

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 08-January-2023



**St. Mary & St. John
Station Road**

The Baptism of the Lord

At his baptism Jesus was revealed as the Son of God and began his work of bringing the vision of God, his justice and his liberation to people. At our baptism each of us is given a share in this mission, so we become children of God.



**Christ Our Light
Innishmore**

The Baptism of the Lord

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. When Jesus came to John to be baptized it was to mark the beginning of a new life for him - the beginning of his mission - his public ministry. The Baptism of Jesus is a reminder to us of our own baptism. Perhaps as we begin this New Year we can see it as a new beginning in our faith journey and an opportunity to reflect on how we are responding to our calling as baptized Christians.

After the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan, the Holy Spirit descended upon him, strengthening him and guiding him for his mission which would lead to his suffering and death on the cross. We have been anointed with the oil of chrism at our baptism and like Jesus we too received the Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen us on our Christian journey. Each one of us can ask ourselves; in what ways do I see myself carrying on the mission and ministry of Jesus?

In today's Gospel we read those beautiful words of the Father to his Son: "This is my Son, my Beloved, my favour rests on you". We too are special children of God, a God who says to each one of us, as he said to Jesus, 'you are my son, my daughter, my much loved one - with you I am well pleased'. Let us become conscious of God's love for us and within us. When we experience ourselves as loved, especially by God, it gives us the strength to face our own trials and sufferings with renewed hope and courage and to bring that hope, love and encouragement to others around us.

Let us today remember in prayer the infants, children and adults of our Parish who are preparing for the Sacrament of Baptism.

Remembering our Loved Ones.....

*All nature heeds the call of spring, As God awakens everything.
And all that seemed so dead and still, Experiences a sudden thrill
As springtime lays a magic hand, Across God's vast and fertile land
Oh, the joy of standing by, To watch a sapphire springtime sky
Or see a fragile flower break through, What just a day ago or two
Seemed barren ground still hard with frost, For in God's world, no life is lost,
And flowers sleep beneath the ground, But when they hear spring's waking sound
They push themselves through layers of clay, To reach the sunlight of God's day
And man and woman like flowers, too, must sleep, Until called from the darkened deep
To live in that place where angels sing' And where there is eternal spring.*

Best Wishes For A Happy New Year

*The priests of the parish join in sending New Year greetings to all
members of the parish and to all
readers of the Ballincollig Parishioner*

Fr's Alan O'Leary, Kamil Bachara & Ronan Sheehan.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

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† IN SYMPATHY †
 PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RE-
 CENTLY DECEASED :
 Ken Casey, Carrigrohane.
 Michael Barry, Kanturk.
 Mary O'Sullivan, Ballincollig / Dublin.
 Waldemar Urban, Ballincollig.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE
 FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS OR OTHER-
 WISE REMEMBERED:
 Mary Cahalane, Holly Road.
 Jack Hegarty, Westcourt.
 Maureen O'Brien.
 Paddy O'Leary, Coolroe.
 Con Greany, Station Road.
 Annam Louise, India.
 Kate & Denis Calnan, Main St., Youghal.
 Bill & Kitty O'Connell, Ballyphehane.
 Martin, Nancy & Patrick Ginnane, Shanakiel/Kilkenny.
 Patrick & Eileen Nolan, Borris, Co. Carlow.
 Tim O'Connor, Coachford.
 Thomas Doyle, Dublin.
 Christy Callanan, Muskerry Est.
 Suraj Savio, India.
 Brendan O'Sullivan, Glendower.
 Jack & Teresa Goulding, Ballyshoneen.
 Con & Bernie O'Connell, Kilnaglory.
 Don & Sheila McGovern, Rosewood.
 Billy Casey, Macroom.
 Eileen Walsh, London.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

First Week In Ordinary Time

- 08 Sunday Is. 42:1-4/ 6-7. Ps. 28. Acts. 10:34-38. Mt. 3:13-17. Lect I: 179 or 639
- 09 Monday Heb. 1:1-6. Ps. 96. Mk. 1:14-20. Lect II: 3
- 10 Tuesday Heb. 2:5-12. Ps. 8. Mk. 1 :21-28. Lect II: 5
- 11 Wednesday Heb. 2: 14-18. Ps. 104. Mk. 1:29-39. Lect II: 7
- 12 Thursday Heb. 3:7-14. Ps. 94. Mk. 1:40-45. Lect II: 9
- 13 Friday Heb. 4:1-5, 11. Ps. 77. Mk. 2:1-12. Lect II: 11
- 14 Saturday Heb. 4:12-16. Ps. 18. Mk. 2:13-17. Lect II:13

Next Sunday's Readings 15-January-2023
 Is. 49:3,5-6. Ps. 39. 1 Cor. 1:1-3. In. 1:29-34. Lect I: 641

Bulletin Board

Christmas Collection

The Priests of the Parish, Fr's. Alan, Kamil and Ronan would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generosity in the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Collection for the Priests of the Parish. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Thank You

Sincere thanks to the many people who gave their time throughout the year -, Altar Society, Altar Servers, Choir, Cantors, Folk Group, Ministers of the Word, Ministers of the Eucharist, Collectors, Cleaners, Parish Council, The Parishioner and Parish Council Sub Groups, people who distributed dues envelopes and the various flyers throughout the year, the Sacristans in both Churches. Thanks to the people of the Parish for their generous support to the Priest of the Parish during the past year. Your support is much appreciated.

We wish you and your families a happy New Year.

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. People who have a number allocated to them, please collect them from the sacristy in St. Mary & St. John's Church.

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.

Reflection for Parents

Most parents know what it means to be pleased with our children. Even when they do things that annoy, challenge, or disappoint us, we love our children. Although we experience some notion of unconditional love with our own children, it is difficult for us to grasp the magnitude of God's love for us, even when we annoy, challenge, or disappoint Him. Through our baptism, we are members of God's family and will know the unconditional love of a parent.

A New Year

The New Year while offering us the promise of a new future can also call us back to the love we had for Jesus in more innocent days just as old friendships call to us from the past. Mary Cole-ridge puts that thought nicely in one of her poems:

*Time brought me many another friend
 That loved me longer.
 New love was kind, but in the end
 Old love was stronger.
 Years come and go. No New Year yet
 Hath slain December.
 And all that should have cried - "Forget!"
 Cries but - "Remember!"*

Bishopstown Probus Club

Male Group would welcome new members of retired age. Meetings are held upstairs in Wilton Library at 11.00am – 12.30pm on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. Contact: Neil White 085 8202692 or Dan Murray (President) 087 779 3791 Éamonn Leonoard (Secretary) 085 105 4365