

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

150 Years



**St. Mary & St. John
Station Road**

Sunday 14-February-2016

First Sunday of Lent

As Lent begins we are reminded of Adam's fall from grace and of the reality of sin in human life, we are also reminded that Christ is the new Adam overcoming temptation in himself and so making possible a new life, a new humanity for those who belong to him.



**Christ Our Light
Innishmore**

Our Lenten Journey

In the Gospel today we hear of Jesus being led by the Spirit in to the wilderness to be tempted by the devil for forty days. Being filled with the Holy Spirit and the assurance of being loved by his Father, he receives the strength and courage to reject the temptations of the devil.

As we begin our Lenten Journey in preparation for Easter, let us pray that we too may be open to allowing the Spirit to lead us. The "wilderness," can refer to the times we experience trials and temptations in our own lives. None of us like being in the 'wilderness' - it can be a lonely and painful place; a place of confusion and questioning; we may experience loss of purpose or direction in life. No matter what our struggles and temptations, let us remember that Jesus was not left to battle it alone and neither are we. Our heavenly Father who loves us will protect us in the midst of all our struggles. As St Paul says in our second reading today: 'everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved'.

Lent is also an opportunity to reflect on our own spiritual journey. Perhaps during this Lent, we may want to make a commitment to set aside time for quiet prayer, to participate at daily Mass; or whatever one is drawn to. Our relationship with God is so often tested. Sometimes it may happen that just when we set time aside for prayer, that something often crops up - we remember some job to be done or a phone call to be made! The devil remains just as active today and will do almost anything to keep us from praying.

The cross we carry each day may be overwhelming at times, but let us remember we are never alone. Jesus, who knew what it was to be tested and who carried his own cross, is on this journey with us and very much wanting to support and care for us. Jesus invites us to join him on the journey to Jerusalem during this Lent, uniting our own sufferings with his and to look forward with joy and hope to the celebration of his Resurrection. Let us pray for one another that during these days of Lent each of us will receive the grace of a deepening relationship with the Lord.

Sr. Colette

Reflection for Parents

What you can do for Lent with your children? Jesus' temptations are about power, power over people's hearts. If hungry people are to be fed, if society is going to change, he wants us to help, not by overwhelming force but by working humbly with him. Can we support our brothers and sisters who are hungry through small changes in our daily lives?. On Ash Wednesday we began our Lenten journey. As we gather together as a community today, we take time to step back from our often busy lives, to reflect on the Gospel and to pray for spiritual renewal.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Because Jesus was tempted, he understands our temptations. Let us turn to him for help to be victorious over evil.

Reader

Because Jesus was tempted, he understands our temptations. Let us turn to him for help to be victorious over evil.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the Church: that it may lead its members to a deeper and more authentic living of the Christian life.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For government leaders: that they may resist the temptation to seek their own glory, and seek instead to serve their brothers and sisters.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who are suffering the effects of war, famine and persecution in particular the people of Aleppo.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who have fallen to temptation: that they may have the strength to rise again.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For each other and for ourselves: That Lent may teach us a spirit of self-denial, and move us to show more love and compassion to others.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest

God of power and love, you have shown us that prayer, fasting and alms –giving are remedies for sin. Accept our humble admission of guilt, and when our conscience weighs us down, let us your unfailing mercy raise us up. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Happy St. Valentines Day to all
our parishioners and readers*

Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Margaret (Peggy) Forde, Curraheen.
 Dan Lucey, Ballyvourney.
 Eleanor Dwyer, Westgrove.
 Amy O'Donoghue, Clonakilty.
 Jacinta Byrne, Tipperary.

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

Patrick & Martin Ginnane, Shanakiel & Kilkenny.
 Richard O'Halloran, Muskerry Estate.
 Ted & Rose Moylan, Earlwood Estate.
 Margaret White, Coolroe.
 Tim Murphy, Glounthaune.
 Mary O'Mahony, Ballyshoneen.
 Mamie Quinn, Powdermills.
 Jim Leggett, Montenotte.
 Kathleen & Sonny Murray, Straight Road.
 Jack Lucey, Station Cross.
 Arthur Bajorus, Glendower Court.
 Eileen O'Sullivan, Willowfield.
 Kevin Broderick, Ballincollig.
 Dec. members of Sheehan family, Toames.
 Sean O'Sullivan, Togher/Wilton.
 Michael & Margaret O'Flaherty, Pouladuff.
 David O'Sullivan, Inniscarra.
 Jack Dennehy, Castle View.
 Eugene & Margaret Teehan, Kilcummin.
 Mary O'Leary, Blarney.
 Elizabeth & Timothy Murphy, Carriganarra Road.
 Thomas Reck, Innishmore.
 Sean Buckley, Maryville, Ballintemple.

Lourdes 2016 – Young Adult Helpers

The Diocese of Cork and Ross invites Young Adults 18 – 30 year olds to come to Lourdes as helpers from 11th to 16th June. As helpers you will assist with the sick and be involved in the full pilgrimage programme as well as time for prayer, for making new friends and sharing in the story of Lourdes. This is the sixth year of the project and the helpers always excel in their attention to the sick.

