

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 19-March-2006

Third Sunday Of Lent

Jesus came on earth as the complete embodiment of God's presence among men. We are all called to become one with him in the image of God by keeping his commandments.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Living by the Commandments

Many Catholics are quite happy to use the old yardstick when examining their lives, namely, The Ten Commandments God gave to Moses. But is this good enough? The answer is No. Christ gave us a new yardstick. If the old was good enough, then there was not need of Christ. But the old was not good enough.

The person who is still content with the old yardstick is like someone who is still going around in candlelight even after the advent of electricity. Such a person is left behind. Something new and better has happened. So it is since the coming of Christ. But do we let the new light shine into our lives? Do we examine our lives, not against the teaching of Moses, but against the teaching of Christ? In what follows we take another look at The Ten Commandments in the light of Christ's teaching.

This week we will look at the first five Commandments.

- Old:** Listen Israel! I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the Land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.
New: Listen followers of Christ, new people of God! I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of darkness, error, and evil, and led you into the land of light, truth and goodness.
- Old:** I am the Lord your God, you shall not have strange gods before me.
New: I am the Lord your God. But I am not a strange and distant God; I am your friend, guide and counsellor. If you let me have the first place in your lives you will never be disappointed. All idols will eventually betray you. Money is the most common of all idols. You cannot serve me and money.
- Old:** You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
New: From now on I want you to call me by a new name. Call me 'Father'.
- Old:** Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.
New: Remember that all days belong to the Lord and are to be made holy by the lives you live. But let the first day of the week, Sun day, be a sign that God has the first place in your life.
- Old:** Honour your father and mother.
New: Love your father and mother, those precious souls through whom you were invited to the banquet of life. Take care of them when they get old and feeble and fall victims of loneliness. But do not love your own family to the exclusion of others. All those who listen to the Word of God and live it, are members of a wider family the family of the followers of Jesus.

However, it is not a question of whether or not you can recite *The Ten Commandments* by heart, but whether you live by them.

John O'Donovan

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Confidently, we place our needs in the hands of a loving God who always understands and cares.

Reader

May the church ever grow in being the living temple of God, witnessing God's love and mercy.

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

May each local church and this community be built up in faith and hope and love.

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

May this Lent see a new awakening of a spirit of compassion and service among all the baptised.

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

May we never lose sight of the needs of those around us.

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

May those who are sick, lonely or distressed be comforted, strengthened and healed.

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

May those who have died enter the fullness of life in the company of Mary and the saints. We remember especially all our loved ones.

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

Priest

Loving God, in whose life we share, we bring these and all our needs before you with confidence. Hear these our prayers, and help us to live in your presence, aware of the dignity given to us. This we ask in the name of Jesus, your Son, Our Lord.

Amen.

You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

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BAPTISMS

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

Jack Leonard Edwards, Wilton.
James Philip Thomas McCarthy, Glincool.

MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Jonathan Kenneally, Cobh & Pamela McCarthy, Beech Park

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Liam Twohig R.I.P., Killeens, Commons Road.
Mourned by his daughter Ann Crockett, Glendower Court, Ballincollig, Co. Cork.
Siobhan Twohig R.I.P., Killeens, Commons Road.
Mourned by her daughter Ann Crockett, Glendower Court, Ballincollig, Co. Cork.
Bridget Punch R.I.P., Glincool.
Mourned by her husband Michael.
Jack Lawlor R.I.P., Tralee.
Tim Scannell R.I.P., Navan.
Mourned by the O'Leary Family, Aylsbury.
Kathleen & Tony Crowley, Innishannon.
Mourned by her sister-in-law Máire UiChrualaioi.
Kathleen Quirke R.I.P., Innishmore Grove.
Mourned by her husband John and family.

