

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 17-February-2013

First Sunday of Lent

As Lent begins we are reminded of Adam's fall from grace and of the reality of sin in human life, we are also reminded that Christ is the new Adam overcoming temptation in himself and so making possible a new life, a new humanity for those who belong to him.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Our Lenten Journey

In today's Gospel we get a glimpse of Jesus' humanity as he struggles with temptation. He is led by the Spirit into the wilderness for forty days where he is tempted by the devil. The desert or wilderness was seen as a place of trial in which Jesus is forced to come face to face with himself and his identity. In trusting that God would give him the grace and strength to overcome the obstacles that stood in his way, he resists the temptations to be lead astray from the mission given to him by his Father. Today Jesus continues to walk in solidarity with all who are struggling. We pray that God will give us the grace and strength when temptations and obstacles come our way.

I remember as children, our first question for Lent was often, "What are you giving up for Lent?!" 'Giving up' something for these forty days is a custom that helped us enter into the season of Lent with a sense of purpose and a greater awareness. Lent isn't just about "giving up" something! Perhaps it can also be a time to reflect and to re-evaluate the quality and direction of our lives and to grow in our relationship with God and with those around us.

As we begin our Lenten Journey in preparation for Easter, let us pray that we too may be open to allowing the Spirit to lead us. The "wilderness" can refer to the times we experience trials in our own lives which may lead us to question our Faith. None of us like being in the 'wilderness' - it can be a lonely and painful place; a place of confusion and questioning; we may experience loss of purpose or direction in life. In our struggles and temptations, let us remember that Jesus was not left to battle them alone and neither are we. As St Paul says in our second reading today: 'everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved'. Jesus invites us to join him on the journey to Jerusalem during this Lent, uniting our own sufferings and struggles with his and to look forward with joy and hope to the celebration of his Resurrection. Let us pray for one another that during these days of Lent each of us will receive the grace of a deepening relationship with the Lord.

Sr. Colette

Reflection for Parents

What you can do for Lent with your children? Jesus' temptations are about power, power over people's hearts. If hungry people are to be fed, if society is going to change, he wants us to help, not by overwhelming force but by working humbly with him. Can we support our brothers and sisters who are hungry through small changes in our daily lives?. On Ash Wednesday we began our Lenten journey. As we gather together as a community today, we take time to step back from our often busy lives, to reflect on the Gospel and to pray for spiritual renewal.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Because Jesus was tempted, he understands our temptations. Let us turn to him for the help we need to be victorious over evil.

Reader

For the Church that it may lead its members to deeper and more authentic living of the Christian life.

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

For government leaders: that they may resist the temptation to seek their own glory, and seek instead to serve their brothers and sisters.

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

For those who have fallen to temptation: that they may have the strength to rise again

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

For each other and for ourselves: that Lent may teach us a spirit of self-denial, and move us to show more love and compassion to others

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

For those who cannot afford the luxury of Lent: victims of war, of sickness, of drugs, of unspeakable grief or loneliness, those whose lives already hold more terror and pain that they can bear.

**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

God of power and love, you have shown us that prayer, fasting, and alms-giving are remedies for sin. Accept our humble admission of guilt, and when our conscience weighs us down, let your unfailing mercy raise us up. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Taizé Prayer

You are most welcome to join with our Youth **At Christ Our Light Church on Friday 22nd February At 7.30 P.M.**
For some quiet reflective prayer with the Songs of Taizé

Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

Visit Our Website: www.ballincolligparish.ie

BAPTISMS

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

Anastasia Sorokina, The Crescent, Old Fort Road.
Daniel Shane O'Donovan, Oak Drive, Classes Lake.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Bernard O'Brien, Inniscarra View.
Brendan Butler, Aylsbury.
Con McCarthy, Poulavone.
Billy Desmond, Farran.
Joe Walsh, Mourneabbey.
Margaret Canty, Ballinlough.
Margaret Kelleher, Castlepark.

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

Deceased members of O'Connell & Whooley families.
Timothy & Bridget O'Leary, Fairhill.
Fred Hutchinson, Barrack Street.
Irene White, Leemount.
Sean Ryan, Coolroe.
Martin & Patrick Ginnane, Shankiel, Kilkenny.
Jim Murphy, Pine Walk.
Sean & May O'Callaghan, Galway.
Deceased members of Ballincollig Credit Union.
Timmy Lehane, Ovens.
Denis Spillane, Glenflesk, Co Kerry.
Kevin Twomey, England.
Michael Buckley, Castlepark
Jack Lucey, Station Cross.
Sharon O'Regan, Clonmany, Donegal.
Sarah & Thomas Keane, Galway.
Mary Wood, Norfolk.
Dan & Margaret Murphy, Knockburden.
Dan Murphy, Bray.
Sean Doab, The Crescent.
Daniel O'Sullivan, Inniscarra.
Derry Murphy, Powdermills.
David & Con Brosnan, Muskerry Estate.
Matthew Canter, Carrigrohane.
Gerard Spillane, Castleknock.
Bob & Eileen Foolkes, Ballypnehane.
Teresa Strahan, Dublin.
Margaret Connolly, Elm Lawn.
Dec members of O'Leary family, Doneraile.
Ina Murphy, Mount Farran.

