

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 17-February-2008

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

## Lent and Reconciliation

Lent is an intense time of purification and enlightenment. It is period in our lives in which the Church encourages us to emphasize and reflect upon what needs to be changed about the way we live our lives. One of the many ways we can go about entering into this purification is by celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

For some of us the idea of going to “confession” is frightening. It recalls nerve-racking experiences as a child going into a dark confessional, reciting a long list of personal faults and enduring being scolded by the confessor. In the aftermath of the Second Vatican Council the entire experience of “Reconciliation,” has changed enormously. First the name: to call the Sacrament “confession,” is to describe only one aspect of the action. To confess is to merely voice one’s faults and sins. To “reconcile,” is to be brought into right relationship with the other. In this case, the other is our loving Father, who like the Prodigal Father in the parable is eager to welcome us home.

If it has been many years since you have celebrated the sacrament, do not feel you need to make a list of every transgression. Rather consider the consistent ways in which you have turned away from God, your family and neighbors. Voice to the confessor the opportunities you have missed to be a loving generous person, the times you have surrendered to gossip and blasphemy. In his Catholic Update “Understanding Sin Today,” Richard Gula describes an example of a contemporary reconciliation between a confessor and a young Dad:

“Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been 3 months since my last confession. I am a husband, a father of three teenage children, and I hold an executive position in a large computer firm. Over the past month I have allowed love to grow cold at home and in my work. At home, I have been inattentive to my wife and children as I allowed my new projects at work to consume most of my time and attention. I have spent more time at work and little time with the family. At work, I have selfishly neglected to disclose some data which my colleagues needed for a new project. I wanted to gain the glory. I have also failed to support a female colleague who was clearly being sexually harassed and I failed to confront those who were doing the harassing”.

This imaginary Reconciliation is an excellent example of how to express ourselves within the context of the sacrament. Although we become anxious when contemplating going to Reconciliation there is a tremendous peace that awaits us on the other side of that nervousness. Think about the possibility of celebrating Reconciliation during Lent. Approached with an open heart, it can be a positive, enriching opportunity to draw closer to God and find an inner peace. (A Reconciliation Service will be held as part of the Parish Lenten Retreat in early March).

Sean O'Driscoll

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

### Priest

In the second reading we hear Paul telling Timothy to ‘rely on the power of God’. With this in mind we confidently offer our prayers to the Lord.

### Reader

We pray for those who are far from their home, especially those who have been forced to leave the land of their birth as a result of fear or violence.

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

We pray for the strength to obediently answer the call of God as Abraham did.

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

We pray for those throughout the world who suffer as a result of their religious beliefs.

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

We pray for vocations, that men and women may answer the Lord’s call to priesthood and religious life.

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

We pray for the sick, that they may experience the healing touch of Christ.

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

For the members of our community who have died that God's compassionate love may bring them home to heaven.

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

### Priest

God our Father, listen to the prayers we make in this Lenten season. Help us to turn out hearts towards you. We make these, and all our prayers, through Christ, your beloved son.

Amen.

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

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**BAPTISMS**

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

Claudia Barry, 3 Hazelgrove.  
 Blraithin Noreen Gleeson, 20 Willow Grove.  
 Beth Mary O’Sullivan, 36 Westcliffe.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

John Downey, Banbury, England  
 Elizabeth Carroll, Berrings.  
 Abina Casey, Innishmore Lawn.  
 Kathleen Corcoran, McCurtain Villas.  
 Sgt Dan O’Connell, West Village.  
 Con Driscoll, Birmingham.

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

Jim Doyle, Kilkenny.  
 Fred Hutchinson, Barrack Street.  
 Sean Ryan, Coolroe.  
 Patrick & Martin Ginnane, Shanakiel & Kilkenny.  
 Pat Forde, Upton.  
 Betty Foulds, Capwell Road.  
 Con & Anna Maria Lucey, Coolroe.  
 Patrick & Mary Ellis.  
 Conor Crowley, Model Farm Road.  
 Con O’Mahony, Ballyvolane.  
 Nora Barrett, Coolroe.  
 Jeremiah Crowley.  
 Margaret O’Keeffe, Killeens.  
 John Quinn, Beech Park.  
 Francis & Margaret O’Farrell, Station Road.  
 Dec Members of the Murphy, Kelleher, Conway, & Vaughan Families.  
 Richard O’Halloran, Muskerry Est.  
 Daniel O’Sullivan, Inniscarra.  
 Dec. Members of the Murray Family, Quaker Road.  
 John Joe Hegarty, Carrignavar.  
 Michael, Elizabeth & Michael (Jun) Cunningham, Waterford.  
 John Desmond, Garryhesta.  
 Tim O’Leary, Inchigeela.  
 Matthew Murphy, Ballygoman, Ovens.  
 Liam Carroll, Inniscarra View.  
 Joey O’Driscoll, Rosewood Est.  
 Stephen Hiekey, Ballydehob.  
 Joan Bernard, Los Angeles, USA.  
 Brendan Moloney, Bristol.  
 Neil Barrett, Dripsey.  
 Jeremiah & Mary O’Sullivan, Eyerics.  
 Mary O’Sullivan, Washington St.  
 Patrick & Margaret O’Callaghan, Dripsey.

