

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 22-March-2015

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jesus' Hour was approaching, the Hour which He would have to face alone, the Hour of his final act of obedience to the Father. Because of that Hour Jesus is no longer alone, He draws all to himself. If we can die with him we too will not be alone for ever.



**Christ Our Light
Innishmore**



**St. Mary & St. John
Station Road**

150 Years

The Mysteries of Life

There are many mysteries in life; suffering is one of them, evil is another: death is a third. Life all humans Jesus came face to face with all these in his life on earth. Jesus did not shirk them; he didn't run or avoid them. He didn't give any explanation either; there are no easy answers to these mysteries. Instead Jesus faced them and conquered them. We live in the confidence that evil and sin, pain and suffering, death and mortality have all lost their power, all conquered by the love of Christ who gave himself up to death for us.

Today in the gospel we see Christ face to face with the enormity of what lies ahead. He knows that the ordeal will lead to God's glory being revealed, but to be face to face with the ordeals that he would endure would be enough to shake anyone. The human side of Jesus is clear to us as he says "my soul is troubled" and cries out "what shall I say: Father save me from this hour". This is someone we can identify with, a situation that we know well, for we know that life is hard and lands us in situations that we would rather not be, when there is no escape from the darkness that surrounds. The image of the grain of wheat indicates the pattern that life must follow, "unless the grain of wheat dies, it remains a single grain, but if it dies it yields a rich harvest." The pain of dying - - dying to self, dying to sin, the pain of the physical death of someone close to us and eventually our own - all of this is part of our experience of life.

The call that is given to follow Christ is to follow him in glorious days and also to follow him in suffering, to climb Calvary with him to believe that we too must lose our lives, give them up to follow him. "To whom shall we go you have the message of Eternal life".

George O'Mahony

Reflection

We can be thankful to the prophet Jeremiah for what he has contributed to the understanding of God, which developed over the centuries of the Hebrew Scriptures. The God of the earlier covenant on Mount Sinai differs from the God of the new covenant in Jeremiah in one crucial aspect. God's response to Israel's failure to keep the first covenant was punishment. By way of contrast, the God of the New Covenant will be known as a God who will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

Summer Time begins next weekend, all clocks / timing devices must go forward by one hour at 01:00 am on Sunday morning March 29th

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Jesus turned to the Father in his hour of need. Let us now turn to God with all our needs.

Reader

For Christians: that they may not be afraid to suffer in living the Gospel.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who hold positions of responsibility: that they may set aside personal ambition and work unselfishly for the good of others.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the sick and suffering: that they may unite their sufferings to the sufferings of Christ.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For ourselves: that in facing our own trials we may draw strength from the example of others.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

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

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, our source of life, you know our weakness. May we reach out with joy to grasp your hand, and so walk more readily in your ways. We make this prayer through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

A pure heart create for me, O God.

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BAPTISMS

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

Padraig Raymond Culleton, Crossbarry.
 Noah Ciaran Kenny, An Caislean Grove.
 Sophie Mary O'Leary, The Close, Coolroe Meadows.
 Christopher Joseph Barry, The Sycamores, Classes Lake.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Lyn Yelverton, Innishmore.
 Angela Egan, Bishopstown.
 Hester Buckley, Aghabullogue.
 Kamran Reissinia, Willow Grove.

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

Mary O'Riordan, Rathcoole.
 Michael Collins, Churchfield Hill.
 John & Diarmuid Cashman, Glounthane.
 John Emperor, Rockchapel.
 Fred & Kate Nash, Powdermills.
 Mary Acton, Model Farm Road / USA
 Eileen O'Mahony, Model Farm Road & Bishopstown.
 Joe & Eily Walsh, Mourneabbey.
 Frank Rath, Drimoleague / Wexford.
 Wayne Jennings, Bishopstown.
 Annie & Patrick McMahon, Spring Lane.
 Peggy & John Duggan, Coachford.
 Jim Garvey, Dingle.
 Jerimah O'Regan, Poulavone.
 Michael Hennigan, Woodbine Lawn.
 Betty Mackey, Leemount.
 Tom McAuliffe, The Square.
 John Kavanagh, Mayfield/Powdermills.
 Tim Murphy, The Quadrant.
 Patrick McNamara, Inniscarra View.
 Berrnie O'Connell, Kilnaglory.
 Richard Krauss, Aisling Close.
 Elizabeth Shorten, Aherla.
 William & Mamie Kavanagh, East Gate.
 Thomas & Catherine O'Donnell, Drimoleague.
 P.J. Harrington, Muskerry Estate.
 Geraldine O'Sullivan O'Brien, Wales/Timoleague.
 Tim O'Leary, Sunningdale.
 Pat & Betty Coomey, Carriganarra.
 Ann & John Hogan, Tipperary.
 Tadgh O'Sullivan, Park Road.
 Nelly Murray, Ballingeary.
 Dec members of O'Mahony family, Macroom.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Fifth Week of Lent

