

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 21-February-2010

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 the Gospel today we hear of Jesus being led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil for forty days. Being filled with the Holy Spirit and the assurance of being loved by his Father, he receives the strength and courage to reject the temptations of the devil.

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 and temptations in our own lives. 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. No matter what our struggles and temptations, let us remember that Jesus was not left to battle it alone and neither are we. Our heavenly Father who loves us will protect us in the midst of all our struggles. As St Paul says in our second reading today: 'everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved'.

Lent is also an opportunity to reflect on our own spiritual journey. Perhaps we may want to make a commitment to set aside time for quiet prayer, reflecting on God's word in Scripture, daily Mass, Stations of the Cross or whatever one is drawn to. Our relationship with God is so often tested. Sometimes it may happen that just when we set time aside for prayer, that something often crops up - we remember some job to be done or a phone call to be made! The devil remains just as active today and will do almost anything to keep us from praying.

The cross we carry each day may be overwhelming at times, but let us remember we are never alone. Jesus, who knew what it was to be tested and who carried his own cross, is on this journey with us and very much wanting to support and care for us. Jesus invites us to join him on the journey to Jerusalem during this Lent, uniting our own sufferings 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

The Lord heard the voice of the people of Israel in Egypt and saw their misery; let us present our petitions to the same Lord with confidence.

Reader

We pray for all those who preach the gospel; that the word of God may be on their lips and in their heart.

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

We pray for the Spirit of Wisdom; that it may enlighten the minds of all people and lead to a growth in awareness and determination to put an end to all acts of violence and abuse.

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

We pray for those people across the world who suffer because of a lack of food; that they may receive the food they need to survive.

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

We pray for ourselves; that we may come to a deeper understanding of Jesus' death and resurrection this Lent.

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

We pray for vocations; that those who hear the call of the Lord will answer positively.

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

We pray for the dead; that they may be raised to the eternal life that Jesus won for us on the cross.

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

Priest

Heavenly Father, you led your people out of Egypt to a land where milk and honey flow. Look with favour on the petitions we place before you today. We make our prayers as always in the name of Jesus, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

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BAPTISMS

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

Max Keane Power, Poulavone Manor.
 Roisin Bernadette O'Donoghue, Westcourt Heights.
 Thea Margaret O'Sullivan, Westcliffe.
 Aoife Claire Creagh, Mornington Park Way, Co .Meath.
 Eoin Patrick Harris, The Green, Coolroe Meadows.
 Joseph Sean O'Donovan, The Willows, Carriglee.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Mary O'Sullivan, Parknamore Rise.
 Andy Creagh, Rochestown.
 Michael Kennedy, Tullamore.

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

Fred Hutchinson, Barrack Street.
 Martin & Pat Ginnane, Shanakiel Road.
 Con O'Mahony.
 Jack Burke, High Street.
 Irene White, Leemount.
 Nora Barrett, Coolroe.
 James & Kathleen Whooley, Glanmire.
 Sean McGeough, Muskerry Estate.
 Josephine Buckley, Ballincollig.
 Siobhan O'Donoghue, Raheen.
 Jeremiah Crowley, Kilmichael.
 Edward O'Sullivan, Glenleigh.
 Elizabeth & Timothy Murphy, Carriganarra Road.
 Miah Moynihan, Kerry & England.
 Nellie Noonan, Mitchelstown.
 John Kelly, Dunmanway.
 Dec members of the Boyce, Aherne, & O'Keeffe families.
 Daniel Murphy, Bray.
 Daniel & Margaret Murphy, Knockburden.
 Lily, Joe & Andrew Healy, Drogheda.
 Donal Coughlan, Schull.
 Mary Chapling, Schull.
 Teresa Strahan, Dublin.
 Patrick, John & Noel O'Mahony, Newcestown.
 Michael Buckley, Castlepark.
 Lisa McKane, Leo Murphy Tce.
 Leo O'Driscoll, Sunningdale.
 Patrick Murphy, Inniscarra.
 Dec members of the O'Shea & Sexton families.
 Jim Deasy, Aherla.
 Tom & Lilly Lucey, Prosperity Square.
 Eileen & Bob Foolkes, Ballypehan.

Hellebore Weekend

February 27th & 28th 2010

Neil & Sonia Williams and Sandy McCarthy of Perennial Plants Nursery host their 7th Annual Hellebore weekend in their award winning garden at Cedar Lodge, Baneshane, Midleton.

