

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 01-March-2020

## First Sunday of Lent

*Jesus fast of forty days reminds us that this is a holy season of self-denial. By rejecting the devil's temptations Jesus has taught us to rid ourselves of the hidden corruption of evil, and so to share his paschal mystery in purity of heart.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

## First Sunday of Lent

There is a story told of a meeting of the Devil with his top advisors. It was a single-item agenda, focused on how to get more people to sin. Given the surroundings, quite likely it was a "heated" discussion.

One of the junior members of the team, with eyes fixed on promotion, spoke up. "Basically", he said, "we just need to convince people there is no such thing as sin. This is a concept invented by the so-called Holy Ones, to control people. If we set a good campaign in place, social media, TV Ads, Billboards and, most importantly gossip and word of mouth, we can lead people to a place where they believe there is no such thing as sin. Then, in the lifestyles they freely choose, they will play themselves into our hands and we will have them where we want them."

Some agreed with his logic, though some felt he was young and lacked experience. In time though, the point was taking hold and became the favoured approach. Then the Devil spoke.

"That simply will not work. People are not foolish, and in their hearts, they know there is such a thing as sin. They see it all around them. Just look at the world today. We can see it everywhere. Injustice, wrong-doing, selfishness, people's greed, murders, stealing – come on, we don't need to name them – we all know them and so do they. Admittedly they convince themselves there is no sin in what is being done. No, your idea simply won't work. In their hearts they know that they need to do better and to – though I hate using the word – repent".

There was silence.

"So what do you suggest?"

"We will never convince them that there is no sin. Some of them, maybe, but not all of them. Neither will we convince them – all of them – that there is not a need to repent".

"Is that it then?" asked the younger member of the team, "Do we just give up?"

"Not at all", said the Devil "we just need to convince them there is no rush."

*Trocaire*

## Lenten Retreat 2020

Monday, 2nd, Tuesday, 3rd & Wednesday 4th March

Church of Christ Our Light

Morning Mass: 7am

Prayers: Homily: Liturgy: 7:30 pm

Conducted by Fr. Kavanagh O.P.

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

### Priest

As we celebrate the beginning of this sacred time of Lent, let us confidently open our hearts in prayer.

### Reader

May this season of Lent be a time of renewal for the Church throughout the world, as she accompanies Christ in his self-denial and in his determination to do the Father's will.

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

May Christians be wise to the voices that would instil disbelief and incredulity regarding the truth and goodness of our faith? May we preserve in heeding the voice of our Father, which we hear in his Word and celebrate in the sacraments.

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

May Lenten efforts and observances lead, for all those who undertake them, to concrete solidarity with those who are less fortunate.

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

For those who suffer war and violence, for the victims of crime and natural disaster, for those who struggle with mental illness; May God bless the efforts of all who seek to bring comfort and relief to their suffering.

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

Jesus 'will cause everyone to reign in life' May this promise expressed by Saint Paul be experienced by all the faithful departed.

**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

Grant, Lord, that we may grow in understanding and in charity, as we make these and all our prayers. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.*

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**† IN SYMPATHY †**

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

Jean Drohan, Waterford.  
 Nora Jennings, Woodberry, Greenfields.  
 Carol Long, Westgate, Ballincollig.

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

John Nyhan, Coolroe Heights.  
 Clare Dineen, Ovens.  
 Ann Aherne, Park Road.  
 Bernie McNamara, Carrigrohane.  
 Abby O’Mahony, Main Road.  
 Timothy & Ellen Buckley, Boherbue.  
 Mary (Maisie) O’Keeffe, The Meadows.  
 Dan, Hannah & Ellen Dempsey, Leemount.  
 Billy Coyle, Glincool.  
 Jimmy Quigley, Glincool.  
 Paddy Hegarty, Caheragh.  
 Jerry Murphy, West Cottage, Greenfields.  
 Billy Whelton, Muskerry Est.  
 Jim Deasy, Aherla.  
 Paddy & Lucy Doyle, Mallow.  
 John, Nora & Joe Fleming, Mallow.  
 Ned, Eily, Liam, Marian & Michelle Hogan, Bandon.  
 Bernie O’Brien, Douglas.  
 Denis Spillane, Glenflesk.  
 Mitzi Bunnett, Aldershot.  
 Dan, Mamie & Seán McCarthy, Dunmanway.  
 John & Ellen O’Sullivan, Glanmire.

**Reflection for Parents**

One of our primary goals as parents is to help our children discover their gifts and use them generously in a way that glorifies God. From a very early age we can remind our children of the source of their gifts and encourage them to use them humbly.

