

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 16-January-2005

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus came as the Servant of God to serve the deepest needs of people. He offered his life to remove the tragedy of sin from human life and so restore us to peace with God, and each other.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

"Look there is the Lamb of God"

The gospel today is an account of John the Baptist putting the focus on Jesus and beginning his own withdrawal from the forefront. John is very clear he is the 'voice' of the 'Word' coming after him.

According to Jewish tradition, the Messiah had to remain hidden until Elijah had anointed him and made him known publicly to Israel. This public recognition took place at his baptism by John and the voice announcing "This is my beloved one" Twice in today's Gospel, John the Baptist says 'I did not know him myself; this is a strange statement to make about his cousin Jesus however we do well to keep in mind that in biblical language the words we translate as 'know' and 'knowledge' is not giving the fuller meaning of these expressions. To know the grace of God is to have experienced it; to know Christ is to gain Him, to share in His holiness, to be united with Him. John is saying 'I am not the one', he was like a person with a leaking roof They asked a roofer to come and have a look at it. The roofer said 'I can patch it, I can repair it; the worst will be over for some days, maybe, but you really need a completely new roof'

There are two ways of simplifying our thinking about Jesus and avoiding the witness we must give Him after the example of John. We can either raise Jesus to heaven or proclaim him God, but a God who cannot be reached. Or we can bring him down to earth, and see in him no more than a man among people, no doubt closer and more of a brother, but deprived of his Father and cut off from the Spirit. But Christ can neither be bound to earth nor confined to heaven.

" Whatever our state let us place Jesus between God and ourselves".

George O'Mahony

Tsunami Appeal

The response to the collection last weekend to help Trocaire bring relief to the victims of the Tsunami disaster in South East Asia was very generous. The total collected in the parish of Ballinacollig amounted to €55, 744.00 a truly magnificent response. Well done to all of you for your generosity and compassion. The response is all the more remarkable when we remember that people had been contributing to the relief efforts in various other ways. I was delighted also to notice that children brought their own contributions to put in the baskets and buckets. I thank the collectors in both churches, the sacristans and the counters. Trocaire has confirmed that all money raised from this collection will go directly to relief. The money was lodged with Trocaire on Wednesday; copy of receipt on notice board.

Reflection for Parents

As parents we certainly can understand the image of Jesus as "shepherd." We are constantly leading the way for our children and serving them with endless love. When they are sick or hurt, we would gladly take their pain and suffering if we could. It is clearly through these feelings that we begin to understand just what Jesus has done for us. As parents, when we show our unending love for our children, they too get an inkling of what Jesus' love is for them as well.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us bring our prayers to God, who is full of power and majesty and splendour.

Reader

For all the members of the Church, we pray.

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

For those preparing for Baptism, Confirmation or First Holy Communion we pray.

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

For all who suffer because of war or famine, we pray.

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

For those who are ill, at home or in hospital, we pray.

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

For our people who have died, we pray.

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

For our own needs, we pray.

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

Priest

Lord our God, we proclaim your justice and mercy; hear the prayers we make, through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

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BAPTISMS

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

Danielle Ann Carroll, Clash Road, Carrigrohane.
 Connie Aran Foley, 30 Sycamore, Classis Lake.
 Ave Nicole Kenneally, 60 The Cloisters.

MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Denis Hegarty, Sallybrook, Glanmire & Emer O'Rourke, Greystones, Ballincollig.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Sheila Sexton, Old Quarry & Farnanes.
 Raymond Monahan, Kinvara, Co. Galway.
 Kathleen O'Farrell, Kilgarvan.
 Mary Naughton, Adare.
 Kitty O'Hoare, Castle Park & England.
 Robert Holohan, Middleton.

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

Michael Carroll, Coolroe Heights.
 David & Catherine O'Carroll, Barrack Street.
 John Hogan, Co. Tipperary.
 Hannah Moore, Causeway, Co. Kerry.
 Eleanor O'Mahony, East Gate & Castletownbere.
 John & Jim, Downey.
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 Brendan Lingwood, Bishopstown.
 Tim Maverley, Quaker Road.
 Michael Murphy, Windsor, Ovens.
 Jim Isaac, Ballincollig.
 Martin Murphy, Rockchapel.
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 Donal Coughlan, Schull.
 Patrick Murphy, Garravagh, Inniscarra.
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 Frank Collins, Ballingulley.
 Deceased members of the Buckley & Callanan families.
 Rosena Collins.
 Deceased members of the Connolly & Brown families, Ovens.
 Jack McCarthy, Ballintemple.
 Jimmy Hourihane, Ballinora.
 William & Eileen Cronin.
 Eva Kelleher, Killarney.
 Charles & Marie Ross, Dublin.
 Patrick & Noreen Riordan, Ballingearry.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Second Week In Ordinary Time

- 16 Sunday Is. 49:3,5-6. Ps. 39. 1 Cor. 1:1-3. In. 1:29-34. Lect I: 641
- 17 Monday Heb. 5: 1-1 O. Ps. 109. Mk. 2: 18-22. Lect II: 15
- 18 Tuesday Heb. 6: 10-20. Ps. 110. Mk. 2:23-28. Lect II: 17
- 19 Wednesday Heb. 7: 1-3, 15-17. Ps. 109. Mk. 3: 1-6. Lect II: 19
- 20 Thursday Heb. 7:25-8:6. Ps. 39. Mk. 3:7-12. Lect II: 21
- 21 Friday Heb. 8:6-13. Ps. 84. Mk. 3:13-19. Lect II: 23
- 22 Saturday Heb.9:2-3, 11-14. Ps. 46. Mk. 3:20-21. Lect II: 25

Next Sunday's Readings 23-January-2005
 Is. 8:23-9:3. Ps. 26. 1 Cor. 1:10-13, 17. Mt. 4:12-23. Lect I: 644

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*The Bible should fill the memory, rule the heart,
 and guide the feet.*
The Bible is meant not to inform, but to transform.
*Men do not reject the Bible because it
 contradicts itself but because it contradicts them.*

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

The Lord said, "You are my servant, Israel, through whom I show my glory. . . . I will make you a light to the nations that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

"Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus," greeted the holy people of the Corinthian church with God's grace and peace. He addressed them as "sanctified in Christ Jesus."

