

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 17-March-2013



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick was set apart by God to bring his word to the end of the earth. He brought faith in Christ to our land and the message of peace for those who accept that faith. Today we thank God for Patrick who was true to his vocation and so made it possible for our names to be written in heaven.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

St. Patrick

"I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth."

Born in the early years of the fifth century in Britain, Patrick was brought to Ireland as a slave in his early twenties. Having escaped he went to Europe and studied there before returning to Ireland on his mission of conversion. We are told he died around 491.

A little bit of history on Patrick's life is available to us through his writings Confession. The confessions of St Patrick are like a diary of his call and his mission to Ireland. Confession is not like confession as we might normally understand it today but rather a profession of faith.

A profession of his own faith and the resulting faith of the people of Ireland who he came among to convert.

He seemed to have a base in Armagh and thus the Primate of All Ireland continues to be based in Armagh to this day. We might wonder about the banishment of snakes etc but the main truth of Patrick's life was his tireless efforts to tell the Christian story to a land that never heard it.

He is forever remembered for using the famous image of the shamrock to remind us of the Triune God. The hymn of His Breastplate is used very regularly in our weekday and weekend Masses.

Christ be near at either hand – Christ be Beside Me.....

What does the story of the St Patrick mean for you?

Are you able to get past the mythical presentation of Patrick?

Are you able to see beyond the festivities that are very much part of the celebrations, parades, long weekends?

Quoting from today's Missalette "The seed he sowed in Ireland became a mighty tree as Irish missionaries went to every corner of the earth to proclaim to others the message Patrick had brought".

In recent years we have had changes to the language of the New Missal and some of those changes have been very challenging to understand and become familiar with. But from another point of view some of the new insertions in the Missal reflect the personal nature of the life of a particular saint or a deliberate focus on scripture. Thankfully at times I notice the real connection that is made between scripture, prayer, liturgy and our offering. Note the particular words of today's Preface prior to the Eucharistic Prayer "For you drew him through daily prayer in captivity and hardship to know you as a loving Father. You chose him out of all the world to return to the land of his captors, that they might acknowledge Jesus Christ, their Redeemer. In the power of your Spirit you directed his paths to wins the sons and daughters of the Irish to the service of the Triune God". There is plenty for us about Patrick for us to reflect on. We might remember emigrants in a special way today.

Dave O'Connell

Reflection for Parents

The healing power of Jesus brings new life to all of us. Are there some things in our lives that cause us to die to others? Perhaps we are impatient, ungrateful, critical, or quick to anger. Maybe we're proud, boastful, or envious. Jesus promises us new life if we trust in him and allow our actions to follow his ways.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us pray to God who is rich in mercy and compassion.

Reader

For the new leader of the Catholic Church, Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio who has taken the name of Pope Francis, we pray that the lord will grant him the spirit and wisdom to lead our Church.

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

For Christians: that they may imitate the compassion of Christ in their dealings with one another.

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

For judges: that they may strive to temper justice with mercy.

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

For this congregation: that we may extend to others the same compassion we would like to receive if we were in the same situation.

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

For all gathered here: that we may never use the sins of others to justify our own.

**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

Father, help us to keep our hearts pure, our minds clean, our words true, and our deeds kind. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

If I dwell at the sea's furthest end even there you watch over me.

Visit Our Website: www.ballincolligparish.ie

BAPTISMS

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

Abbie Ann O'Neill, Maglin.
 Michael Victor McGrath, Fern Way, Bridewood.
 Maeve Annie O'Sullivan, The Avenue, Highfield Park.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Right Reverend Denis O'Connor, Dennehy's Cross.
 Seán Cronin, Nadd / Leo Murphy Terrace.