22 Sunday Jer 31:31-34. Ps 50. Heb 5:7-9. Jn 12:20-30. Lect I: 310
 23 Monday Dan 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62. Ps 22. Jn 8:1-11. Lect I: 319
 24 Tuesday Num 21:4-9. Ps 101. Jn 8:21-30. Lect I: 326
 25 Wednesday Is. 7: 10-14, 8: 1 O. Ps. 39. Heb. 10:4-10. Lk. 1 :26-38. Lect II: 985
 26 Thursday Gen 17:3-9. Ps 104. Jn 8:51-59. Lect I: 331
 27 Friday Jer 20:10-13. Ps 17. Jn 10:31-42. Lect I: 333
 28 Saturday Ex 37:21-28. Ps Jer 31:10-13. Jn 11:45-56. Lect I: 336

Next Sunday's Readings 29/March/2015

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

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Jeremiah 31: 31-34
 The prophet foretells the day when a new covenant will be made between God and man. Christ will be the new High Priest. Before him all men will be equal and the different religious beliefs will one day disappear, as all men will come to know the one true God.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5: 7-9
 Gethsemane rather than Calvary is the scene here. Christ is presented in his weakness. Nowhere was Jesus more evidently one of our weak human selves than in the garden of Gethsemane where he suffered his agony of anticipation. Being innocent he could not offer sacrifice for his own sins like the High Priests in the Old Testament but he could pray out of the anguish of mortal weakness which he took on for our salvation.

Gospel: John 12: 20-30
 The grain of wheat has life in it but that does not germinate into the production of other living grains unless it is subject to death and burial in the ground. Martyrdom is the highest act of self-denial. The cross frightens us, but it also frightened Jesus. The vivid image of a cruel death brought to Jesus a tremor of fear. Crucified, he will draw all people, without distinction of race, to himself.

St. Patricks Day 2015

What a tremendous success on such a lovely day. We complement all participants, organising committee, floats and those demonstrating the cultural activities in our town. We have another record for our town, this time a WORLD for all the 771 ELSAS who made the day so magical.

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Soul Food

An evening of information and reflection for men (18-40) Interested in religious life. Begins with food at 6.30pm Wednesday 25th March at Presentation Brothers, Mardyke House. Contact Anthony at 086 0898120 to book a place. Email vocation@Presentation|Brothers.org or Visit www.PresentationBrothers.org

Cork Arc Cancer Support House

Cork Arc Cancer support House is looking for Volunteers to help with their Annual Flag Day in Ballincollig on Friday 10th April 2015. This Volunteer Fundraising will help Cork Arc to continue to offer their vital cancer support service free of charge to cancer patients and their families. Please contact Hilary on 021 4275050 or e-mail hilary@corkcancersupport.ie. For more information about the work we do please visit www.corkcancersupport.ie

Legion of Mary

Legion of Mary pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Sunday 17th May. Bus leaving village @ 7am sharp. Early booking advised. For details Contact: Sally 021 4870954 or Cathleen: 021 4874730

Daffodil Day

This event is the biggest and longest running fundraising day for the Irish Cancer Society, Ireland's national cancer charity. On Daffodil Day thousands of volunteers around Ireland sell daffodil pins and flowers (on streets, in businesses, homes and shopping centres) to raise money for the Society's free, nationwide services for those with, and affected by, cancer in Ireland. In 2010 Dell Ireland became the Irish Cancer Society's lead partner for Daffodil until the end of 2015. The Society's 28th Daffodil Day is on Friday March 27th 2015. On Daffodil Day we won't give up until cancer does. We want everyone to get involved in Daffodil Day. Here is how you can support Daffodil Day 2015:

- You can sell daffodils for a few hours on Daffodil Day.
- Organise a Daffodil Day event in your area.
- Bring Daffodil Day to your business or club with a box of pins.
- Make a donation online or by phone, CallSave 1850 60 60 60
- Or online at <http://www.cancer.ie/get-involved/fundraise/how-to-donate>

The Bible should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. The Bible is meant not to inform, but to transform. Men do not reject the Bible because it contradicts itself but because it contradicts them.