Marriage Encounter Weekend

A Marriage Encounter Weekend will take place in Cork on 8th -10th March, 2013. This is a weekend to enrich your marriage. IS YOUR MARRIAGE WORTH THAT?

For more information phone: - 021 4381511

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

First Week Of Lent

- 17 Sunday Deut. 26:4-10. Ps. 90. Ram. 10:8-13. Lk. 4:1-13. Lect I: 207
- 18 Monday Lev 19:1-2, 11-18. Ps 18. Mt 25:31-46. Lect I: 210
- 19 Tuesday Is. 55:10-11. Ps. 33. Mt. 6:7-15. Lect I: 212
- 20 Wednesday In. 3: 1-10. Ps. 50. Lk. 11 :29-32. Lect I: 214
- 21 Thursday Esther 14:1,3-5, 12-14 (Vulgate). Ps. 137. Mt. 7:7- 12.Lect I: 216
- 22 Friday 1 Peter 5: 1-4 Ps 22 Mt 16: 13-19 Lect II: 962
- 23 Saturday Deut. 26:16-19. Ps. 118. Mt. 5:43-48. Lect I: 221

Next Sunday's Readings 24-February-2013

Gen. 15:5-12, 17 -18. Ps. 26. Phil. 3: 17 -4: 1. Lk. 9:28-36. Lect I: 228

Do Something Special this Lent!

Many people choose to abstain from alcohol for the duration of Lent. Take this opportunity to help someone you love with an alcohol or drug problem by offering up your sacrifice as a prayer for their freedom and well-being.

Take the Short-Term pledge

and make a difference to someone's life!

For more information visit www.pioneerassociation.ie or contact Raymond O'Connor (01) 874 9464

Mindfulness - An Introduction

A Saturday Morning Course on 23rd February in Northridge House, St. Luke's Home.
Our day to day lives are becoming increasingly busy and stressful. We are faced with the tough reality of recession and the growing need to take care of both our physical and mental well-being. This half-day seminar will introduce participants to the practice of Mindfulness.

For further information and bookings contact Bruce or Claire on 021-4536551.

Prayer is not a burden, but a gift; it is not a constraint, but a freedom; it is not a millstone round our neck, but a source of joy.
Pope John Paul II

Lourdes

Cork & Ross Pilgrimage to Lourdes
11-16 June 5 nights – Full Board Accommodation
Bookings Forms available from the pilgrim section
Joe Walsh Tours, 117 Patrick St. Tel: 021 4277959
Enquiries for Special Sick –Assisted Section to:
Very Rev. Canon James O'Donovan,
Parochial House, Ballinlough, Cork Tel: 021 4292296

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10
 The Israelite people gather during the Feast of Unleavened Bread to offer the first fruits of their harvest and retell the story of their salvation.

Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13
 Paul sends this letter to the people of Rome to remind them of the simple formula for salvation; belief and confession. He promises that all those who call on the Lord will be saved.

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13
 Each year, at the beginning of Lent, we hear the story of the devil tempting Jesus in the desert. This year we hear Luke's version. Following his baptism, Jesus went out into the desert for forty days during which time he ate nothing. Knowing that Jesus would be hungry, the devil tempted him to turn a stone into bread. When Jesus did not, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the earth, promising Jesus all the glory and power of them if Jesus would worship the devil. Again Jesus refused. Finally, Satan took Jesus to the top of the temple in Jerusalem and told him to jump because God's angels would save him. Jesus refused each of the three temptations by quoting scripture from the book of Deuteronomy thus making clear his obedience to God.

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.

Knock

Legion of Mary Annual Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday 26th May 2013. Bus leaving village at 7.00 am sharp. Early booking advised. For details contact; Sally (021) 4870954 or Cathleen (021) 4874730.