Limited number of places. Closing date for applications is 29th February 2016. For further details contact Fr Charlie Kiely 021 – 4537603, Pastoral Development Office, Parochial House, Ballyphehane, Cork or email: charles.kiely@corkandross.org

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

First Week Of Lent

- 14 Sunday Deut. 26:4-10. Ps. 90. Ram. 10:8-13. Lk. 4:1-13. Lect I: 207
- 15 Monday Lev 19:1-2, 11-18. Ps 18. Mt 25:31-46. Lect I: 210
- 16 Tuesday Is. 55:10-11. Ps. 33. Mt. 6:7-15. Lect I: 212
- 17 Wednesday In. 3: 1-10. Ps. 50. Lk. 11 :29-32. Lect I: 214
- 18 Thursday Esther 14:1,3-5, 12-14 (Vulgate). Ps. 137. Mt. 7:7- 12. Lect I: 216
- 19 Friday Ex. 18:21-28. Ps. 129. Mt. 5:20-26. Lect I: 218
- 20 Saturday Deut. 26:16-19. Ps. 118. Mt. 5:43-48. Lect I: 221

Next Sunday's Readings 21-February-2016
 Gen. 15:5-12, 17 -18. Ps. 26. Phil. 3: 17 -4: 1. Lk. 9:28-36. Lect I: 228

BAPTISMS

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

Zurie Kate Chalmers Atkinson, Oaklands.
 Calaya Chalmers Atkinson, Oaklands.
 Marc John Honohan, The Green, Coolroe Meadows.
 Peter Liam Downey, Berryfield, Classes Lake.
 Lea Frances Beale, Lee Court.

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10
 The Israelite people gather during the Feast of Unleavened Bread to offer the first fruits of their harvest and retell the story of their salvation.

Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13
 Paul sends this letter to the people of Rome to remind them of the simple formula for salvation; belief and confession. He promises that all those who call on the Lord will be saved.

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13
 Each year, at the beginning of Lent, we hear the story of the devil tempting Jesus in the desert. This year we hear Luke's version. Following his baptism, Jesus went out into the desert for forty days during which time he ate nothing. Knowing that Jesus would be hungry, the devil tempted him to turn a stone into bread. When Jesus did not, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the earth, promising Jesus all the glory and power of them if Jesus would worship the devil. Again Jesus refused. Finally, Satan took Jesus to the top of the temple in Jerusalem and told him to jump because God's angels would save him. Jesus refused each of the three temptations by quoting scripture from the book of Deuteronomy thus making clear his obedience to God.

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Pioneer Lenten Challenge!

Many people abstain from alcohol and take the Short-Term Pledge for the duration of Lent. Make your Lenten pledge by visiting www.pioneerassociation.ie and joining online or by contacting your local Pioneer centre representative. Take this opportunity to help someone you know/love with an alcohol or drug problem by offering up your Lenten sacrifice as a prayer for their freedom and well-being. Go for it and make a difference to someone's life! If you wish to sign up to the Lenten challenge, you can do so by visiting our website – www.pioneerassociation.ie – and complete the process on-line.

Muskerry Local History Society

'Mick' Mannock, World War 1 Flying Ace and VC

What are the Ballincollig and Irish origins of the greatest British air ace of World War I? What is Mannock's claim to greatness? These are some of the questions that Dermot Lucey will try to answer in a lecture on Edward 'Mick' Mannock who rose from humble origins to become a Major and Squadron leader in the Royal Air Force in 1918. His father, also Edward Mannock, married his mother, Julia Sullivan, in the Church of St Mary and St John in Ballincollig in 1883. His unfortunate death in July 1918 brought to an end a short but glorious career which might have led to even greater achievements after the war had he lived. The lecture, organised by Muskerry Local History Society, will be held on Monday, 15 February, at 8.00 pm in Ballincollig Rugby Club.

Pope Francis and the Gospel of Mercy

A talk by Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor,
 Sunday 21st February 2016
 3.00pm to 5.00pm
 Christ the King Church, Turner's Cross, Cork.
 Cost: Donation only All are welcome

Ballincollig Twinning Association

Weekend event 22-24 April 2016
 With Saclay, France & Mechterstadt, Germany
We need host families
 Anyone interested in supporting (in any way) what promises to be a wonderful weekend is invited to attend a meeting at Cholaiste Cholim on 9th Feb 7.30 pm contact calandenise@yahoo.ie

Forms of Friday Penance

The following are suggested as ways of fulfilling Friday penance:

- ◆ Abstaining from meat or some other food;
- ◆ Abstaining from alcoholic drink or smoking;
- ◆ Making a special effort at involvement in family prayer;
- ◆ Making a special effort to participate in Mass on Fridays;
- ◆ Visiting the Blessed Sacrament;
- ◆ Making the Stations of the Cross;
- ◆ Fasting from all food for a longer period than usual and perhaps giving what is saved to the needy;
- ◆ Helping the poor, sick, old or lonely.

