

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 19-March-2017

Third Sunday of Lent

*Christ quenches our spiritual thirst with the living water: the love of God which is poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit. We pray for those who are prepared for this baptism.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

## Historical Events

The past year has been a year of commemorations. The most important commemoration was the centenary of the Easter rising. Some significant events were entirely overlooked. This event was the inauguration of a century of remarkable evangelisation by Irish women and men. This was conducted by various religious societies.

The Columbans trace their origins to 1916. There is a curious analogy between the idealism which prompted the Rising and the subsequent war of Independence, which inspired the establishment and development of the new missionary society. Fr John Blowick wrote "I am strongly of the opinion that the Rising of 1916 helped our work indirectly. I know that many of the young people of the country had been aroused into a state of heroism and zeal by the Rising of 1916 and by the manner in which the leaders met their death... accordingly they put our appeal before the young people of the country and it fell on soil that was prepared to receive it."

St Patrick's breastplate is a powerful prayer traditionally attributed to our patron saint, Patrick, is bursting with hope and positivity. Reciting this prayer every morning would surely propel us out of bed, ready to face a new day.

"I arise today through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity."

*George O'Mahony*

## Reflection for Parents

This Sunday's Gospel is about the woman at the well. Jesus asks here for a drink but it is he that gives her a drink from the living water. The living water is a taste of faith in God and God's everlasting love. The woman could have told Jesus to go away, she told Jesus to go away, she could have ignored him yet she chose to have a chat with him and to listen to him and really hear him. Jesus is our saviour Gospel he tells us so. Are and in this Sunday's you listening, and if you are can you hear what Jesus is telling us as we journey through Lent?

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

### Priest

Let us pray with confidence to God who alone can quench our deepest thirst.

### Reader

For the followers of Christ: that they may turn away from the murky waters of sin, and seek instead the clear waters of grace.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For people everywhere: that they may realise that God alone can quench the thirst in the human heart.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who are lonely or rejected: that they may find in Christians people who are willing to listen to them.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For each other: that through prayer and the sacraments, we may grow in friendship and intimacy with Christ.

**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.**

For ourselves: that our own special needs may have a place within the presence of God.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

### Priest

Heavenly Father, you sent your Son into our world to quench our thirst with the living water of your grace. Help us to accept his gift with eager hearts. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*O that today you would listen to his voice: 'Harden not your hearts.'*

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Patricia O'Callaghan, Oaklee.  
Ann Ahern, Park Road.  
Elizabeth Roche, Carrigrohane.  
Richard Lucey, Ovens.  
Hannah O'Callaghan, Blackpool.

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

Breda Ryan, Kilmurry & Ballincollig.  
Dec. members of Murray family, Ballingearry.  
Mary O'Riordan, Rathcoole.  
Jerry & Kitty Hallahan, Kilmichael.  
Dec. members McAuliffe family, Rathmore Place.  
Denis & Kathleen Barrett, Donoughmore.  
Jack & Valerie French, Cobh.  
John Emperor, Rockchapel.  
Tim Murphy, The Quadrants.  
Ena O'Shea, Innishannon.  
Annie Cotter, Fr. Sexton Park.  
Bill Dwane, Douglas.  
Neil McGroarty, Beech Park.  
Carrie Lynch, Castlepark.  
Bridie McCarthy, Ballydehob.  
Margaret Forde, Curraheen.  
John & Mary Boyde, Main Street.  
Pauline Lester, Turner's Cross.  
Patricia McNamara, Inniscarra View.  
Tom McAuliffe, The Square.  
Nancy Hogan, The Crescent.