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

Dan & Kathleen Dorgan, Powdermills.
 Donal O'Mahony, Wyndham Downs.
 Richard Krauss, Aisling Close.
 Nora Vaughan, Kilnamatya.
 Joe & Terry Butler, Inniscarra View.
 Margaret White, Coolroe.
 Michael O'Leary, Ballinlough.
 Mary O'Brien, Cork.
 Jerry & Kitty Hallahan, Kilmichael & Wales.
 Declan Butler, Inniscarra View.
 Maureen Callanan, West Village.
 Ena O'Shea, Innishannon.
 Nancy Hogan, The Crescent.
 Patrick McNamara, Inniscarra View.
 Nellie Murray, Ballingearry.
 Dec members of the Riordan family, Kilmichael.
 Neilie Cleary, Ballincollig/Ballydehob.
 Mary Murray, Powdermills Nursing Home.
 Frank Whelan, Maglin.
 Patrick Murphy, Rosewood.
 Mary O'Mullane, Wilton Road.
 James Doyle, Glendower.
 John, Mary & Daughter Mary McAuliffe, Cobh.
 Richard Krauss, Aisling Close.
 Jimmy Langan, Co. Donegal.
 Peg Kavanagh, Powdermills.
 P.J. Harrington, Beech Road.
 Dec members of O'Mahony family, Newcestown.
 John & Mary Boyd, Main Street.
 Dan McCarthy, The Crescent.
 Mary Ann Sheehan, Blarney Street.
 James Tarrant McGillicuddy.
 Neil McGroarty, Beech Park.
 Jim Garvey, Dingle.

Experienced Caregivers Required

Home Instead Senior Care is looking for reliable, flexible Caregivers for the elderly in their own homes in the Ballincollig area. Fetac level 5 (or in process of completing) is desirable and own transport is essential.
 Please call 021 500 2205 Email CV to cork@hisc.ie

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

St. Patrick's Day

17 Sunday Am. 7:12-15. Ps. 138. 1 Thes. 2:2-8. Lk. 5:1-11
 18 Monday Dan. 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62. Ps. 22. Jn. 8: 1-11. Lect I: 319
 19 Tuesday 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 Wednesday Dan. 3: 14-20, 24-25, 28. Ps. Dan. 3:52-56. Jn. 8:31-42. Lect I: 328
 21 Thursday Gen. 17:3-9. Ps. 104. In. 8:51-59. Lect I: 331
 22 Friday Jer 20: 10-13. Ps. 17. In. 10:31-42. Lect I:333
 23 Saturday Ex 37:21-28. Ps Jer 31:10-13. Jn 11:45-56. Lect I: 336

Next Sunday's Readings 24-March-2013

Is. 50:4-7. Ps 22. Phil. 2:6- 11. Mt. 26:14-27,66. Lect I: 346

Trócaire

"Charity is a very paradise of blessing and almsgiving endures forever." Ecclesiasticus/Sirach 40:17. As we celebrate our patron saint today, Trócaire thanks us for our continuing generosity, illustrated by the fact that Ireland was recently ranked as the most charitable nation in Europe and the second most charitable nation worldwide. www.trocaire.org/lent

Alpha Course Ballincollig

Colaiste Choilm (Wooden Cabin)
 Wed 3rd April 2013 at 7.15pm – 9.00pm.
 (continuing every Wednesday for 10 weeks)
Contact info:-
Gerard Dunne Telephone: 085 1555000 or 087 6293601
Email: AlphaBallincollig@gmail.com
For more info see www.alphacourse.ie.

Vocations Information Day

The Annual Cork and Ross Vocations Information Day will be held at St. Dominic's Retreat Centre, Ennismore, Montenotte, Cork, on Saturday, March 23rd from 10.30am to 4pm.
 Many contemplating the possibility of a vocation to priesthood are nervous about taking the first step. This day allows prospective students to explore the possibility of a vocation and make enquiries in an informal setting. Seminarians for the Diocese will also attend.
 Further information from:
 Fr. Tom Deenihan 021 4301717
 Canon Bertie O'Mahony 021 4371684

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Amos 7:12-15

Amos will rather listen to God than to the king. He did not choose to be a prophet. The call came to him from God. Therefore he will preach the message whether it is pleasing to the king or not. The king may threaten him, but cannot silence him.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:2-8

Paul faced much opposition in his mission of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ. However, the mandate to preach came, not from him, but from the risen Christ. His goal is to please God, not mere mortals. What drives him is faith in Jesus Christ, not desire for praise or gain.

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Jesus works a miracle on behalf of his fishermen disciples. The catch was so extraordinary that Peter could only humbly confess his faith in Jesus as the Son of God. Miracles are signs that the power of God is truly at work in Jesus. They confirm the faith of the disciples..

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.

Children's Mass

The next Children's Mass for children in second class preparing for their first Holy Communion will take place on Sunday March 24th, at 11.00am in Church of Christ Our Light. The Parents of children who are seven and eight are asked to bring them to this Mass. Preparation with children commences in the main body of the church at 10.45am. The Children retire to the crying room where they celebrate the Liturgy of the Word in a child friendly fashion. They will return to the main church at the start of the offertory procession.