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**First Week Of Lent**

- 01 Sunday Gen. 2:7-9, 3:1-7. Ps 50. Rom. 5:12-19. Mt. 4:1-11. Lect I: 201
- 02 Monday Lev. 19:1-2,11-18. Ps. 18. Mt. 25:31-46. Lect I: 210
- 03 Tuesday Is. 55:10-11. Ps. 33. Mt. 6:7-15. Lect I: 212
- 04 Wednesday Jon. 3:1-10. Ps. 50. Lk. 11:29-32. Lect I: 214
- 05 Thursday Esth. 4:17. Ps. 137:1-3. Mt. 7:7-12. Lect I: 216
- 06 Friday Ez 18:21-28. Ps 129. Mt 5:20-26. Lect I: 218
- 07 Saturday Deut. 26: 16-19. Ps. 118. Mt. 5:43-48. Lect I: 221

**Next Sunday’s Readings 08-March-2020**

Gen. 12: 1-4. Ps. 32. 2 Tim. 1:8-10. Mt. 17: 1-9. Lect I: 223

**BAPTISMS**

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

Michael James Lane, Caisleán Drive.  
 James Fintan Deasy, Innishmore Drive.  
 Isaac Alan McGahey-Kearney, Powdermills.  
 Fiadh Mary McGrath, Maglin.  
 Oliver Jeremiah Carroll-Flaherty, Greenmount.  
 Alex Eamonn Marku, An Caisleán.  
 Xavier John Kelleher, Coolroe Meadows.  
 James William Bird O’Sullivan, Parknamore.  
 Robyn Ann Byrne, Parknamore.  
 Saoirse Bernadette Somers, Classes Lake.  
 Jack Patrick Sweeney, Westcourt.  
 Beauden Kieran O’Sullivan, Ovens.  
 Aidan Donagh Corcoran, Co. Wicklow.  
 Oliver Patrick Lehane, Classes Lake.

**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7  
 The Lord God created Adam and Eve and set them in the Garden of Eden. They had all they needed, but the serpent tempted them, and they disobeyed God's command.

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19  
 Just as through Adam's disobedience all became sinners, through Christ's obedience all shall become just.

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11  
 Following his baptism in the Jordan River, Jesus went out to the desert to pray and understand God's will. He was alone in the desert for 40 days and nights. Satan waited until Jesus emerged from the desert before tempting Jesus to use his powers. Of course, Jesus was hungry after fasting for 40 days, so the devil tempted him first with food. "Command these stones to become loaves of bread," was the first dare. Later the devil tempted Jesus to use his power to prove that God would send angels to help Jesus if he jumped from the top of the temple. Finally, Satan offered Jesus the glory and power of the entire world if he would but worship Satan. To each temptation, Jesus held fast to what he knew was God's will for him.

***Candle of Atonement Prayer***

Lord, forgive us our many sins.  
 We grieve and repent with all our hearts for having offended you, for our great failings and neglect of the young and vulnerable.  
 We place all of those who have been hurt by the Church in any way into your loving hands and under the protection of Our Blessed Mother.  
 Lord, bring peace to their broken lives and show us all the way out of darkness and into the light of your Word.  
 May we as the people of God be more fully human, more fully Christ-like and more fully your people, that we may see the errors of the past and go forward with renewed hope and faith in Christ and in our Church.  
 Amen.

***Anam Cara Meeting***

Anam Cara Cork the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on 4th March at 7:20pm in The Clayton Hotel, Cork City. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents.

***Headway Brain Injury Services & Support***

Headway wish to extend a huge thank you for your recent support with our choir concert fundraiser. The night was a great success and we raised a total of €4,430.30.

***Ballincollig & Carrigrohane Castles***

Dr. Paul McCotter, U.C.C., will tell the fascinating history of the castles in Ballincollig and Carrigrohane at a lecture organised by Muskerry Local History Society. The lecture will include the story of the families and events associated with both castles. The lecture will be held on Monday, 9 March at 8.00 pm in Ballincollig Rugby Club.

***Salutem Clinic***

“Dr John Crowley has changed his surgery address to Salutem Clinic, West Village, Ballincollig P31 RP04. (Next to White Horse Inn). Tel.: 021-7355499 www.YourGP.ie Services remain unchanged, thank you.”

***Former Manchester Utd Footballer***

Fr. Philip Mulryne, who is now a Catholic priest will be speaking about his journey from football to faith in Ballinora Church on Tuesday 10th March at 8pm.  
 All are welcome

***Prayer for Healing***

Father God, we humbly pray for all those who are fighting cancer. Give them the hope and courage they need each day. Comfort them in their pain and bless them with healing. Strengthen their family, friends and caregivers. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

St. Padre Pio pray for us.

