

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

## Sunday 22-February-2015

### First Sunday of Lent

*As we begin Lent again, we learn that we need to be purified of our sins. Jesus went out into the desert to be put to the test for us, to overcome Satan. If we go into the desert with him, whatever is evil in our lives can be overcome.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

### **The Season of Lent**

Our word "Lent" comes from an old English word Lencten, meaning to lengthen or to grow longer. These days, at least in the Northern Hemisphere, each day there is two minutes more light in the morning and two minutes more light in the evening. So, "Lent" really means springtime. This tells us precisely what is supposed to happen in this springtime of the faith: new shoots, spring growth, signs of life and joy. So, whatever I undertake this Lent, may it lead to a new springtime of faith for me and my community. (First Sunday Of Lent - St Paul's Missal, 2015, p110)

During the season of Lent the Christian traditions of prayer, daily Mass, the rosary, the Stations of the Cross, fasting, abstinence, denial, Alms-giving and so on come to mind. For each of us there are a wide variety of interests that we as Christians could pursue. As I quoted earlier from St Paul's Missal perhaps you might like to come to Sunday Mass that bit early and spend a bit of time reading and reflecting upon God's word or indeed a little saving here and there could prompt the purchase a Sunday or Weekday Missal as a resource for reflection.

Others during Lent like to take on what is considered to be acts of charity like visiting the sick at home or in hospital or offering something of their time and energy to various charitable organisations and causes. Lent is a time that affords the Christian community through its prayer and liturgy to enter into a spirit of renewal, penance, reconciliation. In the coming weeks as part of our 150 year celebration of the beginnings of our Parish we are having a week-long Mission from Monday 2nd March to Friday 6th. There will be Mission Mass at the Parish Church of St Mary's and St John's @ 7.00am & 9.30am with Liturgy, Homily & Prayer each evening @ 7.30pm. There won't be any evening Masses during the Retreat. The Mission will be an opportunity to once again give attention to the foundational elements of our spiritual and religious traditions while keep in mind the need for fresh approaches and renewed commitment.

Making an extra effort for Lent prepares the way for understanding the whole dimension we call the Paschal Mystery. The Paschal Mystery is the unity of Christ's life, suffering, journey to Calvary, His death, and is completed in the Resurrection. Making any effort is beneficial to the soul and the inner spirit that dwells in all of us.

*Dave O'Connell*

### **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

**Priest**

The Lord healed the paralytic and forgave him his sins. Let us pray that he may pardon our guilt and heal the wounds of our sins.

**Reader**

For the Church: that through its ministry, sinners may experience the loving forgiveness of God.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the Church: that through its ministry, sinners may experience the loving forgiveness of God.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For world leaders: that God may bless them with wisdom and integrity.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the handicapped: that they may have a life of dignity.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who are fearful or anxious about past or present sins: that they may open their hearts to God's merciful forgiveness.

**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**

All powerful God, you know our weakness. May we reach out with joy to grasp your hand, and walk more readily in your ways. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.***

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**BAPTISMS**

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

Sarah Marie O'Neill, Leedsdale Drive.  
 Kesiena Zara Samuel, An Caislean.  
 Scott Christopher Sheehan, Westcourt.

**† IN SYMPATHY †**

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

Lynn Yelverton, Innishmore Lawn.

