

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 02-February-2020

Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

*The Presentation of The Lord*

*In the person of Jesus, God enters his Temple, unrecognised by most but welcomed by Simeon and Anna, both people of prayer. As Mary stood on Calvary, she is now present when the Lamb of sacrifice is presented in the Temple. Darkness seeks to reject the True Light, so already the shadow of the Cross is to be seen.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

## Give Thanks

The gospel today is an account of Joseph and Mary dropping in to the Temple to give thanks. This was a custom for parents of the Jewish tradition to go the Temple and express their appreciation to God for his goodness and kindness. Simeon and Anna were probably daily visitors to the temple as they came to pray.

Simeon had a dream and a hope that he might see the Messiah before drawing his final breath. The gospel relates to us that not only did Simeon see the Messiah but he got to hold the promised Messiah. Simeon burst into poetry. "Now Lord you can let your servant go in peace, because my eyes have seen the salvation prepared for all people," A light for the pagans and the glory of your people.

Anna also came by; she fasted and prayed on a regular basis. She praised God and spoke of the child as the one who will deliver the people

May the Lord bless us, keep us, and let His face shine on us.

*Fr. George O'Mahony*

## Thought for Today

A Light to Enlighten the Pagans (Gospel)

"Christ be our light, shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness." In the Temple, Simeon recognises him as the light; Anna speaks of him to all that will listen. The light of Christ has shone for us; others should be able to see it shining in our lives.

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

### Priest

The Father sent his Son to share in our humanity so that we might share in his divinity.

### Reader

Jesus was revealed as the glory of his people and the light of the nations.

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

Let us thank God for prophets, who speak to us of God and of his demands.

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

We pray for the elderly, that like Simeon and Anna, they may be consoled by the contemplation of Christ, and give encouragement and strength to the young.

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

For parents who worry about troubled or straying children. May their tears and prayers rise to God.

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

Remembering our dead, we pray that they, like Simeon, may see the salvation which God has prepared for all the nations, and that they may rejoice in his presence for eternity.

**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

Father, we thank you for revealing your Son to us. May our faith deepen as we make these prayers. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Who Is The King Of Glory? It Is The Lord.*

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

William O'Connor, Leo Murphy Tce.  
 Martin Faherty, Innishmore.  
 Niamh Carty, Ballincollig/Enniscorthy.  
 Andrew O'Riordan, Coachford.  
 Dan Hallissey, Boston/Canovee.

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

Paddy Horgan, Collyduff.  
 Donal & Kathleen Morrissey, Lower Pouladuff Road.  
 John & Richard Murphy, Clash.  
 Mary Emperor, Rockchapel.  
 Michael Cullinane, The Lough.  
 Nora Buttimer, Ahakeera.  
 Mary O'Neill.  
 Mary O'Mahony.  
 Pat Manning, Farranree.  
 Paddy Lucey, Station Cross.  
 Ellen Lucey, Station Cross.  
 Nelius Riordan, Friars Walk.  
 Tim O'Connor, Coachford.  
 Kitty O'Brien, Friars Walk.  
 Frank Crowley, Greenfields.  
 Kitty Whooley, Skibbereen.  
 Michael Murphy, Wicklow/Powdermills.  
 Mildred & David McCarthy, Union Hall.  
 Kevin, David & Sadbh McCarthy, Rosewood.  
 Sheila Walsh, Castlepark.  
 Tim Murphy, Glounthaune.  
 Martin & Eily Murphy, Hodder's Villas.  
 Sr. Mary Collins, Dunmanway.  
 Mary Walsh, Youghal.  
 Nora Heelan, Inniscarra.  
 Maureen Downey, Whitechurch.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Fourth Week In Ordinary Time

