

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 13-March-2016

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**



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

150 Years

## God's Mercy and Forgiveness

Jesus looked up and said, "If there is one of you without sin, let him cast the first stone."

Once upon a time a man was caught stealing; he was immediately brought before the King who gave orders that he be put to death. As he was being lead to the gallows, the man told the governor that he had a wonderful secret that was given to him by his father. He claimed that by using the secret he could plant the seed of a pomegranate that would grow and bear fruit overnight, He said it would be a pity if the secret died with him and he was willing to reveal it to the king.

The governor was so impressed that he halted the execution and brought the man to the king. The man dug a hole and taking a pomegranate seed, said the seed must be planted by someone who has never taken something that does not belong to him. I being a thief cannot do it. Then turning to one of the kings officials said, maybe you would like to plant it. The official declined saying, "in my younger days I kept something that did not belong to me." The man then turned to the kings' treasurer "Well then, perhaps you would like to plant the seed." He declined saying that over the years he had dealt with lots of cash and might have kept some for himself. So it went on, finally it came to the king; turning to him the man said "perhaps your majesty would like the honour of planting the seed. The King said "I am ashamed to admit I once took my father's watch." The king pardoned the man. The story would have ended differently if the king had not listened. Instead thanks to his patience and the imagination of the condemned man they all learned a great lesson. What God wants is not the death of the sinner but that he/she is converted and lives. God helps us to put our sins behind us but draws good from them.

*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 pray for our needs to God who is rich in mercy and compassion.

### Reader

For Christians: that they may imitate the compassion of Christ in their dealings with one another.

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

For those who have been unfairly treated or unjustly condemned.

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

For this congregation: that we may extend to others the same compassion we would like to receive if we were in the same situation.

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

For those who are suffering the effects of war, famine and persecution in particular the people of Aleppo.

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

For all gathered here: that we may never use the sins of others to justify our own.

**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

Father, help us to keep our hearts pure, our minds clean, our words true, and our deeds kind. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

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† IN SYMPATHY †

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE

RECENTLY DECEASED :

Pat Sheehan, Kilmurray.  
 Vickey Sheehan, Carrigaline.  
 Noelle Murphy Connelly, Sycamore/Classes/M.F.R  
 Helen Lyons, Fermoy.

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

Eileen McGarry, Rosewood.  
 Kamran Reissinia, Willow Grove.  
 Joe, Terry & Declan Butler, Inniscarra View.  
 James O'Connell, Muskerry Estate.  
 Frank Whelan, Maglin Vale.  
 Nora Vaughan, Kilnamartyra.  
 Kate Noonan, Innishmore.  
 Denis & Kate Calnan, Youghal.  
 Michael & Mary McEvoy, Castlepark.  
 P.J. Harrington, Beech Road.  
 Dan Lucey, Ballyvourney.  
 Michael A. O'Leary, Ballinlough.  
 Andrew O'Keeffe, Carrigrohane.  
 Joe & Margaret Owens, Blackpool.  
 Betty Mackey, Leemount.  
 Annie Cotter, Fr. Sexton Park.  
 John O'Connell, Westcliffe.  
 Helen Kenneally, Beech Park.  
 Tadgh & Ellen O'Donovan, Kilmurry.  
 Tom & Joe Heaton, Pearse Road.  
 Tadgh O'Sullivan, Park Road.  
 Patrick Murphy, Rosewood.  
 Darragh Guinevan, Ovens.  
 Breige Crilly, Douglas.  
 Mary Scherta, Cloyne.  
 Niall McGroarty, Beech Park.  
 Tim O'Leary, Sunningdale.  
 Nancy Hogan, The Crescent.  
 Catherine McCarthy, Dunmanway.  
 Bill Dwane, Douglas.  
 James Doyle, Glendower Court.  
 Norah & Paddy Barry, Redemption Road.  
 Noonan family, Mitchelstown.  
 Dec. members Quinlan family, Glanworth.  
 Eileen Bradley, Leemount.

