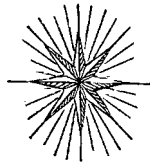


THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 09-March-2003



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

As we begin Lent again, we learn that we need to be purified of our sins. Jesus went out into the desert to be put to the test for us, to overcome Satan. If we go into the desert with him, whatever is evil in our lives can be



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross in the church of Christ our Light are unusual in that the pictures are original works of art. Normally in a church the series of fourteen pictures depicting the journey of Jesus from the house of Pilate to the tomb are either copies of original works in some other church or mass produced oleographs.

In the church in Innishmore, which is designed in the modern style, the Stations are in keeping with that style both in their stark depiction of the sufferings of Christ and their unusual captions drawn from the words of Sacred Scripture. A leisurely study of these pictures is rewarding as an artistic experience and a devotional exercise.

The custom of hanging fourteen pictures of the Passion of Christ in Catholic churches goes back to the late sixteen hundreds. Even earlier than that the Franciscan order tried to replicate Jerusalem's Via Dolorosa for the Faithful who would never be able to visit the Holy land itself. Mediaeval pilgrimages to Palestine were a part of European Christian life since the time of the Crusades and, perhaps, even since the much earlier time of the Emperor Constantine the Great whose mother Saint Helena discovered the relics of the true Cross. After Jerusalem fell under Turkish domination, however, travel to the Holy land became too hazardous for most and so the devotion of the Stations of the Cross became a substitute for the pilgrimage.

Of all the pious exercises connected with the veneration of the Cross, none is more popular among the Faithful than the Via Crucis and it is particularly apt for the season of lent. Every Good Friday In this parish four huge congregations, between the two churches, attend this emotional re-enactment of the events of the first Good Friday. It is a journey made in the Holy Spirit, that divine fire which burned in the heart of Jesus and brought him to Calvary. This is a journey well esteemed by the Church and encouraged by several Popes since it has retained a living memory of the words and gestures of the final earthly hours of Jesus.

In the Via Crucis various strands of Christian traditional devotion coalesce: the idea of life being a journey or pilgrimage; as a passage from earthly exile to our true home in Heaven; the deep desire to link our personal sufferings with those of Christ and the idea that the disciple of Christ must follow behind him carrying their own cross..

Leonard O'Brien

Thought for Today

He remained there forty days

Jesus began his mission by fasting in the wilderness, without comfort or sustenance. When he has deprived himself of any support except that of his Father's love, he begins to preach an utter reliance on and welcome of God's Kingdom.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

As we begin the Lenten journey, let us remember all those in need.

Reader

For Pope John Paul, our Bishop John and all our leaders in faith, we pray.

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

For peace and reconciliation in our country and throughout the world, we pray.

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

For the hungry, the poor, the homeless, we pray.

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

For this community, and particularly for those who are sick, we pray.

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

For the recently deceased, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time, we pray.

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

For our own needs and intentions, we pray.

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

Priest

God of all goodness, you have shown love from the dawn of creation, make us know your ways, and give us your help, we pray through Christ our Lord.

Amen..

Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.

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BAPTISMS

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

Michael Thomas Gilmore, 24 Fern Walk
Adam Delaney, 70 The Cloisters.

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

Peter Maguire, Beech Park
Donal Manning, Innishannon & New York.

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

Daniel & Kathleen Hallahan, Greenfield
Michael Collins, Church field Hill
Patrick & Nora Murphy, Glengarriffe
Ted Corkery, Aherla
Alan & Jason Sheehan, Island Way
Mary & Daniel Barry
Mary Lucey, Coolroe
Tim Cagney, Gardiner's Hill
Josephine Hayes
Joe Fitzpatrick, Crookstown
Betty Ryan, Crookstown
Bill & Babe Casey
Eileen Stanton, London
Catherine McCarthy, Dunmanway
Eileen Foley, Cobh
Neil McGroarty, Cobh
Michael Murphy, Waterfall
Noreen & Eddy Da Silva, Beech Park
Margaret & Joseph Kavanagh, Powder Mills
David Murphy, Poulavone
John Lucey, Carriganarra
Denis & Margaret Linehan, Inniscarra
Eileen Walsh, Holly Rd.
Mary Herlihy, Rosscarbery
Bowen & Kelleher Families
James Hourigan, Co. Limerick
Patrick, Denis & Julie, Freemount
Leo Ryan, Main St.
Patricia Dennehy, Ballygroman
Murphy & Bolger Families
Thomas Keane, Galway
Eileen O'Grady O'Donovan, The Crescent
James & Mary McCarthy, Ballymacoda
Ken Murphy, Castle View
Mary Whelan, Rosewood
The Harrington Family, The Square
Catherine Stanton, Roscommon
Mary McCarthy, Coachford.