02 Sunday Mal. 3: 1-4 or Heb. 2: 14-18. Ps. 23 Lk. 2:22-40. Lect I: 967 or II: 940  
 03 Monday 2 Sam 15:13-14, 30, 1&5-13. Ps 3. Mk 5:1-20. Lect II: 498  
 04 Tuesday 2 Sam 18:9-10, 14, 24-25, 30-19:3. Ps 85. Mk 5:21-43. Lect II: 500  
 05 Wednesday 2 Sam. 24:2,9-17. Ps. 31. Mk. 6:1-6. Lect II: 503  
 06 Thursday 1 K. 2:1-4,10-12. Ps. 1 Chr. 29. Mk. 6:7-13. Lect II: 506  
 07 Friday Eccles (Sir) 47:2-11. Ps 17. Mk 6:14-29. Lect II: 508  
 08 Saturday 1 Kgs 3:4-13. Ps 118. Mk 6:30-34. Lect II: 510

**Next Sunday's Readings** 09-February-2020

Is. 58:7-10. Ps. 111. 1 Cor. 2:1-5. Mt. 5:13-16 Lect I: 650

**BAPTISMS**

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

Dominick Stephen Garry, Coolroe Meadows.  
 Teddy Jim Geraghty, Parknamore.  
 Alan Adrian Lipinski, Aylsbury.  
 Colm Timothy Murphy, Manor Hill.  
 Cormac Pierce Foley, Old Quarter.

**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Malachi 3: 1-4  
 God's people were complaining that their oppressors were prospering while they were left to suffer. "If God is just", they asked. "Where is He?" God answers that he will come but that they are not fit to receive his coming. He will have to purify them like gold is purified in fire before they will be fit to serve the Lord.

Second Reading: Hebrews 2: 14-18  
 Christ did not come to help immortal angels but mortal men. As helper of mortals he had to resemble them in every possible way so as to become merciful by partnership in misery. Experience of suffering and of trial is the best school of compassion. Knowing pain and trial, Christ is a competent helper of those who are being tried.

Gospel: Luke 2: 22- 40

As in the case of the birth of Jesus the narrative of Luke is marked with great simplicity. The precise prescriptions of the Law are followed. As the firstborn, Jesus is God's property, consecrated to God as in a sacrifice. Mary offers what was known as "the poor woman's sacrifice": two young pigeons. The future of the Child is foretold by the two old people, Simeon and Anna. Luke, in one brief sentence, passes over the first twelve years of the life of Jesus: "he grew to maturity and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

**The Beatitudes**

**Attitudes Necessary To Be God's People**

The Beatitudes are the most powerful expression in the Gospels of Christ's love for the poor in spirit. The poor, the hungry, the victimised and the persecuted are the privileged ones in His kingdom.

It is a big occasion: the crowds are still excited and over-awed after the healings, the twelve, newly-named Apostles are at Jesus' side. He is starting something, a new community for spreading the news of God's kingdom. These are the sort of people He is looking for, they have some unexpected qualifications:

Blessed are the poor in spirit – whether enduring poverty with good heart, or using their possessions in good faith as God's stewardship for right living.

Blessed are the gentle – not the aggressive, but the good-spirited, good-natured, the patient, those who encourage.

Blessed are – not those who seek after their own pleasure alone – but those who mourn – for the sins and sorrows of all mankind and open their hearts to neighbours in trouble.

Blessed are the merciful – not the unforgiving or the bully – but the understanding, those who listen, who rebuke, but do not condemn, who give good example.

Blessed are the pure in heart – not the mean and the greedy, but the sincere, whose motives are unselfish, who are honest with themselves and others if they do wrong.

Blessed are the peace-makers – not merely the non-violent, but those who spread peace by their reasonableness, their control of passions, and their good sense.

Blessed are those who are persecuted – not those who deliberately set out for the glory of martyrdom as a bitter revenge – but in the cause of right, the genuine witnesses to conscience and truth. Jesus is telling them ... You may die forgotten in a prison or be ridiculed by those around you because you took an unpopular stand, but 'rejoice and be glad, your reward will be great in Heaven.'

If you believe in your heart that those words are addressed to you, just as much as they were addressed to that new community 2000 years ago, then you are truly part of that community that builds up the kingdom of God on earth.

