

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 03-February-2008

Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Day of Prayer for Temperance

Our weaknesses and limitations can sometimes frustrate us, but they can also lead us to see our dependence on God. If we turn to him as the only source of our life and strength, his power will work through our weakness, and we will be blessed.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

The Season of Lent

Lent began historically as a time of intense preparation of individuals to be initiated into the church community at Easter. The Easter vigil owes its origins to the practice of early Christian communities staying up all night to pray with those preparing for baptism. This was a time when the majority of those preparing for baptism were adults.

This season did not belong solely to those preparing for baptism. It also invited the rest of the community to join the candidates in prayer and penance. This was not only a means of support for those preparing for baptism but also a time for the faithful to renew their original commitment to live out their baptism calling. Lent is a time of penance and effort. Lent is also a season of joy because we are preparing for Easter. The daily readings and the Sunday readings provide an abundance of riches. From a spiritual point of view, Lent is an opportune time for us. There is something about Lent that spurs us into action in the battle against evil. Maybe it is the image of the sinless Jesus battling with Satan in the desert. Lent calls us to prayer, penance and works of charity; in short to a fuller living of the Christian life.

Lent is also a time when we are encouraged to remember the less fortunate in our world and to make an effort to help them in a practical way. To help us in this task, families are encouraged to use the Trocaire boxes during Lent and make a contribution towards the work of Trocaire..

George O'Mahony

Reflection for Parents

Living the beatitudes is nothing new for parents. We often set our needs and desires aside in order to care for others, especially our children. Our greatest challenge, however, is to be a living witness to the first beatitude. If we understand and live out being "poor in spirit," the rest falls into place. For to be "poor in spirit," we rely completely on God. We know what the present situation holds, but recognise that there is a greater glory to come in God's Kingdom.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Lord, we come before you this day to present our prayers, confident that you will hear them.

Reader

For the people around the world and in our own country who are living in poverty and who go hungry.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who suffer from addictions may they find the strength and assistance they need to break free from them.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For peace, in the world, in our homes and in our hearts.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those people throughout the world who are persecuted for their beliefs.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the bereaved, may they be comforted in their mourning.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. May they receive their eternal reward.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest

Heavenly Father, hear these prayers we present before you today. We make these, and all our prayers, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

How Happy Are The Poor In Spirit; Theirs Is The Kingdom Of Heaven.

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BAPTISMS

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

Aine Sarah Leahy, 18 Mossgrove, Classis Lake.
Ellie Paula Crowley, 12 Oak Drive, Classis Lake.
Brian Vincent Wills, Candrummy, Killnamatrya.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Mary Hume, Douglas.
Delores Crowley, Clonakilty.
Billy Manley, Hartfordshire, England.
Frank Keohane, Ballincollig.
Derry O'Neil, Carriganarra.
Sean Coakley, Muskerry Estate.
Mary Kavanagh, East Gate.

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

Garrett Collins, Dunmanway.
John Barry Murphy, Farran.
Tom Noonan
Patrick Hogan, Coolyduff, Inisscarra.
Ellen Murphy, Windsor, Ovens.
Patrica McCarthy, Castle Park.
Jimmy & Peggy Barry, Youghal.
D. J O'Flynn, Timoleague.
Deceased members of the Murphy family, Ovens.
Anne O'Keeffe, Parkdale, Commons Road.
Maureen Buckley, Cloughduv.
John Murray, Cloughduv.
Sheila O'Donovan, Rochestown.
Michael McNulty, Fr Sexton Pk.
Seamus & Mary O'Riain, Moneygall, Tipperary.
Gerard Spillane, Castleknock.
Deceased Members of the Power Family, Co Waterford.
Martin Murphy, Hodders Villas.
Paddy Lucy, Carriganarra.
Mary O'Leary, Tower, Blarney.
Mary Knight, Muskerry Estate.
John Desmond, Garryhesta.
Margaret McSweeney, Kilnaglory.

Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund

Special Envelope Collection next weekend February 9th & 10th.
This collection subsidises the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes for individuals whose health and /or means would otherwise prevent them from travelling to Lourdes. It also subsidises medical expenses and the travel of essential care personnel.

