

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 29-March-2009



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

## 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

### God's Love For Us

In to-days Readings we are reminded of God's great love for us. In the Gospel Jesus speaks about his imminent death - 'now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified'. He speaks of his turmoil and agony when he says 'now my soul is troubled'. The Letter to the Hebrews states: 'during his life on earth, he offered up prayers, aloud and in silent tears to the one who had the power to save him from death' Yet, Jesus lets go of everything, including his own life to 'become for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation'.

Because human life is so precious, perhaps our deepest human instinct is survival. All of us can be fearful and apprehensive facing suffering and even death. Just as Jesus in his agony asked the Father to 'save him from this hour', we too ask God to take away our suffering or we pray to him for the courage we need. Jesus' painful journey to Calvary gives us comfort and hope in our low moments. We are not alone. Jesus is there with us and knows what we are going through. He gives us strength to walk with him carrying our cross.

Jesus' death on the Cross shows how much he loves each one of us. We remember Fr Maximilian Kolbe (now a canonised saint) who lovingly offered his life by choosing to die instead of a young husband and father at the concentration camp at Auschwitz in 1941. In today's Gospel we are reminded that just as the grain of wheat has to die in order to bear fruit, so we must die to self if we are to bear fruit and live the fullness of life. While we may never have to offer our life for another like Fr Maximilian Kolbe, yet each one of us can ask ourselves in what areas of my life do I need to "die" to self? Do I like to cling to my own selfishness and comfort zones? 'Letting go' is not easy! God gives each of us the grace to 'bear fruit' and reject whatever is contrary to his loving plan for our lives.

Jesus is lifted up, not to end his life on the cross, but he is lifted up to eternal life with his Father. All of us who follow him in faith will also be with God. We ask Jesus to give us strength and courage on our Christian journey.

Sr. Colette

### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

#### Priest

Let us present our petitions to our Father in heaven, confident of being heard.

#### Reader

We pray for the Church; that, inspired by the first apostles, it may preach the gospel of Christ fearlessly in the world and help people to see Jesus.

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

For governments and politicians; that they may rule with justice inspired by the values of the gospel.

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

For our parish community; that we may bond together around the table of the Lord and be inspired by the example of Christ and the early Christians.

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

For vocations; that many men and women may answer the call to help those who want to see Jesus.

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

For teachers; that they may inspire in their students a love of knowledge and may form young people to make a difference in the world.

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

For those who have died; that they may be lifted up to new life in Christ, who draws all people to himself.

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



**Reminder - Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday  
Clocks go forward by one Hour**

### 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

#### Priest

Father in heaven, you transform the darkness of the world's pain into the light and joy of Easter. Grant us what we need this day. We make these and all our prayers through Jesus Christ, who is Lord forever and ever. 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 :**

Sara Rose O'Mahony, Berryfield, Classes Lake.  
 Emelia Mary Hallisey, Old Court, Greenfields.  
 Jidenna Feechi Nwankwur, Willow Grove, Coolroe Heights.  
 Leah Luciza O'Mahony Stelca, An Caislean.  
 Jamie Richard O'Leary, Parknamore Heights.  
 Darragh Micheal Keane, Old Court Green.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Margaret Harley, Westgate.  
 Ella May Fitzgerald, The Abbey, Skibbereen.

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

Hughie & Neil O'Leary, Fair Hill.  
 Fiona Buckley, Glenville.  
 Con & Eileen O'Leary, Kilnaglory.  
 Denis Hegarty, Poulavone.  
 Daniel O'Leary, Glenville.  
 John Corkery, Aherla.  
 John, Kitty Harte & family, Clonakilty.  
 Catherine O'Sullivan, Tudor Grove.  
 Josie O'Shea, Castlewhite.  
 Michael John Sexton, Clash.  
 Sid Carmody, Leo Murphy Tce.  
 Lucy Barrett, Leo Murphy Tce.  
 McCarthy Family, Little Island.  
 Geraldine O'Sullivan O'Brien, Timoleague & Wales.  
 Kitty Barry, Hodders Villas.  
 Mai & Jack Finegan, Killarney.  
 Denis Mannix, Doneraile.  
 Patrick & Sheila O'Riordan, Castlepark.  
 Con, Bridie, Brian & Dermot Murphy.  
 Mathew & Mary Brennan.  
 Paddy Kirstein, Inniscarra View.  
 Connie O'Regan, Carriganarra.  
 Ann Hogan, Co Tipperary.  
 Frances O'Donovan, Cloyne.