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

Deceased members of O'Connell & Whooley families.  
 Sean Ryan, Coolroe.  
 Bill & Kitty O'Connell, Pouladuff.  
 Scott Fitzgerald, Lisheen Fields.  
 Irene White, Leemount.  
 Bridie Stitch, Kilamllock.  
 Nora Barrett, Coolroe.  
 John C & Elsie Creedon, Ballyvourney.  
 Jim Dwyer, Aherla.  
 Dan, Marie & Sean McCarthy, Moreigh, Dunmanway.  
 Bridie O'Sullivan, Ballingearry.  
 Bridget Murphy,  
 Jimmy & Jim Murphy  
 Elizabeth & Timothy Murphy, Carriganarra Road  
 Kitty O'Mahony, Drimoleague.  
 Margaret Connolly, Elm Lawn.  
 Eugene & Margaret Teehan, Kilcummin.  
 Michael Buckley, Castlepark.  
 Nora Heelan, Inniscarra.  
 Ellen Cronin, Mary Street.  
 Jack Dennehy, Carriganarra.  
 Stephen Downey, Macroom.  
 Walsh Family, Fair Street.  
 Teresa Strahan, Dublin.  
 Rita Kelleher, Castlepark.  
 Jim Green, The Square.  
 Ken Murphy, Wilton.  
 Tim & Lily Lucey, Prosperity Square.  
 Abbey O'Mahony, Main Street.  
 Daniel & Margaret Murphy, Knockburden.  
 Dan Murphy, Bray.  
 Tom & Hannah Hanafin, Annascaul.  
 Nellie Noonan & Family, Mitchelstown.  
 Jim Murphy, Pine Walk.  
 Con Owens, Blackpool.  
 Lily & Jim McDonnell, Barney Street.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**First Week of Lent**

22 Sunday Gen. 9:8-15. Ps. 24. 1 Pet. 3:18-22. Mk. 1:12-15. Lect I: 205

23 Monday Lev. 19:1-2,11-18. Ps. 18. Mt. 25:31-46. Lect I: 210  
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24 Tuesday Is. 55:10-11. Ps. 33. Mt. 6:7-15. Lect I: 212

25 Wednesday In. 3: 1-10. Ps. 50. Lk. 11 :29-32. Lect I: 214

26 Thursday Esther 14:1,3-5, 12-14 (Vulgate). Ps. 137. Mt. 7:7- 12. Lect I: 216

27 Friday Ex. 18:21-28. Ps. 129. Mt. 5:20-26. Lect I: 218

28 Saturday Deut. 26:16-19. Ps. 118. Mt. 5:43-48. Lect I: 221

**Next Sunday's Readings 01/March/2015**

Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18. Ps 115. Rom 8:31-34. Mk 9:2-10. Lect I: 225

**The Coeliac Society of Ireland**

Cork Support Group

Next meeting Tuesday 3rd March 2015

Venue: SMA Centre Wilton, Cork

Time: 8pm

Topic: Get together, catch up and cooking demo  
 All Welcome, €4 entrance fee, refreshment will be provided.  
 We will also have our resident Dietician for those seeking advice.

**Music Morning**

Monthly Music Morning will take place in the Ballincollig Library on Tuesday February 24th at 11am. It will be presented by Patrick Butler. Everyone most welcome.

A cuppa will be served.

**The Christian Vocation**

A Talk by the Papal Nuncio

His Excellency, The Most Rev Charles J. Brown, Papal Nuncio to Ireland, will be in Cork to deliver a Talk on 'The Christian Vocation' as part of the St. Columba's Church Bi-centenary Talk Series.

Venue: St. Columba's Church, Douglas

Date: Thursday 26th February

Time: 8pm.

All Welcome.

**St. Patricks Day 2015**

Get your club/organisation involved  
 Contact admin@ballincollig.ie / or 086 0551911

**CROWLEY**

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**Reflection**

If repentance means a change of attitude or of heart what attitude is good to adopt? Is it that frame of mind and spirit which recognises that conversion is a daily and a life's project? Is it the insight which accepts that what God is inviting us to will always surprise us, will never be the merely predictable? Is it the grace to believe that God is on our side? If so, this is the springtime of the year and the seeds of new life contained in these and similar interpretations of the word 'repent' may usefully be sown..

**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Genesis 9: 8-15  
 God made covenants or agreements with men on three occasions in the Old Testament: with Noah, Abraham and Moses. These covenants implied that man agreed of his own free will to serve God. In return God would forgive and take care of mankind. The rainbow was aptly chosen as the sign of the covenant as rain from heaven had been one of the causes of the flood.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3: 18 - 22  
 Noah and his family were saved not only from water but by water, i.e. the water carried the ark aloft. In the same way the water of baptism saves us. The flood was a type of baptism that purified mankind.