***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.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Second Week of Lent**

17 Sunday Gen. 12: 1-4. Ps. 32. 2 Tim. 1:8-10. Mt. 17: 1-9. Lect I: 223

18 Monday Dan. 9:4-10. Ps. 78. Lk. 6:36-38. Lect I: 231

19 Tuesday Is. 1:10,16-20. Ps. 49. Mt. 23:1-12. Lect I: 232

20 Wednesday Jer. 18:18-20. Ps. 30. Mt. 20:17-28. Lect I: 234

21 Thursday Jer. 17:5-10. Ps. 1. Lk. 16:19-31. Lect I: 236

22 Friday 1 Peter 5: 1-4 Ps 22 Mt 16: 13-19 Lect II: 962

23 Saturday Mic 7:14-15, 18-20. Ps 102. Lk 15:1-3.11-32. Lect I: 241

**Next Sunday’s Readings 24-February-2008**  
 Ex. 17:3-7. Ps. 94. Rom. 5: 1-2, 5-8. In. 4:5-42. Lect I: 245

***Second Sunday In Lent  
 Transformation***

Trocaire's Lenten Campaign focuses on climate change and we have been reminded many times in recent years that human activity has changed, TRANSFORMED, our world until it is "sick unto death". Can we now, each of us, begin another Transformation? To being to undo whatever part we may have played in that ruination, to begin to restore the planet to health and to ease our fears, anxieties and guilt. Please remember to pick up a Trocaire box at the back of the church or go online to [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org) to see what else you can do.

***Trocaire launches its annual Fast Campaign***

During Lent we are called to pray and fast and to share with those who are poor or in need. When we deny ourselves the comforts we are used to it reminds us of the suffering of those who each day live without the most basic resources. This year's Trocaire 24-Hour Fast takes place on February 22nd and 23rd and will raise essential funds for life-changing development projects in the world's poorest countries.

Speaking about this year's Trocaire Fast, Bishop John Kirby, Chairman of Trocaire said, "In just 4 hours Irish people can make a real difference to the lives of communities overseas. Support for Trocaire's work is needed more then ever in helping communities that now face the combined effects of poverty and climate change. 700 million people in 43 countries are living without enough water and many of the world's poorest people are struggling to survive in extreme weather conditions which are preventing them from growing food and making a living."

To register for the Fast or get a free Fast pack log on to [www.trocairefast.org](http://www.trocairefast.org), lo-call 1850 408 408 or text 24HR to 51727.

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**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.

**Bulletin Board**

**Ballincollig Parish Pastoral Council**

AGM takes place tomorrow Monday 18th February 2008 at 7.45 pm at the Annex Community Hall Station Rd. All welcome.

**Diocese of Cork and Ross**

Church Directory 2008 is for sale in both Churches. It contains Mass times, phone numbers, list of various services and other items of interest. Price €6.

**Trocaire Lenten Campaign**

Envelopes are available in both Churches

**Vigil Mass Christ Our Light – Time Change**

Reminder effective from Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February the Vigil Mass at Christ Our Light has changed from 8 pm to 7.30 pm.

**St Oliver's Cemetery**

The new extension to St Oliver's Cemetery is now open. The Co. Council are now selling plots, anybody interested please contact Mr Lane the caretaker at St Oliver's phone 021 4873709.

**This Week's Calendar**

**Monday 18** – Weekday (2nd Week of Lent)

**Tuesday 19** – Lenten Weekday

**Wednesday 20** – Lenten Weekday

**Thursday 21** – St Peter Damian, a scholarly reformer of the Middle Ages. He preached penance and love, not only in words but by the example of his life. He died in 1072.

**Friday 22** – Chair of St Peter Apostle. Today's feast celebrates the unity of the Church around St Peter.

**Saturday 23** – St Polycarp. John the apostle made him the bishop of Smyrna in modern Turkey, where he was martyred.

**Fr. George**

**Ballincollig Parish Bereavement Support**

The next Parish Bereavement Programme will commence on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> April. This is an eight-week programme and is open to all who are bereaved. It is held in a small group setting one night each week. If you have experienced loss and would like further information, please contact

Sr Colette O'Leary: 086.3557375 or the Parish Office: 4871206.

