

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 08-January-2012



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

The Baptism Of The Lord

At his baptism Jesus was revealed as the Son of God and began his work of bringing the vision of God, his justice and his liberation to people. At our baptism each of us is given a share in this mission, so we become children of God.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Feast of Baptism of Jesus

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan, the moment when God revealed Him as his Beloved Son. It marks the beginning of Jesus' ministry. The Gospel account of Jesus' baptism reminds us of our own baptism. Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit when he was baptized in the Jordan and we are anointed with the oil of chrism during our baptism and like Jesus we also received the Holy Spirit. The Sacrament of Baptism emphasizes this new relationship with our Father.

Perhaps we don't think enough about our baptism, this most important event in our lives. The sacrament emphasizes becoming a child of God and a member of the Christian community. The rite of Baptism indicates four signs and the prayers accompanying these four symbols remind us of our new relationship with God. Firstly we are anointed with the oil of chrism. Part of the prayer for the anointing during baptism is, "As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet and King, so may you live always as a member of his body, sharing everlasting life". Secondly the white garment was put on us as an outward sign of our Christian dignity. Part of the prayer accompanying putting on the white garment is, "you have clothed yourself in Christ. See in this white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity". Thirdly a lighted candle is given to the parents or sponsors, a symbol of receiving the light of Christ. Part of the prayer accompanying this is, "This person has been enlightened by Christ." Fourthly our ears and mouth were blessed that our ears may be open to receive the word of God and our mouth be opened to proclaim his faith. We are called each day to live out our Baptismal vocation.

In the Gospel we hear these words which God our Father spoke to his son Jesus: 'you are my Son, the beloved; with you I am well pleased'. These same words were spoken to us by God our Father on the day of our Baptism. We hear in today's Psalm reading from Isaiah: "Surely God is my salvation, I will trust and will not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength and my might. He has become my salvation." Let us renew our baptismal promises and rededicate ourselves to the fulfilling of our God given mission on earth, to bear witness to him by the example of our lives. 'O God renew me in the graces I received at my Baptism'

Sr. Colette

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us bring our needs before God who sent his Son to lead us out from sin and death.

Reader

For all Christians: that they may strive to live up to the call they receive at baptism to follow Christ.

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

For political and civil leaders: that they may see truly and act rightly.

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

For those who are faced with difficult and important decisions.

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

For those who have strayed from the path of faith.

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

For all gathered here: that we may have the strength to persevere in the right choices we have made, and the courage to correct the wrong ones.

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

For our own special needs.

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

Priest

Father, you sent your Son into the world to show us the way to you. Help us to follow him with courage and steadfastness, so that we may reach the glory you have prepared for us. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Best Wishes For A Happy New Year

The priests of the parish join in sending New Year greetings to all members of the parish and to all readers of the Ballincollig Parishioner

Fathers George, Michael, Billy & James

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

Visit Our Website: www.ballincolligparish.ie

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Moira O'Sullivan, Ballinora, Waterfall.
Mortimer (Mort) O'Shea, Skibbereen /Kenmare.
John V. Walsh, Monard, Cork.
Noel O'Mahony, Curraleigh, Inniscarra.

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

Mary O'Sullivan, Parknamore Heights.
John Deasy, Muskerry Estate.
Deceased members Legion of Mary.
Tadhg Canty, Newcestown.
Farrell Dunne, Thurles.
William & May Murphy, Blarney.
Rita Kinsella, Carrigrohane.
John Barry Murphy, Farran.
Ted Dineen, Ovens.
William & Margaret O'Connor, Carrigrohane.
Mary Ryan, Carrigrohane.
Paul O'Connor, Carrigrohane.
Paddy Cronin, Mallow.
John & Denis McGrath, Madonna House.
David & Maud O'Brien, Spring Lane.
Billy Holmes, Kerry Pike.
Dec. Members of the O'Sullivan Family, Kilmallock.
Michael McNulty, Fr. Sexton Park.
James & Mona Hourigan, Limerick.
Patrick Barry, Ardnarostig.
Eily O'Connor, Carriganarra.
Dec. Members of the Murphy Family, Ballyhaunis, Co Mayo.
Sheila Sexton, Farnanes.
Margaret, John & Michael Donovan, Farran.
Hannah, Dan & Ellen Dempsey, Leemount.
Tom, Jack & Hannah Twomey, Raheen.