Gospel: John 1:29-34.

John the Baptist knew Jesus as his cousin, but it is not clear until we read today's Gospel that John recognised Jesus as the promised Messiah. John called Jesus the "Lamb of God." We are familiar with the title for Jesus, "Lamb of God," because we hear it in our Eucharistic prayers during mass. The Lamb of God comes to take away the sins of the world. And, indeed, Jesus died that we might be free of our sins. The lamb figured in much of Jewish tradition, especially as a symbol of sacrifice, but certainly we recognize the image of "shepherd" as one who leads the flock through darkness and difficult terrain. The message of John's gospel is for us—the simple sheep - to follow Jesus, the shepherd.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Agnes 21-January-2005

During the first century Christianity was, in the eyes of the Romans, confused with Judaism which was a legally permitted religion. Because of that there were few persecutions. When Christianity was better understood as a belief incompatible with pagan ideas charges were brought against Christians. They were seen as dangerous to the Emperor and the State. Trajan ordered that those who refused to offer sacrifice to the pagan gods should be executed. From then until the Edict of Milan in 313 A.D. there were ten major persecutions of Christians in which many faced terrible torture and martyrdom.

St. Agnes died in one of these. St. Agnes was only thirteen or fourteen years of age when an Imperial Edict was promulgated against Christians. She immediately voluntarily declared herself a Christian and suffered torture by fire before being decapitated by the sword. Around her tomb grew up a large catacomb that bore her name. The original slab that covered her remains is now in the museum at Naples. On the feast of St. Agnes two lambs are solemnly blessed and from their wool are made the "palliums" or white stoles that are sent by the Pope to Archbishops throughout the world on their appointment to that high office.

Because her name is similar to the Latin for 'lamb' ['Agnus'], that has been her symbol. On her feast day there are blessed in her church two lambs whose wool is used to make the 'pallia' given to archbishops; the pallium is a white wool collar with pendants back and front, adorned with black crosses. During the Mass of St. Agnes, these innocent creatures, wrapped up snugly in baskets of flowers and made fragrant with various perfumes, bleat their way through the proceedings blissfully unaware that their hair will later adorn new archiepiscopal necks the world over.

The visitor to St. Agnes should not miss seeing the painting in an ante-room showing the 19th century 'miracle' when the Roman seminarians gathered for an audience with Pope Pius IX. Most of the floor of the first-floor room collapsed, leaving the papal entourage unscathed, but precipitating the clerical students to the ground floor, where, wonder of wonders, all were unhurt. The picture, showing the Holy Father gazing down at his prostrate potential priests, is one of the curios of the Eternal City.

Focusing

Offering the opportunity to focus on your inner story in a caring, compassionate way as you allow the wisdom of your body to speak.

Anne O' Byrne

Wednesday January 19th & following six Wednesday nights

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All are Welcome

Ecumenical Service of Light

St Vincent's Church, Sunday's Well, Cork

Sunday, January 23rd 2005 at 7 pm.

Guest Speaker: Fr. Silvester O'Flynn, OFM Cap

On Sunday, January 23rd, in the spirit of Christian Unity Week and in the context of the Cork European City of Culture celebrations, St Vincent's will host a very special evening in the church at 7 pm. At a time when the people of Cork are taking stock of their cultural heritage in all its diversity, it is fitting that space be allocated and recognition given to the singular role which our Christian Faith has played in making us what we are. The life of our city has been marked, down the centuries, by the expression of that faith: in liturgy, in music and in architecture. It is this rich patrimony which we will be celebrating in our Ecumenical Service. It is hoped that this joyous occasion, unifying the many and diverse strands of our people, will be a fitting and uplifting start to this special year.

As we are expecting a very large attendance at this service, admission will be by ticket only. Tickets are free and are available from the Parish Office in the church. Tel: 0214304070 (Tuesday to Friday 10.30 to 4 pm.) Do come and be a part of this celebration!

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Jan-22 & Jan-23-2005

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Aine Sheehan
8:30 am
Triona Collins
10:00 am
Tony Hegarty
12:00 Noon
Miriam Maunsell

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Jacinta Jeffers
11:00 am
Joseph Manning
12:30 pm
Kay Carew
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	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

Jan-22 & Jan-23-2005



St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Aisling Kelly
Eileen Murphy
Ted Nelligan
Angela Murphy
Ann O'Connell
Sheila Walshe

8:30 am Helen Kelly
Annette Murphy

10:00 am Miriam Maunsell
Mary Buckley
Breda Ring
Jerry O'Connor
Mary O'Regan

12 Noon Louie O'Leary
John Walshe
Pat Kelleher
Irene O'Brien
Ellen O'Sullivan
Chris Cotter

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

11:00 am Mary O'Mahony
Margaret Brown
Mona Bowen
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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