

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 10-January-2010

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

Baptism of Jesus 2010

During the year 2009 two hundred and sixty nine children were baptised in the parish of Ballincollig. This means that two hundred and sixty nine families brought their children for baptism, many of those parents accepted the invitation to come along to a baptism preparation course during the year.

The sacrament of Baptism is the first step for all of us in answering the call of Christ "Come follow me". Baptism is about accepting the call to be a disciple of Jesus. Baptism is an important family occasion but it is also the beginning of many days following Christ. Parents are reminded in the rite of Baptism that they are responsible for helping their daughter or son to grow in love of God and our neighbour.

What does following Christ mean to the ordinary person?. It means to be a Christian in your home, your neighbourhood and your work. Christianity is about how to live not just what to believe. Faith has to be translated into action. Don't bother proclaiming that you believe unless you act accordingly'.

The Christian vision inspires sacrifice and service of others. The task is not one for the individual Christian only but for the Christian community as a whole. It is easier to witness as a member of a supporting community. At our baptism we are welcomed into a believing community. The baptism of Christ reminds us of our baptism and provides us with an opportunity to commit ourselves once again to the Christian way of life.

George O'Mahony

*Prayer is not a burden, but a gift;
it is not a constraint, but a freedom;
it is not a millstone round our neck,
but a source of joy.
- Pope John Paul II -*

Reflection for Parents

As parents we can easily understand the proud words from heaven calling Jesus a beloved child. We may not always be pleased with the actions of our children, but they are indeed our beloved. It is through our baptism and the baptism of our children that we are all part of God's family. Like building relationships by staying in touch with our extended family, we help our children stay in touch with God's family by taking time to pray and worship together.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us offer our intentions to the Lord who is our strength and consolation.

Reader

We pray for the Church; that it will continue to prepare the way of the Lord and shout without fear, 'Here is your God.'

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

We pray for the leaders of our community; that they may use their gifts for the benefit of all in society, especially those in greatest need.

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

We pray for God's creation; that we may care for our environment and help to renew the face of the earth.

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

For all here present; that we may remain faithful to our Christian calling.

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

For those who are in mourning; that they may receive consolation.

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

For those who have died; that they may be received into eternal life with the saints in heaven.

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

Priest

Heavenly Father, you have revealed your glory to humankind and through your grace have made salvation possible for the whole human race. Hear our prayers this day. We make these, and all our prayers, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Bless The Lord, My Soul! Lord God, How Great You Are.

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BAPTISMS

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

Emily Jane Langan, Chestnut Grove, Classes Lake.
 Jamie Michael Pagram, Newbury, England.
 Barry Bourke, Dodden Park, Dublin.
 Ryan Yves Le Duff, St Rene, France.
 Kevin Frances O' Callaghan Barry, Innishmore Grove.
 Veronica Callanan, Innishmore Grove.
 Roisin Teresa Wand, The Close, Coolroe Meadows.
 Muireann Margaret Golden, The Vale, Coolroe Meadows.
 Emma Catherine O'Connell, Willow Grove.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Jerry O'Connor, Sunningdale.
 Eddie Barry, Castle Avenue.
 Breda Kennefick, Powdermills.

