

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 11-January-2009

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

The Baptism of Jesus

Recently when visiting a friend I noticed that a plant on her window had begun to flower, both of us were surprised to see the flower that had appeared and suddenly brightened the plant. Monday morning I noticed that the daffodils have appeared over ground in front of my home. The daffodil bulbs are putting up shoots and braving the bitter cold of January 2009.

This weekend the sudden appearance of Jesus at the river Jordan is recalled. John the Baptist is even taken by surprise as his cousin arrives. Jesus joined the sinners, tax collectors, the soldiers and others who were waiting for John's 'baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins'. The arrival of Jesus was a surprise for John when he was asked to baptise his cousin. There is surprise and shock that he joined the sinners to await John's baptism. The very first day of his public life Jesus by joining the queue makes a public statement, the Messiah, the Son of God is rubbing shoulders with the sinners. Furthermore God the father approves "You are my son, the beloved, my favour rests on you".

The baptism of Jesus not only marks the beginning of his public life, it also sets the tone and the agenda for his life. Isaiah 42 puts it very clearly "I, the Lord have called you, to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison and those who live in darkness from the dungeon ". Jesus began as he continued as he intended to continue.

During 2008 two hundred and thirty five children were baptised in the parish of Ballincollig. Regular meetings were held by the Baptism teams to give parents, intending to bring their baby for baptism, an opportunity to prepare for their journey of faith with their child. The sacrament of Baptism is an important occasion and also the first of many steps for parents that will help their child to grow in love of God and neighbour.

George O'Mahony

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The week of prayer for Christian Unity commences on January 18th. This week is an opportunity for each of us to promote and pray for a better understanding of the various Christian traditions. Faith is a precious gift from God, let us be grateful for this great gift and learn to respect all people of Faith.

To mark this occasion, you are invited to an ecumenical prayer service on the
18th January at 7 pm in St Mary & St John.

Please make every effort to attend.

Reflection for Parents

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.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

The Lord will take pity on all who call. Let us present our own prayers to the Lord in confidence.

Reader

We pray for the Church; that it may continue to preach the gospel fearlessly in the world.

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

For those who govern our land; that they may keep in mind those weakest members of society as they make decisions.

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

We pray for those who struggle to feed themselves and their families; may the Lord grant them what they need.

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

For those who suffer from mental illnesses; that they may enjoy the Lord's healing touch.

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

For those who have grown estranged from God; that they might turn back to the Lord who will take pity on them.

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

For those who have died; that they may receive the reward of eternal life in heaven.

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

Priest

Heavenly Father, we place our trust in you for you are rich in forgiving. Hear the prayers we make this day in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

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

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BAPTISMS

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

Sara Marian Zia Buckley, Leslies Arch.
 Conor Liam O’Sullivan, Alysburys Downs.
 Luke Liam O’Mahony, Alysburys Lawn.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Nollag Moakley, Doneraile.
 Canon John O’Donovan, Clonakilty.
 Maura Leamy, Glanworth.
 Sr Finbarr Coakley, England.
 Martin Moriarty, Blackpool & Ballincollig.
 Margaret Cregan, Ivy Circle.

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

Margaret McCarthy, Rosewood.
 Eileen O’Connor, Wicklow.
 Bernie O’Connor, Wicklow.
 Stephen O’Connor, Innishmore.
 Alison Murphy, Wyndham Downs.
 Dermot Cronin, Connolly Park.
 John Barry Murphy, Farnanes.
 Deceased members of The Legion of Mary.
 Mary & Patrick Howe, Kildare.
 John Comerford.
 Catherine Forbes.
 William & May Murphy, Blarney.
 Pat, Kitty & Pat (Jnr) Murphy, Coachford.
 Frank & Nora Kiely, Turners Cross.
 Paddy & Mary Naughton, Adare.
 Tess Goggin, Goleen.
 Pat McCarthy, Eyeries.
 Rita Whelton, Glendower.
 Peter Healy, Beech Park.
 Mary Healy, Coachford.
 John Desmond, Raheen.
 Deceased members of Ballincollig Credit Union
 Joan Summers, Muskerry Estate.
 Eily O’Connor, Carriganarra & Kanturk.
 Patrick Barry, Ardnarostig.
 Sheila Sexton, Ovens & Farnanes.
 Michael O’Regan, Carriganarra.
 John Hogan, Tipperary.
 Martin Murphy, Rockchapel.
 Charlie, Delia & baby Kinnane, South Douglas Road.
 Cait Gabriel, Clash.
 Patrick Keanneally, Curraheen.
 Jim & Michael Lucy, Station Road.

Coffee Mornings

Following the success of The Coffee Mornings held in the Church of Christ our Light during 2008, we would again like to invite all Parishioners to join us for a cuppa & chat in the crying room after the 12:30 pm Masses on:

Sunday 18th January
 Sunday 15th February

St, Patrick’s Day, Tuesday 17th March

Communications Group – Ballincollig Parish Council.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

First Week In Ordinary Time

11 Sunday Is 55:1-11. Ps Is 12:2-6.1 Jn 5:1-9. Mk 1:7-11. Lect I: 182
 12 Monday Heb. 1:1-6. Ps. 96. Mk. 1:14-20. Lect II: 3
 13 Tuesday Heb. 2:5-12. Ps. 8. Mk. 1 :21-28. Lect II: 5
 14 Wednesday Heb. 2: 14-18. Ps. 104. Mk. 1:29-39. Lect II: 7
 15 Thursday Heb. 3:7-14. Ps. 94. Mk. 1:40-45. Lect II: 9
 16 Friday Heb. 4:1-5/ 11. Ps. 77. Mk. 2:1-12. Lect II: 11
 17 Saturday Heb. 4:12-16. Ps. 18. Mk. 2:13-17. Lect II:13

