

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



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

Sunday 15-March-2009

Third Sunday of Lent

*Jesus came on earth as the complete
embodiment of God's presence among men. We
are all called to become one with him in the
image of God by keeping his commandments.*



**Christ Our Light
Innishmore**

“Called to Serve”

When Jesus washed the feet of his apostles he gave us an example of how love and service are expressed in action. He continues to invite us to respond to our Christian calling by expressing this love and service towards one another. One way of doing this is by becoming actively involved in the life of our parish community where we can share our gifts and talents. During the coming week-end (21st/ 22nd) there will be a Visual Display representing the many different ministries that people of the parish are involved in at ‘Christ our Light’ Church.

The parish is a place where a sense of belonging to a Christian community is created and fostered. As a community we participate in the Eucharist, we celebrate the Sacraments, we join in prayer with others and we endeavour to serve the needs of those around us. Through our Christian vocation, we are called by God to participate in Christ’s ministry of service. St Paul reminds us in his letter to the Corinthians that the Christian community is made up of different people with different gifts, that each of us has something to give to the whole group and, importantly, that we all need each other. All ministries are equally important.

During the coming week, let us take a little time to ask God to help us to be aware of our gifts, to appreciate them and to use them generously. We read in the first letter of St Peter: “each one of you has received a special gift, so like good stewards responsible for all these varied gifts of God, put them at the service of others”(1Peter 4:10). Let us also recognize the gifts of others and encourage them to use them! We thank God for all he has given us and for the generosity of all who use their gifts in service to others here in Ballincollig. ‘Christ has no Body now but yours’! In what way can I be the hands, the feet, the eyes of Christ for others?

Next week-end after Mass at ‘Christ our Light Church’ please take a few minutes to look at the Visual Display. There will also be an opportunity to chat with representatives of the different groups. We have many needs. You will find a variety of ways to be involved in the life of our parish community and to share your God-given gifts and talents.

Sr. Colette

Reflection

The New Testament speaks of God’s raising Jesus from the dead and of Jesus’ rising from the dead. In today’s gospel it is the latter phrase that is used by John. The technique of having hearers misunderstand a saying of Jesus is one familiar to the fourth gospel. The correct understanding always follows as here. The result of the signs which Jesus worked, and his rising from the dead, was the greatest of these, namely, belief. The effectiveness of all the signs portrayed is measured by whether or not they bring about the belief of the hearers or onlookers.

Book Shop

The shop in Christ Our Light church is open this weekend. The shop carries a variety of religious goods including children’s Bibles, Rosary beads, Baptism candles and a variety of religious Icons.

Happy St. Patrick’s Day to all our Readers & Parishioners

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Gathered together as God’s children, we bring our prayers to our Father with confidence.

Reader

We pray for the Church; that it may continue to inspire people across the world to strive to live lives of perfection inspired by the Law of

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

For rulers and law-makers; that they may legislate justly and that their work may bring people true freedom.

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

For our parish; that we may work together to build a true community which inspires others.

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

For peace; that those areas across the world where conflict endures may experience peace.

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

For the sick and those who care for them; that they may receive the healing touch of Christ.

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

For those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith; that God may raise them into the heavenly kingdom.

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

Priest

Father in heaven, look with kindness on the prayers we make this day in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.
Amen.

You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

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BAPTISMS

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

Sean Patrick O'Donovan, Holly Rd, Muskerry Estate.
Allan Joseph Delaney, Carriganarra Estate.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Ann Kennedy, Park Road, Muskerry Estate.

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

Breid Dolan, Classis Lake.
Donal O'Mahony, Wyndham Downs.
Ann Noonan, Westgrove.
Ted & Bridie Brennan, Kilkenny.
Joe Butler, Inniscarra View.
Jim Spencer, West Village.
Jerry & Kitty Hallahan, Kilmichael & Wales.
Angela O'Rourke, Greystones.
Patrick & Nora Barry, Redemption Road.
John Joe & Charles McCarthy, Ballydehob.
Billy & Maureen Deniffe, Curaheen.
Eoin O'Dwyer, Ballyshoneen.
Richard Krauss, Aisling Close.
John & Mary Lucey, Coolroe.
Dan & Ann Kenny, McCurtain Villas.
Peg Kavanagh, Powdermills.
Helen Kenneally, Beech Park.
Nora Vaughan, Kilnamartyra.
Tim O'Leary, Sunningdale.
Tom & Joe Heaton, Pearse Place.
Grace O'Connell, Dublin.
John & Mary Boyd, Main Street.
Eileen Murphy, Rosewood.
John Sexton, Farnanes.
Patsy & Nellie Hickey, Glenville.
Nancy Hogan, The Crescent.
Jim Garvey, Dingle.
Kathleen O'Sullivan, Friars Walk.
Bill Dwane, Douglas.

