

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 11-January-2015

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

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan, which marked the end of his 'hidden life' and the beginning of his public ministry. It is a celebration for each of us also! In the Gospel we hear these words which God the Father spoke to his son Jesus: 'you are my Son, the beloved; my favour rests on you'. At our baptism we too became beloved children of God. We are called each day to live out our Baptismal vocation.

Perhaps we don't think often enough about our Baptism, this most important event in our lives, so perhaps today is a time to reflect on our Baptismal promises. The Sacrament emphasizes becoming a child of God and a member of the Christian community. At our Baptism we received the gift of the Holy Spirit. The rite of Baptism indicates four signs and the prayers accompanying these four symbols remind us of our new relationship with God. Firstly we are anointed with the oil of chrism - "as Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet and King, so may you live always as a member of his body, sharing everlasting life". Secondly the white garment was put on us as an outward sign of our Christian dignity - "you have clothed yourself in Christ -see in this white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity". Thirdly a lighted candle was given to our parents or sponsor, on our behalf, symbolising receiving the light of Christ- 'being enlightened by Christ'- so that we may walk always as a child of the light and keep the flame of faith alive." Fourthly our ears and mouth were blessed that our ears may be open to receive the word of God and our mouth be opened to proclaim his faith.

Due to human frailty, we struggle at times with perhaps attitudes, habits, or behaviours which are a contradiction to being children of God. We ask the Lord for the grace that with his help we may carry out the work he wants us to do, so that His Father may also be able to look at us and say: 'these are my sons and daughters in whom I am well pleased'. We hear in today's Psalm reading from Isaiah: "God is my salvation, I trust and will not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength". Placing our trust in God, let us recommit ourselves to fulfilling our God given mission on earth, to bear witness to him by the example of our lives. 'O God renew me in the graces I received at my Baptism'.

Sr. Colette

Best Wishes For A Happy New Year

The priests of the parish join in sending New Year greetings to all members of the parish and to all readers of the Ballincollig Parishioner

Fr's George O'Mahony, Dave O'Connell & James McSweeney

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us bring our needs before God, who sent his Son to lead us out from sin and death.

Reader

For all Christians: that they may strive to live up to the call they received at baptism to follow Christ.

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

For political and civil leaders: that they may see truly and act rightly.

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

For those who are faced with difficult and important decisions.

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

For those who have strayed from the path of faith.

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

For all gathered here: that we may have the strength to persevere in the right choices we have made, and the courage to correct the wrong ones.

**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

Father, you sent your Son, into the world to show us the way to you. Help us to follow him with courage and steadfastness, so that we may reach the glory you have prepared for us. We ask this through Christ 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 :

Ruairi Matthew Cahill, The Brambles, Classes Lake.
 Mia Isobel Cronin, Beech Park.
 Noah Thomas Callanan, An Caislean Way.
 Jodie Marian Carroll, Bishopstown.
 Freya Saoirse Murphy, Frankfield, Douglas.
 Ailidh Frances Coleman, Tuam, Co Galway.
 Morrison John Coleman, Leslies Arch, Old Quarter.
 Fiona Grace Lehane, Castlepark.
 Tiernan Francis Walsh, Castle Ave, Muskerry Estate.
 Traolach Anthony Yelverton, Innishmore Lawn.
 Liam Jack Costello, Waltham Abbey, Old quarter.
 Carter Anthony O’Sullivan, Ballincollig.
 Barry James Nyhan, Sycamores, Classes Lake .
 Lewis Cathal Guerin, The Lawn Coolroe Meadows.
 Elise Paulina McGeough, Rosewood.
 Liam Spillane, Beech Road.
 Mia Aideen Quinn, Eastgate.
 Antonia Maura Duane, Tudor Grove.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Noreen Kelleher, Coolroe Meadows.
 Jim (Bob) O’Keeffe, Dripsey.

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

Rose McAuliffe, Rathmore Place.
 Catherine Calnan, Church View.
 Dermot & Nell Cronin, Connolly Park.
 Alison Murphy, Wyndham Downs
 Donal O’Connor, Coolroe.
 Ted Dineen, Ovens.
 Denis, Breda & James O’Donoghue, West Village.
 Rena Lucey, Station Road.
 Kevin Byrnes, Parknamore Rise.
 Margaret & Margaret Kenneally, Curraheen.
 Joan Summers, Park Road.
 Patrick Kerrigan, Greg Road.
 Paddy & Lucy Doyle, Mallow.
 Noreen & Christy Deasy, Gerald Griffin Street.
 Peter Healy, Beech Park.
 Dec members of Wilson family, Carlow.
 Michael O’Regan, Carriganarra.
 John & Anne Hogan, Tipperary.
 Jack O’Connell, Main Street.
 Sheila o’Mahony, Coachford & Ballyvolane.
 Mary O’Connell, Ballinora.

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/2015
 1 Sam 3:3-10,19. Ps 39. 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20. Jn 1:35-42. Lect I: 740

“Mothers’ Prayers”

Will recommence

Thursday 15th January at 10.00 a.m

At ‘Sonas’ House - Station Road

We welcome Mothers, Grandmothers
 Godmothers to join in prayer
 for all our children and the youth of our parish.

