

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 10-March-2019

First Sunday of Lent

As Lent begins we are reminded of Adam's fall from grace and of the reality of sin in human life, we are also reminded that Christ is the new Adam overcoming temptation in himself and so making possible a new life, a new humanity for those who belong to him.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

The Weather Forecast for the Month Ahead

What is the weather going to be like for the next few weeks?

Will we have cold weather?

Will we have snow?

The last week in February was so warm and sunny.
We had the hottest February recorded since 1960.

There is an old saying.....

'March comes in like a lamb and out like a lion'

Or

'March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb'.

We all put our faith and hope in the weather in Ireland!!!

'As long as earth endures:

Seed-time and harvest,

Cold and heat,

Summer and winter,

Day and night,

Will never cease'.

BOOK OF GENESIS 8:22

Fr. Cian O'Sullivan

Lenten Retreat

Monday, 11th, Tuesday, 12th & Wednesday 13th March

Church of Christ Our Light

Morning Mass: 7am

Prayers: Homily: Liturgy: 8pm

Conducted by the Redemptorists

Masses during Lent:

Church of Christ Our Light

8.30am & 6.30pm Weekdays

Church of St. Mary & John

9.30am Weekdays

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us seek strength in our weakness and firmness in our resolve, as we turn to God in prayer.

Reader

May God bless the Church throughout the world, as we enter this season of Lent. May these weeks be a time of renewal and growth for all God's children.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

This time of preparation for Easter is marked by Christians of many traditions. May God draw his Son's followers closer together.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who are going through a time of temptation and testing;

May they not weaken or lose hope.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

May God help us to observe this season of Lent in our parish and in our homes.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

May the dead find a merciful judge, be united with their loved ones and live in the joy of the Lord for eternity.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for those who are preparing for the sacrament of confirmation this week. May the Holy Spirit guide them in their lives and lead them towards the green pastures where they will thrive.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest

We give you thanks, Lord of heaven and earth, for your great goodness. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Mary (Maisie) O’Keeffe, The Meadows.
 Maria Harrington, Blackpool/Malaga.
 Frances Barrett, Togher.
 Nora Cleary, Ballydehob.

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

Michael & Mary McEvoy, Castlepark.
 Pdraig & Patricia O’Callaghan, Oaklee
 Bernie McNamara, St Mary’s Tce, Carrigrohane.
 Phil Glavin & Margaret, Midelton.
 Jack Goulding, Ballyshoneen.
 Bernie O’Brien, Douglas.
 Nan Twomey, Clash/Manor Hill.
 Jack Dennehy, Castleview.
 Eileen Walsh, Holly Road.
 John & Mary Lucey, Coolroe.
 Catherine & Patrick Howard, Ballinlough.
 Tadhg O’Sullivan, Park Road.
 Seamus O’Shea, Park Road.
 Colm Cremin, Blarney.
 Peter, Ellen & Pat Murphy, Ovens.
 Michael Doyle, Clonmel.
 James O’Connell, Muskerry Estate.
 Paddy & Eileen Murphy, Inniscarra.
 Seán Walsh, Kerry Pike.
 Margaret O’Farrell, Station Road.
 Tom McGrath, Beech Park.
 Neily Cleary, Westcourt/Ballydehob.

Save the Date

Ballincollig Darkness into Light 2019
 Saturday 11th May , 4.15 a.m.
 Registration is now open on dil.pieta.ie

Pilgrimage to Fatima

On 28th Sept to 4th Oct.
 6 nights. Flights from Cork.
 €609 if booked before Feb 1st (€50 discount).
 Price includes trips to Eucharistic Miracle of Santarem
 St Anthony’s birth place in Lisbon
 and Blessed Alexandrina Da Costa in Balasar.
 Spiritual Director Fr Marius O’Reilly.
 Limited places! Contact Damien on 087 204 9048

