

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 08-March-2015

Third Sunday of Lent

*Jesus came on earth as the complete embodiment of God's presence among men. We are all called to become one with him in the image of God by keeping his commandments.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

## **Decalogue / Ten Commandments**

"Jesus went up to Jerusalem" before the Jewish Passover. The Passover celebrates one of the high point in the relationship of God with the chosen people. The giving of the Decalogue is another such high point remembered, however these high points became more of a burden for the people as the Decalogue becomes associated with rules and regulations whereas they are intended for a people with a deep relationship with God being guided and supported in their daily living.

The road to Jerusalem is seen by Jesus as the final stretch of journey marking his failure as Messiah. The visit to the temple with the house of prayer turned in to a market place depicts the failure of the Old Covenant. The chosen people managed to exclude all others from the temple except their own, the chosen ones and in the process not only excluded the gentiles but placed so many burdens on themselves that their relationship with God was fractured and in tatters, He drove out the buyers, the sellers, scattered their tables and money and annoyed the Jews so much they asked for a sign "what sign will you give us". Christ sure gave a sign "destroy this temple and in three days, I will raise it up." The Jews got it wrong again; they were thinking of blocks and mortar not the human body of Christ.

Lord help us to trust that you accompany us on our journey to the Jerusalem's in our lives. May your travels there give us strength and hope.

*George O'Mahony*

## **Reflection**

The New Testament speaks of God's raising Jesus from the dead and of Jesus' rising from the dead. In today's gospel it is the latter phrase that is used by John. The technique of having hearers misunderstand a saying of Jesus is one familiar to the fourth gospel. The correct understanding always follows as here. The result of the signs which Jesus worked, and his rising from the dead, was the greatest of these, namely, belief. The effectiveness of all the signs portrayed is measured by whether or not they bring about the belief of the hearers or onlookers.

## **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

**Priest**

Let us turn to God and place our needs before him.

**Reader**

For all Christians: that their houses of worship may truly be houses of pray.

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

For our society: that the commandments of God may be to it what the road signs are to travellers.

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

For those who are walking in the darkness of error and sin: that they may discover the light of Christ's truth and love.

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

For ourselves: that we may see the body as a temple of the Holy Spirit.

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

May this Lent see a new awakening of a spirit of compassion and service among all the baptised

**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**

Almighty and ever-living God, strengthen our faith. May we do with loving hearts what you ask of us. We make these prayers through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.*

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**BAPTISMS**

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

- Kate Emma O’Sullivan, Parknamore.
- Emma Sadhbh Buckley, West Village.
- Ava Ann Dillan-Rath, Rosewood.
- Cillan Mark Roper, Church View.
- Luke Michael Dalton, The Ave, Highfield Park.

**† IN SYMPATHY †**

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

- John Murphy, Donoughmore.
- Mary O’Connell, Main Street.
- Julie Lehane, England.

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

- Bernie McNamara, Carrigrohane.
- James O’Sullivan, Model Farm Road.
- Jimmy Langan, Donegal.
- Tim Cagney, Gardiners Hill.
- Neil & Nellie Langan, Donegal.
- Catherine O’Riordan, The Meadows.
- Ned Delaney, Model Farm Road.
- Tom, Eileen, Jim & Noel Madigan, East Gate.
- Jerry & Mary Dempsey, Inniscarra.
- Delaney Family, Roches Buildings.
- Harry Walsh, Innishmore.
- Kitty & Jimmy O’Mahony, Kilcrohane.
- Tom McGrath, Beech Park.
- Dec members of Ballincollig Credit Union.
- Ellen Buckley, Boherbue.
- John & Mary Lucey, Coolroe.
- Eileen Walsh, Holly Road.
- Annie & Donal Noonan, Greenmount.
- John & Denis Lucey, Carriganarra.
- John Kavanagh, Mayfield & Balincollig.
- James & Mona Hourigan, Limerick.
- Sean Doab, The Crescent.
- Michael O’Mahony, Castlepark.
- Timothy O’Keffee, Shamrock Drive.
- Mairead Boyce, Milford.
- Dec. members of the O’Reilly & Hanney families.
- Dec. members of the Boyce, Aherne & O’Keffee families.
- Eugene & Bridie O’Sullivan, Ballingearry.
- Mary & William Murphy, Blarney.
- Ellen Thompson, Wyndham Downs.
- Con O’Mahony, Ballyvolane.
- Jerry Buckley, Meelin.

The Powdermill Nursing Home is looking for volunteers for 1-2 hours per week to partake in activities such as piano playing, music, knitting etc.

