

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 21-March-2010

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

*Men and women are judged every day - often too quickly condemned by whispering calumny and over-righteous indignations. Today's gospel is a reminder that judgement belongs to God and not to human persons. We cannot expiate our own guilt by pointing the finger at others.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

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This weekend the Word of God reminds us that God is always active in our lives and bringing us to salvation. The words of the prophet Isaiah reminds us that the God who made a way through the sea, is doing a new deed. God promises to put water in the wilderness to give his people drink. May we each experience God's care, kindness and concern for us this day and week.

Today's gospel passage is one of the classics from the New Testament. As I go on in life I am inclined to put a higher value on kindness, - plain ordinary everyday kindness. When I look back on my life I remember acts of kindness by many people of all ages and backgrounds and I remember with regret acts of unkindness by myself. Kindness is essential to true justice; Christ was especially kind to individuals when he was called to judge. The gospel this weekend is one of those better known occasions. There are many lessons in this gospel but for me the most important is summed up "If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her." When they heard this they went away one by one." Sin did matter to Christ and he managed to condemn the sin without condemning the person. He condemned the sin and pardoned the sinner. Jesus said "Go away and do not sin again."

The compassion and forgiveness of Jesus gave life. The woman went away free to change her behaviour and regain her self-respect. Jesus reminds us that people are capable of changing and leading better lives.

The invitation to each of us is to create an atmosphere of love and forgiveness, a people of God where we experience the love, compassion and forgiveness of Christ.

George O'Mahony

## Reflection for Parents

Of course we will never fully know what Jesus drew in the sand. Whether his drawing was with purpose or not has been lost to history and most likely would not change the story. As parents, an important lesson we can gain from his action is that he took the time to gather his thoughts before speaking. How often do we say the first thing that comes to mind and end up regretting it? Thinking first helps us present a Christ-like presence to our children even if we are dealing with serious misbehaviour. In today's Gospel we are given an insight into the completeness of God's forgiveness. We pray today in thanksgiving for that forgiveness and for the grace not to judge others

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

### Priest

Let us offer our prayers to the Lord, who delivered the people of Israel to freedom, with confidence.

### Reader

We pray for the Church; that it may continue to work on behalf of oppressed people across the world.

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

We pray for governments; that they may pursue justice and work on behalf of those in greatest need.

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We pray for our parish; that we may be able to assist in promoting the gospel.

**Lord, Hear us,  
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We pray for those who lack water that the Lord may provide for them in their need.

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We pray for those who are suffering as a result of bereavement; that the Lord may lighten their burden.

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We pray for those who have died; that they may know Christ and the power of his resurrection

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Heavenly Father, you work great marvels for your people. Grant us what we need today. We make these and all our prayers through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

*What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.*

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**BAPTISMS**

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

Kaja Wiktorja Sikora, Leslies Arch.  
 Kyle John Connolly, Innishmore Court.  
 Joseph Trevor Downey, Castle Park.  
 Kate Emma Horgan, Citi West Mews.  
 Dylan John McCarthy, Highfield Park.  
 Nicole Chidchanok Skillington, Berryfield, Classis Lake.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Cornelius (Neilie) Cleary, Ballincollig & Ballydehob.  
 Harry Walsh, Innishannon.  
 Mary Jo Schwantu, Banna Brow, Midleton.  
 Kathleen Lombard, Horgans Buildings  
 Michael McEvoy, Castlepark.  
 Sarah O'Keefe, Pallasgreen, Co. Limerick.

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

Richard Murphy, Innishmore.  
 Benny Carew, Glasheen.  
 Con & Eileen Bradley, Leemount.  
 Patrick & Mary Kelly, Tipperary.  
 Kitty McCarthy, Cill Na Martra.  
 Bernie O'Connell. Kilnaglory.  
 Margaret Keating, Leeview.  
 Kathleen & Daniel Dorgan, Powdermills.  
 Ena O'Shea, Innishannon.  
 Michael Hennigan, Woodbine Lawn, Inniscarra View.  
 Eugene & Bridie O'Sullivan, Ballingearry.  
 Angela O'Rourke, Greystones.  
 Margaret & Gerry O'Donoghue, London.  
 Jack Dennehy, Castlevew.  
 Bill Dwane, Douglas.  
 Nellie Murray, Ballingearry.  
 O'Connell Family, Kilnamartyra.  
 Margaret O'Connor, Carrigrohane.  
 Mary Murphy, Blarney.  
 Rita Kinsella, Carrigrohane.  
 Bridget Punch, Glincool.  
 David Murphy, Poulavone.  
 John Emperor, Rockchapel.  
 Neil McGroarty, Beech Park  
 Deceased members of the Cronin Family  
 Ellen Cronin, Mary Street.  
 Deceased members of the Meaney Family, Cathedral Walk  
 Tom McAuliffe, The Square  
 Patrick McNamara, Inniscarra View  
 Francis Barrett, Innishannon.  
 P J. Harrington, Beech Road  
 John & Mary Boyde, Main Street.  
 William Murphy, Bishopstown .

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Fifth Week Of Lent**

21 Sunday Is. 43:16-21. Ps 125. Phil. 3:8-14. Jn. 8:1-11. Lect I: 313  
 22 Monday Dan. 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62. Ps. 22. In. 8:12- 20. Lect I: 319  
 23 Tuesday Num. 21:4-9. Ps. 101. In. 8:21-30. Lect I: 326  
 24 Wednesday Dan. 3:14-20,24-25,28. Ps. Dan. 3. In. 8:31-42. Lect I: 328  
 25 Thursday Is. 7: 10-14, 8: 1 O. Ps. 39. Heb. 10:4-10. Lk. 1 :26-38. Lect II: 985  
 26 Friday Jer. 20:10-13. Ps. 17. In. 10:31-42. Lect I: 333  
 27 Saturday Ez. 37:21-28. Ps. Jer. 31:10-13. In. 11:45-56. Lect I: 336

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

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**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

Let the past be put aside. By destroying the enemy, God saved us; he set us free. This is why we pay attention to the present: God is doing something new!

Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14

Because of faith, we look to the future. We look to Jesus Christ. We look to the Resurrection. Everything else is less important.

Gospel: John 8:1-11.

Although most scholars believe that this story of the woman caught in adultery was not part of John's original writings, it is nevertheless an excellent example of Jesus' style. First of all, some of the religious leaders tried to trick Jesus into going against the Law of Moses by not having the woman stoned or going against the Roman law that did not allow the Jewish people to impose the death sentence. Again, Jesus seemed trapped, but drew in the sand with his finger until he presented his answer. In an effort to demonstrate the forgiveness God had for his people, Jesus challenged the Pharisees to throw a stone if they were without sin. Of course, none could throw a stone and slowly the crowd drifted away. When only the woman remained, Jesus showed mercy toward her and told her to resist further sin.

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*and now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem*

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Ber Bell  
Betty Casey  
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Siobhan Riordan  
Pauline Quane

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Charlie Vaughan  
Joan Stephenson  
Bernie Bowen  
  
**11:00 am** Neil Jeffers  
Eileen O'Donoghue  
Bridie O'Donnell  
Bridie Hanrahan  
Cath / Hugh Moran

**8:30 am** Mary Buckley  
Theresa Lucey  
Triona Collins

**12:30 pm** Denis O' Mahony  
Christine O'Mahony  
Tom Murray  
John O'Regan  
Gerard Dunne

**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  
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**5:30 pm** Bernard Curran  
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