**Book Shop**

The shop in Christ Our Light church is open this weekend. The shop carries a variety of religious goods including children's Bibles, Rosary beads, Baptism candles and a variety of religious Icons.

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Fifth Week Of Lent**

29 Sunday Jer 31:31-34. Ps 50. Heb 5:7-9. Jn 12:20-30. Lect I: 310  
 30 Monday Dan 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62. Ps 22. Jn 8:1-11. Lect I: 319  
 31 Tuesday Num 21:4-9. Ps 101. Jn 8:21-30. Lect I: 326  
 01 Wednesday Dan 3:14-20, 24-25, 28. Ps Dan 3:52-56. Jn 8:31-42. Lect I: 328  
 02 Thursday Gen 17:3-9. Ps 104. Jn 8:51-59. Lect I: 331  
 03 Friday Jer 20:10-13. Ps 17. Jn 10:31-42. Lect I: 333  
 04 Saturday Ex 37:21-28. Ps Jer 31:10-13. Jn 11:45-56. Lect I: 336

**Next Sunday's Readings 05-April-2009**

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

**St. Teresa's Prayer**

Christ has no body now but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours.  
 Yours are the eyes through which he looks with compassion on this world.  
 Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, Yours are the eyes, you are his body  
 Christ has no body now but yours.

**Writings of St Paul**

Talk 3 in the series on the writings of St Paul will be held in the St Mark Centre this week, on Monday and Thursday evenings at 7.30 pm and on Wednesday morning at 10.00 am

|        | Monday,<br>7.30 pm     | Wednesday<br>10.00 am | Thursday<br>7.30 pm   |
|--------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Talk 3 | 30 <sup>th</sup> March | 1 <sup>st</sup> April | 2 <sup>nd</sup> April |

**Prayer Vigil**

South Presentation Convent Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.  
 Rosary 10.00 pm followed by Mass.

**TROCAIRE**

The violence, deprivation and suffering in Darfur continues unabated. Conflict in the region has meant around 300,000 people may have died, forced nearly 2.7 million people from their homes, and left over 4 million people dependent on humanitarian food aid. Over the last three years, Trocaire has spent over €1.6 million meeting the needs of people forced from their homes by the conflict. Trocaire is also providing support to communities hosting those who have lost their homes. Working in a joint programme with other international faith-based agencies, Trocaire provides life-saving support to over 40,000 families.

In the Gospel today Jesus gives us a very simple message. He tells us that, "Whoever serves me must follow me". This means we are called in to total and compassionate solidarity with those whom Christ especially loved; the sick, the lonely, the dispossessed, those on the margins. Perhaps in our world today there is no group of people more marginalised than those who have been displaced as a result of conflict. In standing in solidarity with the displaced in our world we show ourselves to be followers of Christ.

**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.

**Ballincollig Scouts**

Recently a parent was describing to me her kitchen after a Macoimh weekend camp. Heaps of muddy washing lie on the kitchen floor. Down at the bottom are four pairs of clean underpants not needed? One nine year old goes wearily to bed, having walked further and slept less than ever before. Before parenthood she expected children to be mucky. When she became a parent more mundane concerns get in the way. She wondered did the leaders nag the child to clean his teeth properly before he went to bed, did they worry about whether he ate his greens and the possible effect on his I.Q. Do they eat greens themselves? Whether she likes it or not children are ambassadors for their families. They must be clean and tidy, because we are. They must be intelligent, because we are. They must be polite and healthy. The world must see that they are 'well brought up' and if there is any doubt about it, from the moment of their conception, we are besieged by advice as to how to achieve this. We are in constant struggle against children's nature. Hence her anxiety on leaving her offspring in the care of a man who would keep him up till all hours, let him get his feet wet and not notice whether he changed his underpants. The theme for the camp was 'get mucky'. A couple of weeks later they went for a walk, her child forgetting that such themes do not apply to everyday life with mum, took like a duck to water to the first muddy puddle, before parenthood she might have laughed. Instinctively she would have known that muddy water does not cause illness in healthy boys. The Macoimh leaders know, her washing machine has seen the evidence more than once. So why was the day fouled by threats and anger on her part? Because this mixed-up series of emotions, the desire to protect, promote and subdue – called parenthood – got in the way. So she though here's to the leaders, don't worry about paying lip service to parental concerns. Let him walk too far, eat too much and climb that tree. He'll be happier, stronger – and more independent. So long as she doesn't have to watch.

