

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

## Sunday 12-March-2017

Second Sunday of Lent

*On the holy mountain Jesus revealed himself in glory to his disciples. He had already prepared them for his approaching death. He wanted to teach them through the Law and the Prophets that the promised Christ had first to suffer and so come to glory.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

### Wonders of Creation

Killarney's Torc waterfall after a massive cloudburst brought out the sightseers. One Sunday morning as hardy souls took on the climb of the slope, black clouds appeared and lightning flashed across the sky as the downpour arrived unexpectedly. The bravest scurried for shelter and others for their cars and home. To view the cascading torrents and the rising foam was a sight to behold, the wonder of creation. There was a new insight into the glory of God's creation, an insight not to be repeated, perhaps, but always remembered. It was enrichment only for those who had ventured out from the comfort and security of a dwelling.

When Jesus took Peter, James and John to Mount Tabor, they glimpsed not only the glory of God's creation, but the glory of God himself. Jesus forbade them to tell others about it because they could not begin to understand until He was Risen from the dead, then the disciples began to realise who He really was. Great Tabor experiences do not come often in any of our lives, but even mini – tabors cannot come in our lives unless we venture to explore the mystery of God in creation and in His friendship in prayer. Today's gospel is a reminder never to put limits on what God can enable us to become.

*George O'Mahony*

### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

#### Priest

Let us pray .that we may not grow faint on our journey but that we may have the courage to persevere.

#### Reader

For all followers of Christ: that they may listen to his teachings and practise them in their lives.

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

For the Pope and the bishops: that they may lead the people of God with courage and faith.

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

For those whose lives are disfigured by poverty, hunger, and suffering.

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

For grace to treasure moments of light which give meaning and hope to our lives.

**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, Mosul & Nigeria.

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

We pray for the intentions of all here present.

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

We pray for Pope Francis who celebrates his fourth anniversary on Monday as leader of our church, we wish him continued good health and spiritual guidance.

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

#### Priest

Lord God, may the radiance of your glory light up our hearts, and bring us safely through the shadows of this world until we reach our homeland of everlasting light. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



## St Patrick's Day Friday 17th March

Mass Times:

**Christ Our Light**

Vigil Thursday 16th 7.30pm

Friday 17th

12.30pm (Irish Mass) & 6.30pm

**St. Mary & St. John**

Friday March 17th

8.30am & 10.00am & 8.00pm



*We Wish all our Parishioners & Readers a Happy St Patrick's Day*

**May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.**

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Mary O'Shea, Park Road.  
Richard O'Dell, Blackrock.  
Margaret O'Brien, Rosewood.  
Ann Ahern, Park Road.

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

Kamran Reissinia, Willow Grove.  
Bridget, Vincent & Frank Moran, Powdermills.  
Sean Hurley, Enniskeane.  
Joseph Horgan, Curraghbeg.  
Kate Noonan, Innishmore.  
Jamie O'Connell, Muskerry Estate.  
Margaret Glavin, Midleton.  
Nora Vaughan, Kilnamartyra.  
Ellen Bowen, Sunday's Well.  
Nora Cotter, Togher.  
Terry, Joe & Declan Butler, Inniscarra View.  
Andrew O'Keefe, St. Mary's Tce., Carrigrohane.  
Michael O'Leary, Ballinlough.  
Hannah & Thade Guerin, Knocknagree.  
John Joe McCarthy, Ballydehob.  
Dan & Alan O'Callaghan, Aherla.  
Séamus O'Shea, Park Road.  
John O'Connell, Westcliffe.  
May O'Connell, Main Street.  
Helen Kenneally, Beech Park.  
Tadgh & Ellen O'Donovan, Kilmurray.  
John & Mary Lucey, Coolroe.  
James & Mona Hourigan, Limerick.  
James Murphy, Dingle.  
Frank Whelan, Maglin Vale.  
Margaret & Michael Cahill, Fairhill.  
Tim O'Leary, Sunningdale.  
Michael Buckley, Castlepark.  
Mary Jo Schwarter.  
Peter Murphy, Terelton.  
Tadg O'Sullivan, Park Road.  
Joan O'Sullivan, Ovens.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Second Week Of Lent

