

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 16-March-2014

Second Sunday of Lent

On the holy mountain Jesus revealed himself in glory to his disciples. He had already prepared them for his approaching death. He wanted to teach them through the Law and the Prophets that the promised Christ had first to suffer and so come to glory.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

The Transfiguration

Jesus made it clear that " he was destined to go to Jerusalem, that he was to suffer grievously at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and scribes." Jesus goes on to teach us " If anyone wants to be a follower of mine let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me." Many of his disciples abandoned Christ on hearing this teaching. Christ knew that prophets going to Jerusalem were signing their own death warrant and it would very likely be a similar fate for him.

A week later Jesus went to a lonely mountain and took with him his three trusted lieutenants Peter, James and John. The transfiguration is sometimes presented as a stage in the education of the disciples. The Transfiguration first and chief significant experience was for Jesus himself. It confirmed him in the course he had taken.

The Transfiguration also benefited the Apostles, Matthew emphasises this point. The transfigured Jesus gave them a glimpse of the glory of the risen Lord, even so they would not understand until Jesus had risen from the dead. Jesus himself was comforted, reassured and strengthened on the mountain. He still had to face this dark and threatening future. He believed it was what the father wanted and that God would give him the strength to face this ordeal. I wish you and your families a very happy St Patrick's day.

George O'Mahony

Reflection for Parents

Children adapt to change. They love the excitement of something new. As parents, however, we'd like to slow down the changes we see changes in our community, our jobs, government, and even the changes in our growing children. As it was for the disciples, it's hard sometimes for us to understand and accept things changing in front of our eyes. However, change and constant motion are part of the divine plan as we journey to God. Today, instead of digging in our heels to slow the change, try lightening your heart as a child and accept with joy, the changes you face.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us pray that we may not grow faint on our journey but that we may have enough courage to persevere.

Reader

For all followers of Christ: that they may listen to his teachings and practice them in their lives.

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

For the Pope and the bishops: that they may lead the people of God with courage and faith.

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

For government leaders: that they may be wise and just in exercising their authority.

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

For those whose lives are disfigured by poverty, hunger, and suffering.

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

This week we mark the anniversary of the inauguration of Pope Francis, we pray that the Lord grants him continued spiritual guidance in the ministry of our Church.

**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.**

Priest

Lord God, may the radiance of your glory light up our hearts, and bring us safely through the shadows of this world until we reach our homeland of everlasting light.

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

John Brady, Kilnaglory.
 Danny Mulcahy, Blackpool.
 Tom McGrath, Beech Park.
 Tadgh Creed, Inniscarra View.
 Ray Kelleher, Blackrock.
 Daisy Buckley, Farranree.
 Catherine O’Riordan, Classes Lake.

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

Kate Noonan, Innishmore.
 Mary Murphy, Kilmichael.
 Denis & Kate Calnan, Youghal.
 Pat Murphy, Rosewood.
 Joe, Terry & Declan Butler, Inniscarra View.
 Noel Vaughan, Kilnamartyra.
 Paudie Coleman, Redemption Road.
 Jerry & Kitty Hallahan, Kilmichael.
 Paady Foley, The Lough.
 Dan & Kathleen Dorgan, The Powdermill.
 Dec. members of the Kelly Family.
 Norah Barry, Redemption Road.
 Paddy McMahan, Spring Lane.
 Joseph & Margaret Owens, Blackpool.
 Michael O’Leary, Ballinlough.
 Andrew O’Keeffe, Carrigrohane.
 Joan O’Keeffe, Carrigrohane.
 Neilie Cleary, Ballydehob/Ballincollig.
 Charles McCarthy, Ballydehob.
 John J McCarthy, Ballydehob.
 Peter & Peg Murphy, Ballincollig & Blackpool.
 Gerard & Martin Moriarty, Ballincollig & Blackpool.
 Neil McGroarty, Beech Park.
 Des McKeown, Carlow.
 Helen Kenneally, Beech Park.
 John Cahill (Parish Organist), Blarney.
 Tom Mulqueen, Rosewood.
 Richard Krauss, Aisling Close.
 Peg Kavanagh, Powdermills.
 Frank Whelan, Maglin Vale.
 William & Helena Sheehan, High Street.
 Lily Kavanagh, Carriganama & Wexford.
 Anne Nee Riordan, Cork
 Sean Doab , The Crescent.
 Helen Lynch, Gurranes.
 James O’Mahony, Ballinora.
 John & Mary Boyde, Main Street.
 Martin & Eily Murphy, Hodders Villas.
 Shelia Sexton, Farnannes.
 Noreen & Christy Deasy, Gerald Griffin Street.
 Fr. Michael Hourigan, Limerick & Florida.
 Bill Dwane, Douglas.
 Annie Cotter, Fr. Sexton Park.
 Eileen Bradley, Leemount.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Second Week Of Lent