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

First Week Of Lent

- 10 Sunday Deut. 26:4-10. Ps. 90. Ram. 10:8-13. Lk. 4:1-13. Lect I: 207
- 11 Monday Lev 19:1-2, 11-18. Ps 18. Mt 25:31-46. Lect I: 210
- 12 Tuesday Is. 55:10-11. Ps. 33. Mt. 6:7-15. Lect I: 212
- 13 Wednesday In. 3: 1-10. Ps. 50. Lk. 11 :29-32. Lect I: 214
- 14 Thursday Esther 14:1,3-5, 12-14 (Vulgate). Ps. 137. Mt. 7:7- 12.Lect I: 216
- 15 Friday Ez 18:21-28. Ps 129. Mt 5:20-26. Lect I: 218
- 16 Saturday Deut. 26:16-19. Ps. 118. Mt. 5:43-48. Lect I: 221

Next Sunday’s Readings 17-March-2019

Eccles. (Sir) 39:6-10, Ps.115.2 Tim 4:1-8. Mt.13:24-32. National Proper

BAPTISMS

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

Ciara Alexandra Dozsa, Greystones.
 Mafalda Alves Rodrigues, The Quadrants.
 Isabella Rose Roche da Rocha Pinto, Carriganarra.
 Luke Colin McKenna, Old Quarter.
 Leah Abbey McKenna, Old Quarter.
 Emma Mary Thornhill, Old Quarter.
 Ailbhe Marjorie O’Sullivan, Ballyshoneen.
 Walt Daniel O’Callaghan, Aherla.

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10
 The Israelite people gather during the Feast of Unleavened Bread to offer the first fruits of their harvest and retell the story of their salvation.

Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13
 Paul sends this letter to the people of Rome to remind them of the simple formula for salvation; belief and confession. He promises that all those who call on the Lord will be saved.

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13
 Each year, at the beginning of Lent, we hear the story of the devil tempting Jesus in the desert. This year we hear Luke’s version. Following his baptism, Jesus went out into the desert for forty days during which time he ate nothing. Knowing that Jesus would be hungry, the devil tempted him to turn a stone into bread. When Jesus did not, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the earth, promising Jesus all the glory and power of them if Jesus would worship the devil. Again Jesus refused. Finally, Satan took Jesus to the top of the temple in Jerusalem and told him to jump because God’s angels would save him. Jesus refused each of the three temptations by quoting scripture from the book of Deuteronomy thus making clear his obedience to God.

**Follow The Footsteps of Jesus
From Galilee To Jerusalem 2019**

Take the TRIP of a LIFETIME to the HOLY LAND, May 28th-
June 7th 2019.

Group Leader, Mícheál de Barra and Spiritual Director, Fr.
John Newman (Bible Scholar) In association with Premier
Travel, Cork

Contact Mícheál at 0868337681/
emailculturaltoursireland@gmail.com

What former pilgrims have said about this tour:

'Masada was awe inspiring but I was moved by Calvary in a
way I could not imagine or describe' (Mike)

'Keep it up, the happiness you brought to your pilgrims will
never be forgotten,' (Alice)

'We will now read and hear the gospels in a very different
light since our pilgrimage', (Lucille)

Cork Scripture Group

The Bible and Ecology with Sr. Celine Mangan OP,
Saturday March 23rd from 10.00 am -1.00 pm
in Sacred Heart Hall, Western Road. Cost €10.
All welcome.

For bookings please contact corkscripturegroup@gmail.com

Reflection for Parents

What you can do for Lent with your children? Jesus' temptations are about power, power over people's hearts. If hungry people are to be fed, if society is going to change, he wants us to help, not by overwhelming force but by working humbly with him. Can we support our brothers and sisters who are hungry through small changes in our daily lives?. On Ash Wednesday we began our Lenten journey. As we gather together as a community today, we take time to step back from our often busy lives, to reflect on the Gospel and to pray for spiritual renewal.

**South Munster Money Advice
and Budgeting Service CLG**

We are pleased to invite you to our office on 101 North Main Street, Cork on Friday 22nd March at 2pm for a brief information session detailing the services offered by MABS followed by some light refreshments. RSVP by 15th March to cork@mabs.ie / 076-1072090.

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Coeliac Hosts

Low gluten hosts are available that are suitable for Coeliac. Please inform the priest prior to Mass if possible if you require it.

Taize Prayer Group

Taize will meet in Christ our Light Church on Friday, 22nd March at 7pm. All are welcome.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday 23rd March 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.