**St. Blaise**

According to legend, St. Blaise was a physician at Sebaste, Armenia, before he became the Bishop of that See. Accounts of his life place his martyrdom in the year 316. At the time of the persecution, he was taken prisoner at the command of the Governor, Agricolaus. The hunters of the Governor found him in the wilderness in a cave to which he had retired. While in prison, he performed a wonderful cure on a boy who had a fishbone in his throat and who was in danger of choking to death. After suffering various forms of torture, St. Blaise was beheaded.

The veneration of the saint was brought into Western Europe at an early date and he became one of the most popular saints of the Middle Ages. On the day of his feast a special blessing is given: two candles are held in a crossed position beneath the throat of the recipient and a special prayer for protection against diseases of the throat is said.

**Monday 3rd February is the feast of St Blaise. Throats will be blessed after mass in both churches and also at 7.00pm in the church of St. Mary & St. John.**

**Bulletin Board**

**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.

**Parishioners** who gave their name and offertory box number for Tax Rebate to the Church will have their boxes delivered to them. Thanks for your generosity and we look forward to your support for the coming year.

**First Friday**

Friday 7th February 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.

**Lectio Divina**

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

**Baptism Preparation**

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday February 29th 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.

**Lourdes sick/Assisted Pilgrimage Fund Envelope Collection**

Canon Jim O'Donovan writes to us in connection with the Diocesan Sick/Assisted Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund and the special collection to be taken up at all Masses next weekend the 8th and 9th of February. This year the Pilgrimage will take place from Friday, 12th June to Wednesday, 17th June. Bishop Fintan wrote to us in November where he encouraged parishes to come together as a Diocesan family to celebrate our faith at the shrine of Lourdes following Our Lady's request to Bernadette – "I want people to come here in procession." He invites parishioners of all ages to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage.

Contact: Canon Jim O'Donovan on 021-4292296.

**Fr. George & Fr. Cian**

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Feb-08 & Feb-09-2020

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**  
Chloe O'Neill  
Ailish O'Reilly  
**8:30 am**  
Tom McDonagh  
Seán Casey  
**10:00 am**  
Erin Holmes  
Saoirse McGuinness  
**12:00 Noon**  
Emer Wiseman

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**  
Fiona Feely  
Thalia Greaux  
**11:00 am**  
Kristian Calvert  
Amy Ni Chearbhaill  
**12:30 pm**  
Laura O'Leary  
Sarah O'Connell  
**5:30 pm**  
Marlyn O'Connor

**MASS TIMES**

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

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
9:30 am	<b>Tuesday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Thursday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Friday</b>	8:30 am
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>	

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**Funeral Pastoral Team Rota**

03-Feb-2020 to 09-Feb-2020

Tim Murphy  
Siobhan Glavin

**Anam Cara Cork**

The organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on 5th February at 7:20pm in The Clayton Hotel, Cork City . This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents.



**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Feb-08 & Feb-09-2020

**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  
Bernadett Spillane  
David Mahony

**10:00 am** Christy Roche  
Mary O'Regan  
Elaine Crowley  
Claire Creedon  
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

**Come and Listen**

"At many moments in the past and by many means, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets, but in our time. He has spoken to us in the person of His Son"  
— Heb. 1:1-2

A series of talks on the New Evangelisation of the Catholic Church, will take place on SUNDAYS and WEDNESDAYS @ 8pm beginning Sunday, 8th February in St. Mark's Centre (opposite Christ our Light Church), Innishmore, Ballincollig. All are welcome.

**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.

**Forms of Friday Penance**

The following are suggested as ways of fulfilling Friday penance:

- ◆ Abstaining from meat or some other food;
- ◆ Abstaining from alcoholic drink or smoking;
- ◆ Making a special effort at involvement in family prayer;
- ◆ Making a special effort to participate in Mass on Fridays;
- ◆ Visiting the Blessed Sacrament;
- ◆ Making the Stations of the Cross;
- ◆ Fasting from all food for a longer period than usual and perhaps giving what is saved to the needy;
- ◆ Helping the poor, sick, old or lonely.