

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 08-March-2020

Second Sunday of Lent

On the holy mountain Jesus revealed himself in glory to his disciples. He had already prepared them for his approaching death. He wanted to teach them through the Law and the Prophets that the promised Christ had first to suffer and so come to glory.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

The Season of Lent - Second Sunday

If there is a specific word presenting itself to us in today's readings, I think it is the word "promise".

It is a wonderful word that gives hope and helps us to cope with difficult situations in life. If we can believe the promise will be fulfilled, we can work our way through moments not of our choosing and challenges that are difficult.

Broken promises are heart breaking. Something as simple as a service provider saying he or she will call you back, but the call does not come or that a job will begin on a given day, but nobody turns up. This leads us to feel frustrated, left down and disappointed. At its worst, the broken promise leads to anger and maybe even some form of retaliation.

In Trócaire's Lenten Campaign 2020, we are face to face with people who know the meaning of broken promises. Their setbacks are more serious and life threatening than a plumber turning up on Wednesday evening rather than Monday morning. Their very lives and the lives of their families are at risk.

When Jesus takes Peter, James and John to the mountain top, they experience something wonderful and beyond expectation. They encounter the one they had known as friend in a way they had never seen before and he is truly revealed to them as the Son of the Father. Though they could not take it all in, they knew their lives could never be the same again. Transfixed as he was transfigured, they ask "Lord, can we build three tents?" It was as if they wanted to stay in this moment forever.

Gently, he points them towards ground level again. It is here they must live their lives, not forgetting what they had witnessed. It is here, at ground level, they must make a difference. They and all who followed them in his name and because of this moment, share in the fulfilment of the promise.

There are so many people at ground level, living under daily threat and in constant fear, looking to us today, and seeking our help today that they too may know the promise kept.

Trocaire

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

God commands us to listen to his Son – and God himself listens to us. So let us pray with courage and confidence.

Reader

May the Church, after the example of Abram, not fear the insecurity that heeding God's word can bring? May she speak the truth, act justly, and trust in God.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We ask God's blessing on persecuted Christians. May they find the strength to be witnesses to Christ, by justice and by the witness of love.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Just as Peter, James and John were overcome at the sight of Christ in his glory, we pray that the beauty of the Gospel and the witness of believers may help to win many people over from cynicism, scepticism and hostility.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For displaced persons, migrants, refugees, asylum seekers, and those in direct provision; may God bless them and may they be treated compassionately and generously.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

It is, St. Paul tells us, by God's power that we are saved. May those who have died experience God's saving power and enter into eternal life.

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

Lord, open our eyes to your glory and to the beauty of our faith, just as the eyes of the disciples were opened on Mount Tabor. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Joe Kavanagh, Fr. Sexton Park.

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

Ellen Thompson, Wyndham Downs.

Ted & Rose Moylan, Earlwood Estate.

Patricia O’Callaghan, Oaklee.

Pat Sheehan (Jnr), Coachford.

William & Nora Vaughan, Kilnamartyra.

Charlie Dwane, Pine Walk.

Eileen Murphy, Rosewood.

Tadgh & Ellen O’Donovan, Kilmurray.

Michael Doyle, Pine Walk.

Eileen Walsh, Holly Road.

Brendan Butler, Aylsbury.

Seán Doab, The Crescent.

James O’Connell, Holly Road.

Colm Cremin, Blarney.

Michael Doyle, Clonmel.

Jerry Buckley, Meelin.

Nan Twomey, Manor Hill/Clash Road.

John & Mary Lucey, Coachford.

Patrick, Bridget & Mary Boyd, St. Colman’s Road.

Con O’Mahony, Ballyvolane.

Tom McGrath, Beech Park.

Reflection for Parents

Children adapt to change. They love the excitement of something new. As parents, however, we'd like to slow down the changes we see changes in our community, our jobs, government, and even the changes in our growing children. As it was for the disciples, it's hard sometimes for us to understand and accept things changing in front of our eyes. However, change and constant motion are part of the divine plan as we journey to God. Today, instead of digging in our heels to slow the change, try lightening your heart as a child and accept with joy, the changes you face.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Second Week Of Lent

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

09 Monday Dan. 9:4-10. Ps. 78. Lk. 6:36-38. Lect I: 231

10 Tuesday Is. 1:10,16-20. Ps. 49. Mt. 23:1-12. Lect I: 232

11 Wednesday Jer. 18:18-20. Ps. 30. Mt. 20:17-28. Lect I: 234

12 Thursday Jer. 17:5-10. Ps. 1. Lk. 16:19-31. Lect I: 236

13 Friday Gen. 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28. Ps. 104. Mt. 21:33-43, 45-48. Lect I: 239

14 Saturday Mic. 7:14-15,18-20. Ps. 102. Lk. 15:1-3,11-32. Lect I: 241

Next Sunday’s Readings 15-March-2020

Ex. 17:3-7. Ps. 94. Rom. 5: 1-2, 5-8. In. 4:5-42. Lect I: 245

BAPTISMS

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

Emma Breda Kristic, Classes Lake.