Mass Book Opens

The Book for reserving Masses for April, May and June
Will be opened on Saturday morning, March 15th

Ballincollig Secular Franciscan Order
The monthly Mass and meeting will be held
on Thursday 13th March at 11.00 am
in St. Mary & St. John Church
Rosary will be recited at 10.40 am (Sharp)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

FIRST WEEK OF LENT

09 Sunday Gen. 9:8-15. Ps. 24. 1 Pet. 3:18-22. Mk. 1:12-15. Lect 1:205
10 Monday Lev. 19:1-2,11-18. Ps. 18. Mt. 25:31-46. Lect 1:270
11 Tuesday Is. 55:10-11. Ps.33. Mf. 6:7-15 Lect 1:272
12 Wednesday Jonah 3: 1-10. Ps. 50. Lk. 11 :29-32. Lect 1:214
13 Thursday Esther 14: 1, 3-5, 12-14. (Vulgate) Ps. 137. Mt. 7:7 - 12. Lect 1:216
14 Friday Ez. 18:21-28. Ps. 129. Mt. 5:20-26. Lect 1:278
15 Saturday Deut 26: 16-19 Ps 118 Mt 5:43-48 Lect 1:227

**Enrolment Week
March 10th to 14th**

If you have a child beginning school next September, you are invited to call to Scoil Barra any day, March 10th to 14th between 9.00 am and 3.00 pm.

There will be an Open Night on Tuesday March 11th from 7.00 pm. - 8.30 pm. If you wish to bring your child along on that night to look around the school or if you would just like to come and talk to us, you will be very welcome.

**Donal O'Sullivan
(Principal)**



**Innishmore, Ballincollig.
Tel: 021-4873459**

Ballincollig Parish Pastoral Council

The 38th meeting of the council will be held
in the Community Centre,
on Monday March 10th at 7.45 pm

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING: Genesis 9: 8-15
 God made covenants or agreements with men on three occasions in the Old Testament: with Noe, Abraham and Moses. These covenants implied that man agreed of his own free will to serve God. In return God would forgive and take care of mankind. The rainbow was aptly chosen as the sign of the covenant as rain from heaven had been one of the causes of the flood.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3: 18 - 22
 Noe and his family were saved not only from water but by water, i.e. the water carried the ark aloft. In the same way the water of baptism saves us. The flood was a type of baptism that purified mankind.

GOSPEL Mark 1: 12 - 15
 Mark gives only a summary account of the temptation of Christ. Satan wished to discover whether Jesus was the Messiah and, if possible, to lead him from the path of suffering, which God had ordained as the course to be followed by the Redeemer. Mark alone mentions the wild beasts whose presence suggests the desolate character of the region to which the Lord had retired. John the Baptist was now in prison and Jesus went into Galilee where John had preached and began by repeating the call to repentance.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Frances of Rome 09-March-2003

Born in Rome in 1384, Frances wished to enter religion, but at her father's wish she married while yet in her teens. As a wife and mother she was remarkable for her charity to the poor, and her zeal for souls. She won away many Roman ladies from a life of frivolity and united them in a sort of religious community. The members of this congregation led the life of religious but without living an enclosed life or taking religious vows. They devoted their time to prayer and good works.

When St. Frances was at her prayers if summoned by domestic needs in her home, she laid everything aside to respond to the call of duty. "It is a good thing for a married woman to be devout," she used to say, "but she must never forget that she is a housewife. And sometimes she must leave God and the altar to find Him in her housekeeping."