Open from 10 am to 4 pm

Admission €6 p.p. or Donation

Refreshments Served. Signposted from the N25

Proceeds on Saturday in aid of Marymount Hospice.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

First Week Of Lent

21 Sunday Deut. 26:4-10. Ps. 90. Ram. 10:8-13. Lk. 4:1-13. Lect I: 207
 22 Monday 1 Peter 5: 1-4 Ps 22 Mt 16: 13-19 Lect II: 962
 23 Tuesday Is. 55:10-11. Ps. 33. Mt. 6:7-15. Lect I: 212
 24 Wednesday In. 3: 1-10. Ps. 50. Lk. 11 :29-32. Lect I: 214
 25 Thursday Esther 14:1,3-5, 12-14 (Vulgate). Ps. 137. Mt. 7:7- 12. Lect I: 216
 26 Friday Ex. 18:21-28. Ps. 129. Mt. 5:20-26. Lect I: 218
 27 Saturday Deut. 26:16-19. Ps. 118. Mt. 5:43-48. Lect I: 221

Next Sunday's Readings 28-February-2010

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

***Ballincollig Parish
 Bereavement Support***

The next Bereavement Support Programme commenced on Tuesday 9th February, and will continue each Tuesday night for 8 weeks (7.30-9.30 pm). It is held in a small groups setting. Anyone experiencing the grief and loss of a loved one, is very welcome to attend. For further information, please contact: **Sr. Colette O'Leary: 086 3557375** or Parish Office: 4871206.

Trocaire - First Sunday of Lent

'When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the LORD... and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey.'
 (Deuteronomy 26:6-7,9)

As the Israelites suffered at the hands of the Egyptians, they appealed to the Lord for comfort and assistance, in the way that we would pray to God during times of turmoil and insecurity, asking him to lead us towards *our* land of 'milk and honey.' However, in other parts of the Christian family, there is a reality of praying to God for land where they can cultivate actual milk or honey to feed themselves and their families. The world is not short of food but people's inability to access land, water and technology within rural areas often means they go hungry. Over one billion people in the world will go to sleep hungry tonight. Most of them are from rural, farming families. Securing access to these resources for these farmers is a priority for Trócaire's programmes around the world. Please support Trócaire's Lenten campaign this year in whatever way you can.

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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.

Scout News

On Friday night the Thursday Night Scouts set off for an overnight in Killcully Campsite, it was a crisp cold night; the wind was mild so it didn't feel cold. When we got there we unloaded our gear and set about exploring the site. We then had a game of Man Hunt in the dark; we then lit a fire, cooked some sausages and told Ghost stories. Some of the scouts had to sleep with one eye open afterwards for fear of the old women with the missing finger might come looking for them. After breakfast the scouts went on the obstacle course, firstly in head to heads and afterwards in their patrols, when in their patrols they had to make sure that all of their patrol made it, it was very good at developing both team building and leadership in the patrol. They then had time on the tyre swings and the cargo nets. We then did some first aid, in their patrols, with the Scout motto Be Prepared in mind, they set about learning about checking for response, broken bones, recovery position and looking for danger for both the patient and themselves. After this exercise we then packed up, cleaned up and left to return home to Ballincollig. If you take a pencil and pencil sharpener with you on your back-packing expedition, you need never be short of kindling for your wayside fire –though you may eventually of course, be short of a pencil.
The good judgement of some Scouters will never wear out. They don't use it often enough.

Car Security

During the week there was a break in to a car in the vicinity of the church. Patrons are asked to be careful by locking their cars and not leave items on display.

Eucharistic Adoration

All Night Vigil
 Church of The Real Presence, Curaheen
 Commencing with Mass at 10 pm on Friday February 26th and concluding with Mass at 5:30 am on Saturday February 27th

Fun Table Quiz

The Parents Association of Colaiste An Spioraid Naoimh are holding a Fun Table Quiz in Highfield Rugby Club, Woodleigh Park, Model Farm Road on Friday February 26th at 8.00 pm.
 Your support would be much appreciated.
 Enquires to csnparentsassociation@eircom.net

Bulletin Board

Mass Book

Diaries to book Mass Intentions for April, May & June will open in both churches on Saturday 13th March at 9.00 am.

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.

Blessing of Children

Parents are invited to bring their children for a blessing, as part of the Ballincollig Parish Mission, on **Sunday March 7th Church of St Mary & St John after 12 noon Mass and Church of Christ Our Light after 11.00 am Mass.**

Masses during Lent

For the duration of Lent there will be evening Mass in **Christ Our Light at 6.30 pm and St Mary & St John at 8 pm.**

Parish Mission.