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

Ann McAuliffe, Whitechurch.
Bill Dwane, Douglas.
Breda O'Mahony, Carrigrohane.
Charles McCarthy, Ballydehob.
Christina Carroll, Dripsey.
Con Guineavan, Leemount.
Dan O'Connor, Castlegregory.
Ellen Crowley.
Ena O'Shea, Innishannon.
Eoin O'Dwyer, Ballinora.
Fiona Buckley, Glenville.
Harry & Noreen Lane, Pouladuff.
James & Eileen O'Donovan, Leap.
James & Tessie Healy, The Lough.
Jerry & Kitty Hallahan, Kilmichael & Wales.
John & Mary O'Connor, Powdermills.
John Joe McCarthy, Ballydehob.
Leo & Christine Hillgrove, Edward Walsh Rd.
Marie Quinn, Powdermills.
Michael & Mary Harrington, Douglas St.
Michael Bobby Linehan, Inniscarra.
Michael McNulty, Fr. Sexton Park.
Nancy Hogan, The Crescent.
Neil McGroarty, Beech Park.
Pat & Billy Coomey, Carriganarra.
Sean & Elizabeth Crowley, Poulavone.
Ted & Bridie Brennan, Kilkenny.
Tim Cagney, Gardners Hill.
Tim Murphy, Glounthaune.
Tom McAuliffe, The Square.
William & Elizabeth Geasley, Cobh.
William Murphy, Bishopstown.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Third Week Of Lent

19 Sunday Ex 20:1-17. Ps 18. 1 Cor 1:22-25. Jn 2:13-25. Lect I: 251
20 Monday 2 Sam 7:4-5, 12-14, 16. Ps 88. Rom4:13, 16-18, 22. Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24 or Lk 2:41-51. Lect I: 970 or II: 980
21 Tuesday Dan 3:25, 34-43. Ps 24. Mt 18:21-35. Lect I: 264
22 Wednesday Deut 4:1, 5-9. Ps 147. Mt 5:17-19. Lect I: 267
23 Thursday Jer 7:23-28. Ps 94. Lk 11:14-23. Lect I: 268
24 Friday Hos 14:2-10. Ps80. Mk 12:28-34. Lect I: 271
25 Saturday Is 7:10-14, 8:10. Ps 39. Heb 10:4-10. 1k 1:26-38. Lect I: 985

Next Sunday's Readings 26-March-2006

2 Chron 36:14-16, 19-23. Ps 136. Eph 2:4-10. Jn 3:14-21. Lect I: 281



Around the world today more than 121 million children of primary school age are not in school, 54% of these are girls. In Nicaragua's rural areas 1 in 3 children do not attend school. In this country 21% of people over 10 years of age are illiterate and in rural areas this figure rises to as high as 40%. It is very difficult for a country like Nicaragua to end the cycle of poverty without access to education for the countries poorest people. By supporting Trocaire this Lenten season you will be helping these children to stay in education and have a real childhood with a real chance for the future.

This weeks readings encourage us not to get caught up in a world where all we think about is how much money or profit we make. In today's world many of us are focused on material things and we forget about the things that God wants us to do. A simple way to remember Jesus' message is to help Trocaire during Lent so that they can use the money to help people in the world who work so hard for so little.

Thought for Today

The commandments begin with God's reminder that he saved us from slavery. They reveal to us the divine plan to lead us into his perfect freedom and life. They show us how to live in harmony with that plan. God alone can set us fully free; nothing in our lives must take the place that belongs to God.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Exodus 20: 1-3, 7-8, 12-17
 The Ten Commandments expound briefly and clearly the fundamental principles of all religious and moral obligation. The first three prescribe man's duty to God, the last seven his duty to his neighbour. In the second list the fourth commandment comes first because the family comes before the state and parents have the first and strongest claim to their children's regard. The Decalogue is in no way nationalistic but universal in its outlook. What it commands is necessary if people are to live in community in a civilized manner.

