

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 14-March-2004



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road



Third Sunday of Lent
Today's gospel is a reminder of the need for conversion, for a change of direction in our lives. We cannot presume forever on the mercy of God.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Third Sunday of Lent - Moses and the Bush

Today's Old Testament reading is a meeting of God and Moses. The account of the burning bush is one of the better-known passages from the Old Testament. Moses went and looked at this strange sight. Suddenly Moses finds himself face to face with the power of God and he is being asked to bring a message of Hope and Liberation to an oppressed people. Moses is full of doubts and needs loads of re-assuring and he wants to know the answer or what to say when he is asked "What is his name" and God said to Moses "I am who am". In this reading and throughout Lent, God makes clear that he is a God of Justice who brings a promise of liberation and hope to the human race. With this promise we are also asked to work in partnership with God to make it happen.

During the past week a Draft Pastoral strategy was published. (Copies available in sacristies) This document is the product of discussion and debate throughout the Diocese for the past two years. This document is inspired by the call of John Paul II -- He invites us to "make room" for each other, and to develop a trust and openness wholly in accord with the dignity and responsibility of every member of the People of God. The gifts God has given us we are called to offer to the faith community for the building up of the kingdom. During the last thirty years various efforts have been made to recognise the role and talents of all the Baptised in the Church and to try to learn to work together in partnership to build the Lord's kingdom. Hopefully this process will take us further along the road of partnership.

Finally well done to the big number of parishioners who turned up on Thursday 4th March at the parochial house to commence four weeks of faith development and Bible study? A word of thanks to the Scouts and their leaders who made space willingly available at a minutes notice for the big crowd.

Finally I take this opportunity to wish all our readers a very Happy St. Patrick's day.

George O'Mahony

Reflection for Parents

Some children worry whether or not their parents will live as long as the child needs them-- basically forever! But often, parents worry more that they will someday be a burden to their children. Once in a while, parents know they only have a short period of time left with their children and they quickly take stock of what is truly important and act accordingly. Even without this notice, it would be good to evaluate each day with our children. How many nights do we fall into bed praying that this is not the last day our children remember with us!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

As we continue on our Lenten journey, we remember those in need.

Reader

For the whole Church, that we may hear and heed the call to a new way of living during these Lenten days.

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

For our Pope and all Church leaders, that they may be encouraged in their ministry to the People of God.

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

For those who have difficult decisions to make, that they may be inspired.

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

For all those who have moved away from church practice, that they may know they are always welcome in their Father's House.

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

For all those who have suffered through accident, violence, or unkind publicity, that they may find healing and peace.

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

For our dear ones who have died, especially those mentioned in our Mass today, that they may rest in peace.

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

Priest

God, our Father, giver of all good gifts, we trust in your goodness as we offer you our prayer, in Jesus' name.

Amen.

The Lord is compassion and love.

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BAPTISMS

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

Rian Martin McNeill, 93 Old Court, Greenfields
Joshua Kisidu Nagaya, 140 Leeview
Brian John Moore, 19 Mossgrove, Classis Lake
Kailey Anne O'Connor, 23 Innishmore Place
Darragh Keohane, 4 Aylsbury Court

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

Betty O'Sullivan, Lee Road.
Josephine Healy, Togher.
Sheila Twohig, Carrigrohane.
Catherine Reen, Kilnaglory.