This year a parish mission is taking place in Ballincollig. The mission is planned for the week commencing March 7th to 12th, 2010. The mission will be conducted by the Redemptorist fathers. During the week various aspects of our faith will be explored. Members of the parish council are busy planning the various evening sessions at present. Parish missions are opportunities to renew our faith in God and rededicate our lives to our Christian calling. I am asking parishioners to pray for the success of the mission.

Parish Mission 8th - 12th March

Invitation: to voluntary groups and clubs in Ballincollig to take part in acknowledging their contribution to Parish life on Monday 8th at 7.30 pm.

Please contact Parish Office 4871206

Fr. George

Early Morning Prayer for Lent

Take advantage of this special time of Lent, and begin your day and preparation for EASTER the best way possible with 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

Journeying with Luke

Are you interested in the Bible? Would you like to learn more with a small group in your own parish? If so, join us from 10.00 to 4.00 pm on Saturday 13th March 2010 in St Michael's Parish Centre, Blackrock (directly behind Parish Church) for a workshop entitled '**Journeying with Luke**'.

Cost €10 (including lunch) Full details from Fr. Sean O'Sullivan, Office for Adult Religious Education 021 7336053 / are@corkandross.org. All are welcome.

Please book before Thursday 4th March 2010

Knock Marriage Introductions Bureau.

The aim of the Bureau is to introduce people to a suitable marriage partner. Over 800 marriages have taken place as a result of these introductions. If you are searching for a suitable partner, why not consider applying? For further information contact the Bureau at Knock, Co Mayo. Phone 094-9375960 or visit our website at www.knockmarriagebureau.com and read about the workings of the bureau.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Feb-27 & Feb-28-2010

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)

Karen Sheehan
Padraig Graham

8:30 am

Niamh Gallagher

10:00 am

Grace Buttimer

Orla Horgan

12:00 Noon

Declan Chalmers

Chloe Dalton O'Connor

7:30 pm (Vigil)

Rosarie Cotter

Louise McGrath

11:00 am

Jack Dorgan

12:30 pm

Cathy Naughton

Una Lynch

5:30 pm

Brian O'Donoghue

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

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MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Feb-27 & Feb-28-2010

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm

Michael Maher

Ber Bell

Betty Casey

Frank Riordan

Siobhan Riordan

Pauline Quane

8:30 am

Mary Buckley

Theresa Lucey

Triona Collins

10:00 am

Anne Cahill

Pat Lee

May Delaney

Cathy Horgan

John O'Donovan

Betty Flavin

12 Noon

Helen Plunkett

Sheila Carroll

Seamus O'Donovan

Joe Coghlan

Rose Moore

Catherine Greene

7:30 pm

Geraldine Lynch

Charlie Vaughan

Joan Stephenson

Bernie Bowen

11:00 am

Neil Jeffers

Eileen O'Donoghue

Bridie O'Donnell

Bridie Hanrahan

Cath / Hugh Moran

12:30 pm

Denis O' Mahony

Christine O'Mahony

Tom Murray

John O'Regan

Gerard Dunne

5:30 pm

Bernard Curran

Siobhan Burke



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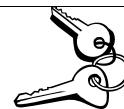
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Sat 10:30 am - 12 Noon. Phone No. (021) 4871206, Office Secretary Catherine Crowley.**

Console National Bag Pack Day - Sat 20th March

Dunnes Stores have once again generously offered Console Saturday the 20th of March for a **National Bag Pack Day**.

Due to the mammoth task at hand, we urgently require Volunteers at local level. There are over 100 Dunnes Stores branches so if you could volunteer on your own or as part of a group, you could really make this a very successful campaign.

The Dunnes Stores branch in Ballincollig is located on **Main Street**.

If you could help in any way, please contact me on 01-6102638 or email Ciaran@console.ie.

Console was established in 2002 by families that experienced the grief of losing a loved one through Suicide. They recognise the need for a dedicated service particular to Suicide Bereavement and Prevention. Since then Console has continued to develop into a professional organisation responding to the needs of those Bereaved by Suicide as well as those who are Suicidal.

Below are just some of the Services Console currently provides:

- > Individual & Family Counselling Service
- > Free Phone National Helpline (1800-210890)
- > Therapeutic Support Groups
- > Education and Awareness Programmes
- > Child Psychotherapy Service
- > 24 Hour Free Phone Suicide Prevention Helpline (1800-247 100)
- > Suicide Prevention and Intervention Programmes

In Ireland, over 500 people die each year through suicide. The cause of each is unique and complex and for the families and friends of the victims, the impact is devastating. Console is a lifeline to many of the deeply distressed families and friends left behind.