16 Sunday Gen. 12: 1-4. Ps. 32. 2 Tim. 1:8-10. Mt. 17: 1-9. Lect I: 223
 17 Monday Eccles. (Sir) 39:6-10, Ps.115.2 Tim 4:1-8. Mt.13:24-32. National Proper
 18 Tuesday Is. 1:10,16-20. Ps. 49. Mt. 23:1-12. Lect I:232
 19 Wednesday 2 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 II: 980
 20 Thursday Jer. 17:5-10. Ps. 1. Lk. 16:19-31. Lect I: 236
 21 Friday Gen. 37:3-28. Ps. 104. Mt. 21 :33-43.45-48. Lect I: 239
 22 Saturday Mic 7:14-15, 18-20. Ps 102. Lk 15:1-3.11-32. Lect I: 241

Next Sunday’s Readings 23/March/2014

Ex. 17:3-7. Ps. 94. Rom. 5: 1-2, 5-8. In. 4:5-42. Lect I: 245

Sacrament of Confession

The Holy Father has asked that a church in each Diocese throughout the world would be designated for Continuous Confessions from Friday evening, March 28th to Saturday evening March 29th, the eve of Laetare Sunday. Pope Francis has continually emphasised the importance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the context of New Evangelisation and in the context for the need for the Priest to be merciful to those who come. He has also stressed the need for frequent confession. In that regard, Pope Francis himself will hear Confessions in St. Peter's in Rome.

Confession is an important part of the Lenten observance and is a Sacrament of welcome and mercy for the penitent.

In the Diocese of Cork and Ross, St. Francis Church in Liberty Street has been designated for this purpose and priests from many religious orders and the Diocese will be available throughout the day and night to hear confessions there. It is a church in the city associated with confession and I appreciate the assistance of the Franciscan Community in this regard.

Bishop Buckley said that confession of ones sins and a return to the Gospel has always been an important part of the Church's Lenten observance and commends this initiative wholeheartedly and will hear confessions himself in St. Francis' at that time.

BAPTISMS

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

Chisom Sophia Christina Onyeka, Tuairin Glas.
 Chukwuma Patrick Samuel Onyeka, Tuairin Glas.
 Ogechukwu Maria Gorelti Onyek, Tuairin Glas.
 Norah Philip Porter, The Stables, Coolroe.
 Eoin Michael Lehane, Togher.
 Erin Anna Hutchinson, Beech Park.
 Andrew James Sheehy, Chapel Gate, Time Square.
 Blaithin Eabha Casey, Carriganarra Estate.

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4

Abram was commanded by the Lord to leave his home and go to a new land. There the Lord God would make of him a great nation and all would be blessed because of him.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8-10

God saves all people and calls them to a holy life, not because of their own merit but because of the grace held out in Christ. Christ "destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel."

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

The second Sunday of Lent always gives us an account of the transfiguration. Jesus asked Peter, James and John to go with him to the mountain top. While they were there, Jesus was transfigured and became dazzling white before them. Along with Jesus stood Moses and Elijah. The voice of God announced that Jesus was his son and that all should listen to him. The disciples were frightened, but Jesus calmed them. When Peter, James and John looked up, Jesus was the only one left . . . the one to whom we need to listen.

A Series of Talks for Lent

Tuesday 18th March LENT, our journey to Baptism
 Tuesday 25th March THE EASTER TRIDUUM
 Tuesday 1st April A reflection on St. Matthew's Passion

Speaker: Fr. Christy Fitzgerald

8pm – 9.30 pm

Frankfield Parish Centre

Admission free – all welcome!

Evening of Prayer and Meditation

With Fr Laurence Freeman OSB

The Parish Assembly of Our Lady Crowned, Mayfield invite you to join with them for an evening of Prayer and Meditation led by Fr Laurence freeman OSB on Thursday 20th March from 7:30pm to 9:00pm in their Church. Fr Laurence is the founder and director of the World Community for Christian Meditation.

There is no charge to attend – donations welcome at the end of the evening.

Scout Mass

The Annual Mass for current and deceased members of the Scout Organisation in Cork will be held on Friday next 21st March, in the African Missions Church, Blackrock Road, at 8pm. All present and past members, as well as their relatives and friends are welcome to attend.

Arthritis Ireland - Working on a Cure

Arthritis Ireland lecture by Prof. Gerry Wilson, UCD Rochestown Park Hotel on Wed 26th March 7.30pm.

Admission free.

Booking essential:- Book online: arthritisireland.ie or Call 1890 252 846

Organised by Cork Branch Arthritis Ireland

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St Patrick's Day Mass Times

St. Mary & St. John

8.30am & 10.00am

8.00pm

Christ Our Light

12.30pm (Irish Mass)

6.30pm

Ballincollig St Patrick's Day Parade 2014

Ballincollig Parish would like to invite people of all cultures and denominations living in Ballincollig to walk with us in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Monday 17th March at 3pm. Children would must be accompanied by their parents. If interested please contact 087 3097434 / 087 7150998

Daily Masses During Lent

Church of Christ Our Light	8.30am & 6.30pm
St Mary & St John	9.30am & 8pm.

