Christian community to prepare for Easter by "journeying with" the catechumens as they prepared for baptism.

As we make the forty days' journey of Lent, we have the opportunity to prepare, like the catechumens, for Easter, by praying, doing without some thing, turning away from sin, showing our concern for those in need and sharing God's love.

Just as Jesus was lead by the Spirit into the wilderness, Lent is an opportunity for us to deal with the wilderness in our lives. Times when faced with loneliness, illness, bereavement or not being at peace with myself can be times of wilderness in our all our lives. May this period of Lent be a time when each of us will believe and realise that God is with us at all times, particularly at these wilderness times.

May God bless our journeying this Lent?

George O'Mahony

The Church has in mind the catechumens throughout the world who set out today on their great preparation for the Easter Vigil when they will become Christians. The faithful, who are already baptised, are the concern of the Church too. They must be awakened once more to the meaning of being in Christ. The faithful join with the catechumens in the struggle against the powers of darkness, confident that where sin abounded, grace abounds still more.

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

As we begin our Lenten journey, we bring our needs and the needs of the world before our loving God.

Reader

For all who teach and preach the gospel, that they may be encouraged in their communities and strengthened in their faith.

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

For all those preparing for Baptism at this time, for those who accompany them, and for all sponsors and god-parents.

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

For all parents, teachers, catechists, and all who guide and instruct the young, that they may be aware of the privilege that is theirs.

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

For the hungry in our world, and for those who lack the necessities of life, that they may be helped by the kindness of others.

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

For a true spirit of repentance in this season of Lent.

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

For our Holy Father Pope John Paul II, that he may be restored to good health and continue as an example to us all.

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

Priest

God, our loving Father, you know each of us as we are, and you understand our needs and desires. We trust in you as we pray in the name of Jesus, your Son, 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 :

Alli Anne Collins, 42 An Caisleán Drive.
 Ruth Elizabeth O’Sullivan, 26 Chestnut Grove, Classis Lake.
 Sarah Lynn O’Connell, 14 Lee View.
 Hugh McCarthy, 11 The Orchards, Inchagaggin Lane.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Peter Farrell, Dingle.
 PJ Mangan, Doohoma, Co. Mayo.

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

Margaret Boland, Dublin.
 Mary O’Dwyer, Limerick.
 John Quin, Beech Park.
 Tim Murphy, Glounthaune.
 Hannah Walsh, Maglin.
 Anthony McCarthy, Castle Park.
 Deceased members of the Bowen & Kellehan families.
 Patrick McCarthy, London & Eyeries.
 Mick & Alice Bolger, Wexford.
 Nora & Christopher Twomey, Greenmount.
 Joe & Mary Kate Campbell, Galway.
 Bridie & Dan Hurley, Turners Cross.
 Deceased members of Dan & Peggy McCarthy’s family, The Crescent.
 Chris & John Joe Walsh, Bakers Road.
 Francis & Margaret O’Farrell, Station Road.
 Daniel O’Sullivan, Inniscarra.
 Michael Long, Turners Cross.
 Molly Murphy, Quakers Road.
 Denis Spillane, Glenflesk.
 Deceased members of the Conway & Ryan families.
 Margaret McSweeney, Kilnaglory.
 Ellen Tobin, Ballypnehane.
 Peter Hurley, Glasheen.
 William & Julia Burke, Vicarstown.
 Deceased members of the O’Mahony family, Barrack Street.
 Tom & Winnie Holloway, Galbally.
 Sheila Murray, Carrigrohane.
 Bridget O’Leary, Fairhill.
 Dermot Glynn, Dublin.
 Patsy Scanlon, Ballygar.
 Fred Hutchinson, Barrack Street.
 Edward & Joan Murphy, Powdermills.
 Sean & May Callaghan.

Lenten Programme

Preparing the Sunday Gospel for Lent
 Tuesday morning 10 – 10:30 am
 In the meeting room over
 St. Vincent de Paul Shop
 All are welcome.

The important thing is not to think too much but to love much and so do that which best stirs you to love.’

St. Teresa Of Avila

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

First Week Of Lent

13 Sunday Gen. 2:7-9, 3:1-7. Ps 50. Rom. 5:12-19. Mt. 4:1-11. Lect I: 201
 14 Monday Acts 13:46-49. Ps. 116. Lk. 10: 1-9. Lect II: 519
 15 Tuesday Is. 55:10-11. Ps. 33. Mt. 6:7-15. Lect I: 212
 16 Wednesday Jon. 3:1-10. Ps. 50. Lk. 11:29-32. Lect I: 214
 17 Thursday Esth. 4:17. Ps. 137. Mt. 7:7-12. Lect I: 216
 18 Friday Ez 18:21-28. Ps 129. Mt 5:20-26. Lect I: 218
 19 Saturday Deut. 26: 16-19. Ps. 118. Mt. 5:43-48. Lect I: 221

Next Sunday’s Readings 20-February-2005

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

Lourdes

Cork & Ross Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2005

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 Monsignor Kevin O’Callaghan
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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, every Thursday during Lent.
 after 8.00 pm Mass, finishing at 9.30 pm.