**Vacancy in Ballincollig Youth/Social Project**

We have a vacancy for a Caretaker in the Community Hall, Station Road, Ballincollig on our Community Employment Scheme. If you are interested in applying for this position and you are eligible for Community Employment (are over 25 years of age and in receipt of a Social Welfare payment for over 12 months) please contact Jo McGrath on 021-4874775 or email Jo at ballincolligsocialproject@gmail.com This position can be viewed on www.jobsireland.ie Job Index 2026614

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Third Week Of Lent

19 Sunday Ex. 17:3-7. Ps. 94. Rom. 5: 1-2, 5-8. In. 4:5-42. Lect I: 245  
20 Monday 2 Sam 7:4-5, 12-14, 16. Ps. 88. Rom. 4: 13, 16-18, 22. Mt. 1:16, 18-21 or Lk. 2:41-51 Lect I: 970 or II: 980  
21 Tuesday Dan. 3:25,34-43. Ps. 24. Mt. 18:21-35. Lect I: 264  
22 Wednesday Deut 4:1, 5-9. Ps 147. Mt 5:17-19. Lect I: 267  
23 Thursday Jer. 7:23-28. Ps. 94. Lk. 11:14-23. Lect I: 268  
24 Friday Hos 14:2-10. Ps80. Mk 12:28-34. Lect I: 271  
25 Saturday Is. 7: 10-14, 8: 10. Ps. 39. Heb. 10:4-10. Lk. 1 :26- 38. Lect II: 985

**Next Sunday's Readings 26-March-2017**

1 Sam. 16:6-7, 10-13. Ps. 22. Eph. 58-14. Jn. 9:1-41. Lect I: 276

**BAPTISMS**

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

Milotaj Piotr De Castellatti Gotin, An Caisleán.  
Róisín Síle Windle, Shamrock Drive.  
Ellie Lyanna Keohane, The Willows.  
Roise Kit Murnane, Old Quarter.

**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

The Israelites grumbled against Moses for leading them out of Egypt. They were thirsty, and there was no water in the desert, so Moses struck a rock with his staff, and water flowed out for the people to drink.

Second Reading: St. Paul's Letter to the Romans

"The love of God has been poured out into our hearts," and that love is immeasurable; "While we were still sinners Christ died for us."

Gospel: John 4:5-42

Jesus approached a Samaritan woman at Jacob's well and asked her for a drink of water. This surprised the woman for several reasons. In the first place, it was unlikely that a man would ask a woman for anything and even more unbelievable that Jesus, a Jew, would ask something of a Samaritan, a great enemy of the Jewish people. Jesus explained to her that our thirst would return if we drank water from the well; but if we drank the water Jesus offered us, we would never thirst again. After Jesus told her many things about herself, she came to believe that he was the Son of God and called others to him.

**Brú Columbanus**

Hundreds of donated handbags and dresses of all shapes, sizes, colours and brands will go on sale on Saturday, 25th March, in Brú Columbanus, Cardinal Way, Wilton (between 10am and 3pm).

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

**3rd Station: Jesus falls for the first time**

**Scripture:** 'Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases.' (Isaiah 53:4)

**Reflection:** Jesus falls three times in the Way of the Cross. With each successive fall, he is weaker and struggles more to get back on his feet. People who suffer most from climate change disasters are those who are poor already and have little recourse to defend themselves or to get back on their feet. Often their home is the first to fall. Humble housing can't withstand the powerful winds and waters.

**4th Station: Jesus meets his mother**

**Scripture:** 'A sword will pierce your own soul too.' (Luke 2:35)

**Reflection:** What utter pain Mary must have felt for her son. She had no recourse to soothe, heal and save her child. Mothers around the world grieve in helplessness as they see their children suffer and die. Over 3 million children die every year from malnourishment, while others die due to sudden disasters, to long and perilous journeys, and disease.

**5th Station: Simon helps carry his cross**

**Scripture:** 'As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross.' (Matthew 27:32)

**Reflection:** Simon had come into the city on the day of Jesus' death. He found himself in the crowds along Jesus' pathway to Golgotha, and was picked out by the soldiers to carry Jesus' cross. Who carries the cross in times of climate crisis? The poor are always the first responders in times of disaster. While help from wealthy countries can take days and weeks, it is immediate neighbours who rush in to save, shelter and support as much as possible.