Gospel: Mark 1: 12 - 15  
 Mark gives only a summary account of the temptation of Christ. Satan wished to discover whether Jesus was the Messiah and, if possible, to lead him from the path of suffering, which God had ordained as the course to be followed by the Redeemer. Mark alone mentions the wild beasts whose presence suggests the desolate character of the region to which the Lord had retired. John the Baptist was now in prison and Jesus went into Galilee where John had preached and began by repeating the call to repentance.

**Irish Blood Transfusion Service**

Will hold Blood Donor clinics in  
**Ballincollig The GAA Pavilion**  
 Monday 23rd & Tuesday 24th February 2015  
 from 5pm – 8.30pm each day  
**Ovens Éire Óg GAA Hall**  
 Wednesday 25th & Thursday 26th February 2015  
 from 5pm – 8.30pm each day

Blood Donation is essential to ensure Hospital Patients get the treatment they need. One Donation can save up to 3 Lives. Full details of all clinics and on Giving Blood can be found on [www.giveblood.ie](http://www.giveblood.ie)

**Congratulations to Sr. Eileen O’Connell**

On Sunday last Eileen made her First Profession of Vows as a Dominican Sister during Mass at the Dominican Convent Chapel at Cabra in Dublin. Before entering the Dominican Congregation over two years ago, Eileen, who is from Maglin, Ballincollig, was a Minister of the Eucharist at St Mary and St John’s Church; she was also involved in the Parish Alpha Programme and a member of our Parish Pastoral Council. Eileen’s parents, Mary and John, her family, relations and friends joined her for this special occasion. We wish Eileen every happiness, joy and blessing as she continues her journey in the generous service of God’s people!

**Children’s Corner**

**A Prayer to say...**

Thank you, Jesus, for loving me. Help me to keep my Lenten promise. Help me to make your kingdom real by sharing your love with the people I meet. Amen.

**In the Gospel today...**

Jesus went into the desert by himself for forty days. He was tempted by the devil but the angels looked after him. After this time Jesus went into Galilee to tell everyone the Good News that God loves them. He told people to turn back to God and believe in him.

**Bulletin Board**

**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.

**Baptism Preparation**

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday March 7th at 12.00 noon in the Annex, 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.

**New Ministers of the Eucharist**

Presently in Ballincollig Parish we are inviting parishioners to volunteer to become Ministers of the Eucharist. You are invited to minister in either Christ Our Light Church or St Mary & St John Church, approximately once a month at a week end Mass (rota will be provided).

The requirements are that you are:

- A person 18 years or over
- A person with faith in the Eucharist and anxious to deepen their own faith through ministry
- A person willing to serve and minister to others.

You are also invited to nominate a friend or neighbour as a minister of the Eucharist. Volunteers are also welcome as a Minister of the Eucharist. (Please give full name, address and contact no to Parish Office or Sacristy .) There will be a preparation for all those interested in becoming ministers.

**Ballincollig Parish Mission**

March 2nd – March 6th Church of St. Mary & St John.  
 Mission Mass 7 am & 9.30am  
 Liturgy, Homily & Prayer 7.30pm  
 No evening Masses during Retreat.  
 The Missioners will talk at all weekend masses on Saturday 21st & 28th February & Sunday 22nd February & 1st March in the Churches of St Mary & John & Christ Our Light.

**Mass Diaries**

Mass Diaries to book Mass intentions for April, May and June will open in both churches on Saturday March 14th at 9.00am. Priority will be given to those booking 1st Anniversary Masses.

**The Lourdes Collection**

This amounted to €620. Sincere thanks to all who contributed. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**Children’s Mass**

The next Children’s Mass for children in second class preparing for their first Holy Communion will take place next Sunday March 1st 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 the 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.

