

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 10-February-2008

First Sunday of Lent

Jesus fast of forty days reminds us that this is a holy season of self-denial. By rejecting the devil's temptations Jesus has taught us to rid ourselves of the hidden corruption of evil, and so to share his paschal mystery in purity of heart.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Lent: Be still and know that I am God

I recently heard a story about four women who planned lunch together in a restaurant having not met for ages. Lots of time for catching up then, you might think? But All four of them brought their mobile phones. All of them had their phones activated and at various times during the lunch took calls. At one stage three of the women went outside the restaurant to continue their cellular conversations and one of them was left alone at the table having her solitary lunch. The purpose of the lunch was supposedly to spend time together, but the mobile phones destroyed that objective. Like most people over the age of about 7 in this country I have a mobile phone. I am grateful for it and use it regularly, whether in my car (legally with Bluetooth of course), or when out and about. However, it seems to me that mobiles have invaded our culture in an all-consuming way. The phone call would appear to be more important than the person standing in front of us. We never want to turn these devices off and consequently they intrude on important meetings, academic classes and often Mass. The Eucharistic liturgy we celebrate on Sunday is an interconnected series of invitations, silences, proclamations, prayers, reflections, interactions and grace. The time we spend in the church singing, listening, praying and receiving is a sacred and holy time that is intended to be outside the boundaries of everyday life. When phones start ringing in the church during the liturgy, it has the power to jolt us from the sacred into the secular. At the sound of the ring tones we are distracted and our thoughts are led to things other than the sacred and the voice of the liturgy is fractured. Obviously, my hope is that we would be mindful and remember that when we come into the church, we need to silence our phones and pagers. However, I would also like us to consider the possibility that we are generally "too plugged in." We are always speaking into a phone, wired up to an iPod or surfing the Internet, glued to the TV or engrossed with a Wii (that's the very latest interactive distraction available) – we are constantly removing ourselves from silence. When in fact, the very thing our soul needs is silence to counterbalance the noise of the world. God speaks to us in silence. I believe there is something significant about giving companions, family or teachers your undivided attention. Spending some of each day in silence, whether in prayer or just in stillness, can have a calming, healthy affect on our mind, body and spirit. Strangely, what I am suggesting seems radical and yet somewhat old fashioned. But I hope you at least consider the possibility of attempting to introduce some silence into your life so that you might hear what is truly valuable the voice of your neighbor and your God. As we begin Lent, perhaps this is something you might try?.

Sean O'Driscoll

Reflection for Parents

One of our primary goals as parents is to help our children discover their gifts and use them generously in a way that glorifies God. From a very early age we can remind our children of the source of their gifts and encourage them to use them humbly.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us present our prayers to the Lord in faith and trust.

Reader

For those throughout the world who have not enough food on their table.

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

For political leaders, that they may act justly and for the benefit of each member of society.

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

For peace, in our world, in our community, in our homes and in our hearts.

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

For those, especially the young, who feel pressured to stray from doing what is right, that they may find the strength to follow their convictions.

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

For those who are preparing for marriage, that this time of preparation may be filled with grace and love.

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

For those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, that they may know the peace of Christ.

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

Priest

Heavenly father, hear our prayers as we gather in your presence this day. We make these and all our prayers through Jesus Christ, your son, our Lord. Amen.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

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MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Barry O'Sullivan, Mount Oval, Douglas & Klara McAuliffe, Westcliffe, Ballincollig.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Mary Kavanagh, Eastgate.
Mary Horgan, Upton.
Tadhg Corcoran, Ovens.
Hannah Curtin, Westgate.

Sr. Brenda Prendiville, Loretto Convent, Gorey.

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

James Collins, Dunmanway.
Julie Jenkins, Glincool, Macroom.
John & Timothy O'Regan, Poulavone.
Deceased members Keelan & Lee Families.
Thomas Reck (Jnr), Innishmore.
Dan & Julia Desmond, Farran.
Tom & Winnie Holloway, Galbally.
Joan Murphy, Clash.
Mary Forde, Upton.
Margaret McSweeney, Kilnaglory.
Bridget, Timothy, Hughie & Neil O'Leary, Farhill & Romford.
Jerry Desmond, Ovens Bridge.
James & Mary McCarthy, Ballymacoda.
Deceased Members of the Barry Family, Freemount.
Deceased Families and Friends of the Model Farm Road.
Michael Gilleran, Rosewood.
Donal Walsh, Fair St.
Jeremiah Burke, Ballinlough
David Brosnan, Beech Road
Bridget Hegarty, Carriganarra
Eileen O'Sullivan, Willowfield
Patsy & Nellie Hickey, Glenville
Sean & Joan Coakley, Hill View, Muskerry Est.
Daniel & Hannah O'Connor.
Hannah & Daniel Dempsey, Ballincollig.
Timothy Sexton, Manor Hill.
Paddy & Norah Kiely, Muskerry Est.
Thomas Scully, Castlemartyr.

Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund

Special Envelope Collection this weekend February 9th & 10th. This collection subsidises the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes for individuals whose health and /or means would otherwise prevent them from travelling to Lourdes. It also subsidises medical expenses and the travel of essential care personnel.

