

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



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

Sunday 04-January-2009

Second Sunday after Christmas

For many the New Year is a time for making resolutions, to alter personal and material ways of their life. We are called to renew our commitment to follow "The Word made flesh" full of grace and truth.



**Christ Our Light
Innishmore**

Feast of the Epiphany - Magi

Today we gather on the Second Sunday of Christmas to celebrate the Word made flesh that came to dwell among us as a man. We ask for the grace to bear witness to the Son of God in our lives.

Next Tuesday, we celebrate The Feast of the Epiphany. "Epiphany" is a word of Greek origin, relating to such English words as "theophany", "phenotype" and "phenomenon". It means an appearance, a displaying, a showing forth, a making clear or public or obvious. On this day, Christians have traditionally celebrated the making known of Jesus Christ to the world.

Several events have been thought of as special instances of the making known of Our Lord, such as:

His birth; the coming of the Magi; his Baptism; His first miracle at Cana. Current majority usage, at least in the West, celebrates His birth on December 25th, the coming of the Magi on January 6th, and His Baptism on the next Sunday January 11th. On the following Sundays up to the beginning of Lent, we remember Our Lord's public preaching of the kingdom, particularly the earlier stages of that preaching when opposition had not yet crystallised. On the Last Sunday after Epiphany (the Sunday before Lent), we commemorate the Transfiguration, the climax of this first phase of our Lord's public ministry.

On Tuesday, then, we commemorate the visit of the Magi, a token of the day when all the peoples of the earth will acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord, God and Saviour. The visit of the Magi is recorded in the second chapter of Matthew.

Christian writers have interpreted the gold as a sign that Jesus is King, the Frankincense as a sign that He is God, and the myrrh (used in embalming) as a sign that He is by His death and Resurrection the Saviour of the world. This imagery is found in the song, "We three Kings of Orient Are". The three gifts are also understood as a sign of three responses that we ought to make to Christ.

Epiphany Mass Schedule

St. Mary & St. John

9:30 am

Monday 5th

Christ Our Light

8:30 am & 7:30 pm (Vigil)

8:30 am, 10 am & 8 pm

Tuesday 6th

12:30 pm & 6:30 pm

Reflection for Parents

There are many people, opportunities, and circumstances that guide our families. Talk together about what "stars" lead you as a family. Continue the discussion by reflecting on what gifts you have to offer Jesus. Help your children remember that what we give to others is what we give to Jesus. How will your family share your gifts for Jesus?

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Our heavenly Father has sent Jesus, the Son, to bring grace and truth to the world. Let us now present our prayers to the Lord, confident that they will be heard.

Reader

We pray for the Church and its leaders; that the gospel of truth may be proclaimed fearlessly in the world.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For Christians everywhere; that, filled with wisdom, they may live lives in keeping with the gospel.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For our political leaders; that they may govern justly and with concern for those who are poor and on the margins of society.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We gather to celebrate the first Sunday of 2009, with thankfulness for the year just gone. We ask God for continuing care and protection of all our jobs and welfare as we face this New Year, not knowing what it will bring.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the sick, especially those with terminal illnesses; that they may experience Christ's healing touch.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for those who have died; that they may receive the rich glories God has promised the saints will inherit.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest

Father in heaven, you sent your Son, who is nearest to your heart, to make yourself known in the world. Hear the prayers we make to you this day through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

The Word was made flesh, and lived among us.

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BAPTISMS

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

Patrick Michael Christopher Keane-Hennigan, Station Road.
 Grace Jean O'Donovan-Sweeney, Woodbine Lawn.
 Greta Evelina Dahl, Oldcourt.
 James Richard Krauss Allen, Maglin Circle.
 Harry Michael Mulligan, Willowgrove.
 Michael Andrew Mellene, Elm Lawn.
 Conor Che-Sing Chung, Maglin View.
 Jack Joseph Martin, Innishmore Lawn.
 Chidubem Daniel & Chisombem Daniella Ebili, Aylsbury.
 Rohan Samuel Mansfield, Newport-on-Tay.
 Jessica Anne O'Riordan, Ballyburden.
 Beth Ann Marland, Westcliffe.
 Nikodem AndzeTrepplia, Caislean Close.
 Julia Agnieszka Kaleta, The Cloisters.
 Cian Patrick Murphy, Jersey C.I.
 Lauren Mae Lehane, Beech Park.
 Dylan Patrick Healy, Oak Ave.
 Gavin Joseph McCarthy, Rosewood.
 Penelope Long, Coolroe Heights.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Sheila Ahern, Douglas & Blackrock.
 Neilus O'Driscoll, Clonakilty.
 John Lucas, Villierstown.