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

Maureen Callanan, West Village.
 Mary Cahalane, Muskerry Estate.
 Denis Lucey.
 Deceased members of the Kelleher & Lucey Families
 Deceased members of the Buckley & Callanan Families.
 Alison Murphy, Wyndham Downs.
 Dermot Cronin, Pouladuff Road.
 Bill & Kitty O'Connell, Pouladuff.
 Sheila O'Mahony, Ballyvolane.
 William & Ellen Cronin.
 Ted Dineen, Ovens.
 Patrick & Mary Howe, Kildare.
 Eileen & John Fehely, Upton.
 John Duggan, Parnell Terrace.
 Sheila O'Mahony, Ballyvolane & Coachford.
 Charlie, Delia & Baby Orla Kinnane, Douglas.
 Eileen & Con O'Connor, Kanturk.
 Frank Collins, Ballingully.
 Teresa Canning, Church View.
 Joan Summers, Muskerry Estate.
 Michael McNulty, Fr Sexton Park.
 Patrick Barry, Ardrostig.
 Dr. Denis Joseph Lyons
 Peter Healy, Beech Park.
 Deceased members of the Hickey Family.
 John & Nan Hogan, Tipperary.
 Mary O'Connell, Maglin.
 Tim & Connie Sheehan, Maglin.
 Mary Healy, Coachford.
 Paul O'Connor, Carrigrohane.
 William & Margaret O'Connor, Carrigrohane.
 William & May Murphy, Blarney.
 Rita Kinsella, Carrigrohane.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

First Week In Ordinary Time

10 Sunday 1s. 40:1-5,9-11. Ps. 103. Tit. 2:11-14,3:4-7. Lk. 3:15-16,21-22. Lect II: 185
 11 Monday 1 Sam. 1:1-8. Ps. 115. Mk. 1:14-20. Lect II: 457
 12 Tuesday 1 Sam. 1:9-20. Ps. 1 Sam. 2. Mk. 1:21-28. Lect II: 459
 13 Wednesday 1 Sam. 3:1-10, 19-20 Ps. 39 Mk. 1:29-39. Lect II: 461
 14 Thursday 1 Sam 4: 1-11. Ps 43. Mk 1 :40-45. Lect II: 464
 15 Friday 1 Sam. 8:4-7, 10-22. Ps. 88. Mk. 2:1-12. Lect II: 466
 16 Saturday 1 Sam. 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1. Ps. 20. Mk. 2:13-17. Lect II: 468

Next Sunday's Readings 17-January-2010

Is. 62: 1-5. Ps. 95. 1 Cor. 12:4-11. Jn. 2: 1-11. Lect I: 838

'Mothers Prayers' Groups

Recommence on:

Wednesday 20th January, 10.30 am

Meeting Room at Christ our Light Church

Thursday 21st January, at 10.00 am

Annex of Parish Hall

All Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers are welcome to come along one of these mornings to pray for their children and the youth of our Parish

Ballincollig Parish

Bereavement Support

The next Bereavement Support Programme will commence on Tuesday 9th February. It will continue each Tuesday night for 8 weeks (7.30-9.30 pm). It is held in a small groups setting. Anyone experiencing the grief and loss of a loved one, is very welcome to attend. For further information, please contact: **Sr. Colette O'Leary: 086 3557375** or Parish Office: 4871206.

*Make all the friends you can.
 Keep all the friends you make.
 And when you meet a stranger,
 give his hand a hearty shake.
 For all the countless treasures
 which in time may come your way,
 there'll be nothing quite as precious
 as the friends you make today.*

Ernest Sidwell

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: IS. 40:1-5, 9-11

The passage from Isaiah which forms today's first Scripture reading is one of the songs of the servant which is found in Isaiah. It describes the ideal Jew, the servant of God who will bring justice and light to the world and save his people. This servant is Christ.

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14,3:4-7

The second Scripture passage is the conclusion of an episode in which Peter has a vision. In the vision he is instructed to receive into the infant Church not only Jews, but the whole world.

Gospel : Lk. 3:15-16. 21-22

People in the crowds wondered if John the Baptist was the Messiah. Luke provided a direct question and response to make clear that John understood he was not the Messiah. Luke removed the attention completely from John by not even making it clear whether or not John was present at Jesus' baptism. For Luke, John was the last prophet from the old age. Jesus marked the beginning of a new age. Luke was the only evangelist to have Jesus praying when the Holy Spirit, in the form of a dove, came down on Jesus while a voice from heaven proclaimed him as God's beloved Son.

Safety Tips

For driving in severe winter weather.