Bulletin Board

Masses during Lent for coming week.

Church of Christ Our Light
 8.30am (Each Morning) & 6:30 pm (Thursday & Friday)
Church of St. Mary & John
 9.30am

Lent Retreat

February 15th, 16th & 17th.
 Church of Christ Our Light
 Morning Mass: 7am Prayers: Homily: Liturgy: 8pm
 Conducted by the Redemptorists

Trocaire Boxes

Trocaire boxes are available at the back of both churches. Parishioners are asked to please take one and to make a weekly contribution during lent. Boxes will also be distributed to the schools.

Children's Mass

The next Children's Mass for children in second class preparing for their first Holy Communion will take place on Sunday February 21st, 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 return to the main body of the church for the offertory of the Mass.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday February 20th at 12.00 noon in the Annex, 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.

Tax Rebate

Many thanks to the Parishioners who returned their CHY4 Cert for 2015. The parish, being a registered charity, is entitled to claim tax back paid by their donors. Thank you for your support and I look forward to your continued support.

Parish Office

Applications are invited for part time Secretary/Receptionist in the parish of Ballincollig. The job involves regular contact with parishioners on the phone and in person. Good interpersonal skills necessary and some I.T. skills an important requirement. Applications to Fr. George O'Mahony, The Presbytery, Station Road. Ballincollig before March 5th.

Coeliac Hosts

Altar Bread Supplies Ltd have informed us they are discontinuing the production of hosts that are totally gluten free. From now on a second chalice suitable will be on the altar at all the Sunday Masses. This will be especially suitable for Coeliacs to receive Holy Communion.

Fr. George

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Feb-20 & Feb-21-2016

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
 Muireann Nelligan
 Padraig McAuliffe
8:30 am
 Triona Downey
 Riain Brennan
10:00 am
 Lauree Hegarty
 Mary O'Driscoll
12:00 Noon
 Sean Hennessy
 Shane Lehane

7:30 pm (Vigil)
 Pauline Collins
 Dylan Ebili
11:00 am
 Cormac Manning

12:30 pm
 James Nyagaya
 Laura O'Leary
5:30 pm
 Liam Tuohy

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	7 am, 8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am	Tuesday	7 am, 8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am	Wednesday	7 am, 8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am	Thursday	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am	Friday	8:30 am & 6:30 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

PARISH CLERGY

Priest on Duty 087-2479140
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Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

Week 15th Feb to 21st Feb

Tim Murphy
 Siobhan Glavin

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

Feb-20 & Feb-21-2016

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Bernadette Bell
 Betty Casey
 Frank Riordan
 Siobhan Riordan
 Pauline Quane
 Aisling Leahy

7:30 pm Geraldine Lynch
 Charlie Vaughan
 Joan Stephenson
 Bernie Bowen

11:00 am Neil Jeffers
 Eileen O'Donoghue
 Bridie Hanrahan
 Padraig Fleming /
 Imelda Power
 Hugh & Catherine Moran

8:30 am Mary Buckley
 Theresa Lucey
 Mary B. Murphy

10:00 am Cathy Horgan
 Betty Flavin
 Anne Spillane
 Betty Sheehan
 Ann O'Connell
 Con O'Connell

12:30 pm Tom Murray
 John O'Regan
 Gerard Dunne
 Theresa O'Driscoll

12 Noon Seamus O'Donovan
 Eleanor Knowles
 Catherine Greene
 Joan Barrett
 Frances Hogan
 Mary O'Leary

5:30 pm Bernard Curran
 John Canty

Thanks Giving Mass

The Mass of thanks-giving celebrated on January 10th by The Apostolic Nuncio Archbishop Charles Brown was recorded by Captured Occasions Video Productions. This was a very special and memorable occasion for the people of Ballincollig. The DVD will be available at €15 each, if you wish to purchase please give your name and address to the parish office or sacristy.

Trip of a Lifetime to the Holy Land 2016

Join Group Leader, Mícheál de Barra and Spiritual Director and Bible Scholar, Fr. John Newman for an unforgettable journey, following in the footsteps of Jesus in the land of the Bible
 Dates: June 8-18th 2016. Staying in excellent 4* hotels and with full itinerary from Bethlehem to the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem. New reduced price for 2016, same quality 11-day pilgrimage. See the testimonials from last year's pilgrims on the website, www.culturaltoursireland.com
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Peace Concert in Knock Basilica

Mayo International Choral Festival is hosting a Peace Concert with the RTÉ Concert Orchestra, in the beautiful surrounds of the fully refurbished Knock Basilica on Saturday, May 14th. This Peace Concert will commemorate the 1916 Rising and World War One. The RTÉ Concert Orchestra will be conducted by David Brophy. The orchestra will perform with a 120 member choir and soloists Anne Marie Gibbons and Owen Gilhooly. For information and tickets, visit www.mayochoiral.com.