**Dare To Trust?**

Explore the Wonder and Mystery of God's love in your life.

A series of Saturdays for Single Adults

Venue: Holy Trinity, Fr. Matthew Quay, Cork (Gathering in Third Order Chapel)

March 1<sup>st</sup> 10:45 am – 2:00 pm

April 5<sup>th</sup> 10:45 am – 2:00 pm

May 10<sup>th</sup> 10:45 am – 2:00 pm

Further information Sr. Bridget 0874167126

**Muskerry Local History Society**

February 2008 Lecture

Subject: Ballincollig Castle

Barrett's Barony

Featuring: Lecture and Slide Show

Speaker: Paul MacCotter - Local Historian

Venue: Ballincollig Rugby Club Function Hall

Date & Time: Tuesday 19th February @ 8 pm

Admission: €2 for non members

Everyone most welcome.

**Ballincollig Tidy Towns**

As part of Ballincollig Tidy Towns work for 2008 the committee have commenced Weekly "Litter Picks". Each week they select a different area and carry out a litter pick on Sunday mornings from 11 am to 12 noon.

The second Litter pick took place on the Link Road last Sunday morning and at a glance the road looked fairly good but when the committee and those who assisted on the day picked 7 Black Bags of rubbish including a pair of men's safety boots which were dumped at the side of the road.

Some of the private commercial sites on the Road had a lot of litter around them some of which is old litter. Owners are asked to make a bigger effort in cleaning up around their premises.

One thing that surprised each person carrying out the Litter Pick was the huge levels of Dog Fouling all along the footpaths and the grass verges. According to one of the committee people with dogs are responsible for cleaning up after their dogs and failure to do so can lead to a substantial fine. The committee thank those who make the effort with their dogs but ask those who don't to be aware of the possibility of being fined by the Litter Warden who is very active in Ballincollig.

Next Sunday the Litter Pick will concentrate on the road leading from the Eastgate to the Powdermills which has become an eyesore when it comes to rubbish. Those who wish to assist are asked to meet at the Aldi Car Park at Eastgate 11 am and to give just 1 Hour to help the community as a whole. The committee will provide black bags, gloves and Litter Pickers for those who come along and lend a hand for that one hour.

**Diabetes Public Meeting & AGM**

Sacred Heart Hall, Western Rd, Cork

Today Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2008 at 2.30 pm

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Feb-23 & Feb-24-2008

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**

Karen Sheehan  
Padraig Graham

**8:30 am**

Elizabeth Daly

**10:00 am**

Tony Hegarty  
William Green

**12:00 Noon**

Oliver O'Donovan

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**

Murigen Ni Mhathuna  
Niamh Murray

**11:00 am**

Meabh Nic Mheanmain

**12:30 pm**

Lia Breathnach  
Cathy Naughton

**5:30 pm**

Siobhan Keane

**MASS TIMES**

**St. Mary & St. John**

8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon

**Sunday**

**Christ Our Light**

11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm

9:30 am

**Monday**

8:30 am & 8 pm

9:30 am

**Tuesday**

8:30 am & 8 pm

9:30 am

**Wednesday**

8:30 am & 8 pm

9:30 am

**Thursday**

8:30 am & 8 pm

9:30 am

**Friday**

8:30 am & 8 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. Michael O'Mahony C.C.**

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**Fr. Sean O'Driscoll C.C.**

**021-4870434**

**Fr. Ted Sheehan**

**021-4876171**

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Feb-23 & Feb-24-2008



**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

**11:00 am**

Seamus O'Connell  
Mary O'Connell  
Alan O'Riordan  
Geraldine Keohane  
Gerard Murray

**8:30 am**

Mary Buckley  
Rita Murphy  
Mary O'Keefe

**12:30 pm**

Lucy O'Callaghan  
Jackie Sheehan  
Mary Green  
Michael O'Leary

**10:00 am**

Christina Walsh  
Peter Reilly  
Mary Collins  
Christy Roche  
Katie O'Shea  
Claire Creedon

**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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**Monday**

**Closed**

Tuesday

9.30 - 5.00 pm

Wednesday

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Thursday

9.30 - 5.00 pm

**Friday**

**9.30 - 5.00 pm**

Saturday

9.30 - 12.30 pm



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Tuesday

9.30 - 5.00 pm

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Thursday

9.30 - 7.30 pm

Friday

9.30 - 7.30 pm

Saturday

9.30 - 5.00 pm