A New Year

The new year while offering us the promise of a new future can also call us back to the love we had for Jesus in more innocent days just as old friendships call to us from the past. Mary Coleridge puts that thought nicely in one of her poems:

*Time brought me many another friend
 That loved me longer.
 New love was kind, but in the end
 Old love was stronger.
 Years come and go. No New Year yet
 Hath slain December.
 And all that should have cried - “Forget!”
 Cries but - “Remember!”*

Thought for Today

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.

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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.

Troubled by someone else's drinking?

Try Al-anon.

Local Meetings S V de P Centre Station Road
Thursdays 8.30 pm. Phone: 087 6651707.

Age Action

Getting Started computer beginners' programme for 2015

What was under the tree at Christmas? A COMPUTER, LAPTOP, TABLET OR IPAD, SMARTPHONE or IPHONE? Not sure what to do with it? Age Action to the Rescue!

Last year over 750 people throughout Cork and Waterford Counties had lots of fun getting to grips with the basics of computers. This year it's your turn. Whether you consider yourself a computer dinosaur, have a little experience but are not sure if you're doing it right; whether you want to use this device to stay in touch with friends and family (SKYPE), challenge your mind, learn something new or just listen to or watch your favourite singer or film, our friendly, patient volunteer tutors would love to show you how. Many people who thought they'd never get the hang of it, graduated the classes last year with a new window on their world and increased confidence.

Classes run in a fun, relaxed atmosphere for 4 weeks, two hours a week, with one on one (where possible) tutoring. Every learner receives jargon-free material and learns at his/her very own pace. We don't take you where you don't want to go, we just help you to do what you'd like to... better.

To find out where classes are running in your area, please contact Shane or Jason on 021 4536556, text Julie on 087 1956026 or email gscorkadmin@ageaction.ie. There is a maximum fee of 20 Euro (depending on the venue) for the entire course, consisting of 8 hours (2 hours a week).

Bulletin Board

Christmas Collection

The Priests of the Parish would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generosity in the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Collection for the Priests of the Parish. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday January, 24th at 12.00 noon 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.

Thank You

Sincere thanks to the many people who gave their time throughout the year – Altar Society, Altar Servers, Choir, Cantors, Folk Group, Ministers of the Word, Ministers of the Eucharist, Collectors, Cleaners, Parish Council, The Parishioner and Parish Council Sub Groups, people who distributed dues envelopes and the various flyers throughout the year, the Sacristans in both Churches. Thanks to the people of the Parish for their generous support to the Priest of the Parish during the past year. Your support is much appreciated. I wish you and your families a happy New Year.

Special Collection for Diocesan Needs

The collection for Diocesan needs will be taken up at all Masses next week end 17th & 18th January

Children's Mass

The next Children's Mass for children in second class preparing for their first Holy Communion will take place on Sunday January 18th at 11.00am in Church of Christ Our Light. The Parents of children who are seven and eight are asked to bring them to this Mass. Preparation with the children commences in the main body of the church at 10.45am. The Children retire to the crying room where they celebrate the Liturgy of the Word in a child friendly fashion. They will return to the main church at the start of the offertory procession.

Offertory Collection Boxes

Many thanks to the many parishioners who gave in their names and box numbers to the parish office during the past weeks. Hopefully others who avail of the envelopes to make their offertory contribution to the parish will register their name and number as soon as possible. Sincere thanks to all who support the parish through the offertory collection. The offertory collection pays for heating, lighting, insurance, and maintenance as well as other costs cleaning materials candles etc.

Week of Prayer for Church Unity

Takes place January 18th - 25th. There will be various gatherings of many different traditions to mark the week of prayer. Please make note in your diary for January 25th at 7 pm.

Fr. George

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Jan/17 & Jan/18/2015

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Aine Sheehan
Michael Collins
8:30 am
Eadaoin O'Leary
Gerard O'Leary
10:00 am
Shannon O'Brien
Erin Holmes
12:00 Noon
Oliver O'Donovan
Niamh Heelan

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Nonyi Ebili
Jennifer Nyagaya
11:00 am
Jacob Derham

12:30 pm
Aisling Dore
Clara Herdman
5:30 pm
Kevin Tuohy

MASS TIMES

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

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| 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

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

PARISH CLERGY

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| Priest on Duty | 087-2479140 |
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| Fr. Dave O'Connell C.C. | 021-4876171 or frdaveoconnell@gmail.com |
| Fr. James McSweeney | 021-4873308 |

Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

Week 12th Jan to 18th Jan

Joan Barrett
Margot Twomey

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

Jan/17 & Jan/18/2015

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

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

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Tom Butler
Denis Healy

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

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

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

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

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

5:30 pm Noelle Buckley
Mary Breen

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Monday 9th, 16th and 23rd Feb and 2nd, 9th March 2015

7.30 p.m. – 9.30 p.m. in SCALA [entrance directly opposite Blackrock Castle].

Presenters: Fr Seán O'Sullivan, Diane Corkery, Mons Ned Goold

Workshop Sat March 7th: Dr. Kieran O'Mahony OSA

Cost: €50 per module

For information and booking: contact the Cork Scripture Support Group at corkscripturegroup@gmail.com or 021-4295144 (Marian or Phil) before Monday 19th January 2015 All are welcome.

Certificate is awarded on completion of four modules available in 2015 and 2016.

No written assignments required.