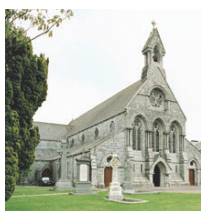


# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 26-March-2017

Fourth Sunday of Lent

*Jesus came among us to lead us from darkness into the light of faith. Through Adam's fall we were born as slaves of sin but now through Christ we are reborn as God's adopted children.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

## Rejoice

WE HAVE RED AND WHITE, BUT WE ALSO HAVE ROSE.....  
AND A MOTHER!!!!

The church has different colour's for different seasons- they are Green, Purple, Red and White.

The church will wear Rose ( or pink ) this Sunday. It is the fourth Sunday in Lent which is known as Laetare Sunday. The word 'Laetare' appears in the first prayer of the Mass and means to rejoice.

'REJOICE, O JERUSALEM: and come together all you who love her :

rejoice with joy, you that have been in sorrow :

That you may exult and be filled with consolation.

This day is considered a day of Relaxation from the normal practices of Lent. It is now exactly 21 days to Easter.

This was a day in the past- when servants were released from service for one day to visit their Mother! As they left the church they would pick flowers on their way home to give to their Mother -Hence the origin of Mothering Sunday or Mothers Day. We wish God's Blessing on all our Mothers this Sunday. If your Mother is American (Mothers Day in the USA takes place on May 14), or French (Mothers Day take place on the last Sunday in May in France) or Spanish ( Mothers Day takes place on December 8) you can celebrate twice!!!

*Cian O'Sullivan*

## Reflection for Parents

In order to help our children follow the light of Christ, we too must open our eyes. As Jesus helped the blind man understand, it is not enough to see only with our eyes. We need also to see with our hearts and allow our every action to reflect this sight. Jesus healed the man of his blindness, but in the end the man recognised Jesus as the Messiah and worshiped him.

Reminder! Summer Time begins this weekend,  
all clocks must go forward by one hour.

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

### Priest

Once we were darkness, but now we are light in the Lord. So let us pray as children of the light.

### Reader

For all Christians: that the light of faith may grow stronger in their lives.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For all those in positions of authority: that they may be able to judge wisely and act justly.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For all those who are in the darkness of doubt or unbelief: that Christ may enlighten them.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For all gathered here: that we may be saved from the calamity of having eyes, yet failing to see.

**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 & Sudan.

**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, in this life we see as in a glass darkly. Open our eyes that we may walk with confidence along the road which leads to your Kingdom, where we shall see as we are seen. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Elaine McCarthy, Drimoleague.  
Seán Calum, Cavan/New Jersey.

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

Frank Rea, Begleys Forge.  
Martin Muldoon, Crossbarry.  
P.J. Harrington, Beech Road.  
Kevin Spillane, Ballinhassig.  
Dan & Kathleen Dorgan, Powdermills  
Elaine McCarthy, Drimoleague.  
Seán Calum, Cavan/New Jersey.  
Patrick McNamara, Inniscarra View.  
Michael Hennigan, Inniscarra View.  
Eileen O'Donovan, Rosewood.  
Jeremiah, Mary & Dermot O'Regan Poulavone.  
Francis O'Sullivan, Station Road.  
Kitty O'Sullivan, Tudor Grove.  
Kitty McSweeney, Cathedral Road.  
Mary Hynes, Ennis.  
Pat & Billy Coomey, Carriganarra.  
Bredge Crilly, Douglas.  
Geraldine O'Sullivan O'Brien Wales/Timoleague.  
John, Anne & Eileen Hogan, Tipperary.  
Michael John Sexton, Clash.  
Kitty Barry, Hodder's Villas.  
Bill Devereux, Clogheen, Co. Tipperary.  
Pat Sheehan, Kilmurray.  
Tom, Joe & Peter Heaton, Pearse Place.  
John O'Mahony, Bishopstown.  
Donal, Eleanor & Neil O'Halloran Castlepark.