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

Mary Cahalane, Holly Road.
 Maureen Callanan, West Village.
 Ann Linehan, Pouladuff.
 Sheila O'Mahony, Ballyvolane & Coachford.
 John Barry Murphy, Farnanes.
 Anthony Moran, Mayo.
 Paddy Troy, Glanmire & Offaly.
 Eileen & Tommy Long, Crosshaven.
 Cornelius Greany, Station Road.
 John & Mary Noonan, Greenmount.
 Denis Murphy, Fr Sexton Park
 Jack O'Connell, Main Street.
 Sheila Walsh, Castlepark.
 Liam Walsh, Wolverhampton.
 Abina Carroll, Crookstown.
 John, Dan & Pat O'Leary, Doneraile.
 Teresa Gilleran & Deceased Members of the Gilleran Family
 Christy Callanan, Muskerry Estate.
 Deceased Members of the Murphy Family, Ballyhaunis.
 Mona Hourigan, Co Limerick.
 Patrick Barry, Ardnarostig.
 Eileen & Con O'Connor, Kanturk.
 Josephine Deady, Buttevant.
 Eileen & Dan Fehily, Upton.

Ballincollig Secular Franciscan Order

The monthly Mass and meeting will be held
 on Thursday 8th January at 11.00 am
 in St. Mary & St. John Church
 Rosary will be recited at 10.40 am (Sharp)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Second Sunday of Christmas

04 Sunday Eccles. (Sir) 24: 1-2, 8-12. Ps. 147. Eph. 1 :3-6, 15-18.
 Jn. 1:1-18. Lect I:141
 05 Monday 1 Jn. 3:11-21. Ps. 99. Jn. 1:43-51. Lect I: 152
 06 Tuesday Is. 60:1-6. Ps. 71. Eph. 3:2-3, 5-6. Mt. 2:1-12. Lect I: 161
 07 Wednesday 1 Jn. 3:22-4:6. Ps. 2. Mt. 4: 12-17, 23-25. Lect I: 164
 08 Thursday 1 Jn. 4:7-10. Ps. 71. Mk. 6:34-44. Lect I: 166
 09 Friday 1 Jn 4:11-18. Ps 71. Mk 6:45-52. Lect I: 168
 10 Saturday 1 Jn 4:19-5:4. Ps 71. Lk 4:14-22. Lect I: 171

Next Sunday's Readings 11-January-2009

Is 55:1-11. Ps Is 12:2-6.1 Jn 5:1-9. Mk 1:7-11. Lect I: 182

The Priests of the Parish and the Parish Council take this opportunity to wish all Readers & Parishioners a Happy New Year in languages of the following countries.

Gaelic	Ath Bhliain Faoi Mhaise
English	Happy New Year
Bulgarian	Yecnta Hoba Roanha (chestita nova godina)
Myanmar	Hnit Thit Ku Mingalar Pa
Mandarin	Xin Nian Kuai le/xin Nian Hao
French	BonneAnnee
India	Nav Varsh Ki Subhkamna
Hungarian	Boldog Uj Evet
Latvian	Laimingu Jauno Gadu
Lithuanian	Laimingu Naujuju Mety
Polish	Szczesliwego Nowego Roku
Angola	Feliz Ano Novo
Romanian	Un An nou Fericit / La Multi Ani
Russian	C Hobbim Toaom (S Novim Godom)
Spanish	Feliz Ano Nuevo
Kenya	Mwaka Mzuri / Hen Ya Mwaka Mpya
Philippines	Manigong Bagong Taon
Nigeria	Barka da Sabuwar Shekara
Igbo	Ekelere m Gi Maka Keresimesi na Ubochi
Yoruba	E Ku Odun, E Ku Iye Dun

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

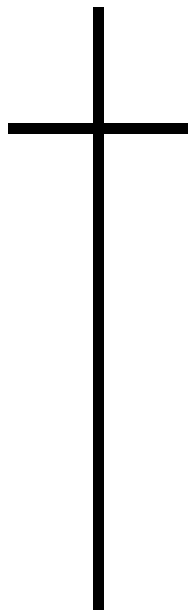
First Reading: Sirach 24:1-2,8-12
 The Book of Sirach (Ecclesiastes) was written about 130 BCE. Its aim was to confirm the Jewish people in the way of their faith and not to give in to pressure to abandon their culture. This section speaks of wisdom who has her resting place in Jerusalem. Wisdom's selection of Jacob came from a divine decree. The universe came into existence through a divine word and wisdom pitched her tent in Jerusalem. The tent tells us of the Hebrew ideas of 'wisdom' and 'word' that underlie the Gospel's use of 'Word'.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-18
 The Letter to the Ephesians focuses on God's preordained plan of salvation, uniting Jew and Gentile in the body of the risen Christ. The blessing that we read in today's reading evokes the liturgical origin of the blessing formula found in the Psalms. Christ is presented as the mediator of salvation. 'In love' we become the adopted children of God. The term 'in love' refers to the love God has for us. The reading concludes with a prayer that we grasp this idea.

Gospel Reading: John 1:1-18
 The term 'word' in English is a translation of the Greek word 'logos'. In using this term John initiates a dialogue between Greek culture and Hebrew culture. In the Greek world, logos could mean the soul of the world. In the Jewish scriptures logos stands for the wisdom and word of God. In the Book of Isaiah we read of how God speaks and the word of God does not return 'without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do'. Now in the fullness of time, the Word of God has become flesh and lived among us. From him we receive grace upon grace and we enter into union with the God who calls us by name.