St. Patrick

God's plan for salvation took root in a particular race over a long period of time. On the face of it these people were a most unlikely choice in that they were never one of the great military powers of their day. Over the course of the centuries prophetic figures moved to indicate that God's plan was not just for the Jewish people but would embrace all of humankind. The outward movement of the early Church of the Acts of the Apostles confirmed this direction. We attribute the forging of the link between this development of Jewish and Christian origins and Ireland to a particular person at a particular time in history. The time: the mid-fifth century the person: Patrick

Early Morning Prayer for Lent

Take advantage of this special time of LENT, and begin your day and preparation for EASTER the best way possible with the MORNING PRAYER of the CHURCH.

Taking place during Lent in St. Mark's Centre
(opposite Christ Our Light Church)
Monday to Friday at 6 am.
Everyone Welcome

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Third Week Of Lent

15 Sunday Ex 20:1-17. Ps 18. 1 Cor 1:22-25. Jn 2:13-25. Lect I: 251

16 Monday 2 K. 5:1-15. Ps. 41. Lk. 4:24-30. Lect I: 262

17 Tuesday Jer 1:4-9. Ps 116. Rom 10:9-18. Mk 16:15-20.

18 Wednesday Deut 4:1, 5-9. Ps 147. Mt 5:17-19. Lect I: 267

19 Thursday 16-18, 22. Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24 or Lk 2:41-51. Lect I: 970 or II: 980

20 Friday Hos 14:2-10. Ps80. Mk 12:28-34. Lect I: 271

21 Saturday Hos. 5:1 5-6:6. Ps. So. Lk. 18:9-14. Lect I: 273

Next Sunday's Readings 22-March-2009

2 Chron 36:14-16, 19-23. Ps 136. Eph 2:4-10. Jn 3:14-21. Lect I: 281

Ballincollig Scouts

It has been a busy few days. The Beavers went to Ballinora for a Quiz, some of the questions were a were a bit tricky but the lads really enjoyed themselves .Both the Macoimh groups attended a County sports day in Neptune Stadium , where they enjoyed soccer, basketball , sack races , 3 ledged race and a cream egg race. The only disappointment was that the Leaders race was called off due to lack of time.

The scouts went on an overnight to Kerry, they first went to Kilarney national park where the scouts did 6 basis including pacing, abseiling with the use of the Prussik knot , bearings , tree hugging , brain teasers and rocket launching . The bases were run by the P.L.S... They then travelled on to Tralee, where they stayed for the night, after dinner the scouts went on a night hike to Blennerville Windmill, it was very cold and as they returned the heavens opened with hail stones, the hot choc. that P.L.S. prepared was very welcome. After a short nights sleep, the weather had turned for the worst so the group took the opportunity to visit the Aqua Dome afterwards the troop returned to Cork.

Whatever your past has been, you have a spotless future.

Cork Simon Community

Are looking for volunteers to join our Door to Door Volunteers or to assist with our Annual Flag Day Collections if you have a couple of hours to spare you can make a huge difference, please contact Niamh at 021-4377643 or email; niamh@corksmoncommunity.ie

Msza Św. Mass in Polish

w języku polskim w Ballincollig
21 marca - 21st March
sobota – 19:00 - Saturday 19:00
Zapraszamy
Powiadom znajomych

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Exodus 20: 1-3, 7-8, 12-17
 The Ten Commandments expound briefly and clearly the fundamental principles of all religious and moral obligation. The first three prescribe man's duty to God, the last seven his duty to his neighbour. In the second list the fourth commandment comes first because the family comes before the state and parents have the first and strongest claim to their children's regard. The Decalogue is in no way nationalistic but universal in its outlook. What it commands is necessary if people are to live in community in a civilized manner.

Second Reading: 1Cor. 1: 22-25
 The Jews wanted chiefly superhuman power in the Messiah, power proved by stupendous miracles. They wanted an emperor mightier than the Roman emperor. A suffering and dying Messiah was a stumbling block to them, i.e. they would not accept him. But the Greeks wanted a teaching, which completely satisfied the intellect. They were impatient of anything unexplained or mysterious. They hated to accept any great truth on anyone else's authority. Faith was not in their line. The idea that suffering could do more than wisdom would appear nonsense to them.

Gospel: John 2: 13-25
 This is one of the most dramatic actions of Jesus in his public life. With it he declared his opposition to the Jewish interests vested in making money out of the faith of believers. Jesus then takes the imagination of the onlookers a step further by making mention of his resurrection from the dead. This prophecy must have stuck in their minds because they turned it to sarcasm on Calvary.

Writings of St Paul

Talk 2 in our series on the writings of St Paul will be held in the St Mark Centre this week, on Monday and Thursday evenings at 7.30 pm and on Wednesday morning at 10.00 am

	Monday, 7.30 pm	Wednesday 10.00 am	Thursday 7.30 pm
Talk 2	16 th March	18 th March	19 th March

TROCAIRE

In this Sunday's gospel we meet an angry Jesus. Sometimes it can be good to pause with the following questions; what today in our world would make our God of love and compassion angry? Columbia is perhaps just one place on our planet where there is a tremendous amount of unnecessary suffering and hardship. It is one of the world's worst humanitarian 'hotspots'. More than four decades of conflict have forced about three million people from their homes in the countryside and left thousands more dead or injured. Perhaps the pain of the people living here causes God to feel angry. In response to this suffering, Trócaire is committed to improving life for those caught up in the crossfire, by supplying basic emergency assistance such as food, water and shelter. Trócaire is also helping communities to campaign for their human rights and for peace and is helping them back on their feet with small agricultural and animal projects. Please help Trócaire continue this lifeline to people in Colombia and around the world. Pick up a Trócaire box and support out Lenten campaign. www.trocaire.org

Coffee Morning

Church of Christ our Light, parishioners are invited to join us for a cuppa & chat in the crying room after the 12:30 pm Mass on St. Patrick's Day, Tuesday 17th March
Communications Group Ballincollig Parish Council.