**St. Patricks Day**

The parish faith community will take part in the St. Patricks Day Parade.  
 All parishioners are welcome to take part.  
 Theme "Jubilee year of Mercy"

**Annual Pilgrimage to Knock**

The annual pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Sunday May 29th 2016.  
 Bus leaving at 7am at the bus stop outside Garda station.  
 Early booking advised.  
 For details contact: Sally 0214870954 or Cathleen 0214874730

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Fifth Week Of Lent

13 Sunday Is. 43:16-21. Ps 125. Phil. 3:8-14. Jn. 8:1-11. Lect I: 313  
 14 Monday Dan. 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62. Ps. 22. In. 8:12- 20. Lect I: 319  
 15 Tuesday Num. 21:4-9. Ps. 101. In. 8:21-30. Lect I: 326  
 16 Wednesday Dan. 3:14-20,24-25,28. Ps. Dan. 3. In. 8:31-42. Lect I: 328  
 17 Thursday Eccles. (Sir) 39:6-10, Ps.115.2 Tim 4:1-8. Mt.13:24-32. National Prop-  
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 18 Friday Jer. 20:10-13. Ps. 17. In. 10:31-42. Lect I: 333  
 19 Saturday 2 Sam 7:4-5, 12-14, 16. Ps 88. Rom4:13, 16-18, 22. Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24  
 or Lk 2:41-51. Lect I: 970 or II: 980

**Next Sunday's Readings 20-March-2016**

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

**BAPTISMS**

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

Saoirse Ellen Morrissey, Oak Drive, Classes Lake.  
 Cassie Summer Drennan, Waltham Abbey, Old Quarter.  
 Ellen May Shanahan Murphy, Innishmore Grove.  
 Darragh Fredrick Casey, The Elms, Classes Lake.  
 Adam Carl McNulty, Daffodils Fields.  
 Zofie Maza Zerebiec, Westcourt.  
 Nikodem Leshaw Zerebiec, Westcourt.

**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.

**The Matt Talbot Mass and Novena**

The Matt Talbot Mass and Novena will conclude on this Friday, 18th March. at 7.30p.m. in The Way of the Cross Church, Togher. The Celebrant and preacher will be Very Reverend William Crean, Bishop of Cloyne. Everybody is welcome as we pray for all who are carrying the cross of suffering at this time. There will be a cup of tea afterwards in the Parish Office.

**The Sinking of the Aud - 1916**

The story of the Aud is central to the events of the 1916 Rising. The effort to import arms from Germany was a failure and it changed the nature of the planned Rising. Philip Johnston has dived on the wreck of the Aud for the past 20 years. He will bring this experience to bear in a talk on 'Casement and the Aud' which is organised by Muskerry Local History Society for Monday, 14 March, in Ballincollig Rugby Club. The talk will include Casement's trip to Germany, the transport of 25,000 guns for rebellion and the arrest and scuttling of the Aud on its approach to Cork Harbour.

**Lourdes 2016 – Young Adult Helpers**

The Diocese of Cork & Ross invites Young Adults 18-30 year olds to come to Lourdes as helpers from 11th – 16 June. For further details contact Fr. Charlie Kiely 021 4537603 Pastoral Development Office, Parochial House, Ballyphehane, Cork or email: Charles.kiely@corkandross.com.org

**St. Patricks Day**

St. Patrick was set apart by God to bring his word to the end of the earth. He brought faith in Christ to our land and the message of peace for those who accept that faith. On Thursday we thank God for Patrick who true to his vocation and so made possible for our names to be written in heaven.



*Happy St. Patrick's Day  
to all our  
Readers & Parishioners*



**Thanks Giving Mass January 10th**

The Mass of thanks-giving celebrated by The Apostolic Nuncio Archbishop Charles Brown was recorded by Captured Occasions Video Productions. This was a very special and memorable occasion for the people of Ballincollig. DVD's are available at €15 each, if you wish to purchase please give your name and address to the parish office or sacristy

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**Bulletin Board**

**Masses during Lent for coming week  
(Excluding Wednesday & Thursday)**

**Church of Christ Our Light**  
8.30am & 6:30 pm  
**Church of St. Mary & John**  
9.30am No evening Mass

**St Patrick's Day Thursday 17th March**

**Mass Times:**  
**Christ Our Light**  
Vigil Wednesday 16th 7.30pm  
Thursday 17th 12.30pm (Irish Mass) & 6.30pm

**St. Mary & St. John**  
Thursday March 17th 8.30am, 10.00am & 8.00pm

**Penitential Service**

Monday 21st March 7pm  
Church of Christ our Light.