THE CROSS IN MY POCKET

I carry a cross in my pocket
 A simple reminder to me
 Of the fact that I am a Christian
 No matter where I may be.
 This little cross is not magic
 Nor is it a good luck charm
 It isn't meant to protect me
 From every physical harm.
 It's not for identification
 For all the world to see
 It's simply an understanding
 Between my Saviour and me.
 When I put my hand in my pocket
 To bring out a coin or a key
 The cross is there to remind me
 Of the price He paid for me.
 It reminds me, too, to be thankful
 For my blessings day by day
 And to strive to serve Him better
 In all that I do and say.
 It's also a daily reminder
 Of the peace and comfort I share
 With all who know my Master
 And give themselves to His care.
 So, I carry a cross in my pocket
 Reminding no one but me
 That Jesus Christ is Lord of my life
 If only I'll let Him be.



Bulletin Board

Christmas Collection

With Thanks, The Priests of the Parish, Fr. George, Fr. Michael, and Fr. Billy would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generosity in the Christmas Day & Christmas Eve 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 – Ministers of the Word, Ministers of the Eucharist, Altar Society, Altar Servers, Choir, Cantors, Folk Group, Collectors, Cleaners, Parish Council and Parish Council Sub Groups, people who distributed dues envelopes and the various flyers throughout the year,. The Sacristians in both Churches - Geraldine and Siobhan. Thanks to Parishioner for your generous support to the Priest of the Parish during the past year. Your support is much appreciated. I wish you and your families a happy New Year.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place **Saturday 17th January, 2009 at 1 pm** in the **Library Room, Community Hall, Station Road**. 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? Parents might book the baptism a few weeks in advance to give ample time to take part in the preparation.

**Feast of the Epiphany Holy Day of Obligation
 Tuesday 6th January, 2009**

Masses

St Mary & St John

8.30 am, 10.00 am & 8.00 pm

Christ Our Light

Vigil: Monday 5th January @ 7.30 pm
 12.30 pm. & 6.30 pm

Catholic Paper

Copies of the Catholic Paper -**The Universe** - are available in both Churches every week.

Fr. George

Ballincollig Parish Bereavement Support

The next Bereavement Support Programme will commence on Tuesday 3rd February 2009 and will continue each Tuesday night for 8 weeks. This programme is held in a small group setting and is open to all who are grieving the death of loved ones.

During grief it is normal to experience many emotions such as shock, numbness, anger, guilt, loneliness, depression. A Bereavement Support Group provides a safe place where the bereaved can, in a confidential setting, share their experiences with others, explore the different stages of grief, and be supported during a difficult time.

For further information, please contact Sr Colette O'Leary: 086.3557375 or the Parish Office: 4871206.

Msza Św. Mass in Polish

w języku polskim
 w Ballincollig
 21 luty - 21 February
 sobota – 19:00 - Saturday 19:00
 Zapraszamy
 Powiadom znajomych

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Jan-10 & Jan-11-2009

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)

Carmel Keane
Sarah Dillon
8:30 am
Niamh Gallagher
10:00 am
Grace Buttimer
Orla Horgan
12:00 Noon
Sean Hennessy
Shane Lehane

7:30 pm (Vigil)

Michael Greene
11:00 am
Alex Hatsigrigoriou
Alison Henchion
12:30 pm
Margaret Healy
5:30 pm
Tom Reck



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Jan-10 & Jan-11-2009

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Patsie Murphy
Marie Bohan
Mary Walsh
Marie Healy
Margaret Kearney
Nora Barry

8:30 am Theresa Lucey
Rita Murphy
Mona Holland

10:00 am Tadgh Murphy
Mary Murphy
Joan Tobin
Tony O'Leary
Phil Kennedy
Seamus O'Shea

12 Noon Michael Crowley
Breda Lenihan
Noel Hennessey
Jacinta Jeffers
Rena O'Connor
Sean Farrell

7:30 pm Sheila O'Connor
John Canty
Brid Healy-Harris
Kit Cahill

11:00 am Carmel Ryan
Angela Cunningham
Laurence Cunningham
Eileen Byrne

12:30 pm Eileen Garvey
Sally Power
Breda Callanan
Catherine Freehill
Attracta McKiernan

5:30 pm Phil O'Connell
Maire McCullagh
Olan O'Mahony

MASS TIMES

St. Mary & St. John

8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon

9:30 am

8:30 am, 10 am & 8 pm

9:30 am

9:30 am

9:30 am

10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)

Christ Our Light

11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm

8:30 am & 7:30 pm
(Vigil)

12:30 pm & 6:30 pm

8:30 am

8:30 am

8:30 am

7:30 pm (Vigil)

CONFESSIONS

After 10:00 am Mass &
before 6:00 pm Mass

Saturday

BAPTISMS

4:30 pm
Except First Saturday of
Month

Saturday

4:30 pm
First Saturday of Month

12:45 pm

Sunday

PARISH CLERGY

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Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C. 021-4877161

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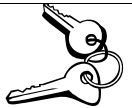
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