**Dyslexia Association of Ireland
 Cork Branch**

Information Meeting on
*Supporting Dyslexic Students in Higher
 and Further Education*
 Venue: Bishopstown Community School
Date: Monday 25th February, 2013
Time: 7.30pm
Guest Speaker
Ms. Lorraine Gallagher of AHEAD
(Association for Higher Education Access + Disability)
 Teachers, Parents, Students - all welcome
Admission €10.00

Troubled by someone else's drinking?

Try Al-anon. Local Meetings S V de P Centre Station Road
 Thursdays 8.30 pm. Phone: 021 4311899.

Bulletin Board

Lenten Masses

For the duration of Lent there will be evening Mass in Church of **Christ Our Light at 6.30pm**
 Church of **St Mary & St John at 8pm.**
No evening Masses during Lenten Retreat.

Lenten Retreat 2013

Lenten Retreat 25th, 26th & 27th February 2013.
 Church of Christ Our Light
Mass 7 am - Liturgy, Homily & Prayer 8pm
 The Retreat will be conducted by the Redemptorist Fathers.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on **Saturday March 2nd at 12.00 noon** in the **Library Room, Community Hall, Station Road.** The presentation lasts for approximately forty minutes. The following questions are addressed, What is Baptism? What are the symbols used in the Sacrament of Baptism? How can the family become involved in the ceremony? Parents might book the baptism a few weeks in advance to give ample time to take part in the preparation.

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.

Mass Diary

Diaries to book Mass intentions for April, May & June will open in both Churches on Saturday 9th March at 9.00am. 1st Anniversaries Masses will be given priority

Altar Servers

Volunteers are invited to serve as Altar Servers in both Churches. Please contact any priest, together with parents, or contact parish office Phone: 021 4871206.

Ballincollig Pastoral Council

A.G.M of the Ballincollig Pastoral Council will take place on **Monday February 18th at 7.45pm in the Community Hall.**
All are welcome.

Fr. George

Ennismore Retreat House, Cork

Study Days - Journeying to the Cross with Christ
 (St. Mark's Gospel)
 23rd Feb., 2nd & 9th March
 (3 Saturdays, 10a.m. - 12.30p.m.)
 Further details and booking to 021 4502520 /
 ennismore@eircom.net

*Make all the friends you can.
 Keep all the friends you make.
 And when you meet a stranger,
 give his hand a hearty shake.
 For all the countless treasures
 which in time may come your way,
 there'll be nothing quite as precious
 as the friends you make today.*

Ernest Sidwell

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Feb-23 & Feb-24-2013

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Daniel McAuliffe
Laura O'Keefe
8:30 am
John Healy
Kerry O'Leary
10:00 am
Louise McCarthy
Robert Noonan
12:00 Noon
Declan Chalmers
Niamh Keelan

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Chidera Ebili

11:00 am
Sorcha Nic Mheanmain
Maire Buckley
12:30 pm
Cathy Naughton
Una Lynch
5:30 pm
Emily Hardman / 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
9:30 am & 8 pm	Monday	8:30 am & 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	087-2479140
Fr. George O'Mahony P.P.	021-4871206
Fr. Dave O'Connell C.C.	087-2479140
Fr. James McSweeney	021-4873308

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.

Novena

The Matt Talbot Novena continues in Togher Church at 7.30 each Friday throughout Lent. Our preacher on Friday 22nd February is Fr. Brian Lawless from Dublin, he will bring the relics of Matt Talbot with him so that will be a night of special interest.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Feb-23 & Feb-24-2013



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

11:00 am Neil Jeffers
Eileen O'Donoghue
Bridie Hanrahan
Catherine / Hugh Moran
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

5:30 pm Bernard Curran
John Canty



Care & Repair

Free Odd-Job/DIY Service for Older People

Do you have a small repair job that you would like to have done? Age Action's Care & Repair service uses a pool of trustworthy volunteer handypersons to carry out minor repairs and odd jobs for older people who find it difficult to do these jobs themselves.

Some of the jobs that our volunteers can do include changing light bulbs, minor decorating, hanging curtains, minor gardening, minor carpentry and installing smoke alarms. The service is free; you only pay for the materials used. For bigger jobs that are beyond the scope of our volunteers, we maintain a register of reliable and honest tradespersons whose contact details we can provide. We can also arrange regular social visits to older people.

No job is too small, so call us today!!

All volunteers are Garda vetted and carry official Age Action identification cards. To arrange to have a job done for you, simply call 021-4536554 and we will arrange to have local volunteers contact you.

Age Action is Ireland's leading charity for older people. We believe that Ireland should be the best place in which to grow older. We work to fight discrimination, promote positive ageing and improve policies and services for all older people.

The Care & Repair programme is kindly sponsored by Irish Life Phone: 021-4536554