

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 15-February-2004



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

God's blessing is for those who trust in him. It is especially promised by Jesus to the poor, the hungry, those who mourn and all those who are able to turn to God in their need.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Jesus' Manifesto

When Jesus came down from the mountain with his disciples to a piece of level ground, he finds that people had gathered from all around, not just Galilee. Jesus is presented as the new Moses by Luke, and he brings a new message of freedom. People had come up from the south, from Jerusalem and from the west as well as the coastal towns. Word had obviously spread that a great teacher is among them and a great healer as well. What has this new prophet to say? What message will he give that can inspire a world-weary people? What can he say that will in any way change the dour and dogged resistance of this unjust and unchanging world?

What has Jesus to say to this interested gathering? "Happy are you who are poor", he says! And "you who are hungry" And you who weep! And you who are hated and persecuted" Well, this is certainly new teaching. No one has made it to the top with this agenda. And woe to you who are rich. You who have your fill. You who laugh now. You who are treated well now. There are no votes to be won with this manifesto that is certain. But what will you win? Your freedom, says Jesus. Freedom belongs to those who do not cling to this world's goods for their happiness. Freedom also belongs to those who do not crave the applause of people in order to live in this world. Freedom belongs too to those who hear the cry of the poor, the needs of the hungry, the helplessness of mourners and the pain of the persecuted.

Our lives, which begin with so much hope and expectation, often fade away in disappointed dreams and our ambition to live gets lost somewhere along the way. The young prophet of Nazareth is having none of it. "Yours is the kingdom. You shall be satisfied. You shall laugh. You shall dance for joy." What do you make of it? Will you join the dance?

George O'Mahony

Reflection for Parents

Even in hard times the tree by the river receives water and food from the soil. So the people Jesus praise, the poor, the peacemakers, those who hunger for justice have deeper roots than the rich, who value what is on the surface. What makes us happy in our family? Talk about the love you share, the love God gives because we are close to him, like the tree by the river.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Putting our trust in the Lord, and with the Lord for our hope, we pray:

Reader

That God's people may be strengthened in their faith and trust.

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

That the cries of those who are poor and who hunger and thirst may be heard.

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

That those who suffer for their Christian faith, for their beliefs and for prisoners of conscience, may be sustained.

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

That those who are distressed in body, mind or spirit may be comforted.

**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.**

That the faithful departed may be brought to eternal peace and rest.

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

Priest

Gracious God, you satisfy our deepest hungers, enlighten us to seek your kingdom so that we may have the true blessedness and happiness of those who trust in you. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

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BAPTISMS

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

Bethany Melissa O'Mahony, 24 Whitethorn Avenue.
 Orla Margaret Borseley, 'Dun Roamin', Kilnaglory.
 Brian Edward Keating, 'Cúil Aluinn', West Village.
 Áine Pauline Watson, 55 Willowfield.

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

Seán Cronin, Bishopstown & Ballingearry.

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

Joey O'Driscoll, Rosewood.
 Maire McCarthy, Bishopstown.
 Kathleen Daly, Cathedral Road.
 Cornelius Lucey, Kilmichael.
 Donal & Cecelia Leahy, Carrigrohane.
 Teresa & Michael Gilleran, Ballinlough.
 Agnes Fitzmaurice, Galway.
 Francis & Margaret O'Farrell, Station Road.
 Daniel O'Sullivan, Inniscarra.
 Molly Murray, Quaker Road.
 Deceased members of the Barry Family, Turners Cross.
 Hellena & John Walsh, Ballinhassig.
 Nora Lehane, Carrigadrohid.
 Liam Carroll, Woodbine Lawn.
 John O'Driscoll, Muskerry Estate.
 Jack Lucey, Station Cross.
 Nora Hegarty, Dublin & Skibbereen.
 Con & Mary Kelly, Dunmanway.
 Cathy & John Hodnett, Dunmanway.
 Jim Doyle, Westcourt.
 Mary Foley, Macroom.
 Jerry Desmond, Ovens Bridge.
 Joan Summers, Park Road.
 Evelyn Connell, Tyrone.
 Michael O'Leary, Castlemore, Crookstown.
 Margaret McSweeney, Kilnaglory.
 Mary McKenna, Hettyfield, Douglas.
 Sonny & Sheila O'Mahony, Dunmanway.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

15 Sunday Jer. 17:5-8. Ps. 1. 1 Cor. 15:12, 16-20. Lk. 6:17. 20-26. Lect I: 853
 16 Monday Jm. 1 :11. Ps. 118. Mk. 8:11-13. Lect II: 525
 17 Tuesday Jm. 1:1-18. Ps. 93. Mk. 8:14-21. Lect II: 527
 18 Wednesday Jm. 1:19-27. Ps. 14. Mk. 8:22-26. Lect II: 529
 19 Thursday Jm. 2:1-9. Ps. 33. Mk. 8:27-33. Lect II: 533
 20 Friday Jm. 2:14-24,26. Ps. 111. Mk. 8:34-9:1. Lect II: 533
 21 Saturday 21 Saturday Jm. 3:1-10. Ps. 11. Mk. 9:2-13. Lect II: 535

Next Sunday's Readings 22-February-2004
 Sam. 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23. Ps. 102. 1 Cor. 15:45-49. Lk. 6:27-38.