Tax Rebate

Many thanks to the Parishioners who returned their CHY4 Cert for 2018. The parish, being a registered charity, is entitled to claim tax back paid by their donors. Thank you for your support and I look forward to your continued support.

Mass Diaries

Mass Diaries to book Mass intentions for April, May and June are now open in both churches on Saturday 9th March. Priority will be given to those booking 1st Anniversary Mass.

Envelope Collection

Bishop's Commissions Collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend 9th/10th March.

Trocaire Boxes

Trocaire boxes are available at the back of both churches. Parishioners are asked to please take one and to make a weekly contribution during Lent. Boxes will also be distributed to the schools.

Confirmation Dates 2019

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| Scoil Eoin | Tuesday, 12th March |
| Scoil Barra | Friday, 15th March |
| Our Lady of Good Counsel | Friday, 15th March |
| Gaelscoil Uí Ríordáin | Monday, 25th March |
| Scoil Mhuire | Friday, 5th April |

First Holy Communion Dates 2019

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| Scoil Barra | 11th May |
| Our Lady of Good Counsel | 11th May |
| Gaelscoil Uí Ríordáin | 18th May |
| Scoil Eoin | 25th May |
| Scoil Mhuire | 8th June |

Fr. George

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Mar-16 & Mar-17-2019

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
 Niamh O'Riordan
 Ciara O'Sullivan
8:30 am
 Pat Fennell
 Kate Healy
10:00 am
 Oisín Morin
 Emer Conway
12:00 Noon
 Tony Lynch
 Dia Harry Thomas

7:30 pm (Vigil)
 Nonyi Ebili
 Yago Greaux
11:00 am
 Michael Buckley
 Cillian O'Cathasaigh
12:30 pm
 Bernard Valley / Colm Walsh
 Ponny Sebastian
5:30 pm
 Marlyn O'Connor

MASS TIMES

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

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| 8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon | Sunday | 11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm |
| 9:30 am | Monday | 7:00 am, 8:30 am & 6:30 pm |
| 9:30 am | Tuesday | 7:00 am, 8:30 am & 6:30 pm |
| 9:30 am | Wednesday | 7:00 am, 8:30 am & 6:30 pm |
| 9:30 am | Thursday | 8:30 am & 6:30 pm |
| 9:30 am | 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

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

11-Mar-2019 to 17-Mar-2019
 Michael O'Leary
 Kay O'Sullivan

**Coffee & Cake Morning
 At Ballincollig Garda Station**

In aid of
 Irish Guide Dogs for The Blind
 &
 Field of Dreams by Down Syndrome Cork
 Friday 15th of March '19 at Ballincollig Garda Station.
 10.30am – 1pm

Everyone Welcome to attend to help support two great causes!!



Muskerry Local History Society

Local Volunteer Activity in 1918-19 - Dermot O'Donovan will give an illustrated talk on Local Volunteer Activity in the Ballincollig area before and during the first year of the War of Independence. The lecture, organised by Muskerry Local History Society, will be held at 8.00 pm on Monday, 11 March in Ballincollig Rugby Club.



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Mar-16 & Mar-17-2019

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 Sheila O'Connor
 Brid Healy-Harris
 Kit Cahill
 Mary Murphy

11:00 am Angela Cunningham
 Laurence Cunningham
 Eileen Byrne
 Bernadett Spillane
 David Mahony

8:30 am Mary Buckley
 Mary B. Murphy

12:30 pm Eileen Garvey
 Breda Callanan
 Betty Walsh
 Theresa O'Driscoll

10:00 am Betty Flavin
 Anne Spillane
 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 Olan O'Mahony

St Patrick's Day Sunday 17th March Mass Times:

Christ Our Light
 Vigil Saturday 16th 7.30pm
 Sunday 17th
 11.00am & 12.30pm (Irish Mass)
 St. Mary & St. John
 Sunday March 17th
 6.00pm Vigil
 8.30am, 10.00am & 12 Noon

Concert

There will be a concert held in the church of St. Mary & St. John on Thursday, 14th March at 7.30pm which will include the Cork Education and Training Board Choir and the Colaiste Choilm Choir. All are welcome.