

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 04-March-2012

Second Sunday of Lent

To be asked to offer up your only Son was a terrible sacrifice. In the end Abraham was not asked to make it, but God Himself has offered it for us. It is from this sacramental gift that all our blessings come.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Second Sunday of Lent

This weekend the Word of God in passages from the book of Genesis and the gospel of Mark not only frightened Peter but really puts Abraham's trust in God to the test. Christ and Abraham are really committed to doing God's will. Abraham is faced with the most awful moment of his life, being asked to go to Moriah and kill his son. The angel of God spoke to Abraham "do not raise your hand against this boy". This account makes it clear that God forbids taking human life, inflicting pain or hurt on humans. This message from God leaves us in no doubt that we cannot hurt, harm or inflict pain on others in God's name or the name of religion.

The Genesis account also highlights the depth of faith and trust in God demonstrated by Abraham. May each of us be blessed with a similar faith.

The account of the Transfiguration in Mark's gospel at face value seems to be a pleasant occasion. Like all events there is a subtext. Christ at this stage of his public life was facing a real dilemma. Did the Father truly expect Him to go to Jerusalem, Did the Father really expect the ultimate sacrifice from Him. The mountain was a favourite place of prayer and reflection for Christ. This occasion on Mt Tabor there is reassurance by the presence of Moses and Elijah, no wonder even the brave Peter was frightened. Then came from the cloud came the voice "this is my son, the beloved. Listen to Him."

Both readings give a very strong message that God is close to each of us. He is with us when the day is bright and dazzling. God is with us when we are frightened. God is with us when we are faced with impossible situations and furthermore God's presence makes a difference. May we have some of the faith and trust of Abraham.

George O'Mahony

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

God is on our side. Therefore let us bring our needs before him, confident that we will receive a sympathetic hearing.

Reader

For the followers of Christ: that they may never choose the cheap and passing things, and so let go the things that last for ever.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For our political leaders: that they may never take the easy way and so abandon the right way.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who are finding life difficult.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For all gathered here: that we may be convinced that God is on our side in good times and in bad, in joy and in sorrow. That we may never forget that the sweat is the price of all great things, and without the cross there can be no crown.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For grace to treasure moments of light which give meaning and hope to our lives.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For a moment, we remember in silence our own particular needs.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

Priest

Merciful God, give us a love for what you command and a longing for what you promise, so that amid this world's changes, our hearts may be set on the world of lasting joy. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Ballincollig Parish at Work

Calling the people from the Community of Ballincollig.

Do you know what goes on within the Parish? Would you like to get involved in the community?

On Monday March 5th the A.G.M. of Ballincollig Parish Council takes place in the Annex Room of the Community Centre at 7.45 p.m. Volunteers are always needed and we would ask that you please come along on the night and become an active parishioner in our community. The life of Ballincollig Parish is enriched and strengthened by the contribution of so many individuals who give freely their energy and time to work on the Parish Council and in the various groups within our community. **Many hands make light work**

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Visit Our Website: www.ballincolligparish.ie

BAPTISMS

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

Ciara Geraldine Hogan/Faulkner, Aylsbury.
 Siobhan Jennifer Hogan/Faulkner, Aylsbury.
 Evan O'Mahony, An Caislean.
 Abbie Rose Werst, Beech Park.
 Lara Marie Holland, Glendower Court.
 Callum David Hennessy/Mullally, Leslies Arch.
 Tomas Finbarr Callaghan, Inniscarra View.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Angela Duggan, Westcourt Heights.
 Margaret Reen, Millstreet.
 William Neenan, Milstreet.
 Margaret Connolly, Elm Lawn, Muskerry Estate.
 Lily Crowley (nee Kelly), Bishopstown.
 Sheila Drew, Donoughmore & Church View.
 Ita O'Brien, Victoria Cross.