**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

Fourth Week Of Lent

26 Sunday 1 Sam. 16:6-7, 10-13. Ps. 22. Eph. 5:8-14. Jn. 9:1-41. Lect I: 276

27 Monday Is 65:17-21. Ps 29. Jn 4:43-54. Lect I: 290

28 Tuesday Ez. 47:1-9,12. Ps. 45. In. 5:1-3.5-16. Lect I: 292

29 Wednesday Is. 49:8-15. Ps. 144. In. 5: 17 -30. Lect I: 294

30 Thursday Ex 32:7-14. Ps 105. Jn 5:31-47. Lect I: 297

31 Friday Wis 2:1, 12-22. Ps 33. Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30. Lect I: 300

01 Saturday Jer 11:18-20. Ps 7. Jn 7:40-52. Lect I: 303

**Next Sunday's Readings 02-April-2017**

Ez. 37: 12-14. Ps. 129. Rom. 8:8-11. Jn. 11: 1-45. Lect I: 305

**BAPTISMS**

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

Jack David Allen-O'Mahony, Highfield Park.  
Christopher Seán Goucher, Muskerry Estate.  
Róisín Skye Wyllie, Old Quarter.  
Sadhbh Mary Jean Manning, Rosewood.

**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13  
The Lord sent Samuel to Bethlehem to the house of Jesse, where Samuel was to anoint the new king of Israel. After Jesse presented each of his sons, the Lord instructed Samuel to anoint the youngest, David.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14  
Live as children of light in goodness, justice, and truth. "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

Gospel: John 9:1-41  
Using saliva and earth, Jesus made a paste to heal the blind man. The healing became a true conversion for the man, but created some problems for Jesus with the Jewish leaders. Because this healing took place on the Sabbath, the Pharisees accused Jesus of breaking Jewish law. The Pharisees tried to get confirmation of this action from the blind man's parents and from the blind man himself. In the end, the authorities were unable to charge Jesus with any wrongdoing and had to recognise that Jesus was gaining many disciples.

**Cork Association for Autism**

The Cork Association for Autism's sixth annual Light it up Blue Gala Ball will take place at the Maryborough Hotel & Spa, Douglas on Saturday April 1st. The evening will include a champagne drinks reception and an exquisite four course meal. Followed by entertainment from the Love Bugs

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

**6th Station: Veronica wipes the face of Jesus**

**Scripture:** ‘Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him.’ (Matthew 27:55)

**Reflection:** Veronica’s compassion for Jesus overcame any fear that she might have had in stepping out from the anonymity of the crowds to wipe Jesus’ face in front of the soldiers. She didn’t count the possible cost, but stepped forward and responded in love. Lebanon has taken in 1.4 million refugees. What compassion and generosity!

**7th Station: Jesus falls for the second time**

**Scripture:** ‘But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities.’ (Isaiah 53:5)

**Reflection:** A second fall and Jesus’ struggle to rise up again is that much harder. Climate disasters not only destroy homes, but also sources of livelihood. Fisher folk lose their boats; farmers lose their crops, small enterprises are washed away. How to rise up again? In Honduras, extreme weather and the rising sea leaves are devastating coastal communities. The floods come quickly and cause devastation of homes and land. Salt is left on the land so crops can not be grown for families to eat.

**8th Station: Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem**

**Scripture:** ‘But Jesus turned to them and said: Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep rather for yourselves and for your children.’ (Luke 23:28)

**Reflection:** There is mutual empathy in this encounter between the women of Jerusalem and Jesus. There is shared pain. Women and children are disproportionately affected by climate change. While women themselves suffer, they share the pain of their children’s suffering as well. It is future generations who will bear the brunt of climate change, especially those from the most vulnerable countries such as Honduras and Ethiopia.

**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.

**Music Morning**

Monthly Music Morning Ballincollig Library will take place on Tuesday next March 28th at 11am and will be presented by Pat Butler. Everybody is welcome and a “cuppa” will be served.