***Bulletin Board***

***Masses during Lent***

Church of Christ Our Light  
 8.30am & 6.30pm Weekdays  
 Church of St. Mary & John  
 9.30am Weekdays

***First Friday***

Friday 6th March is the first Friday of the month. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St Mary & St John from 6.30pm to 7.45pm, you are invited to come and spend some time with the Lord. There is Mass in St Mary & St John on Friday evening at 8.00pm. The priests of the parish visit the sick of the parish on the first Friday of each month; please let us know if you have a family member or neighbour who is sick or housebound.

***Envelope Collection***

Bishop’s Commissions Collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend 7th/8th March.

***Mass Diaries***

Mass Diaries to book Mass intentions for April, May and June will be opened in both churches on Saturday 14th March. Priority will be given to those booking 1st Anniversary Mass.

***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.

***Offertory Collection Boxes***

The boxes of envelopes for the Offertory Collection are available in both churches. Families are asked to take one box. Please use the envelopes for the Offertory Collection for the Vigil and Sunday Masses during the year. The Offertory Collection is solely for the upkeep, maintenance, insurance, lighting, heating and related expenses of both churches.

***Tax Rebate***

Many thanks to the Parishioners who returned their CHY4 Cert for 2019. 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.

***Lectio Divina***

The Lectio Divina group meet in Sonas house on Tuesday mornings after 9.30am Mass. New Members welcome.

***Confirmation***

Please pray for the boys and girls in Scoil Barra and Our Lady of Good Counsel who will receive the sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday 4th March. Sincere thanks to the parents and dedicated teachers who work diligently preparing young people for the sacrament.

***Fr. George & Fr. Cian***

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Mar-07 & Mar-08-2020

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**

Ben Purcell  
Alicia Leahy  
**8:30 am**  
Tom McDonagh  
Seán Casey  
**10:00 am**  
Rory Horgan  
Kate Greene  
**12:00 Noon**  
Katie Tobin  
Shane Tully

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**

Fiona Feely  
Thalia Greaux  
**11:00 am**  
Joseph Buckley  
Rory Doherty  
**12:30 pm**  
Brian Dore  
  
**5:30 pm**  
Tom Reck

**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

7:00 am & 9:30 am

**Monday**

8:30 am & 6:30 pm

7:00 am & 9:30 am

**Tuesday**

8:30 am & 6:30 pm

7:00 am & 9:30 am

**Wednesday**

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

12:45 pm

**Sunday**

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Fr. Kamil Bachara C.C.

**Funeral Pastoral Team Rota**

02-Mar-2020 to 08-Mar-2020

Tim Murphy  
Siobhan Glavin

**Back Again!**

Due to unforeseen circumstances and illness of team members we were unable to publish The Parishioner for the past number of weeks. Our apologies for this.

The Editorial Team.

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Mar-07 & Mar-08-2020

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6.00 pm** Steve Wills  
Bernadette Bell  
Frances O'Brien  
Eileen Coughlan

**7:30 pm** Sheila O'Connor  
Brid Healy Harris  
Kit Cahill  
Mary Murphy

**8:30 am** Mary Buckley  
Denis Healy  
Tom Butler

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

**10:00 am** Christy Roche  
Mary O'Regan  
Elaine Crowley  
Jim Lordan

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

**12 Noon** Sean Hennessy  
Mary McLean  
Eleanor Seymour  
Nora Hennessy  
Christina Walshe

**5:30 pm** Margaret Kelly  
Noelle Buckley

**Night Prayer**

Now I am going to sleep and if this sleep be for me the sleep of death then may your own mighty hand lead me from the light of this world into the great light of eternity. Our night prayers are our final conversation of the day with God, and this lovely old prayer from the Scottish Gaelic is a wonderful example of the spirit that should permeate our night prayer. This little prayer touches on so much of Christian faith and hope. It is a solemn but confident handing over of ourselves to God's loving care; it is a calm acknowledgement that we are pilgrims on this earth and that day by day, night by night, our heavenly Father is leading us to himself and to our heavenly home. Such an approach can help make our night prayer a richer experience. Many of us may have been encouraged or even dragooned, in our earliest years -'Say your night prayers' before going to bed. What did that mean for us? Perhaps it was a quick act of contrition for anything we had done wrong in the day. Now, an examination of conscience and an act of contrition at the end of the day are excellent practices, and I hope we are doing this and leading our children to do likewise. However, our night prayer is not to consist of these acts only - it is, like all our prayers, to be centred on God and his grace. It reaches out to God in gratitude, contrition, trust, hope and petition. We need not focus straight away on our failures, rather try and see how God was with us during the day, what God was doing with us and for us, and how we responded. then we can thank God for his grace at work in us and ask pardon for our failures. Finally, we can ask God for the blessings of his protection and a good night's rest - no small matter in our stressful world.