Ballincollig Parish Bereavement Support

The next Parish Bereavement Programme will commence on Tuesday, 1st April. This is an eight-week programme and is open to all who are bereaved. It is held in a small group setting one night each week. If you have experienced loss and would like 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
16 luty - 16 February
sobota - 19:00 - Saturday 19:00
Zapraszamy Powiadom znajomych

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

First Week of Lent

10 Sunday Gen. 2:7-9, 3:1-7. Ps 50. Rom. 5:12-19. Mt. 4:1-11. Lect I: 201
11 Monday Lev. 19:1-2,11-18. Ps. 18. Mt. 25:31-46. Lect I: 210
12 Tuesday Is. 55:10-11. Ps. 33. Mt. 6:7-15. Lect I: 212
13 Wednesday Jon. 3:1-10. Ps. 50. Lk. 11:29-32. Lect I: 214
14 Thursday Acts 13:46-49. Ps 116. 1k 10:1-9. Lect II: 957
15 Friday Ez 18:21-28. Ps 129. Mt 5:20-26. Lect I: 218
16 Saturday Deut. 26: 16-19. Ps. 118. Mt. 5:43-48. Lect I: 221

Next Sunday's Readings 17-February-2008

Gen. 12: 1-4. Ps. 32. 2 Tim. 1:8-10. Mt. 17: 1-9. Lect I: 223

Inviting Young People

Young people are invited to come and pray with Poor Clare Sisters at Poor Clare Chapel, College Road, Cork on today Sunday 10th February 2008 2.30 pm -3.30 pm.

First Sunday in Lent

This Lent Trócaire's campaign highlights how the developing world is struggling to cope with changes in the climate. Global warming impacts on every one of us, but the effects are not felt equally and people living in poverty are bearing the brunt. It's time the world's poorest people got the support they need to help them cope with global warming. To support Trócaire this Lent please take a Trócaire box home with you.

Trocaire launches its annual Fast Campaign

During Lent we are called to pray and fast and to share with those who are poor or in need. When we deny ourselves the comforts we are used to it reminds us of the suffering of those who each day live without the most basic resources. This year's Trocaire 24-Hour Fast takes place on February 22nd and 23rd and will raise essential funds for life-changing development projects in the world's poorest countries.

Speaking about this year's Trocaire Fast, Bishop John Kirby, Chairman of Trocaire said, "In just 4 hours Irish people can make a real difference to the lives of communities overseas. Support for Trocaire's work is needed more than ever in helping communities that now face the combined effects of poverty and climate change. 700 million people in 43 countries are living without enough water and many of the world's poorest people are struggling to survive in extreme weather conditions which are preventing them from growing food and making a living."

To register for the Fast or get a free Fast pack log on to www.trocairefast.org, lo-call 1850 408 408 or text 24HR to 51727.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

The Lord God created Adam and Eve and set them in the Garden of Eden. They had all they needed, but the serpent tempted them, and they disobeyed God's command.

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Just as through Adam's disobedience all became sinners, through Christ's obedience all shall become just.

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Following his baptism in the Jordan River, Jesus went out to the desert to pray and understand God's will. He was alone in the desert for 40 days and nights. Satan waited until Jesus emerged from the desert before tempting Jesus to use his powers. Of course, Jesus was hungry after fasting for 40 days, so the devil tempted him first with food. "Command these stones to become loaves of bread," was the first dare. Later the devil tempted Jesus to use his power to prove that God would send angels to help Jesus if he jumped from the top of the temple. Finally, Satan offered Jesus the glory and power of the entire world if he would but worship Satan. To each temptation, Jesus held fast to what he knew was God's will for him.

Bulletin Board

Ballincollig Parish Pastoral Council

AGM on Monday 18th February 2008 at 7.45 pm at the Annex Community Hall Station Rd.

All welcome.

Trocaire Lenten Campaign

Envelopes are available in both Churches

Vigil Mass Christ Our Light – Time Change

Reminder effective from Saturday 2nd February the Vigil Mass at Christ Our Light has changed from 8 pm to 7.30 pm.

St Oliver's Cemetery

The new extension to St Oliver's Cemetery is now open. The Co. Council are now selling plots, anybody interested please contact Mr Lane the caretaker at St Oliver's phone 021 4873709.

This Week's Calendar

Monday 11 – Our Lady of Lourdes. On this day in 1858, 150 years ago this year, Our Lady first appeared to the 14-year-old Bernadette Soubirous. Later Bernadette was to learn that the mysterious lady was the Blessed Virgin and to hear from her lips, 'I am the Immaculate Conception'. In 1992 Pope John Paul II instituted the World Day of the Sick to be held on the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes. Also St Gobnait. One of the best-loved saints in West Cork, only traditions concerning her life survive. Her gifts of caring for and curing the sick have been a significant part of her cult through the centuries.