Lenten Retreat 2014

Lenten Retreat 24th, 25th & 26th March, 2014

Church of Christ Our Light Mass 7 am

Liturgy, Homily & Prayer 8pm

The Retreat will be conducted by Fr. Tom Clancy.

No evening Masses during Retreat.

Mass Diaries

Mass Diaries to book Mass intentions for April, May & June 2014 are now open in both churches .

Priority will be given to those booking 1st Anniversary Mass.

Trocaire Boxes

Lenten boxes are available at the back of both churches. Parishioners are asked to please take one and to make a weekly contribution during lent. Boxes will also be distributed to the schools.

Fr. George

Thinking of Becoming a Priest?

An information day about becoming a priest in Cork & Ross will take place on:

Saturday 5th April, 2014

Ennismore Retreat Centre, Cork

Between 10.30am & 4pm.

To speak to someone in the strictest confidence, telephone

Fr. Tom Deenihan at (021) 4301717

or Canon Bertie O'Mahony at (021) 4346940

or sent an e-mail to secretary@corkandross.org

Muskerry Local History Society

The society is organising a two part slide show presentation at Ballincollig Rugby Club on Tuesday 18 March. Presenter Tim O'Brien will feature two topics - the construction of the River Lee hydro electric stations at Inniscarra and Carrigadrohid in the 1950s and the development of the Turkish bath water cure idea by Cooldaniel, Macroom native Dr. Richard Barter at St Ann's Hill, Tower a century earlier. The lecture is open to the public and commences at 8 o'clock..

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Mar/22 & Mar/23/2014

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)

Sandra Walsh
Brayden Peck
8:30 am
Triona Downey

10:00 am

Jordan Crowley
Fergal Monahan
12:00 Noon
Oliver O'Donovan
David Drohan

7:30 pm (Vigil)

Jessica Lingard
Morgan Smith
11:00 am
Tomas Buckley
Alison Henchion
12:30 pm
Aisling Dore
Clara Herdman
5:30 pm
Colm & Liam Tuohy

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

8:30 am, 10 am & 8 pm

Monday

12:30 pm & 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

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

Priest on Duty

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Fr. George O'Mahony P.P.

021-4871206

Fr. Dave O'Connell C.C.

021-4876171 or frdaveoconnell@gmail.com

Fr. James McSweeney

021-4873308

Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

Week 17th March to 23rd March

Tim Murphy

Siobhan Glavin

Social / Coffee Mornings

Continue every Friday morning in parish house "Sonas"
on Station Road at 10 am.

Everyone welcome as it is an ideal opportunity to get
and know people from our community.



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Mar/22 & Mar/23/2014

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm

Michael Maher
Bernadette Bell
Betty Casey
Frank Riordan
Siobhan Riordan
Pauline Quane

7:30 pm

Geraldine Lynch
Charlie Vaughan
Joan Stephenson
Bernie Bowen

8:30 am

Mary Buckley
Theresa Lucey / Triona
Collins
Mary B. Murphy

11:00 am

Neil Jeffers
Eileen O'Donoghue
Bridie Hanrahan
Catherine / Hugh Mo-
ran
Padraig Fleming

10:00 am

Anne Cahill
Cathy Horgan
Claudine Tiendioh
Betty Flavin
Anne Spillane
Betty Sheehan

12:30 pm

Denis O' Mahony
Christine O'Mahony
Tom Murray
John O'Regan
Gerard Dunne

12 Noon

Helen Plunkett
Seamus O'Donovan
Eleanor Knowles
Catherine Greene
Joan Barrett
Frances Hogan

5:30 pm

Bernard Curran
John Cauty

Cork Maths Circle

Is holding a Junior Certificate
Maths Higher Level 2 Day
Revision Course on Saturday
March 29th/April 5th from 11-6
pm. (including breaks) given by
an experienced teacher/exam
corrector and catering for all
Third Year Higher Level Maths
students in Ballincollig and
surrounding areas. All Project
Maths questions covered,
including theorems. Reasonable
rates and excellent results.
(Tel 0851611573)

"The Voice of Joy"

Friar Alessandro & Guests
St. Francis Church
Liberty St.
Saturday 22nd March
Concert starts @ 7.30pm
Family Tickets €20
Adult Ticket €7
OAP/Student €5
Fund Raiser for Mission in Zimbabwe)
Please Support - Thank you

Ballincollig Annual Pilgrimage to Knock

Sunday May 25th
Bus leaving Village at 7.30am sharp
Contact: Sally 021 4870954 or Cathleen 021 4874730

Interested in joining a Local Book Club ?

Venue: Sonas House, Station Road, Ballincollig
Thursday Mornings / Evenings
Time to be arranged
Contact: Eleanor Phone 087 3097434

Early Morning Prayer for Lent

The great feast of Easter is coming. Lent is the preparation Time
Come to the MORNING PRAYER of the CHURCH, Taking place during Lent
in St. Mark's Centre, (opposite Christ Our Light Church) Mon. - Fri. at 6 am
Everyone welcome.