Tyres: Ensure your tyres are inflated correctly and that you have a minimum of 3 mm of tread on your tyres to cope with wet and slippery conditions.

Battery: In winter, the battery will run down quicker than in warmer weather. Make sure you do a regular long journey to top it up or trickle-charge the battery.

Engine: Modern engines are more robust than older ones. All the same, depress the clutch when starting as this will reduce drag on the engine when starting, and preserve the battery.

Screenwash: Keep this topped up and use a proper additive at the right concentration to prevent it freezing.

Emergency Kit: Jump leads, Sand, shovel, Ice scraper/de icing materials, Warm clothes, Torch, Food and water, First Aid kit, Mobile phone, Sturdy boots.

Fuel: Keep your tank topped up, that way if you are caught out, you'll have enough fuel to make it home or run the engine to keep warm. However, it's essential to keep snow from blocking the exhaust as noxious fumes can leak into the vehicle.

Windows: Clear all snow and ice from the windscreen before driving. Don't use water to de-ice windscreens. Hot water can crack the glass, and the water will only freeze again on the screen or on the ground where you're standing.

Locks: A squirt of WD-40 will prevent your door locks freezing up.

Warm clothing: Your car may be as warm as toast on the inside but if you have to step outside, you could be in trouble if you haven't got any warm clothing with you.

Always pack the following: warm coat, hat, gloves, sturdy boots, a blanket to keep you warm if you get stuck. Take some food, chocolate, biscuits, water and a hot drink if you can. Always carry a fully charged mobile, and some old bits of carpet to put under the tyres when stuck and a shovel to others. Don't rely on it.

Bulletin Board

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place **Saturday 23rd January, 2010 at 1.00 pm** 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.

Offertory Collection Boxes

The boxes of envelopes for the Offertory Collection are available in both churches to-day. 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.

Children's Mass

The Children's Mass is on **Sundays at 11.00 am in Christ Our Light.** The Children of 2nd class retire to the crying room at the beginning of Mass where they celebrate The Liturgy of the Word in child friendly fashion – word searches, colouring and maze search are some of the methods used. Volunteers are welcome and needed to help, training and practice will be given. Parents are welcome to join their Children for the celebration of the Word of God. We invite Parents of First Communion children to please try and bring Children to this Mass. Bringing your Child to the Sunday Mass is an important preparation for your Child's First Holy Communion. Looking forward to seeing you.

Fr. George.

A New Year Journey

Our life is a journey. We are always "on the road". Each time another January greets us, we have the opportunity to pause, to see where we have been, to notice how far we have come and to ponder how that journey has been for us.

Each year is also a time to clear our vision, to take stock of our resources, and to refresh our dreams as we set out once more on the journey that is ours... No two Januarys are ever the same; the New Year is always unique. We may feel stuck in a rut, facing a dead end, or caught up in a very ordi-

The Pike Theatre

Will hold its monthly social in Tanner Park Ballincollig on Tuesday January 12th

Music is by Kevin McSweeney. Everyone is welcome. The Theatre group would like to thank everybody who supported them in 2009 and wish everyone a prosperous and happy New Year for 2010



Happy New Year

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MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Jan-16 & Jan-17-2010

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Aine Sheehan
Mark Prendergast
8:30 am
Eadaoin O'Leary
10:00 am
Margot Twomey
Lauree Hegarty
12:00 Noon
Declan Chalmers
Chloe Dalton O'Connor

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Rosarie Cotter
Louise McGrath
11:00 am
Cormac Manning
Marie Ni Niada
12:30 pm
Kay Carew
Jane O'Leary
5:30 pm
Christine O'Brien

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	Saturday	4:30 pm
Except First Saturday of Month		First Saturday of Month
12:45 pm	Sunday	

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Fr. James McSweeney	021-4873308



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Jan-16 & Jan-17-2010

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

5:30 pm Shelia Curran
Elizabeth O'Sullivan



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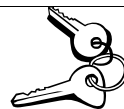
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