12 Sunday Gen. 12: 1-4. Ps. 32. 2 Tim. 1:8-10. Mt. 17: 1-9. Lect I: 223  
13 Monday Dan 9:4-10. Ps78. Lk 6:36-38. Lect I: 231  
14 Tuesday Is 1:10, 16-20. Ps 49. Mt 23:1-12. Lect I: 232  
15 Wednesday Jer 18:18-20. Ps 30. Mt 20:17-28. Lect I: 234  
16 Thursday 16 Thursday Jar 17:5-10. Ps 1. Lk 16:19-31. Lect I: 236  
17 Friday Eccles. (Sir) 39:6-10, Ps.115.2 Tim 4:1-8. Mt.13:24-32. National Proper  
18 Saturday Mic 7:14-15, 18-20. Ps 102. Lk 15:1-3.11-32. Lect I: 241

**Next Sunday's Readings 19-March-2017**

Ex. 17:3-7. Ps. 94. Rom. 5: 1-2, 5-8. In. 4:5-42. Lect I: 245

**BAPTISMS**

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

Aise Leyla Tekeli, Waterfall.  
Isla May Kinsella, Belgooly.

**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4  
Abram was commanded by the Lord to leave his home and go to a new land. There the Lord God would make of him a great nation and all would be blessed because of him.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8-10  
God saves all people and calls them to a holy life, not because of their own merit but because of the grace held out in Christ. Christ "destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel."

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9  
The second Sunday of Lent always gives us an account of the transfiguration. Jesus asked Peter, James and John to go with him to the mountain top. While they were there, Jesus was transfigured and became dazzling white before them. Along with Jesus stood Moses and Elijah. The voice of God announced that Jesus was his son and that all should listen to him. The disciples were frightened, but Jesus calmed them. When Peter, James and John looked up, Jesus was the only one left . . . the one to whom we need to listen.

**CROWLEY**

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**MARRIAGES**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

Sean Hennessy, Castle Park & Lyn Brown, Model Farm Road.  
Craig Walsh, Douglas & Gillian O'Callaghan, Oaklands.

**Way of The Cross with Trocaire this Lent**

**1st Station: Jesus is condemned to death**

**Scripture:** ‘So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you, Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?”’ (Matthew 27)

**Reflection:** Jesus was an innocent person condemned to death. He was abandoned and faced his death sentence alone. Our common home earth is also being condemned to death. Because of our patterns of overconsumption, global temperatures are rising, and plant and animal species are dying off. Whole populations of humanity feel abandoned and left to face the perils of climate change, even death, on their own.

**2nd Station: Jesus takes up his cross**

**Scripture:** ‘And carrying the cross by himself, Jesus went out to what is called The Place of the Skull.’ (John 19:17)

**Reflection:** Jesus was forced to carry his cross, the very instrument of his death, to his crucifixion. There are particular populations of humanity who, like Jesus, are innocent and must carry the burdens of others’ sins. Ethiopia has one of the lowest carbon footprints of any other country in the world, yet suffers severe drought caused by a warming climate.

**The Irish Blood Transfusion Service**

Will hold a Blood Donor clinic in  
Ballincollig GAA Pavilion on  
Monday 13th & Tuesday 14th March 2017  
&  
Ovens Éire Óg GAA Hall on  
Wednesday 15th & Tuesday 16th March 2017  
From 5pm – 8.30pm each day.

**Cork and Ross Diocesan Pilgrimage**

11th – 16th June 2017 – 5 Night Full Board  
Pilgrim Booking Forms available from:  
Joe Walsh Tours, 117 Patrick Street, Cork.  
Telephone Number: 021-4277959  
Booking of the Official Sick/Assisted Section  
Contact: Canon James O’Donovan P.P., Parochial House, Ballinlough,  
Cork. Telephone Number: 021-4292296

**Ballincollig Community School**

**Parents Association**

Are hosting a free talk for Parents in the school on ;  
Drug/Alcohol Awareness .....A Practical Approach.  
Speaker. Ms . Bernie McDonnell from  
Community Awareness of Drugs.  
Wednesday 15th March @7.30 pm in the school .

**Reflection for Parents**

Children adapt to change. They love the excitement of something new. As parents, however, we’d like to slow down the changes we see changes in our community, our jobs, government, and even the changes in our growing children. As it was for the disciples, it’s hard sometimes for us to understand and accept things changing in front of our eyes. However, change and constant motion are part of the divine plan as we journey to God. Today, instead of digging in our heels to slow the change, try lightening your heart as a child and accept with joy, the changes you face.