Growing In Communion

"Everything has its origin in God's love, everything is shaped by it, everything is directed toward it. Love is God's greatest gift to humanity, it is his promise and our hope."

Pope Benedict XVI

***Hope Photography Experience
India 2012!***

The Hope Foundation are looking for Photographers to join them on the HOPE Photography Experience which will take place in Calcutta (Kolkata), India, from 26 February to 6 March 2012. For more information please log on to www.hopefoundation.ie or contact Susan on Tel: 021 429 2990, it will change a child's future.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

First Week In Ordinary Time

08 Sunday Is 55:1-11. Ps Is 12:2-6.1 Jn 5:1-9. Mk 1:7-H. Lect I: 182
09 Monday 1 Sam 1:1 -8. Ps 115. Mk 1:14-20. Lect II: 457
10 Tuesday 1 Sam 1:9-20. Ps 1 Sam 2:1, 4-8. Mk 1:21-28. Lect II: 459
11 Wednesday 1 Sam 3:1-10, 19-20. Ps39. Mk 1:29-39. Lect II: 461
12 Thursday 1 Sam 4:1-11. Ps43. Mk 1:40-45. Lect II: 464
13 Friday 1 Sam 8:4-7, 10-22. Ps 88. Mk 2:1-12. Lect II: 466
14 Saturday 1 Sam 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1 Ps 20. Mk2:13-17. Lect II: 468

Next Sunday's Readings 15-January-2012

1 Sam 3:3-10,19. Ps 39. 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20. Jn 1:35-42. Lect I: 740

***Ballincollig Parish Bereavement
Support Group***

A Bereavement Support Programme will commence in Ballincollig on **Tuesday 7th February** and will continue each Tuesday night for 8 weeks (7.30 to 9.30 pm). This programme is held in a small group setting. It provides a safe place where all who are grieving the loss of a loved one will have the opportunity to share their own personal grief and experience the support of others.

For further details please contact:

Sr Colette at 086 3557375

"Mothers' Prayers"

Recommence

***Wednesday 18th January 10.30 am
Meeting Room at Christ our Light Church***

***Thursday 19th January 10.00 am
Library Room, Parish Community Hall***

We welcome Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers to join us in prayer for our children and the youth of our parish on one of these mornings.

Thought for Today

The waters of the Jordan brought fruitfulness and lush growth to the dry, thirsty land of Palestine. It was here that Jesus came to be baptised. It was here that the Father proclaimed that his favour rested on his beloved Son. It was here that the Spirit hovered over the waters as he did at the creation.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 55: 1-11

The Prophet addresses these words to the Jews who had been in exile in Babylon. Soon they would return to their own land. This should be a time of renewal of their ancient Faith. Salvation is described as food and drink which is offered free to the hungry and thirsty. If they accept God's gift, He will make a new covenant with them. Our baptism is, in a sense, our own covenant with God by which we promise to do His will.

Second Reading: 1 John. 5: 1-9

Being a child of God involves three things: to love the children of God, to love God and to keep His commandments. Jesus came by water and blood. Water refers to the baptism of Christ and blood to his death. At his baptism the voice of God was heard proclaiming him to be His son; at his death, the Centurion said: "This was indeed the Son of God".

Gospel: Mark 1: 7-11

In coming to John to be baptised, Jesus, who had no need of repentance, gave an example of humility and showed his approval of the mission of the Baptist. The baptism marks the inauguration, with clear divine approval of the public ministry of Jesus.

Muskerry Local History Society

Muskerry Tram 1887 to 1934, the society is compiling a picture record of the Muskerry Tram and its journeys from Cork to Blarney, Coachford and Donoughmore and while having made good progress, we are missing key elements of the trip particularly on the Cloghroe to Coachford line. The particular districts we would love to place on the record are Gurteen Station, the Ardrum Estate and North Kilmurry. Should anybody have photographic or postcard material relating to these areas, please give (Tim O'Brien) a telephone call at 087 2940661. All documents will be treated with care and returned when copied.



The Praying Hands

Two brothers dreamed of going to art school. Their father couldn't afford to send them so, in love, they agreed a plan: one would go while the other would support him; then they would change places. It all came down to the toss of a coin as to who would go first. Albrecht Durer (1471-1528) won, and went to the Academy in Nuremberg.

To fulfil his part of the bargain, Albert went down into the nearby mines and worked to finance his brother's study. Meanwhile Albrecht quickly impressed his teachers. His etchings, his woodcuts and his paintings were a sensation and, even by the time he graduated, he had established his reputation.

