

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 18-March-2012

Fourth Sunday of Lent

*Jesus came among us to light our way to true humanity, our way to God. Our reaction to him is a sign of the kind of people we are. It is also a sign of what our future will be. Our judgement will depend on our faith in him.*



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

## ***The Wonders of Creation***

"Everyone who believes may have eternal in them."

A well known adage says "there is no such thing as a free lunch." This has featured in several novels and was the title of a 1975 book by Nobel Prize winning economist Fredman. The so called free lunch apparently originated with nineteenth century American bar owners offering free food at midday to encourage drinkers. The first person credited with coining this expression is an American journalist. He said "until man acquires the power of creation someone will always have to pay for a free lunch. As the world goes someone has to foot the bill."

That is how our world goes - but it is not the way of God's world. In God's world there is eternal life to be given away, with no strings attached - just given freely for the sake of love itself.

We use the expression "awesome" these days to describe almost trivial events. What could be more awesome than the sheer generosity of God. We read in today's gospel that God is giving us all the benefits of freedom, of salvation, of life with Christ simply for free, simply because, being love, God can do no other. We do not have to do anything simply be the people God asks us to be.

We are invited to be reflections of Christ's love in our world. God works through us when we bring happiness to others. In the words of Mother Teresa "something beautiful for God." There are no free lunches but there is free eternal life.

Happy St. Patrick's & Mother's Day to everybody.

***George O'Mahony***

## ***Week of Directed Prayer—Final Reminder***

The Ballincollig Parish's Week of Directed Prayer will begin with a meeting for participants and guides on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at 7 pm. sharp in the annex to the Community Centre. If you have not already filled in the application form kindly do so as soon as possible.

Additional forms are available in the sacristy of both churches and completed forms can be handed in there also. If you have a Bible please bring it with you, but no previous knowledge of the Bible is necessary. All parishioners and prayer groups are asked to pray for all those taking part in this Week of Directed Prayer.

## ***Thought for Today***

Human beings can seek the truth – learning about the beauty, love and power of God from the wonders of creation. But God has also invited us to enter into a personal relationship with him. We are made in the image of God who speaks to us as sons and daughters – the summit of the visible creati

## **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

**Priest**

God sent his Son into the world so that we might have life through him. Let us pray to him with confidence for our own needs, and the needs of the Church and the world.

**Reader**

For the followers of Christ: that they may walk in the light of truth and goodness.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For all those holding public office: that the light of truth and justice may shine in their words and actions.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the sick, the lonely, and those who are on a wrong course: that the light of Christ may shine gently on them.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For ourselves: that the words of Christ may be a lamp for our steps and a light for our path.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For all our departed brothers and sisters: that God's eternal light may shine brightly on them.

**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**

God of love and mercy, you call us to walk in the light Christ your Son brought into our world of shadows. Free us from darkness and help us in the radiance of truth. We ask this through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

***O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!***

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**BAPTISMS**

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

Kerry Osakue Kenro William, Church View.  
 Joel Eghosa Kenro William, Church View.  
 Eabha Catherine Twomey, White Oaks, West Village.  
 Paige Amelia Caplice O'Mahony, Willowgrove, Coolroe Heights.  
 Emma Kate Fitzpatrick, Leemount Cross, Carrigrohane.  
 Senan Noah Casey, Carrigrohane Est.

**† IN SYMPATHY †**

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

Breda Ring, Highfield/Kilmurry.  
 Hannah (Joan) Guerin, Knocknagree.  
 Sheila O'Donovan McCarthy, Carrigrohane.  
 Pat Murphy, Rosewood.  
 Dermot O'Connell, Knockane, Ovens.

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

Joe Butler, Inniscarra View.  
 Denis & Kate Calnan, Youghal.  
 Eugene & Kitty O'Callaghan, West Village.  
 Cornelius & Eileen Bradley, Leemount.  
 Daniel & Kathleen Dorgan, Powdermills.  
 Eileen O'Mahony, Carrigrohane.  
 Margaret Connelly, Elm Lawn.  
 Ann Noonan, Westgrove.  
 William & Elizabeth Casey, Macroom.  
 Niall McGroarty, Beech Park.  
 Eoin O'Dwyer, Ballyshoneen.  
 Helen Kenneally, Beech Park.  
 Bill & Maureen Denieffe, Curraheen.  
 Andrew O'Keeffe, St Mary's Terrace.  
 Michael O'Keeffe, Blackrock.  
 Billy Coyle, Glincool.  
 Con, Mary & Josephine McAuliffe, Rathmore Place.  
 Timothy & Nora O'Leary, Bishopstown.  
 Eily Sheehan, Greenmount.  
 Una Keegan, Enniscorthy.  
 Martin Rice, Fermoy.  
 Denis, Margaret & Michael Linehan, Inniscarra.  
 Bernie O'Connell, Kilnaglory.  
 Patrick McNamara, Inniscarra View.  
 Eugene & Bridie O'Sullivan, Ballingearry.  
 Nancy Hogan, The Crescent.  
 Eddie & Noreen De Silva, Beech Park & London.  
 Maureen & John Burke, Well Road  
 Fred & Nuala Campbell, Rosewood.  
 Edward Burke, Evergreen Road.  
 Jim Garvey, Dingle.  
 Angela O'Rourke, Greystones.  
 Wayne Thomas Jennings, Bishopstown.  
 Donal O'Mahony, Wyndham Downs.  
 Baby Christopher Sweeney, Muskerry Estate.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Fourth Week Of Lent**