Afternoon of Prayer For Healing

Community Hall Banteer, Co. Cork
 Sunday 22nd February 2004
 from 2.30 pm to 6.00 pm

Programme

Opening Prayers & Hymns
 Recitation of the Holy Rosary
Talk 1, Holy Spirit Our Lady & Healing by Joe Dalton
 Exposition and Eucharistic Blessing

Talk 2, St. (Padre) Pio's Love for the Sick and Suffering by Donald Enright
Talk 3, Holy Spirit - Our Lady - These Times by Fr. ML Fitzgerald C.C. Cobh
 Healing Session with Fr. ML Fitzgerald C.C. and Joe Dalton
 Personal Blessings with Relics of St. (Padre) Pio and St. Therese.

Afternoon of Prayer conducted by Fr. Michael Fitzgerald CC Cobh

ALL ARE WELCOME

"May God defend the cause of the poor and deliver the children of the needy. "Psalm 72, verse 4



LENT IS WHAT YOU DO

Variety Concert

On
 Friday 27th February 2004
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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8
Those who trust in the things of this life will soon perish. But those who trust in the Lord will remain, bearing fruit even in the worst of seasons

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-6
If we do not believe that Christ has been raised from the dead, then our faith is worthless. He has opened the gates of heaven for us that we might live forever.

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26
Jesus taught his listeners that some values in God's Kingdom will be the opposite of what they are in our earthly society. Those with no power or material possessions, but who trust completely in God will be first in the Kingdom of God. But people who value the luxuries of this world will be last in the Kingdom.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Peter Damien 21-February-2004

This saint lived in Italy in the eleventh century. It was a time of great problems in the Church because of the interference in the appointment of Popes, Cardinals and Bishops by lay people. Their motivation in interfering with appointments was greed for the income that went with such appointments in those days. High positions in the Church were openly bought and sold and many who held those positions were openly married. Peter Damien watched these disasters affect the Church from the monastery which he had entered as a young man. He published a terrible treatise on the vices of the clergy. It caused a great stir and much enmity against its author. In 1055 he attended the synod held at Florence where these abuses were strongly condemned. Against his will he was appointed a Cardinal-Bishop. Almost alone at the time, Damien stood up for true spiritual values in the Church, values that he lived by in his personal life.

Gatechesis

What do you want from life?

Venue: Christ Our Light Church
Commenced Sunday, February 8th,
and continuing every
Wednesday and Sunday for seven weeks
Time: 8p.m.
Do not be afraid - Come and see



This years Trocaire's appeal is focused on RWANDA. Perhaps we could commit ourselves to putting a few Euro a week in the box. What a difference that would make to the poor of RWANDA. Boxes are now available in both churches.

LOURDES

Cork & Ross Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2004

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Lent is Coming?

Wondering is there something I could take on for a few weeks well here is one possibility.

Dear Parishioner,

This year during the four weeks of Lent you are invited to give one hour per week to the study of the Bible under the title "Come and See". The first night will be Thursday March 4th @ 8 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Parochial house. The talks will continue on Thurs 11th, 18th, 25th and the final night will be The Seder meal or Passover celebration on April 6th. Please keep these dates clear to enable you to attend.

Thanking you and looking forward to seeing you on March 4th.

Fr George.

Prayer to obtain a favour from God through the intercession of Archbishop Fulton Sheen

Eternal Father, You alone grant us every blessing in Heaven and on earth, through the redemptive mission of Your divine Son, Jesus Christ, the working of the Holy Spirit. In every age, You raise up men and women outstanding in holiness, whose faithful service has contributed significantly to the mission of the Church. In this very way, You used the life and work of Your servant, Archbishop Fulton Sheen. He inspired great numbers of Catholics and other people of goodwill to grow in virtue and lead lives pleasing to You and of service to their brothers and sisters in need. He encouraged them to embrace the 'Gospel of Life' by recognising that in all its circumstances, "Life is worth living."

If it be according to Your Will, Eternal Father, glorify Your servant, Archbishop Fulton Sheen, by granting the favour I now request through his prayerful intercession (mention your request here). I make this prayer confidently in Jesus' Name, through the merits of His Passion, Death and Resurrection. Amen.

(Please pray for healing for Noelle Wrenne.)

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Feb-21 & Feb-22-2004

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Karen Sheehan
8:30 am
Annette Collins
10:00 am
Elaine Murphy
12:00 Noon
Tony Hegarty

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Joy O'Driscoll
11:00 am
Margaret Healy
12:30 pm
Bernard Valley
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	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-21 & Feb-22-2004

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Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Aisling Kelly
Tony O'Leary
Eileen Murphy
Ted Nelligan
Angela Murphy
Ann O'Connell

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

8:30 am Helen Kelly
Roddy Martin

11:00 am Mary O'Mahony
Margaret Brown
Rose Cotter
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
Imogen Ryan

5:30 pm Garreth Irish
Shelia Curran
Bridie O'Donnell

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