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.

Ballincollig Parish

Bereavement Support Group

A Bereavement Support Programme will commence in Ballincollig on **Tuesday 9th April** and will continue each Tuesday night for 8 weeks (7.30 to 9.30 pm). It is held in a small group setting and is open to anyone who is experiencing the grief and loss of a loved one. It also provides the opportunity to share one's own personal grief and experience the support of others in a confidential setting. For further details please contact: **Sr Colette at 086.3557375**

Bulletin Board

Bank Holiday Monday

Monday 18th March, morning Mass at 9.30am in St Mary & St John. Lenten evening Masses in both churches.

Stations of the Cross

Preparations are in progress for the out door Stations to be held again this year in Ballincollig. It is proposed that the 14 Stations will be held out of doors, with the Stations in various positions in Ballincollig. The aim of having the stations out of doors is to bring the stations to the community which will enable the people of Ballincollig to follow the cross, and become actively involved. Last year many people found it a moving event and we look forward to as many as possible taking part.

Please join us at the church of St Mary & St John on Good Friday, March 29th at noon.

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.**

Mass Diary

Diaries to book Mass intentions for April, May & June now open in both Churches . First Anniversaries Masses will be given priority.

Reconciliation Service

Penitential service in Church of Christ Our Light on Monday March 25th at 7.00pm. This is an opportunity to gather as a faith community and acknowledge our need of God's forgiveness as we prepare for Easter

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.

Accord

Pre marriage courses will be held in the Parish Community Hall, Ballincollig on the following dates –

March 22nd & 23rd
 October 19th & 20th

Website: www.accord.ie

Offertory Collection Boxes

Sincere thanks to all who gave their name & number of their Boxes to the Sacristan or one of the priests. There is still time to give your name and number of your offertory box of envelopes (green). Doing this will help the Parish Finances at the end of the year without expense to the contributor.

Spring Dues

Envelopes are currently being distributed to homes throughout the parish of Ballincollig; contribution of the dues is for the support of the priests of the parish. Please return it by placing it in the basket at Mass. Should your home be missed spare envelopes are available from the back of the church.

Fr. George

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Mar-23 & Mar-24-2013

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Brendan Collins
Michael Collins
8:30 am
Eadaoin O'Leary
Gerard O'Leary
10:00 am
Tony Hegarty
William Green
12:00 Noon
John Dorgan / Noella Ngenwie
Catherine O'Sullivan

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Jessica Lingard
Morgan Smith
11:00 am
Cormac Manning
12:30 pm
Adaugu Ebili
Caterina Nugent
5:30 pm
Tom Reck

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	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.

Youth 2000 Retreat Cork

Youth 2000 will be hosting a youth retreat (for 16-35 year old) in Mount Mercy College, Model Farm Road, Cork city from Friday the 22nd to Sunday the 24th of March. A big attendance is expected at this donation only event, with newcomers very welcome. The weekend will consist of a programme covering masses, talks, music, workshops, testimonies, meet new people etc. Residential – so please bring a sleeping bag if you wish to stay overnight. Under 18s to download booking form from website. For more information contact 086 3301766 or check out www.youth2000.ie

Naomi Pre-Marriage Courses

For information on: established Pre-Marriage Courses
One full day on Saturday's 10 am – 5 pm
Cost: €90 per couple. (The lowest around)
Pre-Marriage Course 2013 will be held as follows:
Saturday 23rd March and Saturday 27th April.
Also counselling to achieve/postpone a pregnancy
Contact: NAOMI, 119 Patrick Street, Cork
Tel: 021-4272213
Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9.30 am – 1 pm

Happy Saint Patrick's Day to all our readers
And visitors to the parish.



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Mar-23 & Mar-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
11:00 am Neil Jeffers
Eileen O'Donoghue
Bridie Hanrahan
Catherine / Hugh Moran
Padraig Fleming

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Theresa Lucey
Triona Collins

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

Carmelites Tallow

Monastic weekend 22nd March – 24th March, 2013 for single women aged 22-40 discerning a vocation to religious life. Apply to St. Joseph's Carmelite Monastery, Tallow, Co. Waterford. Tel: 058 56205:
email carmeltallow@eircom.net www.carmelitetallow.org

Church Directory 2013

The New Diocese of Cork and Ross Church Directory 2013 is available. It contains Parish Information, Mass times, Priests, Religious, Schools. Copies are available in the Sacristy of both churches and Parish office. Price €5.

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.