Men's Shed Ballincollig

Fundraising evening with Pat & Ricky Kelleher Irish Folk Country, Rock and Bluegrass Live at the Whitehorse Inn Ballincollig on the 27th March 2015 @ 8:30 p.m. & Martin Forrest 60's & 70's Disco & Raffle. Tickets €5.00 Each

Bulletin Board

Passover Meal

The Passover Meal will be celebrated on Tuesday 31st March. Limited to 50 people. Please phone Parish Office (021) 487 1206 if interested.

Morning & Evening Masses during Lent

Church of Christ Our Light	8.30am & 6.30pm
St Mary & St John	9.30am & 8pm.

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.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday April 11th 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.

Children's Mass

The next Children's Mass for children in second class preparing for their first Holy Communion will take place this Sunday March 15th 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.

Mass Diaries

Mass Diaries to book Mass intentions for April, May and June are open in both churches. Priority will be given to those booking 1st Anniversary Mass.

Coeliac Host

Coeliac Host is available at all Masses in both churches. Generally the Priest celebrating the Mass has the Coeliac Host. To help the Celebrant you might please let him know before the Mass.

Easter 2015 Reconciliation Service

Monday 30th March 7.00pm
Church of Christ our Light

Tenebrae, A Service of Shadows

This year we will conduct a new Service on the Wednesday night of Holy Week, A Service of Shadows also called Tenebrae (which is the latin for "shadow"). This will be an adaption of a service which has it's origins in the Middle Ages but has been revised to bring it into the present.

Fr. George

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Mar/28 & Mar/29/2015

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)

Rosarie Cotter
Laura O'Keeffe

8:30 am

Eadaoin O'Leary
Gerard O'Leary

10:00 am

Louise McCarthy
Robert Noonan / Declan Crowley

12:00 Noon

Sean Hennessy
Shane Lehane

7:30 pm (Vigil)

Fiona Feely

11:00 am

Tomas Buckley
Michael Buckley

12:30 pm

Joseph Manning
Niamh Murray

5:30 pm

Marlyn O'Connor

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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Week 23rd Mar to 29th Mar

Joan Barrett

Margot Twomey

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.

Children's Corner

A Prayer to say...

Father God, thank you for the new life
that Jesus brings. Help us to be like
Jesus and put other people first. Amen.

In the Gospel today...

Jesus knew that he was going to suffer. He
reminded his friends that when a groin of
wheat dies it goes into the ground and
produces new grains. Jesus wanted
everything he did to be for God. He prayed
to God, his Father. Then a voice spoke from
heaven. The people who heard the voice
thought it was thunder, or an angel.

Trocaire Lenten Campaign 2015

There is a very short parable in today's Gospel describing a seed which has fallen on the ground and eventually dies. It may remain a single seed or it may yield a rich harvest. This concept of losing what one has to give way to something new and life-giving is frightening for some. We get so attached and lifestyle changes are tough. In this passage Jesus knows that his hour has come; this is his crisis moment. But Jesus' time of anguish moves from a cry of 'save me' to one of glorifying God 'let it be as You not I would have it'. We are at an 'hour' in terms of climate justice. This is the time where big decisions and commitments must be made and there is no other option but to opt for life, to listen to God's will, not ours. The priorities of wealthy nations must change, must turn outward and take risks if we are all to experience peace and security. We remember the horrendous storms which battered Ireland last year and which will continue to do so as our climates changes. We are called to be stewards of the earth: 'Everything has been entrusted to our protection, and all of us are responsible for it' (Pope Francis). For us to be true stewards means campaigning for legislation at national level and different choices at a personal level.

'I would like to ask all those who have positions of responsibility in economic, political and social life, and all men and women of goodwill: Let us be protectors of creation, protectors of God's plan inscribed in nature, protectors of one another and of the environment.' Pope Francis.