Society of St. Vincent De Paul

Monthly Collection
This Weekend 2nd & 3rd February 2008
Please Support
Would you like to speak, in complete confidence, to a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society?
Please Phone: SVP Ballincollig 086 3202182
or SVP Tuckey St., Cork: 021 4270444

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Fourth Week In Ordinary Time

03 Sunday Zeph. 2:3; 3:12-13. Ps. 145.1 Cor. 1:26-31. Mt. 5: 1 -12. Lect I: 647
04 Monday 2 Sam 15:13-14, 30, 1&5-13. Ps 3. Mk 5:1-20. Lect II: 498
05 Tuesday Tuesday 2 Sam 18:9-10, 14, 24-25, 30-19:3. Ps 85. Mk 5:21-43. Lect II: 500
06 Wednesday Joel. 2:12-18. Ps. 50. 2 Cor. 5:20-6:2. Mt. 6:1-6. 16-18. Lect I: 191
07 Thursday Deut. 30:15-20. Ps. 1. Lk. 9:22-25. Lect I: 194
08 Friday Is. 58: 1-9. Ps. 50. Mt. 9: 14-15. Lect I: 196
09 Saturday Is. 58:9-14. Ps. 85. Lk. 5:27-32. Lect I: 198

Next Sunday's Readings 10-February-2008
Gen. 2:7-9, 3:1-7. Ps 50. Rom. 5:12-19. Mt. 4:1-11. Lect I: 201

Inviting Young People

Young people are invited to come and pray with Poor Clare Sisters at Poor Clare Chapel, College Road, Cork on 10th February 2008 2.30 pm -3.30 pm.

Colaiste Stiofain Naofa

Open day at Colaiste Stiofain Naofa,
College of Further Education, Tramore Road, Cork.
Thursday, 7th February, 10 am to 4 pm.
Over 40 Full-time and Part-time courses.
Talk to students, meet the tutors.
Information meetings every hour.
Everyone welcome.

Trocaire launches its annual Fast Campaign

During Lent we are called to pray and fast and to share with those who are poor or in need. When we deny ourselves the comforts we are used to it reminds us of the suffering of those who each day live without the most basic resources. This year's Trocaire 24-Hour Fast takes place on February 22nd and 23rd and will raise essential funds for life-changing development projects in the world's poorest countries.

Speaking about this year's Trocaire Fast, Bishop John Kirby, Chairman of Trocaire said, "In just 24 hours Irish people can make a real difference to the lives of communities overseas. Support for Trocaire's work is needed more than ever in helping communities that now face the combined effects of poverty and climate change. 700 million people in 43 countries are living without enough water and many of the world's poorest people are struggling to survive in extreme weather conditions which are preventing them from growing food and making a living."

To register for the Fast or get a free Fast pack log on to
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or text 24HR to 51727.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

"Seek the Lord, all you humble of the earth," said Zephaniah the prophet. Do what is right. "Seek justice." Those who take refuge in the Lord shall pasture their flocks.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

The weak of the world are chosen by God. "Whoever boasts, should boast in the Lord."

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

The beatitudes are the content of this Gospel and they begin what we commonly call, "The Sermon on the Mount." Jesus' words surely turned upside down the understanding his listeners had of the world and society. Jesus told them that the poor would be rich, the hungry would be filled, and the persecuted would be rewarded. In all, there are eight statements that give the people a new understanding of Moses' law and a clearer image of God's Kingdom.

Bulletin Board

Feast of St Blaise

Today, Sunday 3rd February is the feast of St Blaise. There will be Blessing of Throats after all Masses

Ash Wednesday - February 6th, 2008

Ashes will be blessed and distributed during all Masses. It also marks the beginning of Lent. For the duration of Lent there will be one evening Mass in **Christ Our Light at 8 pm.**

Baptism Preparation.

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday February 9th at 1.00 pm, and will be held in the Community Hall, Station Rd. The presentation lasts for approximately forty minutes. The following questions are addressed, what is Baptism? What are the symbols used in the Sacrament of Baptism? How can the family become involved in the ceremony? We recommend parents book baptisms a few weeks in advance in order to give ample time to take part in the preparation.

Vigil Mass Christ Our Light – Time Change

Effective from Saturday 2nd February the Vigil Mass at Christ Our Light changes from 8 pm to 7.30 pm. This Mass time change has been approved by Bishop John Buckley following adoption of the proposal by the Parish Council and the views of parishioners who attend this Mass.

St Oliver's Cemetery

The new extension to St Oliver's Cemetery is now open. The Co. Council are now selling plots, anybody interested please contact Mr Lane the caretaker at St Oliver's phone 021 4873709.

This Week's Calendar

Monday 4 – Weekday (4th Week in Ordinary Time)

Tuesday 5 – St Agatha, a third-century martyr for the faith. She is patron saint of bell-founders.

Wednesday 6 – *Ash Wednesday* – Beginning of Lent (Day of fast and abstinence)

Thursday 7 – St Mel, bishop.

Friday 8 – St Jerome Emiliani. Following a military career, he founded the Clerks Regular of Somaschi for the care of orphans and the poor. He is patron saint of orphans.