Next Sunday’s Readings 18-January-2009

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

Holidays and Notable Dates 2009

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|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Ash Wednesday | Wednesday 25 th February |
| First Sunday in Lent | Sunday 1 st March |
| St. Patrick’s Day | Tuesday 17 th March |
| Mothers Day | Sunday March 22 nd |
| Palm Sunday | Sunday 5 th April |
| Good Friday | Friday 10 th April |
| Easter Sunday | Sunday 12 th April |
| Easter Monday | Monday 13 th April |
| May Holiday | Monday 3 rd May |
| Ascension | Sunday 24 th May |
| Whit Sunday/Pentecost | Sunday 31 st May |
| June Holiday | Monday 1 st June |
| Trinity Sunday | Sunday 7 th June |
| Corpus Christi | Sunday 14 th June |
| Fathers Day | Sunday 21 st June |
| August Holiday | Monday 3 rd August |
| Assumption | Saturday 15 th August |
| October Holiday | Monday 26 th October |
| All Saints | Sunday 1 st November |
| First Sunday in Advent | Sunday 29 th November |
| Immaculate Conception | Tuesday 8 th December |
| Christmas Day | Friday 25 th December |
| St. Stephen’s Day | Saturday 26 th December |

Suicide Helpline

1800 742 745 from 6 to 10 pm daily

The Southern Health Board will provide advice, support and assistance to individuals who are feeling suicidal and to family members, friends, professionals and others who know someone who is showing symptoms of depression, anxiety or who is threatening suicide or self-harm.

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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.

Msza Św. Mass in Polish

w języku polskim w Ballincollig
21 luty - 21 February
sobota - 19:00 - Saturday 19:00
Zapraszamy
Powiadom znajomych

**Ballincollig Parish
Bereavement Support**

The next Bereavement Support Programme will commence on Tuesday 3rd February 2009 and will continue each Tuesday night for 8 weeks. This programme is held in a small group setting and is open to all who are grieving the death of loved ones.

During grief it is normal to experience many emotions such as shock, numbness, anger, guilt, loneliness, depression. A Bereavement Support Group provides a safe place where the bereaved can, in a confidential setting, share their experiences with others, explore the different stages of grief, and be supported during a difficult time.

For further information, please contact Sr Colette O'Leary: 086.3557375 or the Parish Office: 4871206.

Ballincollig Flower & Garden Club

Would like to thank all those who supported our recent Festival of Flowers in St. Mary & St. John's Church, Ballincollig. A special thanks to Fr. George O'Mahony, P.P., and the priests of the parish. The total amount raised was €7205.93 and will benefit Cope Foundation, National Council for the Blind and restoration of the Magnificat Script in St. Mary & St. John's Church. Ballincollig Flower & Garden Club will meet on Monday, January 12th in the Oriel House Hotel. Presentation of proceeds from Church Flower Festival will be made at 8 pm and followed by AGM.

New members welcome.

Bulletin Board

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place **Saturday 17th January, 2009 at 1 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

Envelope boxes for the Offertory Collection are now available in both churches. Families are invited to take one box and use the envelopes for the Offertory Collection at all Vigil and Sunday Masses for the year ahead. Families who make contributions by Direct Debit are not expected to donate to this collection and can refrain from collecting a box.

The Offertory Collection is used 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

Sick Or House Bound?

If you have a friend or relative who is sick, house bound or in hospital, please let the Priests of the Parish know, so they may visit.

Catholic Paper

Copies of the Catholic Paper -**The Universe** - are available in both Churches every week.

Fr. George

'Mothers Prayers' Groups

Recommence on:

Wednesday 14th January, 10.30 a.m. - Meeting Room at Christ our Light Church

Thursday 15th January,

at 10.00 a.m. - **Annex of Parish Hall**

****Please note return to Annex venue**

Thursday mornings**

All Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers are welcome to come along one of these mornings to pray for their children and the youth of our Parish. (for approximately 30 minutes)

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

**Short Bible Programmes
January - February 2009**

Singing in the Reign: An Introduction to the Psalms over 5 Tuesday nights beginning 20th January in Frankfield, Grange Parish Centre. 8 to 9.30 pm each night.

Rediscovering Paul: An Introduction to the Life, Letters and Theology of the Apostle to the Gentiles over four Thursday nights beginning 22nd January in Brú Columbanus, Wilton.

For bookings and information on either programme contact the Office of Adult Religious Education at 021-4357765 or email are@corkandross.org. The total cost of each programme is €20 (€10 for Seniors and Students).

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Jan-17 & Jan-18-2009

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Ailish O'Reilly
Daniel McAuliffe
8:30 am
Susan Fennell
10:00 am
Sean Collins
Katie Collins
12:00 Noon
Tony Lynch
Even Keating

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Rosarie Cotter
Louise McGrath
11:00 am
Jack Dorgan
12:30 pm
Tadhg Buckley
James Nyagaya
5:30 pm
Siobhan Keane-Hopcraft



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Jan-17 & Jan-18-2009

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
Suzanne Leetch

12 Noon Joy Daly
Pat Kelleher
Helen Plunkett
Ellen O'Sullivan
Ursula McAuliffe
Sally Crowley

5:30 pm Shelia Curran
Elizabeth O'Sullivan

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

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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

PARISH CLERGY

Priest on Duty

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Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C.

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