Please contact Andrew on 021 4871184 or andrew.powdermill@gmail.com for more Information.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Third Week of Lent

- 08 Sunday Ex 20:1-17. Ps 18. 1 Cor 1:22-25. Jn 2:13-25. Lect I: 251
- 09 Monday 2 K. 5:1-15. Ps. 41. Lk. 4:24-30. Lect I: 262
- 10 Tuesday Dan. 3:25,34-43. Ps. 24. Mt. 18:21-35. Lect I: 264
- 11 Wednesday Deut 4:1, 5-9. Ps 147. Mt 5:17-19. Lect I: 267
- 12 Thursday Jer. 7:23-28. Ps. 94. Lk. 11:14-23. Lect I: 268
- 13 Friday Hos 14:2-10. Ps80. Mk 12:28-34. Lect I: 271
- 14 Saturday Hos. 5:1 5-6:6. Ps. So. Lk. 18:9-14. Lect I: 273

**Next Sunday’s Readings 15/March/2015**

2 Chron 36:14-16, 19-23. Ps 136. Eph 2:4-10. Jn 3:14-21. Lect I: 281

**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Exodus 20: 1-3, 7-8, 12-17  
 The Ten Commandments expound briefly and clearly the fundamental principles of all religious and moral obligation. The first three prescribe man’s duty to God, the last seven his duty to his neighbour. In the second list the fourth commandment comes first because the family comes before the state and parents have the first and strongest claim to their children’s regard. The Decalogue is in no way nationalistic but universal in its outlook. What it commands is necessary if people are to live in community in a civilized manner.

Second Reading: 1Cor. 1: 22-25  
 The Jews wanted chiefly superhuman power in the Messiah, power proved by stupendous miracles. They wanted an emperor mightier than the Roman emperor. A suffering and dying Messiah was a stumbling block to them, i.e. they would not accept him. But the Greeks wanted a teaching, which completely satisfied the intellect. They were impatient of anything unexplained or mysterious. They hated to accept any great truth on anyone else’s authority. Faith was not in their line. The idea that suffering could do more than wisdom would appear nonsense to them.

Gospel: John 2: 13-25  
 This is one of the most dramatic actions of Jesus in his public life. With it he declared his opposition to the Jewish interests vested in making money out of the faith of believers. Jesus then takes the imagination of the onlookers a step further by making mention of his resurrection from the dead. This prophecy must have stuck in their minds because they turned it to sarcasm on Calvary.

**St. Patricks Day 2015**

Get your club/organisation involved  
 Contact admin@ballincollig.ie / or 086 0551911

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### **The Face of Christ**

Sometimes our hearts may be troubled and we may worry about our future, not only in this life but also the eternal salvation of our souls. Everyday affairs and material concerns seem to almost overcome us as we strive to stay afloat in the turbulent waters of our daily life.



The world may weigh heavily upon our shoulders as we search among a sea of crowded faces for a friendly countenance. We seek perhaps someone to talk to, to tell our troubles to, someone with whom we can share our problems, but sometimes we do not know where to turn. Our friends are too busy with their own lives, our relatives and neighbours have their own troubles, our husbands may be work-weary, our wives house tired. What do we do? Where do we go for consolation? To whom can we confide our sorrows?

The answer may appear simple to one who knows. We turn to our eternal Father who has provided us with the necessary knowledge and wisdom to attain that serenity and peace of the soul that is ours for the asking, the spirituality that we can see (if we look) in the face of our fellow man, in the old, wrinkled face of a neighbour or stranger, or a child's face. Indeed, if we take the time to look closely, we will see the face of Christ. We will remember His promise of eternal life and the great love that he revealed to us by sending his only Son to die for our sake. He raised Him from the dead so that we should know and trust in Him who has provided an eternity in heaven. We should heed what Jesus said to a (doubting) Philip: "Have I been with you all this time....and you still do not know me? (John 14:1-12)

### **Compassion**

Remember all the Lord has accomplished for you.  
He pardons all your sins and over body and soul  
He extends his healing hands.

Your very bones will rejoice  
As you feel the blessing of his mercy,  
In the depth of your being.  
He is merciful and tender towards  
Those who don't deserve it.  
He is slow to get angry and  
Rich is his faithful love.  
The Lord acts with integrity.  
He is compassionate towards  
All who are oppressed.

You will feel your youth renewed,  
As the eagle's plumage is restored.  
As far as the east is from west,  
So far does he remove our offences from us.

'He is like a father to us.  
He is tender and kind to those who honour him.

Reflection from Psalm No. 103

### **Bulletin Board**

#### **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.

#### **New Ministers of the Eucharist**

Presently in Ballincollig Parish we are inviting parishioners to volunteer to become Ministers of the Eucharist. You are invited to minister in either Christ Our Light Church or St Mary & St John Church, approximately once a month at a week end Mass (rota will be provided).

The requirements are that you are:

- A person 18 years or over
- A person with faith in the Eucharist and anxious to deepen their own faith through ministry
- A person willing to serve and minister to others.

You are also invited to nominate a friend or neighbour as a minister of the Eucharist. Volunteers are also welcome as a Minister of the Eucharist. (Please give full name, address and contact no to Parish Office or Sacristy .) There will be a preparation for all those interested in becoming ministers.

#### **Mass Diaries**

Mass Diaries to book Mass intentions for April, May and June will open in both churches on Saturday March 14th at 9.00am. Priority will be given to those booking 1st Anniversary Masses.