Also St Josephine Bakhita (1868-1947), a native of Sudan, she was brought as a slave to Italy. She was converted to Christianity and later became a nun in Venice.

Saturday 9 – Lenten Weekday

Fr. George

Scout news

The Scouts took part in the County Quiz, which was hosted by the Ballincollig Scout Group. We would like to thank the G.A.A. Club for the use of their hall; twenty teams from all over the Lee Valley Scout County took part. The teams were tested in a wide variety of subjects including general knowledge, knots, sport, music, puzzles, Scouting knowledge and are you smarter than a 10 year old. Some of the answers were surprising to say the least, and a lot of 13 and 14 year olds, have a lot more respect for 10 year olds.

It was very close contest to the very last round with the Ballincollig team winning out, with the 4th Cork coming second and the 37th Cork coming third.

Most of us can do more than we think we can, but we actually do less than we think we do.

A Celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life

Topic: "Woven by the Word; Weaving the Word"
(Reflection on Scripture)

Speaker: Fr Ned Gould

Date: Today Sunday, 3rd February 2008

Time: 2.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Venue: Ursuline Secondary School, Blackrock, Cork
All welcome!

St. Dominic's Retreat Centre

Commencing February 6th – Wednesday 7.30 - 8.30pm
(7 Wednesdays during Lent)

Mid-week meditation using scripture guided input

Led by: Martina Lehane Sheehan

Donation €5

Commencing February 7th – Thursday 7.30 pm - 9.30pm
(6 Thursdays during Lent)

Journeying With Biblical Characters During Lent

Presenter: Geraldine O'Mahony OP

Donation €5

Commencing February 9th – Saturday 10.00 am - 12.00 noon
(6 Saturdays during Lent)

Bible Meditation - Lectio Divina – meditating on Lenten Sunday Scriptures finishing with celebration of the Eucharist

Director: Joseph Ralph OP

Donation €5

February 9th – Saturday 10.30 am – 4.30 pm

Stress Release & Healing – a gentle visit to the healing journey, ending with celebration of the Eucharist

Martina Lehane Sheehan

Cost: €30.00 (includes light lunch soup & roll)



The Coeliac Society of Ireland

Date: Tuesday, 5th February, 2008

Place: SMA Centre, Wilton, Cork

Time: 8.00 p.m.

Quiz night and talk from Dietitian followed by refreshments

Everyone welcome.

Msza Św. Mass in Polish

w języku polskim w Ballincollig

16 luty - 16 February

sobota – 19:00 - Saturday 19:00

Zapraszamy Powiadom znajomych

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Feb-09 & Feb-10-2008

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Ailish O'Reilly
Daniel McAuliffe
8:30 am
Triona Collins
10:00 am
Louise McCarthy
Robert Noonan
12:00 Noon
Tony Lynch
Evan Keating

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Fiona Feely
11:00 am
Jack Dorgan
12:30 pm
Tadhg Buckley
5:30 pm
Christine O'Brien

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
9:30 am	Tuesday	8:30 am
9:30 am	Wednesday	8:30 am & 8 pm
9:30 am	Thursday	8:30 am & 8 pm
9:30 am	Friday	8:30 am & 8 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

Priest on Duty 087-2479140
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Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C. 021-4877161
Fr. Sean O'Driscoll C.C. 021-4870434
Fr. Ted Sheehan 021-4876171

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Feb-09 & Feb-10-2008



St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm	Patsie Murphy Marie Bohan Mary Walsh Marie Healy Margaret Kearney Nora Barry	7:30 pm	Jim Cahill Kit Cahill Sheila O'Connor John Canty
8:30 am	Theresa Lucey Rita Murphy Mona Holland	11:00 am	Carmel Ryan Angela Cunningham Laurence Cunningham Eileen Byrne
10:00 am	Tadhg Murphy Mary Murphy Joan Tobin Tony O'Leary Phil Kennedy Denis Healy	12:30 pm	Eileen Garvey Sally Power Breda Callanan Marie O'Brien Olan O'Mahony
12 Noon	Michael Crowley Breda Lenihan Noel Hennessey Jacinta Jeffers Rena O'Connor Sean Farrell	5:30 pm	Neil O'Donoghue Phil O'Connell Maire McCullagh



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Sat 10:30 am - 12 Noon. Phone No. (021) 4871206, Office Secretary Catherine Crowley.**

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Monday	Closed
Tuesday	9.30 – 5.00 pm
Wednesday	10.30 – 5.00 pm
Thursday	9.30 – 5.00 pm
Friday	9.30 – 5.00 pm
Saturday	9.30 – 12.30 pm

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Friday	9.30 – 7.30 pm
Saturday	9.30 – 5.00 pm