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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.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Valentine 14-February-2005

Valentine's Day is celebrated in honour of Saint Valentine, a Christian priest who was executed on February 14th, 270 A.D., by the Roman Emperor Claudius II. Though there is nothing romantic about his death, legend has it that Valentine was quite a romantic soul while he was alive. Apparently Claudius II was concerned about the declining number of soldiers in the Roman Army. The soldiers were refusing to leave their wives and sweethearts, so Claudius thought he could solve the problem by outlawing marriage. But as the saying goes, love will find a way. Young lovers found their way to Valentine, who took pity on their predicament and performed marriages for them in secret. When Claudius found out, he had Valentine beheaded. Another legend says that Valentine was imprisoned for performing these secret marriages, and that while he was serving his time, he fell madly in love with the jailer's daughter. He would send her love notes inscribed with the words "From your Valentine" - a tradition we still carry on today.

St. Valentine's Day has its roots in an old Roman festival called the Lupercalia, which was held each year on February 15. The festival involved a lover's lottery, where girls' names were written on slips of paper and put into a jar. Each young man would draw a name and that girl would then be his companion for the following year. The Christians found this custom immoral, so they created their own February festival in honour of the romantic St. Valentine, who helped love last a lifetime by sanctifying it with the sacred bond of marriage.

Saints are not supposed to rest in peace; they're expected to keep busy: to perform miracles, to intercede. Being in jail or dead is no excuse for non-performance of the supernatural. One legend says, while awaiting his execution, Valentinus restored the sight of his jailer's blind daughter. Another legend says, on the eve of his death, he penned a farewell note to the jailer's daughter, signing it, "From your Valentine."

St. Valentine was martyred in Rome and was buried on the Flaminian Way. He is the Patron Saint of affianced couples, beekeepers, engaged couples, epilepsy, fainting, greetings, happy marriages, love, lovers, plague, travellers, young people. He is represented in pictures with birds and roses.

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



The Irish Blood Transfusion Service Will Hold A Blood Donor Clinic In

The GAA Pavilion Ballincollig On

Monday 14th February 2005

Tuesday 15th February 2005

Wednesday 16th February 2005

Thursday 17th February 2005

From 3:00 – 5:00 & 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Trocaire Lent Boxes

Lenten boxes available in both churches this weekend. Trocaire's appeal is focused this year on their work in Ethiopia.

Diocesan Directory

The Directory is now available in both churches and has been completely updated to include all parish, church and personnel data.

In the absence of The Fold magazine, the Church Directory also now includes the statement of diocesan accounts. The audited accounts for the two years to June 30th, 2003 and the year to June 30th, 2004 are published in full in seven pages of the directory.

The 150-page Church Directory 2005 costs €5.

Muskerry Local History Society.

February Lecture.

Subject: Place names, Change and continuity in the rural Irish Landscape.

Speaker: Mr Tim Cadogan.

Venue: Ballincollig Rugby Club Function Hall.

Date & Time: 15 February 2005. at 8 pm.

Admission: €2

Non Members Welcome

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February 15th & five following Tuesdays

Time: 7.30pm – 9.00pm

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Booking: Tel.: (021) 450 2520

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

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Feb-19 & Feb-20-2005

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Muireann Nelligan
8:30 am
Annette Collins
10:00 am
Margot Twomey
12:00 Noon
Sean Hennessy

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Michael Greene
11:00 am
Jack Dorgan
12:30 pm
Marlyn O'Connor
5:30 pm
Phil O'Connell

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	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-19 & Feb-20-2005



St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm	Aisling Kelly Eileen Murphy Ted Nelligan Angela Murphy Ann O'Connell Sheila Walshe	8:00 pm	John O'Donoghue Eleanor O'Donoghue Kathleen Daly
8:30 am	Helen Kelly Annette Murphy	11:00 am	Mary O'Mahony Margaret Brown Mona Bowen Billy Barry
10:00 am	Miriam Maunsell Mary Buckley Breda Ring Jerry O'Connor Mary O'Regan	12:30 pm	Mary Twomey Terry O'Driscoll Bernie O'Driscoll Maura O'Driscoll
12 Noon	Louie O'Leary John Walshe Pat Kelleher Irene O'Brien Ellen O'Sullivan Chris Cotter	5:30 pm	Garreth Irish Shelia Curran

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