#### **Morning & Evening Masses during Lent**

Church of Christ Our Light

8.30am & 6.30pm

St Mary & St John

9.30am & 8pm.

#### **Envelope Collection**

Bishop's Commission Collection will be taken up at all Masses next week-end.

#### **Passover Meal**

The Passover Meal will be celebrated on Tuesday 31st March. Limited to 50 people. Please phone Parish Office (021) 487 1206 if interested.

#### **Spring Dues**

Envelopes are currently being distributed to homes throughout the parish of Ballincollig; contribution of the dues is for the support of the priests of the parish. Please return it by placing it in the basket at Mass. Should your home be missed spare envelopes are available from the back of the church.

**Fr. George**

### **Cork & Ross Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2015**

11 – 16 June – 5 nights – Full Board Accommodation  
Booking Forms available for the Pilgrimage Section from  
Joe Walsh Tours 117 Patrick St. Tel: (021) 4277959  
Enquiries for Special/Sick Assisted Section to:

The Pilgrimage Director

Very Rev. Canon James O'Donovan

Parochial House,

Ballinlough Cork

Tel: (021) 4292296

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Mar/14 & Mar/15/2015

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**  
 Muireann Nelligan  
 Padraig McAuliffe  
**8:30 am**  
 Tom McDonagh  
 Sean Casey  
**10:00 am**  
 Margot Twomey  
 Kaylyn Lordan  
**12:00 Noon**  
 Catherine O'Sullivan  
 Emer Wiseman

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**  
 Nonyi Ebili  
 Jennifer Nyagaya  
**11:00 am**  
 chide Ebili  
 Kristian Calvert  
**12:30 pm**  
 James Nyagaya  
 Niamh Murray  
**5:30 pm**  
 Liam Tuohy

**MASS TIMES**

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon	<b>Sunday</b>	11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	<b>Monday</b>	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	<b>Tuesday</b>	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	<b>Thursday</b>	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	<b>Friday</b>	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)	<b>Saturday</b>	7:30 pm (Vigil)

**CONFESSIONS**

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

**BAPTISMS**

4:30 pm	<b>Saturday</b>	4:30 pm
Except First Saturday of Month		First Saturday of Month
12:45 pm	<b>Sunday</b>	

**PARISH CLERGY**

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Fr. James McSweeney	021-4873308

**Funeral Pastoral Team Rota**

Week 9th Mar to 15th Mar

Michael O'Leary  
 Kay O'Sullivan

**Social / Coffee Mornings**

Continue every Friday morning in parish house "Sonas" on Station Road at 10 am.

Everyone welcome as it is an ideal opportunity to get and know people from our community.



**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Mar/14 & Mar/15/2015

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6.00 pm** Steve Wills  
 Margaret O'Sullivan  
 Danny Farrell  
 Jim Walsh  
 Frances O'Brien  
 Eileen Coughlan

**7:30 pm** Anne O'Regan  
 Mairead Murphy  
 Finbarr Murray  
 Lettie Kelly  
 Mary Murphy

**8:30 am** Mary Buckley  
 Tom Butler  
 Denis Healy

**11:00 am** Seamus & Mary O'Connell  
 Ciaran Kelleher  
 Alan O'Riordan  
 Geraldine Keohane  
 Gerard Murray

**10:00 am** Mary Collins  
 Christy Roche  
 Katie O'Shea  
 Claire Creedon

**12:30 pm** Lucy O'Callaghan  
 Jackie Sheehan  
 Mary Green  
 Michael O'Leary  
 J.P.O'Leary

**12 Noon** Oliver O'Donovan  
 Sean Hennessy  
 Mary McLean  
 Eleanor Seymour  
 Nora Hennessy

**5:30 pm** Noelle Buckley  
 Mary Breen

**Children's Corner**

**A Prayer to say...**

Dear Jesus, thank you for giving me new life. Help me to build a fantastic home for you. Help me to put you first and to share your love with the people I meet. Amen

**In the Gospel today...**

Jesus went to the Temple in Jerusalem. Lots of people were buying and selling animals and changing money. Jesus was very angry because the Temple is God's house. Jesus knocked over the tables and asked the sellers to leave.

**Trocaire Lenten Campaign 2015**

You can understand why Jesus is angry with those selling goods in the market place. The goods sold in the Temple markets were used in sacrifices so that people could meet the requirements to be 'closer' to God. This model needed challenging. They have turned what should be a place of sacredness into a place where what is important is monetary value and exclusion. Jesus is 'overcome' with fierce love and passion because of the injustice he sees before him. What temples have we turned into market places today? Our world is driven by consumerism and profit at the expense of our environment and at the expense of the resources of the world's poorest people. The Book of Creation is now speaking to us to stop making this house a market place. We don't have to look too far to see how climate change is having adverse effects on our weather systems here across the Island of Ireland and in the poorest regions of the world. Let us pray this Sunday that 'zeal for your house will consume' us and that we will take the necessary steps to ensure a more sustainable world for all. World leaders are working towards a global treaty on climate change but they are not agreed on how to cut emissions to sufficient levels in order to reduce global temperatures. They need encouragement.