

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 19-March-2023

Fourth Sunday of Lent

*Jesus came among us to lead us from darkness into the light of faith. Through Adam's fall we were born as slaves of sin but now through Christ we are reborn as God's adopted children.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

## *Fouth Sunday of Lent - Mothering Sunday*

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers, mothers to be and all those in a mothering role who tirelessly work to create a positive environment in which our children can thrive. Last week we heard about Ambiyo, the mother of eight children. After the birth of her youngest daughter Ambiyo needed lifesaving care from the Trocaire health clinic nearby. Without the medical care and help she would have not survived. Trocaire, together with other partners, provide maternal care for expecting and new mothers through antenatal clinics, medical care during labour and also by delivering and nutrition programmes to children.

In today's first reading we hear about Samuel anointing David. Like David we were all anointed on the day of our baptism and confirmation. We are all brothers and sisters in Christ and with that comes responsibilities - one being we have to look at the struggles that our brother's and sister's face in their daily life in Somalia and other countries.

In the Gospel we hear Jesus healing the blind man. Jesus knew that being blind might have felt similar of that of being homeless, to be an outcast, to be without family support and therefore unable to provide for oneself. Jesus healing opened up new possibilities for the man in the story today. The disciples got caught up in asking questions about whose fault it was that this man was blind? Jesus said that nobody was to blame for the past of this man but that he himself was there to bring life and light to those who follow him and believe in him.

Through our Baptism and Confirmation each and every one of us here share in the responsibilities of the Catholic Social Teaching. The foundation is the inherent dignity of the human person, as created in the image and likeness of God. The Church, therefore, calls for Integral Human Development, which concerns the wellbeing of each person from every aspect: economic, political, social, ecological, and spiritual. In the past few weeks we have had many challenges presented to us. The war in the Ukraine, the earthquake in Turkey and Syria, Ambiyo and her family in Somalia. Of course some might argue we have to start at home. Many families in Ireland are struggling every day of the week. But rather than playing one against the other, how about starting somewhere you know your money can make a difference by given to Trocaire this lent? The past fifty years have shown the impact your donation has made. Let us continue that journey together. Hand in hand or as Trocaire names it "together for a just world"

*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.

## Ovens/Farran Parish

Lenten Retreat, Saturday 18th March to Tuesday 21st March.

Fr. Laurence Gallagher, Redemptorist

Ovens Church:

Saturday Vigil 7pm & Sunday 11.30am.

Farran Church: Sunday 9.30am.

Sunday 19th at 7.30pm, Ovens Church

Theme: "Life, Faith & Hope after Covid 19"

Monday 20th:

Ovens: 9.30am Mass.

7.30pm: Theme: "Healing the Hurts".

Tuesday 21st:

Farran: 9.30am Mass.

Ovens:

7.30pm: Theme: "Celebrating God's Bountiful Love & Mercy"

*We wish all the moms of our Parishes a  
Happy Mother's Day*

*&  
Don't forget Summer Time begins next weekend  
when clocks go forward by one hour*

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

*The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Fourth Week Of Lent

19 Sunday 1 Sam. 16:6-7, 10-13. Ps. 22. Eph. 58-14. Jn. 9:1-41. Lect I: 276

20 Monday 2 Sam. 7:4-5,12-14,16. Ps. 88. Rom. 4:13,16-18, 22. Mt. 1: 16, 18-21 or Lk. 2:41-51  
Lect I:970

21 Tuesday Ez. 47: 1-9,12. Ps. 45. Jn. 5:1-3,5-1 6. Lect I: 292

22 Wednesday Is. 49:8-15. Ps. 144. Jn. 5:17-30. Lect I: 294

23 Thursday Ex. 32:7-14. Ps. 105. Jn. 5:31-47. Lect I: 297

24 Friday Wis. 2: 1, 12-22. Ps. 33. Jn. 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30. Lect I: 300

25 Saturday Is 7:10-14, 8:10. Ps 39. Heb 10:4-10. Lk 1:26-38. Lect I: 985

26-March-2023 Ez. 37: 12-14. Ps. 129. Rom. 8:8-11. Jn. 11: 1-45. Lect I: 305

† IN SYMPATHY †  
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :

Brendan Murphy, Ballincollig/Mallow.  
Seán O'Callaghan, Carrigrohane/Macroom.  
Canon Michael Murphy, Ballyphehane.  
Lena Hourihan, Rosewood.  
Olive O'Leary, Beech Road.

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

Sean McCarthy, Dunmanway.  
Jerry & Kitty Hallahan, Westgrove & Wales.  
Nora Cotter, Togher.  
Joe O'Callaghan, Glendower Court.  
Seán McCarthy, Dunmanway.  
Kate & Fred Nash, Powdermills.  
William & Mai Murphy, Carrigrohane.  
Margaret & William O'Connor, Carrigrohane.  
Rita Kinsella, Blarney.  
Michael O'Connor, Carrigrohane.  
Breda Ryan, Kilmurray/Ovens.  
Ken Murphy, Greenfields/Wilton.  
Timothy & Maureen O'Connell, Ballingulley.  
Olive, Therese & Noel Fergal O'Connell, Ballingulley.  
Ena O'Shea, Innishannon.  
Martin Muldoon, Crossbarry.  
Frank Rea, Ovens.

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13  
The Lord sent Samuel to Bethlehem to the house of Jesse, where Samuel was to anoint the new king of Israel. After Jesse presented each of his sons, the Lord instructed Samuel to anoint the youngest, David.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14  
Live as children of light in goodness, justice, and truth. "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

Gospel: John 9:1-41  
Using saliva and earth, Jesus made a paste to heal the blind man. The healing became a true conversion for the man, but created some problems for Jesus with the Jewish leaders. Because this healing took place on the Sabbath, the Pharisees accused Jesus of breaking Jewish law. The Pharisees tried to get confirmation of this action from the blind man's parents and from the blind man himself. In the end, the authorities were unable to charge Jesus with any wrongdoing and had to recognise that Jesus was gaining many disciples.

**Part-Time Bus/Taxi Escort**

Wanted in Scoil Mhuire, Ballincollig. One hour before school and one hour at 1.45pm. For further information, contact the school at 0214870809 or principal@scoilmhuireballincollig.ie

**Ballincollig Church Cantor**

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

**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**

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 3 p.m. until 4 p.m. In St. Mary & St. John's Church every Friday.

**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 and girls in Gaelscoil Uí Riordáin who received 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.

**Rosary**

Family Rosary is on every Sunday at 9.15am in St. Mary & St. John Church.

**Envelope Collection**

Bishop's Commissions Collection which was taken up at all Masses last weekend amounted to €1,700.

**Earthquake Collection**

Bishop Fintan has given approval for a diocesan collection to be taken up in support of people affected by the devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. This will take place this weekend on Saturday 18 March / Sunday 19 March. All funds raised will be channeled through Trócaire who are working with the Caritas Internationalis Network in Turkey and Syria.

**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