

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 05-March-2023

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

## *Second Sunday of Lent - Trocaire and Somalia*

Last weekend we heard about Trocaire turning 50 this year. For all these years Trocaire has put a strong emphasis on raising awareness on us here in Ireland and the unjust world we live-in. "This Lent we learn about Somalia and how conflicts and climate change have led to an unprecedented food crisis in an already vulnerable part of the world. "What do you know about Somalia? I am honest with you; I knew very little before I got involved with Trocaire's Lenten campaign. According to the World Wide Web (internet) Somalia, is a country in the Horn of Africa. The country is bordered by Ethiopia, Djibouti, the Gulf of Aden, the Indian Ocean and Kenya.

It is over 10.000km from Dublin away and according to google map It would take you over 165 hours by car to get there. (Those of you that are quick with numbers would know that would mean nearly 7 days driving - non-stop!) An estimated 17million people are living in Somalia and for the past two decades Somalia has been badly affected by conflict following the civil war in 1991. For the past thirty years this ongoing conflict has had a negative impact on those most vulnerable Somalis, especially women, children, the elderly and the disabled. Somalia has also been hit with more than thirty natural disasters since 1990, including twelve droughts and nineteen floods.

Sadly, it looks like another sad record breaks in Somalia as it looks likely that 2023 is going to be the fifth season with no rain fall. Leading to the death of livestock and the failure of crops. 86% of the people living in Somalia depend on agriculture for survival. Imagine 1.8million children under the age of five face acute malnutrition. About half the population need urgent humanitarian assistance.

Today's reading is about the Transfiguration, Jesus brings Peter, John and James, three of his disciples up a mountain where Moses and Elijah appeared and Jesus was transfigured, his face and clothes becoming dazzling bright. What an extraordinary experience they have had! Have you ever experienced something as life changing? The real challenge is the after event.

The coming down from the mountain and re-joining everyday life. This experience opened the eyes of the three disciples and surely changed their relationship with Jesus and with God. Karl Rahner, a German Theologian famously said "The Christian of the future will be a mystic, or he will not exist at all. 'God wants us to open our hearts and eyes fully to let him in. God, created each and every one of us in his own image and this Lenten season he is inviting us all as individuals to find our own mountains. What does that mean for us here today? Looking at the Somalian reality, what can we do? Climate change affects all of us.

*Christina Malone - Trocaire*

## *Taizè Prayer*

Will be held in Christ our Light Church 7.30pm during March: Friday 10th, Friday 24th, Friday March 31st. All are welcome to come and pray for these four Fridays in Lent. The prayer format consists of Taizè Chants, one psalm, one scripture reading, Silence and Prayers of Intercession. If you play a musical instrument, you are very welcome. It would be lovely if the various languages could be used in the chants. Then it would be a truly Taizè Prayer.

## *LECTIO DIVINA*

God is real and alive and active in our lives.

To deepen our awareness of the Divine Presence in our daily lives come along to pray with the Scriptures on Tuesday nights at 7.30 in Sonas house. Beginning first Tuesday in March. All welcome. Contact Goretti at 0861611615 if you have any questions.

## *Faith and Freedom*

A course on Christianity will be available in the family of parishes of Ballincollig, Ballinora, Ovens and Farran. Alpha Course is a popular course designed to introduce people to the Christian faith. It's run by Christian churches and Christian organisations and consists of a series of sessions covering topics like "Who is Jesus?" and "Why and how do I pray?" The format involves hospitality, video presentation and discussion in small groups. Starting 9th March at 7.30pm in the "Annex" of the Ballincollig Community Hall. Contacts 086/8200933 087/2185282 085/1555000  
No pressure – No charge – No follow up

*Please note new Emergency/Priest on Duty in Parish Number is: 087 4021357*

*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 :  
 Dermot Linehan, Tudor Grove.  
 Jerry O' Leary, Inniscarra View.  
 Bishop Dave O' Connell, Glanmire.  
 Melissa Farrell, Longford.  
 Pat Spillane, Willow Drive.  
 Carmel Bowe Saunders, London/Tipperary.

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

Dec. Members Lakewood Pitch & Putt Club.  
 Ted & Rose Moylan, Earwood Estate.  
 Pat Sheehan, Coachford.  
 Ann Aherne, Park Road.  
 Ann & Arthur Ward, Turners Cross.  
 John Kelliher, Rosewood.  
 Shelia Walsh, Castlepark.  
 Shelia O'Reilly, Poulavone.  
 Abbie O'Mahony, Main Road.  
 John Seymour, Turners Cross.  
 Michael & Catherine O'Callaghan, Coachford.  
 Nora & Michael Keating, Cahirciveen.  
 Kevin Lynch, Ballinlough.  
 Eileen Walsh, Holly Road.  
 Vincent Manley, Glincool.  
 Charlie Dwane, Pine Walk.  
 Peter & Frances Moran, Ballintemple.

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.

*Ballincollig Church Cantor*  
 Tony O'Brien available with accompanist  
 To sing at funerals and weddings in Ballincollig.  
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Second Week Of Lent

- 05 Sunday Gen. 12: 1-4. Ps. 32. 2 Tim. 1:8-10. Mt. 17: 1-9. Lect I: 223
- 06 Monday Dan 9:4-10. Ps78. Lk 6:36-38. Lect I: 231
- 07 Tuesday Is. 1:10,16-20. Ps. 49. Mt. 23:1-12. Lect I:232
- 08 Wednesday Jer 18:18-20. Ps 30. Mt 20:17-28. Lect I: 234
- 09 Thursday Jer. 17:5-10. Ps. 1. Lk. 16:19-31. Lect I: 236
- 10 Friday Gen. 37:3-28. Ps. 104. Mt. 21 :33-43.45-48. Lect I: 239
- 11 Saturday Mic 7:14-15, 18-20. Ps 102. Lk 15:1-3.11-32. Lect I: 241
- 12-March-2023 Ex. 17:3-7. Ps. 94. Rom. 5: 1-2, 5-8. In. 4:5-42. Lect I: 245

Mass Times for week ahead

St. Mary & St. John		Christ Our Light
8:30 am & 10 am	Sunday	11 am & 12:30 pm
9:30 am	Monday	8:30 am
9:30 am	Tuesday	8:30 am
9:30 am	Wednesday	8:30 am
9:30 am	Thursday	8:30 am
9:30 am	Friday	8:30 am
6 pm (Vigil)	Saturday	7:30 pm (Vigil)

**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.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament continues every Friday from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m. in St. Mary & St. John's Church.

**Meditation**

Meditation continues every Tuesday in Ballincollig Community Hall after 9.30am Mass. Please feel free to join any Tuesday.

**Confirmation**

Congratulations to the boys of Scoil Eoin and the boys and girls of Scoil Barra and Our Lady of Good Counsel who received the sacrament of confirmation this week. Sincere thanks to the parents and dedicated teachers who work diligently preparing young people for the sacrament.

*Ballincollig Alzheimer Café*

Are meeting on Thursday, 16th March from 4.00pm – 6.00pm in The Chapel Gate Café. They meet every 3rd Thursday of the month. This month's topic is: Skills & Strategies to Enhance Memory Function for People with Dementia. Guest speaker: Martina Agar Community Occupational Therapist. Contact:Karen Fitzpatrick 087 348 7511 or ballincolligalzheimercafe@alzheimer.ie

**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.