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

Dan O'Connell, West Village.
 Margaret Donovan, Glasheen.
 Frank McNally, Dublin.
 Clare Dineen, Ovens.
 Ellen Thompson, Wyndham Downs.
 Pat, Kitty & Pat (Jnr) Sheehan, Coachford.
 Colm O'Nuallain, Dublin.
 Danny & Rosie Griffin, Roscrea.
 Jim Murphy, Pine Walk.
 William & Catherine Murphy, The Mills.
 Derry Murphy, Powdermills.
 John Lucey, Carriganarra.
 Eileen Walsh, Holly Road.
 Daniel O'Sullivan, Donoughmore.
 John & Eleanor O'Mahony & daughter Eileen Foley, Castletownbere.
 Eileen Murphy, Rosewood.
 Martin Power, Ovens.
 Catherine McCarthy, Dunmanway.
 Stephen Murphy, Drimoleague.
 Eugene & Margaret Teahen, Killarney.
 Thomas & Kathleen Holmes, Leo Murphy Terrace.
 Kathleen Murray, Carrigrohane.
 Derry Murphy, Powdermills.
 Tadgh & Ellen O'Donovan, Lissarda.
 John & Mary Lucey, Coolroe.
 Teresa Gilleran, Ballinlough.
 Deceased members of the Gilleran family.
 Daniel Cronin, Rathmore.
 Frank & Nora Kiely, Turners Cross.
 John Corkery, Clondrohid.
 Mabel Neenan, Millstreet.
 Dec members of the Boyce, Aherne & O'Keefe families.
 Paddy Buckley, Farranree.

Knock

Legion of Mary Annual Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday 27th May 2012. Bus leaving village at 7.00 am sharp.
 Early booking advised. For details contact Sally (021) 4870954 or Kathleen (021) 4874730.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Second Week Of Lent

04 Sunday Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18. Ps 115. Rom 8:31-34. Mk 9:2-10. Lect I: 225
 05 Monday Dan 9:4-10. Ps78. Lk 6:36-38. Lect I: 231
 06 Tuesday Is 1:10, 16-20. Ps 49. Mt 23:1-12. Lect I: 232
 07 Wednesday Jer 18:18-20. Ps 30. Mt 20:17-28. Lect I: 234
 08 Thursday 16 Thursday Jar 17:5-10. Ps 1. Lk 16:19-31. Lect I: 236
 09 Friday Gen. 37:3-28. Ps. 104. Mt. 21 :33-43, 45-46. Lect I:239
 10 Saturday Mic 7:14-15, 18-20. Ps 102. Lk 15:1-3.11-32. Lect I: 241

Next Sunday's Readings 11-March-2012

Ex 20:1-17. Ps 18. 1 Cor 1:22-25. Jn 2:13-25. Lect I: 251

Ballincollig Parish - Gospel of Mark

Our occasional series of Biblical reflections continues this Lent with the final four talks on St Mark's Gospel. The talks, as before, will be held in the St Mark Centre, opposite the Church of Christ Our Light in Innishmore. These will include presentation of the material by Fr Billy O'Sullivan followed by tea and group discussion. The schedule of meetings is as follows.

	Monday 7.30 pm	Wednesday 10.00 am
Talk 6	12 th March	14 th March
Talk 7	19 th March	21 st March
Talk 8	26 th March	28 th March
Talk 9	2 nd April	4 th April

Society of St. Vincent De Paul

Monthly Collection
 This Weekend 3rd & 4th March 2012
 Please Support

TROCAIRE "May the Lord be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble." Psalms 9:9. This second Sunday in Lent we think of Daniel, the little boy on the Trocaire box. Even though he has been through the trauma of civil war, he wants to continue his education so that he might, one day, serve his community as a doctor. Our solidarity with Daniel blesses us with hope for a bright future in Uganda where there has been a dark past. For more information on the Lenten campaign visit www.trocaire.org/lent or call 1850 408 408

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Genesis 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18

By his command to sacrifice Isaac God proclaimed his absolute dominion over the lives of men who are the work of his hands. By the revocation of the order he manifested that he did not wish this dominion to be acknowledged by the actual sacrifice of human life. The double lesson was necessary as the neighbouring Canaanites offered such sacrifices to their gods.