Kyle Michael Clancy, Aisling Close.

Hannah Kathleen Clancy, Aisling Close.

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4

Abram was commanded by the Lord to leave his home and go to a new land. There the Lord God would make of him a great nation and all would be blessed because of him.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8-10

God saves all people and calls them to a holy life, not because of their own merit but because of the grace held out in Christ. Christ "destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel."

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

The second Sunday of Lent always gives us an account of the transfiguration. Jesus asked Peter, James and John to go with him to the mountain top. While they were there, Jesus was transfigured and became dazzling white before them. Along with Jesus stood Moses and Elijah. The voice of God announced that Jesus was his son and that all should listen to him. The disciples were frightened, but Jesus calmed them. When Peter, James and John looked up, Jesus was the only one left, the one to whom we need to listen.

Cake Sale

“This summer I have been given the wonderful opportunity to head over to India volunteering as a teaching assistant teaching children English and Maths in disadvantaged areas for 10 weeks. I will be heading away with Suas which is a literacy based program who have been sending young people over to India and Africa to help make an impact on these children’s lives since 2002. Between now and June I will have to raise €3,500. Every little bit helps. I will be holding a cake sale on Sunday after 10 and 12 Mass in the Scout Hall.”

Emer Wiseman.

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.

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.

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

COVID-19—Corona Virus

General Guidelines for all Churchgoers.

People who are ill should not attend religious services. If members of the congregation, religious leaders (e.g. priests) or others involved in religious services (e.g. ministers of the Eucharist) feel ill and may have COVID-19 (see below), even if their symptoms are mild, they should stay at home.

Holy Water Fonts

Because COVID-19 is a new disease and appears to spread easily between people, we advise that holy water fonts should not be used.

Holy Communion

Everyone administering Holy Communion should wash their hands or use alcohol based hand gel before beginning to distribute Holy Communion. Holy Communion should be administered into the hands only and NOT onto the tongue.

Only the celebrant should drink from the Chalice.

Bulletin Board

Masses during Lent

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

Envelope Collection

Bishop’s Commissions Collection will be taken up at all Masses this 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

Congratulations to the boys and girls in Scoil Barra and Our Lady of Good Counsel who received 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.

First Holy Communion Dates 2020

Scoil Barra	Saturday 25th April
Our Lady of Good Counsel	Saturday 25th April
Scoil Eoin	Saturday 9th May
Scoil Mhuire	Saturday 16th May
Gaelscoil Uí Ríordáin	Saturday 23rd May

Confirmation Dates for 2020

Scoil Mhuire	Tuesday 24th March
Gaelscoil Uí Ríordáin	Wednesday 1st April
Scoil Eoin	Tuesday 21st April

Fr. George & Fr. Cian

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Mar-14 & Mar-15-2020

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Karen Sheehan
Darragh Lankford
8:30 am
Pat Fennell
Kate Healy
10:00 am
Margot Twomey
Kaylyn Lordan
12:00 Noon
Emer Wiseman

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Pauline Collins
Dylan Ebili
11:00 am
Kristian Calvert
Meadhbh Ní Chathasaigh
12:30 pm
Gretta Fleming
Mary Kate O'Brien
5:30 pm
Marlyn O'Connor

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	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am	Tuesday	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
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	

PARISH CLERGY

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Fr. Cian O'Sullivan C.C.	021-4876171
Fr. Kamil Bachara C.C.	087-1143284

Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

09-Mar-2020 to 15-Mar-2020

Michael O'Leary
Kay O'Sullivan

Ballincollig Garda Station Coffee Morning

There is a coffee morning at the Garda Station in Ballincollig on Friday 13th March from 10.30am till 1pm in aid of Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind and Field of Dreams by Down Syndrome Cork



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Mar-14 & Mar-15-2020

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Bernadette Bell
Betty Casey
Frank Riordan
Siobhan Riordan
Pauline Quane
Aisling Leahy
8:30 am Mary Buckley
Mary B. Murphy

7:30 pm John O'Donoghue
Mary Dineen
Mairead Keenan
Kay O'Sullivan
11:00 am Mary Aylward
Pauline Baston
Diarmuid Horgan
Sylvia Manley

10:00 am Betty Flavin
Anne Spillane
Anne O'Connell

12:30 pm Maura O'Driscoll
Dympna Byrne
Mona Bowen
Olan O'Mahony

12 Noon Seamus O'Donovan
Eleanor Knowles
Catherine Greene
Joan Barrett
Frances Hogan
Mary O'Leary

5:30 pm Shelia Curran
Elizabeth O'Sullivan
John Canty

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.