THE ROSARY

During Lent, starting on Ash Wednesday the Rosary will be recited each evening (Monday to Friday) at 7.30 pm, before 8.00 pm Mass at St. Mary & St. John Church.
Come and Pray the Rosary with us
 - Fatima Aposolate

Envelope Collection

St. Anne's Adoption Society
 This Weekend 8th & 9th March



P.E.A.C.E

Prayer Enterprise and Christian Effort



PEACE MASS

This Sunday 9th March 2003
 St. Augustine's Church
 3.30 pm

Special Preacher: Fr. Aidan Troy C.P.

Rev. David Armstrong (Church of Ireland)
 will preach at the Ecumenical Peace Service
 Sunday 16th March
 Church of the Way of the Cross, Togher 4.00 pm.

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LIFE STYLE COURSES

Interior Design (6 week Course)

Starting: Wednesday 19th March, 10-12 noon and 7-9 pm

Personal Colour and Style (5 week Course)

Starting: Tuesday 18th March, 10-12 noon and 7-9 pm

Flower Arranging for Beginners (6 week course)

Starting: Thursday 20th March, 7-9 pm

**For further information:
 Contact Bernadette @ Crystal Computers
 021/4873487**

THE WIDENING GAP

Lenten Seminars at SMA Centre, Wilton
 (Organised by the Cork Alliance for
 Justice & Social Care)

Tues. 11th March at 8.00 pm:
 Fr. Sean Healy & Sr. Brid Reynolds, CORI, on
 National Partnership For Prosperity with Fairness

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Mar-15 & Mar-16-2003

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Sandra Walsh
8:30 am
Elizabeth Daly
10:00 am
Margot Twomey
12:00 Noon
Tony Hegarty

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Pauline Collins
11:00 am
Fiona O'Connor
12:30 pm
Pat McGeough
5:30 pm
Brian O'Donoghue

MASS TIMES

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

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| 8:30am, 10am & 12 noon | Sunday | 11am, 12:30pm & 5:30pm |
| 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 | 9:00 am & 8 pm (Vigil) |

CONFESSIONS

After 10:00 am Mass & before 6:00 pm Mass **Saturday** After 9:00 am Mass

BAPTISMS

5:00 pm **Saturday** 7:15 pm
12:45 pm **Sunday**

PARISH CLERGY

Priest on Duty 087-2479140

Fr. Leonard. O'Brien P.P. 021-4871206
Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C. 021-4877161
Fr. Paul O'Donoghue 021-4876055
Fr. John O'Donovan C.C. 021-4870434

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Mar-15 & Mar-16-2003

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm: Patsy Murphy
Breda Foley
Geraldine Graham
Sr. M. Carmody
Ger Hegarty
Cathy Horgan
8:30 am Theresa Lucey
Rita Murphy
10:am Tadgh Murphy
Mary Murphy
Joan Tobin
Betty Sheehan
12:Noon Michael Crowley
Bread Lenihan
Noel Hennessey
Marie O'Callaghan
Rena O'Connor
Angela Roche

8.00 pm: Jim Cahill
Kit Cahill
Sheila O'Connor
11:00 am Maura McNamara
Angela Cunningham
Laurence Cunningham
Margaret Murphy
12:30 pm: Anne O'Connell
Eileen Garvey
Sally Power
Breda Callanan
Marie O'Brien
5:30 pm Neil O'Donoghue
Patrica O'Donoghue
Statia O'Callaghan

Annual Church Gate Collection

Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th March 2003
Ballincollig Churches



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St. Patrick's Church Renovation Fund PRESENTS

A Springtime Concert On Wednesday 12th March

St. Patrick's Church
Lower Glanmire Road, Cork
At 8pm

Soloists: Fiona O'Reilly - Soprano
Brian Callanan - Tenor
With Cork Airport Singers
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St. Patrick's Church Choir
The Willcollane Singers

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On

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At 8 pm

In the tutorial room Ward GA - GB

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