**Henry Ford, the Cork Connection**

Muskerry Local History Society are organising a lecture on 'Henry Ford, the Cork Connection'. The lecturer, Denis McSweeney, will talk about the origins of the Ford family in Cork, the foundation of the Ford vehicle manufacturing company by Henry Ford to become one of the largest Corporations in the United States and the establishment of the Ford factory on the Marina in Cork which set Ireland on the road to industrialisation in 1917. Henry Ford's subsequent history will be outlined and the history of the changing fortunes of the Marina factory and its eventual closure. Denis, a native of Gurrabraher, joined Ford Cork in 1971 and worked his way to becoming Ford Marketing Director in Cork. This very interesting lecture will be held to commemorate the founding of the Ford factory in Cork, one hundred years ago, in 1917. The lecture will be held at 8.00 pm on Monday, 20 March in Ballincollig Rugby Club.

**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

**Bulletin Board**

**Masses During Lent**

Church of Christ Our Light

8.30am & 6:30pm Weekdays

Church of St. Mary & John

9.30am Weekdays

**Mass Diaries**

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

**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.

**Envelope Collection**

We wish to thank you for your contribution to Bishop's Commission Collection last week which amounted to €400.00.

Fr. George

**Talk on the Gospel of St Matthew**

There will be a talk on

St. Matthew's Gospel readings for 2017

Monday, 27th March at 7.30pm in

St. Mark's Centre.

All are welcome.

**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-25 & Mar-26-2017

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**  
Karen Sheehan  
Darragh Lankford  
**8:30 am**  
Eadaoin O'Leary  
Gerard O'Leary  
**10:00 am**  
Rory Horgan  
Kate Green  
**12:00 Noon**  
Oliver O'Donovan  
Niamh Heelan

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**  
Fiona Feely  
**11:00 am**  
Kristian Calvert  
Amy Ni Chearbhaill  
**12:30 pm**  
Aisling Dore  
Clara Herdman  
**5:30 pm**  
Tom Reck

**MASS TIMES**

**St. Mary & St. John**

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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 & 6:30 pm
9:30 am	<b>Thursday</b>	8:30 am & 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
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Fr. Cian O'Sullivan C.C.	021-4876171

**Funeral Pastoral Team Rota**

20-Mar-2017 to 26-Mar-2017  
Brid Dunne

**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-25 & Mar-26-2017

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



**Daffodil Day March 24th**

The Daffodil Day concept originated in Canada six decades ago. The Canadian Cancer Society began using the daffodil in the 1950s. Representing the first flower of spring, it has proven an iconic symbol of hope and cancer research & awareness since, and has become the logo of cancer societies around the world.

**Daffodil Day in Ireland** The Irish Cancer Society was founded by Professor Austin Darragh, officially coming into existence in 1963. Professor Darragh was inspired to start the society after being shocked by a statistic that 100 people in Ireland died each year from curable skin cancer, simply because they did not have the knowledge or information available to know when to seek treatment. Today, the Irish Cancer Society aims to provide the public with information about cancer, provide services and support for patients and advocate for improvements in cancer care and treatment. The first Irish Daffodil Day was organized by Professor Darragh and Society CEO Tom Hudson in 1988. The day quickly became an annual March tradition. In 2001, the daffodil was adapted as our main logo. Today, Daffodil Day encompasses a host of different events, including nationwide coffee mornings, community events and of course the traditional volunteers on streets providing the public with the yellow flowers. The day helps raise millions of euro to support for the Society's free, nationwide services for those with, and affected by, cancer in Ireland.

**Why Support Daffodil Day?** We need your support this Daffodil Day more than ever. We are currently facing a health crisis; there is a cancer epidemic in Ireland. This year, 40,000 people will be diagnosed with cancer. That's 150 cases per day. That's a frightening statistic-every day 150 people will be told they have cancer. Too many people are suffering from this devastating disease. That's why we are determined now more than ever to eliminate cancer once and for all. We want to beat cancer through more research, through educating the public on ways to prevent cancer and by helping people who have cancer get the best treatment and care.

**This Daffodil Day March 24th let's show cancer that we are coming to get it.**