Second Reading: Romans 8: 31-34

St. Paul summarises the blessings of the spiritual life in the assurance of God's love for us in Christ. All our personal difficulties become insignificant as soon as our eyes turn away from them to contemplate that one great act of love of God in which he did not spare his own Son for our salvation. It is true that there will be an examination after death, which we all fear. Redeemed and defended by Christ we need fear no condemnation from his lips.

Gospel: Mark 9: 2-10

The Transfiguration of Christ, together with the appearance of Moses and Elias and the declaration by the Father, was a confirmation of all that Christ had taught them concerning his own Person and his relation to the Old Law. It was intended to strengthen the faith of the Apostles and to prepare them for the trials of the Passion. According to Leo the Great the chief purpose of the Transfiguration was to remove the scandal of the Cross from the hearts of the disciples.

Bulletin Board

Lenten Masses

For the duration of Lent there will be evening Mass in Church of **Christ Our Light at 6.30 pm** and Church of **St Mary & St John at 8 pm.**

Lenten Retreat

The retreat was very well attended both at the 7.00 am early morning Mass and the evening ceremony at 8.00 pm. We wish to thank all of you who made such a great effort; it was all very encouraging and very much appreciated. Thanks also to the many people who distributed the flyer. Well done to all of you.

Mass Diary

Diaries to book intentions for April, May & June will open in both churches on Saturday March 10th at 9.00 am.

Trocaire Boxes

Lenten boxes are available at the back of both churches. Parishioners are asked to please take one and to make a weekly contribution during lent. Boxes will also be distributed to the schools.

Children's Mass

The next Children's Mass for children in second class preparing for their first Holy Communion will take place on Sunday 11th March 2012, at 11.00 am in Church of Christ Our Light.

Envelope Collection

Bishop's Commissions collection will be taken up at all Masses 10th & 11th March, 2012

Confirmation Dates 2012

Scoil Barra	Thu, March 29 th
Our Lady of Good Counsel	Thu, March 29 th
Gael Scoil	Mon, April 23 rd
Scoil Mhuire	Fri May, 11 th
Scoil Eoin	Wed, May 16 th

Car Parking

Church of St Mary & St John and Christ Our Light

Please keep to left hand side as you approach the car parks. This is important from a health and safety point of view. Please also be careful of pedestrians who walk to Mass or from their cars to the church. Take care also not to obstruct entrance and exit to the car parks and church doors

Fr. George

Early Morning Prayer for Lent

The great feast of Easter is coming.
Lent is the preparation time
 Come to the MORNING PRAYER of the CHURCH
 Taking place during Lent in St. Mark's Centre
 (opposite Christ Our Light Church)
 Mon. – Fri. at 6 am
 Everyone welcome.

Thought for Today

The truth the disciples saw on the mountain was always there - Jesus fulfils the hopes and prophecies of the Old Testament (Moses and Elijah); he is God's beloved Son. God tells the disciples, and tells us, to listen to his Son. We need to recognise him in silent prayer.



**50th INTERNATIONAL
 EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS
 DUBLIN**

June 2012

Communion with One Another

We are drawn into a communion of life in the Sacrament of Baptism. That communion is strengthened and nourished in the Eucharist. We are not invited to the table of the Lord simply as individuals. We sit together as we listen to His Word. We "partake of the one bread." Like the first disciples, we are sent out, not alone but together.

Week of Directed Prayer

Ballincollig parish plans to hold a Week of Directed Prayer from 25th to 30th March 2012.