*Money isn't everything – but raise as much as can before talking such nonsense*

**Found**

A purse containing bank cards was found adjacent to Christ Our Light Church. Owner please contact Sacristy or Parish Office.

**Bulletin Board**

**First Friday**

Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup> is the first Friday of the month. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St Mary & St John from 6.30 pm to 8 pm, you are invited to come and spend some time with the Lord. Mass (for Lent) in both churches on Friday evening. The priests of the parish visit the sick of the parish on the first Friday of each month; please let us know if you have a family member or neighbour who is sick or house-bound

**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.**

**Mass Book**

Diaries to book Mass Intentions for April, May & June are now open in both churches.

**Ballincollig Parish Pastoral Council**

AGM will be held on Monday 30th March 2009 at 7.45 pm in the Annex Parochial Hall. All welcome.

Copies of the Catholic Paper -**The Universe** - are available in both Churches every week.

**Chrism Mass**

Bishop Buckley invites you to the **Chrism Mass in the Cathedral on Holy Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 10.00 am.** It is an occasion of Special thanksgiving as the Oils for the Celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and the Anointing of the Sick are blessed.

**Reconciliation Service**

Penitential service in Christ Our Light church on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 pm. This is an opportunity to gather as a faith community and acknowledge our need of God's forgiveness as we prepare for Easter.

**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

**Catholic Paper**

Copies of the Catholic Paper -**The Universe** - are available in both Churches every week.

**Children's Mass**

The Children's Mass is on **Sundays at 11.00 am in Christ Our Light.** The Children of 2<sup>nd</sup> class retire to the crying room at the beginning of Mass where they celebrate The Liturgy of the Word in child friendly fashion – word searches, colouring and maze search are some of the methods used. Volunteers are welcome and needed to help, training and practice will be given. Parents are welcome to join their Children for the celebration of the Word of God. We invite Parents of First Communion children to please try and bring Children to this Mass. Bringing your Child to the Sunday Mass is an important preparation for your Child's First Holy Communion.

**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)

Monday to Friday at 6 am.

Everyone Welcome

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Apr-04 & Apr-05-2009

**St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**

Michael Fitton  
Paul Kearns

**8:30 am**

Triona Collins

**10:00 am**

Hannah Bunyan  
Stephen Bunyan

**12:00 Noon**

Declan Chalmers

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**

Joseph Manning  
Cormac Manning

**11:00 am**

Meabh Nic Mheanmain  
Sorcha Nic Mheanmain

**12:30 pm**

Cathy Naughton  
Una Lynch

**5:30 pm**

Siobhan Keane-Hopcraft +  
Emily Hardman

**MASS TIMES**

**St. Mary & St. John**

8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon

**Sunday**

**Christ Our Light**

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**

**PARISH CLERGY**

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Apr-04 & Apr-05-2009

**St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light**

**6.00 pm**

Patsie Murphy  
Marie Bohan  
Mary Walsh  
Marie Healy  
Margaret Kearney  
Nora Barry

**7:30 pm**

Sheila O'Connor  
John Canty  
Brid Healy-Harris  
Kit Cahill

**11:00 am**

Carmel Ryan  
Angela Cunningham  
Laurence Cunningham  
Eileen Byrne

**8:30 am**

Theresa Lucey  
Rita Murphy  
Mona Holland

**10:00 am**

Tadhg Murphy  
Mary Murphy  
Joan Tobin  
Tony O'Leary  
Phil Kennedy  
Seamus O'Shea

**12:30 pm**

Eileen Garvey  
Sally Power  
Breda Callanan  
Catherine Freehill  
Attracta McKiernan

**12 Noon**

Michael Crowley  
Breda Lenihan  
Noel Hennessey  
Jacinta Jeffers  
Rena O'Connor  
Sean Farrell

**5:30 pm**

Phil O'Connell  
Maire McCullagh  
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