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

Kathleen Dorgan, Powdermills.
Tim & Elizabeth Mullane, Ballyclough.
Joyce Moylan, Kanturk.
Kitty Barry, Hodders Villas.
Richard Krauss, Aisling Close.
Bill Dwane, Douglas.
Mary Herlihy, Rosscarbery.
Nellie & Neil Langan, Donegal.
Mary Ellen O'Donovan, Union Hall.
Ned Keating, West Village.
Tadhg & Ellen O'Donovan, Kilmurray.
Matthew Murphy, Ovens.
Nora Vaughan, Kilnamartyra.
Jimmy Langan, Co. Donegal.
James O'Donovan, Union Hall.
Joseph Donovan, Inniscarra.
Donors Intentions.
Ellen Barry, Farranree.
Margaret Sexton, Bweeng.
Eileen Foley, Ballywilliam, Cobh.
James & Mary McSweeney, Classes, Ovens.
Denis & Patricia Goggin, St. Lukes.
Mary Lucey, Coolroe.
Katherine Keane, Townsend Place.
Eileen Foley, Ballywilliam, Cobh.
Denis Mannix, Doneraile.
Catherine & Patrick Howard, Ballinlough.
Joe Butler, Inniscarra View.
Jim Spencer, West Village.
Josephine & Gerard Hayes.
Jerry & Kitty Hallahan, Kilmichael.
Babe & Bill Casey, Innishmore Square.
Members of the O'Shea & Wrenne Families.
Bill & Christina Carroll, Dripsey.
Jim Garvey, Dingle.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

THIRD WEEK OF LENT

14 Sunday Ex. 3:1-8, 13-15. Ps. 102.1 Cor. 10:1-6, 10-12. Lk. 13:1-9.lect I: 255
15 Monday 2 K. 5:1-15. Ps. 41. Lk. 4:24-30. Lect I: 262
16 Tuesday 16 Tuesday Dan. 3:25,34-43. Ps. 24. Mt. 18:21-35. Lect I: 264
17 Wednesday Jer. 1 :4-9. Ps. 116. Acts 13:46-49. Lk. 10: 1-12, 17-20. Lect I: 1015
18 Thursday 18 Thursday Jer. 7:23-28. Ps. 94. Lk. 11:14-23. Lect I: 268
19 Friday Sam. 7:4-5, 12-14, 16. Ps. 88. Rom. 4:13, 16-18, 22. Mt. 1:16, 18-21 or Lk. 2:41-51 Lect I: 970 or Lect II: 980
20 Saturday Has. 5:1 5-6:6. Ps. So. Lk. 18:9-14. Lect I: 273

Next Sunday's Readings 21-March-2004
Josh. 5:9-12. Ps. 33.2 Cor. 5:17-21. Lk. 15:1-3, 11-32. Lect I: 284

Scoil Barra

**Enrolment Week
March 15th to 19th**

If you have a child beginning school next September, you are invited to call to Scoil Barra any day, March 15th to 19th between 9.00 am and 3.00 pm.

There will be an Open Night on Tuesday March 18th from 7.00 pm. - 8.30 pm. If you wish to bring your child along on that night to look around the school or if you would just like to come and talk to us, you will be very welcome.

**Donal O'Sullivan
(Principal)**



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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15
 To Moses, God spoke in a burning bush. He gave Moses a message to preach. Moses was to tell his people that freedom was at hand, freedom and happiness.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12
 Paul compares the Exodus story to Christian baptism. He reminds us again that God was not always pleased with His people. We are warned not to become complacent

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9
 God calls us to conversion, to turn to him, to reform. Moses once formed a people, but in the desert most of them sinned. Today, if we repent, God will again bring us out of captivity.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Patrick 17-March-2004

The kidnapping of St. Patrick and subsequent years of slavery in Ireland form the story of a personal tragedy in a young man's life. Historians agree that Patrick was born in Britain though the exact location will never be known for certain. Most probably he was born in Candida Casa, 25 miles to the east of the Mull of Galloway which lies no more than 20 miles from the coast of Down. The date was probably 385 A.D. His family would have been reasonably well off officials of the Roman Empire in Britain. Irish attacks on the Roman province of Britain can be traced back to about 350. The Emperor Theodosius erected fortifications against the marauders in Britain in 368. At this time there are references to a naval demonstration by the Romans in the Irish Sea, when the Irish "were driven back to their bogs". In 399 Claudian writes that the sea was full of Irish ships interested in plunder. Irish tradition confirms the Roman sources. Niall of the Nine Hostages met his death near the Isle of Wight.