Tuesday 12 – Weekday (1st Week of Lent)

Wednesday 13 – Lenten Weekday

Thursday 14 – Saints Cyril and Methodius, patrons of Europe. Cyril, a missionary priest, and Methodius, a monk, were brothers. They both travelled to Moravia to preach the gospel in the Slav language and translated the gospel into Slavonic. Both were consecrated bishops in Rome.

Friday 15 – Lenten Weekday

Saturday 16 – Lenten Weekday

Diabetes Public Meeting & AGM

Sacred Heart Hall, Western Rd, Cork
Sunday 17th February 2008 at 2.30 pm

Ballincollig Tidy Towns

The Committee have commenced their Weekly "Litter Picks". Each week they select a different area and carry out a litter pick on Sunday mornings from 11 am to 12 noon. They will provide black bags, gloves and Litter Pickers and they ask as many people as possible to come along and lend a hand for that one hour.

The first litter pick for 2008 took place last Sunday Morning which started at the traffic lights at Coolroe Meadows and worked down both sides of the Main Road to the Roundabout at the entrance to Parknamore / Quish's Supervalu.

In that short space of time the Committee and those who assisted on the day picked 6 Black Bags of rubbish.

Today the Litter Pick will concentrate on the Link Road and those who wish to assist are asked to meet near the Shop in The Cloisters at 11 am and to give just 1 Hour to help our community as a whole.

The Pyke Theatre Group

Ballincollig
Monthly Social
at

The Rugby Club, Tanner Park
on

Tuesday February 12th at 8.30. pm

The annual trip will take place to Castleisland on the May weekend leaving Ballincollig on Saturday morning May 3rd and returning Monday evening May 5th.

Names and deposit of €50 to Charlie Conway, 087-6909433,
Tim Healy 086-3413901 by Tuesday February, 12th

Christian Fasting

The Christian tradition of Lent as the "Great Fast" is a very ancient and universally respected one, with clear warrant in the Bible. In the present discipline of the Catholic Church the regulations prescribe that Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are to be observed as days of fast and abstinence. Fasting means that the amount of food we eat is considerably reduced. Abstinence means that we give up a particular kind of food or drink or form of amusement. Those over eighteen are bound by the law of fasting until the beginning of their sixtieth year, while all over fourteen are bound by the law of abstinence. There are many motives for fasting: To praise God by recognising that the good things we abstain from are gifts from God; to train ourselves in self-denial for times of temptation to sin; to do penance, fasting in atonement for sin to prepare for a feast - to heighten the enjoyment. So Lent prepares for Easter. To make an act of communion with those who live in want, fasting in solidarity with them, and then contributing to the needy.

Other penitential exercises include: giving alms; abstinence from some foods or other pleasures; carrying out the duties of state; meditative reading of the scriptures or other religious books and magazines; controlling our desires for possessions that are newer, bigger, better and more automatic: controlling our desire for entertainment by TV and radio, films and spectator sport.

Thank You

I would like to acknowledge and thank all the people of the parish who have showered me with gifts, good wishes and kind thoughts on the occasion of my retirement as sacristan of the church of St. Mary & St. John. The overwhelming reaction to my departure is something I never could have imagined and I feel very privileged to be held in such esteem. My time has been marked by great satisfaction, enjoyment and happiness due to my involvement with all the Parishioners and Clergy.

Many thanks and kind regards.

Geraldine

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Feb-16 & Feb-17-2008

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Sandra Walsh
8:30 am
Pat Fennell
10:00 am
Hannah Bunyan
Stephen Bunyan
12:00 Noon
John Dorgan
Fearghal Monahan

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Pauline Collins
11:00 am
Lisa Madden
12:30 pm
Brian O'Donoghue
5:30 pm
Tom Reck

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 & 8 pm
9:30 am	Tuesday	8:30 am & 8 pm
9:30 am	Wednesday	8:30 am & 8 pm
9:30 am	Thursday	8:30 am & 8 pm
9:30 am	Friday	8:30 am & 8 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	Saturday	4:30 pm
Except First Saturday of Month		First Saturday of Month
12:45 pm	Sunday	

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Feb-16 & Feb-17-2008

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Eileen Murphy
Ted Nelligan
Angela Murphy
Ann O'Connell
Sheila Walshe
Rita Hodge

7:30 pm John O'Donoghue
Mary Dineen
Kathleen Daly
Mairead Keenan
11:00 am Mary O'Mahony
Mona Bowen
Billy Barry
Mary Aylward
Pauline Baston

8:30 am Helen Kelly
Breeda Feehily
Mary O'Connor

10:00 am Miriam Maunsell
Mary Buckley
Breda Ring
Mary O'Regan
John Henchy
Martin O'Leary

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

12 Noon Joy Daly
Pat Kelleher
Theresa O'Donovan
Ellen O'Sullivan
Ursula McAuliffe
Sally Crowley

5:30 pm Garreth Irish
Shelia Curran
Elizabeth O'Sullivan

PARISH CLERGY

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Fr. George O'Mahony P.P. 021-4871206
Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C. 021-4877161
Fr. Sean O'Driscoll C.C. 021-4870434
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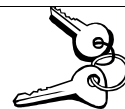
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Friday 9.30 - 5.00 pm

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