Second Reading: 1Cor. 1: 22-25
 The Jews wanted chiefly superhuman power in the Messiah, power proved by stupendous miracles. They wanted an emperor mightier than the Roman emperor. A suffering and dying Messiah was a stumbling block to them, i.e. they would not accept him. But the Greeks wanted a teaching, which completely satisfied the intellect. They were impatient of anything unexplained or mysterious. They hated to accept any great truth on anyone else's authority. Faith was not in their line. The idea that suffering could do more than wisdom would appear nonsense to them.

Gospel: John 2: 13-25
 This is one of the most dramatic actions of Jesus in his public life. With it he declared his opposition to the Jewish interests vested in making money out of the faith of believers. Jesus then takes the imagination of the onlookers a step further by making mention of his resurrection from the dead. This prophecy must have stuck in their minds because they turned it to sarcasm on Calvary.

Muskerry Local History Society
March Lecture

Subject: Griffith Valuations & Genealogy
 An illustrated talk showing property owners and tenants in the Ballincollig area circa 1850's.

Speaker: Paul MacCotter, author and local Historian
 Venue: Ballincollig Rugby Club Function Hall
 Date & Time: 28th March at 8.00 pm
 Admission: €2.00 to non-members

The Society A.G.M. will take place after this lecture.
NB: Please Note Change Of Date

Invitation to all
Adult Minister of the Word Talk

A talk and reflection based on Lent and the Themes of Lent will be given by
 Fr. Dan Baragy and the Redemptorist Team to the Ministers of the Word on
 Saturday 25th March, 2006 at 1.30 pm

Thinking of becoming a priest?

A Vocations Information Day about becoming a priest in
 Cork and Ross

Venue: St. Dominic's Retreat Centre, Ennismore, Montenotte, Cork
 Date: Saturday 8th April, 2006 from 11.00 am – 5.00 pm
 Cost: Free (lunch provided).
 Phone: Fr. Aidan O'Driscoll (021) 4303015
 or
 Fr. Bertie O'Mahony (021) 4393815

Rehab Foundation

Are organising the following International Walks:
 1. New Zealand – November 15th to December 1st 2006
 2. Argentina – Spring 2007
 For additional information please contact:
 Thos O'Leary, Rehab Foundation (021) 4857820
 or (087) 9835639
 or email at thosoleary@rehab.ie

Legion of Mary
Annual Pilgrimage to Knock

Date: Sunday 28th May, 2006
 But leaving village at 7.00 am sharp
 Bus fare €18.00.
 Early Booking
 Phone Sally 4870954 or Marie 4872464

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We urgently need good quality clothes and bric-a-brac for our second-hand shop.
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Ballincollig Parish Pastoral Council

Ballincollig Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be held in the Annex Room, Community Hall on Monday next 20th March, 2006.

All are welcome.

Diary for Mass Intentions

The diary to book mass intentions for April, May & June is now open in both churches.

Parking in St. Mary & St. John

The yellow line at the side of St. Mary & St. Church is there to deter people from parking in that space and to ensure the flow of traffic at all times. People might be kind enough to abide by this request of no parking on the yellow line

Lenten Programme

The Lenten Programme continues every Tuesday.
 Venue: Upstairs Room of the St. Vincent DePaul premises.
 Time: 10.00 – 10.30 am.

The program is based on the readings for the coming Sunday.

All are welcome.

Cork Simon Community

Volunteer required for the fundraising office of Cork Simon Community for general office duties, Monday or Wednesday morning for 3 hours approx. For more information please call Mairead on 021 4321166 or email fundraising@corksioncommunity.ie

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Mar-25 & Mar-26-2006

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Karen Sheehan
8:30 am
Annette Collins
10:00 am
Louise McCarthy
Susan Fennell
12:00 Noon
Tony Lynch

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Pauline Collins
11:00 am
Margaret Healy
12:30 pm
Dick Beamish
5:30 pm
Phil O'Connell

MASS TIMES

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| 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 | 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**

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