**Bulletin Board**

**Lent Retreat**

Thank you to the members of the Parish Pastoral Council who planned the Lent Retreat, the people who helped organise it, those who prepared and distributed the fliers and those who prepared and erected the road signs. Special thanks to Fr. Michael Forde and Fr. Pat Sugrue who led us in prayer and reflection on the 3 days.

**Masses During Lent**

Church of Christ Our Light  
8.30am & 6:30pm Weekdays  
Church of St. Mary & John  
9.30am Weekdays

**Envelope Collection**

Bishop’s Commissions Collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend 11th/12th March.

**Mass Diaries**

Mass Diaries to book Mass intentions for April, May and June will be opened in both churches on Saturday 11th March at 9.00am .Priority will be given to those booking 1st Anniversary Mass.

**Family Mass (formerly 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 19th, 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. Small children preschool/infants/1st class 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.

**Baptism Preparation**

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday 1st April at 12.00 noon in the Library Room, 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.

**Fr. George**

**Gig na Gaelainne**

Celebrate our native language by joining ‘Gig na Gaelainne’ on the 25th March in Cork’s City Hall, where you will hear a selection of Irish language choirs performing along with special guests Muireann Nic Amhlaoibh, Ger Wolfe and Seán Ó Sé. John Spillane will be MC on the night. Don’t miss out on this wonderful event where our music and language take centre stage.  
Tickets are €12.00 and can be purchased from ProMusica and eventbrite.ie

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Mar-18 & Mar-19-2017

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**

Sean Collins  
Ben Purcell  
**8:30 am**  
Pat Fennell  
Kate Healy  
**10:00 am**  
Cormac Kelly  
Ashling O'Shea  
**12:00 Noon**  
Emer Wiseman

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**

Nonyi Ebili  
Jennifer Nyagaya  
**11:00 am**  
Sorcha Nic Mheanmain  
Maire Buckley  
**12:30 pm**  
Kay Carew  
Jane O'Leary  
**5:30 pm**  
Kevin Tuohy

**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

**Monday**

8:30 am & 6:30 pm

9:30 am

**Tuesday**

8:30 am & 6:30 pm

9:30 am

**Wednesday**

8:30 am & 6:30 pm

9:30 am

**Thursday**

8:30 am & 7:30 pm (Vigil)

8:30 am, 10 am & 8 pm

**Friday**

12:30 pm & 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**

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**

13-Mar-2017 to 19-Mar-2017

Michael O'Leary  
Kay O'Sullivan

**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-18 & Mar-19-2017

**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  
  
**11:00 am** Neil Jeffers  
Eileen O'Donoghue  
Padraig Fleming  
Hugh / Catherine Moran  
Imelda Power / Martina Woods

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

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

**10:00 am** Joan Tobin  
Betty Flavin  
Anne Spillane  
Betty Sheehan  
Anne O'Connell  
Con O'Connell

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

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



**How can I help someone who's feeling suicidal?**

**Step-by-step action plan**

- ◆ Visit Pieta House There's nothing to worry about when you come to see us. We treat everyone with dignity and respect. And we'll welcome you both warmly. At the first meeting, the person will talk to one of our team over a cup of tea or coffee in a warm and supportive setting. They'll try to identify why the person finds themselves in crisis. On the way home, try not to ask too many questions. We hope you'll see a slight change as the person in crisis gets their first glimpse of light at the end of the tunnel.
- ◆ Stay supportive next, we'll suggest one of our therapists to work with your friend or family member. They'll see the therapist as soon as possible, and then at least twice a week. There's also a therapist on call at weekends, as this can be a difficult time for someone who is feeling suicidal. We'll also advise friends and family on how to offer support. Finally, check in with the person every day over the next couple of weeks. Find out how they're feeling. Some days they may feel great, but other days they might seem very low again. These are quite normal but, if you are worried, contact us. There's nothing to worry about when you come to see us. We treat everyone with dignity and respect, and we never pass judgement. We'll welcome you both warmly. At the first meeting, the person will be invited to have a cup of tea or coffee and talk to one of our team, who will try to identify the reasons behind their self-harm. After their session at Pieta House, take care not to interrogate them about the difficult experiences they've been talking about. Help them by showing kindness and compassion. Don't ever ask to see any wounds or scars and don't check if they're still hurting themselves. (Reach out to Pieta House Cork – let us help. Phone: 021-4341400)