**Fr. George**

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Feb/28 & Mar/01/2015

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**  
sandra Walsh / Brayden Peck  
Emma O'Connor  
**8:30 am**  
John Healy  
Kerry O'Leary  
**10:00 am**  
Cormac Kelly  
Ashling O'Shea  
**12:00 Noon**  
john Dorgan / Roisin Crewe  
Noella Ngenwie

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**  
Pauline Collins  
Morgan Smith  
**11:00 am**  
Maebh Nic Mheanmain  
Lisa Aylward  
**12:30 pm**  
Bernard Vallely  
Colm Walsh  
**5:30 pm**  
Kevin Tuohy

**MASS TIMES**

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon	<b>Sunday</b>	11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	<b>Monday</b>	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	<b>Tuesday</b>	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	<b>Thursday</b>	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	<b>Friday</b>	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)	<b>Saturday</b>	7:30 pm (Vigil)

**CONFESSIONS**

After 10:00 am Mass & before 6:00 pm Mass **Saturday**

**BAPTISMS**

4:30 pm Except First Saturday of Month	<b>Saturday</b>	4:30 pm First Saturday of Month
12:45 pm	<b>Sunday</b>	

**PARISH CLERGY**

Priest on Duty	087-2479140
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Fr. Dave O'Connell C.C.	021-4876171 or frdaveoconnell@gmail.com
Fr. James McSweeney	021-4873308

**Funeral Pastoral Team Rota**

Week 23rd Feb to 1st Mar

Laurence Cunningham  
Virginia Harrington

**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.



**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Feb/28 & Mar/01/2015

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6.00 pm** Patsie Murphy  
Pat Moore  
Mary Walsh  
Marie Healy  
Margaret Kearney  
Nora Barry

**7:30 pm** Sheila O'Connor  
Martin O'Regan  
Brid Healy-Harris  
Kit Cahill  
Andrezej Janukowicz

**8:30 am** Theresa Lucey  
Tom Butler

**11:00 am** Carmel Ryan  
Eileen Byrne  
Bernadett Spillane  
Laurence / Angela Cunningham  
David Mahony

**10:00 am** Margaret Bunyan  
Mary Murphy  
Joan Tobin  
Breda Monaghan  
Niamh Nic Gearailt  
Mary Hennigan

**12:30 pm** Eileen Garvey  
Breda Callanan  
Catherine Freehill  
Betty Walsh

**12 Noon** Marie Bowen  
Breda Lenihan  
Jacinta Jeffers  
Rena O'Connor  
Sean Farrell

**5:30 pm** Olan O'Mahony  
Noel Kelleher

**Lourdes Young Adult Helpers**

Over the years Cork and Ross Lourdes Pilgrimage has extended a special invitation to Young Adults (18-30 year olds) to consider giving five days to come to Lourdes and join the Diocese as helpers. This is a unique opportunity to journey together in faith to pray to Our Lady at the shrine where she appeared to Bernadette in 1858.

Our Young Adult Helpers always excel in their attention to our sick pilgrims, and without our team of helpers the sick could not come to Lourdes. This year the group of new and first time helpers is confined to a group of 25 young adults, and enquiries and bookings by the 28th February 2015 are to be made directly to:

Fr. Charles Kiely,  
Pastoral Development Office,  
Parochial House,  
Ballypnehane, Cork  
021-4537603  
email: charliekiely@gmail.com

**A Public Workshop**

With Dr Kieran O'Mahony  
Saturday March 7th 2015  
10.00am -1.30pm  
Sacred Heart Hall,  
Western Road  
Cork

Details and Booking:  
corksripturegroup@gmail.com  
021-4295144 (Marian or Phil)  
Cost: €10  
All Welcome

Kieran O'Mahony OSA is an Augustinian friar and biblical scholar. He lives in Orlagh, the Augustinian pastoral centre in Dublin 16. He works for Dublin diocese as coordinator of biblical studies.