**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

**Stations of The Cross**

Outdoor Stations of the Cross will take place on Good Friday, 14th April starting at St. Mary & St. John’s Church at 12 noon

**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

**Diocese of Cork and Ross**

**Visit of the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima Sunday 26th March 2017 (Cork City)**

4.30pm: Pilgrim Statue arrives at the Cathedral of St Mary and St Anne.  
 Consecration of all individuals to the Immaculate Heart of Mary followed by Rosary.  
 5.30pm: Mass followed by Enrolment in the Brown Scapular.  
 7.30pm: End of veneration.

**Monday 27th March 2017 (Clonakilty)**

9.00am: Pilgrim Statue arrives at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Clonakilty. Consecration of all individuals to the Immaculate Heart of Mary followed by Rosary.  
 10.00am: Mass followed by Enrolment in the Brown Scapular.  
 3.00pm: End of Veneration.

**Anam Cara**

The organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its next monthly Parent Evening on Wednesday 5th of April from 19:30 to 21:00 in the Clayton Hotel, Silver Springs, Tivoli, Cork. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether the death was recent or not.

**Irish Blood Transfusion Service**

The Irish Blood Transfusion Service wish to thank all who contributed to the running of our recent Clinic in Ovens & Ballincollig..  
 399 Donors attended these Blood Donor Clinics. This generosity and commitment to helping others is very much appreciated. It is a precious gift that brings life & hope to the patients and to their families & friends.

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Apr-01 & Apr-02-2017

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**

Sandra Walsh

Brayden Peck

**8:30 am**

John Healy

Kerry O'Leary

**10:00 am**

Margot Twomey

Kaylyn Lordan

**12:00 Noon**

Declan Chalmers

Sean Manley

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**

Rebecca Feely / Siobhan Keane

Josh Nyagaya

**11:00 am**

Jack Dorgan

Joseph Buckley

**12:30 pm**

James Nyagaya

Laura O'Leary

**5:30 pm**

Christine O'Brien

**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**

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**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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Fr. Cian O'Sullivan C.C.

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**Funeral Pastoral Team Rota**

27-Mar-2017 to 02-Apr-2017

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.



**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Apr-01 & Apr-02-2017

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6.00 pm**

Eileen Murphy

Ted Nelligan

Maurice Bunyan

Sheila Walshe

Katie Collins

Aisling Leahy

**8:30 am**

Helen Kelly

Michael Crowley

Eileen Corkery

**10:00 am**

Fionnuala McDonagh

Mary Buckley

Fiona Kelly

Martin O'Leary

Andrej Janukowicz

**12 Noon**

Ann-Marie Cosgrove

Phil Kennedy

Ellen O'Sullivan

Ursula McAuliffe

Sally Crowley

Helen Plunkett

**7:30 pm**

John O'Donoghue

Mary Dineen

Mairead Keenan

Kay O'Sullivan

**11:00 am**

Mona Bowen

Billy Barry

Mary Aylward / Pauline

Baston

Diarmuid Horgan

Sylvia Manley

**12:30 pm**

Maura O'Driscoll

Mary Lehane

Dympna Byrne

Suzanne Leech

**5:30 pm**

Shelia Curran

Elizabeth O'Sullivan

**History of Mother's Day in Ireland**

The history of celebrating Mothering Sunday or Mothers Day in Ireland can be traced to the medieval practice where children from poor families were sent to work as domestic servants and apprentices to work with the rich. Once in the year in the middle of the Lent these children were given a day off to visit their 'Mother Church' and worship Virgin Mary. After visiting the Mother Church or Cathedral of their home town these children visited their mothers and presented them with flowers they picked along the way. Girls bake special Mothering Cake on the day. Pattern of living changed after the Industrial Revolution and Mothering Sunday celebration almost lapsed. The custom was revived after World War II. Americans too helped to bring back the charm of the festival in European countries as their tradition and way of celebrating Mothers Day spread far and wide.

*"Best Wishes To All Mothers Today"*