18 Sunday 2 Chron 36:14-16, 19-23. Ps 136. Eph 2:4-10. Jn 3:14-21. Lect I: 281  
 19 Monday 2 Sam 7:4-5, 12-14, 16. Ps 88. Rom4:13, 16-18, 22. Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24 or Lk 2:41-51. Lect I: 970 or II: 980  
 20 Tuesday Ex 47:1-9, 12. Ps 45. Jn 5:1-3, 5-16. Lect I: 292  
 21 Wednesday Is 49:8-15. Ps 144. Jn 5:17-30. Lect I: 294  
 22 Thursday Ex 32:7-14. Ps 105. Jn 5:31-47. Lect I: 297  
 23 Friday Wis 2:1, 12-22. Ps 33. Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30. Lect I: 300  
 24 Saturday Jer 11:18-20. Ps 7. Jn 7:40-52. Lect I: 303

**Next Sunday's Readings 25-March-2012**

Jer 31:31-34. Ps 50. Heb 5:7-9. Jn 12:20-30. Lect I: 310

**Ballincollig Parish - Gospel of Mark**

Our occasional series of Biblical reflections continues this Lent with the final three talks on St Mark's Gospel. The talks will be held in the St Mark Centre, opposite the Church of Christ Our Light in Innishmore. These will include presentation of the material by Fr Billy O'Sullivan followed by tea and group discussion. The schedule of meetings is as follows.

	Monday 7.30 pm	Wednesday 10.00 am
Talk 7	19 <sup>th</sup> March	21 <sup>st</sup> March
Talk 8	26 <sup>th</sup> March	28 <sup>th</sup> March
Talk 9	2 <sup>nd</sup> April	4 <sup>th</sup> April

**Muskerry Local History Society March 20th 2012**

(Tuesday), **Female Transportation to Australia**, by John O'Connell. The presentation traces the transportation of females to Australia from Cork that commenced in 1827. The lecture will take place in the Ballincollig Rugby Club (Tanner Park) Clubhouse at 8.00 pm.

**TROCAIRE**

**"...Honour your mother, and never abandon her all the days of your life. Do all that she wants, and give her no reason for sorrow." Tobit 4:3.**

This fourth Sunday in Lent we think of mothers all over the world who endure daily hardship so their children might have the chance of a better life. We think particularly of Betty, the mother of the little boy on the Trocaire Box, who has suffered so much but has still managed to raise her family and provide hope for their future. For more information on the Lenten campaign visit [www.trocaire.org/lent](http://www.trocaire.org/lent) or call 1850 408 408

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**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23  
 The Sacred Writer sees the misfortunes of God's people as a well deserved punishment for their infidelity and sins. The King of Babylon (present day Iraq) conquered them, burned the Temple and took them away to his country between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers where they languished for seventy years. God, however, did not abandon his people. He brought about their liberation when the Persians came to power (present day Iran) and liberated them.

Second Reading: Ephesians 2: 4-10  
 Just as God liberated and purified his people by sending the King of Persia to help them so he sent his only Son Jesus to liberate us from our sins. We did nothing to deserve this great gift. We are God's work of art.

Gospel: John 3: 14-21  
 Salvation not judgment is the direct purpose of the mission of the Son of God. Men make their own judgment by their attitude to him. He who believes incurs no damnation. The unbeliever is already in a state of damnation because he has established himself as an unbeliever in the mission of Jesus. The person who confesses and accuses his sins is already on the side of God.

**Early Morning Prayer for Lent**

The great feast of Easter is coming.  
**Lent** is the preparation time  
 Come to the MORNING PRAYER of the CHURCH  
 Taking place during Lent in St. Mark's Centre  
 (opposite Christ Our Light Church)  
 Mon. – Fri. at 6 am  
 Everyone welcome.



50<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL  
 EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS  
 DUBLIN  
 June 2012  
 "Holy Communion"

God calls his people to union with him and with each other, union with Christ means union with the Body of Christ. Eucharist presupposes community and the community lives and grows by the Eucharist.