Patrick himself describes the raid, which led to his capture. He refers to thousands of prisoners being taken. The ships engaged must have constituted quite a fleet and the place attacked must have been rich and well populated. The attack would have been sudden, ferocious and quickly executed. Patrick, a lad of sixteen, found himself a slave of the lowest category - minding pigs - without friends or family, not even understanding the language. Years later the day came for his escape. The 200 Roman miles which he said he travelled, would be about the distance from Slemish to Gorey, Arklow or Wexford. As a penniless slave he must have offered to work his passage to the Continent on the first ship he found in the harbour. Some, if not all, of the cargo was dogs, obviously Irish wolf-hounds, - those gentle grey giants, largest dogs in the world -, bred for the chase and therefore valuable in France where the great aristocrats were devoted to this sport. We can imagine Patrick feeding and watering the dogs on the three-day voyage and cleaning out their basket-work cages as he calmed their fear of the rolling ship. Nantes, at the mouth of the Loire, would have been a likely landing place. From there the crew would have had to take the dogs to a market place inland. But here they met "a desert" through which they wandered for 28 days. This devastation would have been a consequence of a German raid on Gaul in 407. The raiding tribes marched down the Rhine, swung left to the Channel and then turned south and west along the coast of France, devastating as they went. Eventually the market was reached and Patrick was a free man at last.

But even as Patrick enjoyed his good fortune he heard the voices of the Irish calling him back to Ireland. His missionary vocation revealed the hand of God in all his extraordinary trials and his willing "yes" to God's invitation revealed the greatness of his character.

Understanding the Bible this Lent

Bible study under the title "Come and See" continues every Thursday night at 8 pm in the Community Centre until March 25th and will conclude on April 6th with The Seder Meal or Passover celebration.

All are welcome

Fr. George.



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Prayer Enterprise and Christian Effort

Sunday 14th March - Ecumenical Peace Service,
 St. Mary's Church of Ireland, Carrigaline at 4.00 pm.
 Special Preacher: Fr. Martin Tierney, Dublin.

Mass Bookings

The Mass Book in both churches will open on Saturday 13th March for the Months of April, May and June

Spring Dues

Envelopes are now being distributed to each household. Please return it by placing it in the Basket at Mass. Spare envelopes are available from the back of the Church.



Mass Times St. Patrick's Day

Masses same as Sunday, except the 5.30 pm in Christ our Light moves to 6.30 pm and an extra Mass in St. Mary & St. John at 8.00 pm.

Note! 12 Noon Mass St. Mary & St. John will be in Irish.

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Mar-20 & Mar-21-2004

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Karen Sheehan
8:30 am
Triona Collins
10:00 am
Margot Twomey
12:00 Noon
Tony Hegarty

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Fiona Feely
11:00 am
Joseph Manning
12:30 pm
Marlyn O'Connor
5:30 pm
Brian O'Donoghue

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 & 6 pm (Vigil)	Tuesday	8:30 am & 8 pm (Vigil)
8:30 am, 10 am, 12 noon & 8 pm	Wednesday	11 am, 12:30 pm & 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

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Mar-20 & Mar-21-2004



St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Vera Allen
Bernadette Bell
Oliver Delaney
Betty Casey
Frank Riordan
Siobhan Riordan

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Theresa Lucey

10:00 am Anne Cahill
Pat Lee
Seamus O'Shea
John O'Donovan

12 Noon Joan Barrett
Sheila Carroll
Marsie Curling
Will Casey
Geraldine Graham

8:00 pm John O'Donoghue
Eleanor O'Donoghue
Kathleen Daly

11:00 am Mary O'Mahony
Margaret Brown
Rose Cotter
Billy Barry

12:30 pm Mary Twomey
Terry O'Driscoll
Bernie O'Driscoll
Maura O'Driscoll

5:30 pm Garreth Irish
Shelia Curran
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