This week gives participants an opportunity to gain a deeper insight into scripture and into their own prayer life. A team of trained guides from outside the parish will direct the week. Each guide will, on an individual and private basis, help the participants to pray, and to reflect what God is saying to them in their lives.

More information to follow in the weekly parish newsletters.

Cork & Ross Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2012

11- 16 June – 5 nights- full Board Accommodation
 Booking Form available for the Pilgrim Section from
 Joe Walsh Tours 117 Patrick St Cork
 Tel: (021) 4277959 (021) 4277120

**Enquires for Special Sick/Assisted Section to
 The Pilgrimage Director
 Monsignor Kevin O'Callaghan
 No 2 Presbytery, Curraheen, Road Cork.
 Tel: 021 4346463**

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Mar-10 & Mar-11-2012

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Adrian Cotter
Alan Murphy
8:30 am
John Healy

10:00 am
Hannah Bunyan
Stephen Bunyan
12:00 Noon
Miriam Maunsell
Seamus Monahan

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Fiona Feely

11:00 am
Jacob Derham
Paul Donovan
12:30 pm
Adaugu Ebili
Caterina Nugent
5:30 pm
Marlyn O'Connor

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 & 8 pm

Monday

8:30 am & 6:30 pm

9:30 am & 8 pm

Tuesday

8:30 am & 6:30 pm

9:30 am & 8 pm

Wednesday

8:30 am & 6:30 pm

9:30 am & 8 pm

Thursday

8:30 am & 6:30 pm

9:30 am & 8 pm

Friday

8:30 am & 6:30 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
Except First Saturday of Month

Saturday

4:30 pm
First Saturday of Month

12:45 pm

Sunday

PARISH CLERGY

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Ballincollig Parish Pilgrimage -To The Holy Land

"and now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem"

The 2012 Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land will depart from Cork Airport on a direct flight to Tel Aviv on Friday October 12th and will return from Tel Aviv on Friday October 19th. The cost of the eight day pilgrimage will be € 1,250 including half-board accommodation and all taxes.

For the first four days we will be based in Tiberias on the Sea of Galilee and we will be based in Bethlehem from October 16th. Larry Cunningham will be the Pilgrimage Leader and Fr Billy O'Sullivan the Spiritual Director. The Tour Operator is Celebration Travel Ireland Limited. For further information contact Larry Cunningham at 4873364.



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Mar-10 & Mar-11-2012

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Eileen Murphy
Ted Nelligan
Eileen Corkery
Maurice Bunyan
Sheila Walshe
Ann McCarthy

7:30 pm John O'Donoghue
Mary Dineen
Kathleen Daly
Mairead Keenan
Kay O'Sullivan

8:30 am Helen Kelly
Mary O'Connor
Michael Crowley

11:00 am Mary O'Mahony
Mona Bowen
Billy Barry
Mary Aylward
Pauline Baston

10:00 am Fionnuala McDonagh
Mary Buckley
Breda Ring
Mary O'Regan
Teresa O'Driscoll
Martin O'Leary

12:30 pm Mary Twomey
Maura O'Driscoll
Mary Lehane
Dympna Byrne
Suzanne Leech

12 Noon Ann-Marie Cosgrove
Phil Kennedy
Ellen O'Sullivan
Ursula McAuliffe
Sally Crowley
Fiona Kelly

5:30 pm Shelia Curran
Elizabeth O'Sullivan



**For Families of Children Preparing for First Holy Communion
Learning About the Mass with Kath and Qumen**

The Priest Gives Thanks to God for Our Gifts

The priest stands behind the altar and holds up the paten with the bread on it and says a prayer of blessing to God.

The priest then pours the wine into the chalice. The chalice is a special cup which is shaped like a wine glass. It may be made of gold and silver. He pours a drop of water into the wine. He then holds up the chalice and says a prayer of blessing to God again.

The priest says a prayer over the gifts, which is different at every Mass. The preparation of the gifts is then over and we are now going to pray the Eucharistic Prayer.