

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 12-March-2023

Third Sunday of Lent

Christ quenches our spiritual thirst with the living water: the love of God which is poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit. We pray for those who are prepared for this baptism.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Third Sunday of Lent - Meet the Family

Trocaire's Lenten campaign introduces us to Ambiyo and Mahat and their eight children raging in age from six months to fourteen years. Like many Somalian families, they had to leave behind their village in search of food. Four seasons of drought saw their crop's fail and their herd of two hundred goats died. They left everything behind and walked for three days to find a new home in an internationally displaced persons' camp. Ambiyo, Mahat and their children are among hundreds of thousands of families that had to build a new home in those camps. Imagine no rain for four years. Imagine our green island of Ireland without four months of rain! Never mind four years.

Today's reading picks up on a similar theme — Moses leading the Israelites out of Egypt to find a new place to call home. They knew what they had in Egypt was not life giving. It was a place of slavery, of death, captivity. Moses was given God's authority to lead them away from this place to somewhere new. Somewhere different. Somewhere unknown. But with the promise in his heart for something better - a new beginning.

Like every journey begins with the first step but taking that step in the hope to get to the Promised Land. The Israelites looked forward to the promise land. In Ambiyo and Mahat's situation it was an international refugee camp. After days of walking, the tiredness, the doubt, the fear must have set in many times. No doubt Ambiyo, Mahat and their children struggled to keep walking with little or no food. The place they once called home had become a place of death. Like the Israelites - they too had to take the first step.

Leaving the old behind with Trust in the Lord for a better life. Like the Israelites, Ambiyo and Mahat's hope that they too will be rewarded by trusting in the Lord. With the help of your donation Trocaire has been able to give Ambiyo, Mahat and many families that same hope. Trocaire's healthcare and education is being provided to those who find themselves in the camps. Prayer is something that keeps Ambiyo and Mahat going. Prayer that God will guide them. Prayer that God will give them strength — for a better future. Prayer that God keeps them strong - for the sake of their own children.

Please God, you and me will never have the experience of leaving behind our homes because we have not food - no future. Trocaire enables and supports those families like Ambiyo and Mahat. Together we can make a difference by donating to Trocaire. Perhaps you can help today by brining hope to those that feel hopeless?

Christina Malone - Trocaire

Taizè Prayer

Will be held in Christ our Light Church 7.30pm during March: 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 Hal, and will continue on a weekly basis.

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

O that today you would listen to his voice: 'Harden not your hearts.'

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† IN SYMPATHY †
 PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :
 Betty Lynch, Old Court.
 Joe Brennan, Ovens.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS OR OTHERWISE REMEMBERED:
 William Sheehan, High Street.
 John Seymour, Muskerry Estate.
 Neil Cleary, Westcourt.
 Tom McGrath, Beech Park.
 John O'Connell, Westcliff.
 James & Mona Hourigan, Limerick.
 Michael Doyle, Pinewalk.
 Kathleen & Dan Dorgan, Powdermills.
 Colm Cremin, Blarney.
 Helen Keneally Beech Park.
 Tadgh & Ellen O'Donovan, Kilmurray.
 David & Mary Cronin, Ballyvolane.
 Breid Dolan, Ballincollig.
 Frank Whelan, Maglin Vale.
 Donal O'Halloran, Kilnaglory.
 Dec. Mem. of the Wilson Family, Carlow.
 Breda Burke, Avoncourt.
 John Erangey, Aghabullogue.
 Patricia Murphy, Aylsbury.
 Tim O'Leary, Sunningdale.
 Varghese, Ann, Lisa & Raju, India.
 Norah & Paddy Barry, Redemption Road.
 Josie Purcell, Kilcrea Park.
 James O'Connell, Holly Road.

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7
 The Israelites grumbled against Moses for leading them out of Egypt. They were thirsty, and there was no water in the desert, so Moses struck a rock with his staff, and water flowed out for the people to drink.

Second Reading: St. Paul's Letter to the Romans
 "The love of God has been poured out into our hearts," and that love is immeasurable; "While we were still sinners Christ died for us."

Gospel: John 4:5-42
 Jesus approached a Samaritan woman at Jacob's well and asked her for a drink of water. This surprised the woman for several reasons. In the first place, it was unlikely that a man would ask a woman for anything and even more unbelievable that Jesus, a Jew, would ask something of a Samaritan, a great enemy of the Jewish people. Jesus explained to her that our thirst would return if we drank water from the well; but if we drank the water Jesus offered us, we would never thirst again. After Jesus told her many things about herself, she came to believe that he was the Son of God and called others to him.

Ballincollig Church Cantor
 Tony O'Brien available with accompanist
 To sing at funerals and weddings in Ballincollig.
 Tel. No.: 085 706 7564

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
 Third Week Of Lent
 12 Sunday Ex. 17:3-7. Ps. 94. Rom. 5: 1-2, 5-8. In. 4:5-42. Lect I: 245
 13 Monday 2 Kgs. 5:1-15. Ps. 41. Lk. 4:24-30. Lect I: 262
 14 Tuesday Dan. 3:25,34-43. Ps. 24. Mt. 18:21-35. Lect I: 264
 15 Wednesday Deut. 4:1, 5-9. Ps. 147. Mt. 5:17-19. Lect I: 267
 16 Thursday Jer. 7:23-28. Ps. 94. Lk. 11:14-23. Lect I: 268
 17 Friday Hos. 14:2-10. Ps. 80. Mk. 12:28-34. Lect I: 271
 18 Saturday Hos. 5: 15-6:6. Ps. 50. Lk. 18:9-14. Lect I: 273
 19-March-2023 1 Sam. 16:6-7, 10-13. Ps. 22. Eph. 5:8-14. Jn. 9:1-41. Lect I: 276

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 & 6 pm (Vigil)	Thursday	8:30 am
8:30 am & 10 am	St. Patrick's Day	11 am & 12:30 pm
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
 There will be NO Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday 17th next as its St. Patrick's Day.

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

Confirmation
 Please pray for the boys and girls in Gaelscoil Uí Riordáin who will receive the sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday 15th March. 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

A Prayer for Syria and Turkey
 All our hearts are going out to the people of Syria and Turkey .
 May the people of these lands have the courage
 and strength to live each day.
 May they have all the supports, aid, love and compassion needed.
 Syria is suffering so much pain and turmoil from war and conflict.
 May leaders open all borders so that all resources can get through.
 May generosity and God's blessings bring strength
 and hope to everyone who has been affected
 May minds and hearts be moved to remember loved ones who have
 died, those who are injured and missing,
 We hold them all in our hearts this day, Amen.