Bulletin Board

St Patrick's Day Masses

St Mary & St John
 Vigil Monday 16th - 8 pm
 Tuesday 17th - 8.30 am, 10.00 am & 8 pm.

Christ Our Light
 Vigil Monday 16th - 6.30 pm
 Tuesday 17th - 12.30 pm (Irish Mass) & 6.30 pm.

Confirmation 2009
 Monday 23rd March 2009 - Scoil Eoin

Masses during Lent
 For the duration of Lent there will be evening Mass in **Christ Our Light at 6.30 pm** and **St Mary & St John at 8 pm.**

Mass Book
 Diaries to book Mass Intentions for April, May & June are now open in both churches.

Priesthood in Cork & Ross
 Information day about becoming a priest in Cork & Ross
Date: Saturday March 28th 2009

Venue: Ennismore Retreat Centre Cork
Time: 11 am to 5 pm (Lunch Provided)

For more information telephone:
 Fr Tom Deenihan: 021 4301717 or
 Fr Bertie O'Mahony: 021 4371684

Car Parking at Christ Our Light & St Mary & St John:
 Please follow white arrows displayed. Try to ensure the exits and accesses are not obstructed.

Car Parks
 Due to recent vandalism in car parks adjacent to the churches parishioners are reminded not to leave handbags or personal items in their cars. We ask people to be vigilant with a view to protecting other people's belongings.

Car Parking, Station Road & Environs
 Cork County Council has engaged Consultants to develop a parking plan for Station Road, Church View & Tudor Grove. These plans were made public a few months ago at a meeting of invited guests. Basically the plan is to develop park and pay in the areas adjacent to St Mary & John's Church and Station Road. This system may change the parking patterns for the patrons of St Mary & St John Church. There is limited parking around the Church, in the play ground of Scoil Eoin and around the Parochial house.

Last year there were seventy two funerals and thirty seven weddings. Most take place on weekdays and people generally travel. I envisage that park and pay in areas around the Church will cause major difficulties for parishioners during morning mass, funerals and weddings.

I am aware that Cork County Council has made adjustments to their parking plans in other towns to take into account the parking of parishioners for daily mass, funerals and weddings. I think it would help if parishioners spoke to our local council representatives to highlight the issues raised by the proposed park and pay by Cork County Council. The importance of accommodating the parking needs of worshippers at St Mary & St John need to be emphasised to the Councillors and Council Officials.

Catholic Paper
 Copies of the Catholic Paper -**The Universe** - are available in both Churches every week.

Fr. George

St. Teresa's Prayer

Christ has no body now but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours.
 Yours are the eyes through which he looks with compassion on this world.
 Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, Yours are the eyes, you are his body
 Christ has no body now but yours.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Mar-21 & Mar-22-2009

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Karen Sheehan
Padraig Graham
8:30 am
Niamh Gallagher
10:00 am
Margot Twomey
Jordan Crowley
12:00 Noon
Oliver O'Donovan

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Rebecca Feely
Jessica Lingard
11:00 am
Jacob Derham
Paul Donovan
12:30 pm
Kay Carew
Jane O'Leary
5:30 pm
Emily Hardman

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 (Vigil)	Monday	8:30 am & 6:30 pm (Vigil)
8:30 am, 10 am & 8 pm	Tuesday	12:30 pm & 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	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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Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C. 021-4877161
Fr. Billy O'Sullivan C.C. 021-4876171
Fr. James McSweeney 021-4873308



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Mar-21 & Mar-22-2009

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm	Steve Wills Margaret O'Sullivan Rita Aherne Danny Farrell Jim Walsh Frances O'Brien	7:30 pm	Anne O'Regan Mairead Murphy Finbarr Murray Lettie Kelly
8:30 am	Mary Buckley Rita Murphy Denis Healy	11:00 am	Seamus O'Connell Mary O'Connell Alan O'Riordan Geraldine Keohane Gerard Murray
10:00 am	Christina Walsh Peter Reilly Mary Collins Christy Roche Katie O'Shea Claire Creedon	12:30 pm	Lucy O'Callaghan Jackie Sheehan Mary Green Michael O'Leary J.P.O'Leary
12 Noon	Oliver O'Donovan Barbara Kelly Sean Hennessy Mary McLean Ellen Seymour Nora Hennessy	5:30 pm	Noelle Buckley Mary Breen Siobhan Burke



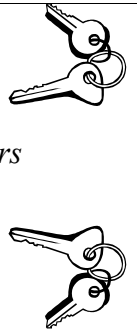
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