**Envelope Collection**

Bishop's Commission Collection will be taken up at all Masses this week end 12th & 13th March.

**Baptism Preparation**

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday April 2nd 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 on Sunday March 20th at 11.00 am 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 return to the main body of the church for the offertory of the Mass.

**Mass Diaries**

Mass Diaries to book Mass intentions for April, May, & June 2016 are now open in both churches. Priority will be given to 1st Anniversary Masses.

**Passover Meal**

The Passover Meal will be celebrated on Tuesday 22nd March in the Library, Community Hall. Limited number, names please to the Parish Office 021 487 1206, if interested.

**Coeliac Hosts**

The Coeliac Association of Ireland have advised that the low gluten hosts are suitable for Coeliacs

**Fr. George**

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Mar-19 & Mar-20-2016

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**  
Karen Sheehan  
Darragh Lankford  
**8:30 am**  
John Healy  
Kerry O'Leary  
**10:00 am**  
Debra Daly  
  
**12:00 Noon**  
Oliver O'Donovan  
Niamh Heelan

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**  
Nonyi Ebili  
Jennifer Nyagaya  
**11:00 am**  
Kristian Calvert  
Amy Ni Chearbhaill  
**12:30 pm**  
Bernard Vallely  
Colm Walsh  
**5:30 pm**  
Liam 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	<b>Monday</b>	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am	<b>Tuesday</b>	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am	<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30 am & 7:30 pm (Vigil)
8:30 am, 10 am & 8 pm	<b>Thursday</b>	12:30 pm & 6:30 pm
9:30 am	<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	<b>Saturday</b>	4:30 pm
Except First Saturday of Month		First Saturday of Month
12:45 pm	<b>Sunday</b>	

**PARISH CLERGY**

Priest on Duty	087-2479140
Fr. George O'Mahony P.P.	021-4871206
Fr. Cian O'Sullivan C.C.	021-4876171

**Funeral Pastoral Team Rota**

Week 7th Mar to 13th 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**

Mar-19 & Mar-20-2016

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6.00 pm** Bernadette Bell  
Betty Casey  
Frank Riordan  
Siobhan Riordan  
Pauline Quane  
Aisling Leahy

**7:30 pm** Geraldine Lynch  
Charlie Vaughan  
Joan Stephenson  
Bernie Bowen

**8:30 am** Mary Buckley  
Theresa Lucey  
Mary B. Murphy

**11:00 am** Neil Jeffers  
Eileen O'Donoghue  
Bridie Hanrahan  
Padraig Fleming /  
Imelda Power  
Hugh & Catherine Moran

**10:00 am** Cathy Horgan  
Betty Flavin  
Anne Spillane  
Betty Sheehan  
Ann O'Connell  
Con O'Connell

**12:30 pm** Tom Murray  
John O'Regan  
Gerard Dunne  
Theresa O'Driscoll

**12 Noon** Seamus O'Donovan  
Eleanor Knowles  
Catherine Greene  
Joan Barrett  
Frances Hogan  
Mary O'Leary

**5:30 pm** Bernard Curran  
John Canty

*In God's Tomorrow There Is Eternal Spring*

All nature heeds the call of spring as god awakens everything,  
and all that seemed so dead and still  
experiences a sudden thrill as springtime lays a magic hand  
across god's vast and fertile land. oh, the joy in standing by  
to watch a sapphire springtime sky or see a fragile flower break through  
what just a day ago or two seemed barren ground still hard with frost,  
for in god's world, no life is lost, and flowers sleep beneath the ground,  
but when they hear spring's waking sound,  
they push themselves through layers of clay to reach the sunlight of god's day.  
and man and women, like flowers, too,  
must sleep until called from the darkened deep to live in that place  
where angels sing and where there is eternal spring.