Faithful to his promise, Albrecht returned home to remind his beloved brother that it was now his turn to fulfil his ambition and that he, Albrecht, would support him. In tears, however, Albert told his brother that it was now too late for him: four years of toil in the mines had so badly damaged his hands that he could never be an artist.

To honour Albert for all that he had sacrificed on his behalf, Albrecht drew his brother's damaged hands with palms together and thin fingers stretched heavenward. He called his drawing simply Hands, but his great masterpiece, his tribute of love, would become known as **The Praying Hands**.

Bulletin Board

Christmas Collection

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 Eve and Christmas Day 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 -, Altar Society, Altar Servers, Choir, Cantors, Folk Group, Ministers of the Word, Ministers of the Eucharist, Collectors, Cleaners, Parish Council and Parish Council Sub Groups, people who distributed dues envelopes and the various flyers throughout the year, the Sacristans in both Churches. Thanks to the people of the Parish for their generous support to the Priest of the Parish during the past year. Your support is much appreciated. We wish you and your families a happy New Year.

Offertory Collection Boxes 2012

The boxes of envelopes for the Offertory Collection are available in both churches. Families are asked to take one box. Please use the envelopes for the Offertory Collection for the Vigil and Sunday Masses during the year, families who avail of the Direct Debit system are not expected to take one. The Offertory Collection is solely for the upkeep, maintenance, insurance, lighting, heating and related expenses of both churches. Thanks for your generosity and we look forward to your support for the coming year.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will recommence on **Saturday 28th January, 2012 at 12.00 noon** 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.

Confirmation Dates 2012

Scoil Mhuire	Fri, May 11 th 2012
Scoil Eoin	Wed, May 16 th 2012
Scoil Barra	Thu, March 29 th 2012
Our Lady of Good Counsel	Thu, March 29 th 2012
Gaelscoil Ui Riordain	Mon, April 23 rd 2012

Dates for your diary

Ash Wednesday	Wed-22-Feb-2012
St. Patrick's Day	Sat-17-Mar-2012
Mother's Day	Sun-18-Mar-2012
Good Friday	Fri-06-Apr-2012
Palm Sunday	Sun-01-Apr-2012
Easter Sunday	Sun-08-Apr-2012
Easter Monday	Mon-09-Apr-2012
May Bank Holiday	Mon-07-May-2012
June Bank Holiday	Mon-04-Jun-2012
Father's Day	Sun-Jun-17-2012
August Bank Holiday	Mon-06-Aug-2012
The Assumption	Wed-15-Aug-2012
October Bank Holiday	Mon-29-Oct-2012
All Saints	Thu-01-Nov-2012
Immaculate Conception	Sat-08-Dec-2012

Fr. George

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Jan-14 & Jan-15-2012

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Muireann Nelligan
Padraig McAuliffe
8:30 am
Tom McDonagh

10:00 am
Eileen O'Connell
Diandra Buckley
12:00 Noon
Oliver O'Donovan
David Drohan

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Rosarie Cotter
Louise McGrath
11:00 am
Maebh Nic Mheanmain

12:30 pm
Cathy Naughton
Una Lynch
5:30 pm
Siobhan Keane-Hopcraft

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

9:30 am

Thursday

8:30 am

9:30 am

Friday

8:30 am

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

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The new year while offering us the promise of a new future can also call us back to the love we had for Jesus in more innocent days just as old friendships call to us from the past. Mary Coleridge puts that thought nicely in one of her poems:

Time brought me many another friend

That loved me longer.

New love was kind, but in the end

Old love was stronger.

Years come and go. No New Year yet

Hath slain December.

And all that should have cried - "Forget!"

Cries but - "Remember!"



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Jan-14 & Jan-15-2012

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Eileen Murphy
Ted Nelligan
Eileen Corkery
Ann O'Connell
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
John Henchy
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

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 Ambo

The Word of God is so important for us that there is a special place in God's house from which it is read. We call this the ambo. The only time that the ambo is used is for the Readings, the Gospel, the Homily and the Prayer of the Faithful.

Minister Of The Word

The person who reads at Mass is called the Minister of the Word. They are people who have volunteered to read at Mass. They will have had to do some training so that they are able to do the best job they can. Their job is very important. The readings at Mass come from the Bible. They are the Word of God, and so we can say that we hear God speaking to us through the voice of the Minister of the Word.