**Scout Mass**

The Annual Mass for the deceased members of the Scout Organisation in Cork will be held on Friday next 23<sup>rd</sup> March, in St. Martin's Chapel, St. Mary's, Pope's Quay, at 8 pm. All present and past members as well as their relatives and friends are welcome to attend.

**Priesthood**

An information day about becoming a priest in Cork & Ross will take place on  
 Date: Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012  
 Venue: Ennismore Retreat Centre, Cork  
 Time: Between 10.30 am and 4 pm  
*Lunch will be provided*  
 To speak to someone in the strictest confidence  
 telephone Fr Tom Deenihan (021) 4301717  
 Fr Bertie O'Mahony (021) 4371684

**Bulletin Board**

**Bank Holiday Monday**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March morning Mass at 9.30 am in St Mary & St John's

**Lenten Masses**

For the duration of Lent there will be evening Mass in Church of **Christ Our Light at 6.30 pm** and Church of **St Mary & St John at 8 pm.**

**Baptism Preparation**

The next Baptism preparation will recommence on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2012 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.

**Stations of the Cross**

Preparations are in progress for the out door Stations to be held again this year in Ballincollig. It is proposed that the 14 Stations will be held out of doors, with the Stations in various positions in Ballincollig. The aim of having the stations out of doors is to bring the stations to the community which will enable the people of Ballincollig to follow the cross, and become actively involved. Last year many people found it a moving event and we look forward to as many as possible taking part.

**Please join us at the Church of St Mary & St John on Good Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> April at noon.**

**RCIA Notice**

This weekend at the Saturday 6.00pm Mass in the Church of St Mary and St. John there will be a short ceremony to pray for Helen who continues her faith journey in the R.C.I. A programme (Rite of Christian initiation for Adults). These Lenten ceremonies are for strength, protection and enlightenment as she prepares for full unity with Christ in the Catholic Church. We pray too, that Christ's light will shine on every part of our lives and our parish community so that we will be able to renew our Baptismal promises with faith and joy at Easter.

Fr. George

**Catechesis for Adults and Youth**

"This is my gift to you, a peace which the world cannot give you" (Jn. 14:27)

**COME and LISTEN...**

On many occasions and in different ways, Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XV1 highlighted the abundance of fruits the Neocatechumenal Way brings in the life of the people, of the families, of the parish communities, and the wealth of vocations which it inspires to the priestly and religious life, manifesting itself as "an itinerary of Catholic formation, valid for our society and for our times". The catechesis takes place at 8pm on Sundays and Wednesdays, at St. Mark's Centre, (Opposite Christ Our Light Church), Innishmore, Ballincollig.  
 Everyone Welcome

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Mar-24 & Mar-25-2012

**St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**  
Sandra Walsh  
Brian Hennessy  
**8:30 am**  
Tom McDonagh

**10:00 am**  
David O'Brien  
Debra Daly  
**12:00 Noon**  
Sean Hennessy  
Shane Lehane

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**  
Michael Greene

**11:00 am**  
Jack Dorgan

**12:30 pm**  
Kay Carew  
Jane O'Leary  
**5:30 pm**  
Brian O'Donoghue

**MASS TIMES**

<b>St. Mary &amp; St. John</b>		<b>Christ Our Light</b>
8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon	<b>Sunday</b>	11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	<b>Monday</b>	6:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	<b>Tuesday</b>	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	<b>Thursday</b>	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	<b>Friday</b>	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)	<b>Saturday</b>	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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<b>Fr. James McSweeney</b>	<b>021-4873308</b>

**Ballincollig Community School**

B.C.S. Parents Association is holding a **NEW and USED CLOTHING COLLECTION** to help raise money for school funds. All items of men's, women's and children's clothing, shoes, belts, handbags, ties, linens, stuffed toys, etc. will be accepted. Any condition but must be clean. Cell Phones also accepted. Items may be handed into B.C.S. on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March before 2 pm.  
Contact Deirdre on 087 9618831 or Email: info@lenrec.ie  
*Please Support*

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Mar-24 & Mar-25-2012



**St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light**

<b>6.00 pm</b>	Michael Maher Bernadette Bell Betty Casey Frank Riordan Siobhan Riordan Pauline Quane	<b>7:30 pm</b>	Geraldine Lynch Charlie Vaughan Joan Stephenson Bernie Bowen
<b>8:30 am</b>	Mary Buckley Theresa Lucey Triona Collins	<b>11:00 am</b>	Neil Jeffers Eileen O'Donoghue Bridie Hanrahan Catherine / Hugh Moran Padraig Fleming
<b>10:00 am</b>	Anne Cahill Pat Lee Cathy Horgan Claudine Tiendioh Betty Flavin Anne Spillane	<b>12:30 pm</b>	Denis O' Mahony Christine O'Mahony Tom Murray John O'Regan Gerard Dunne
<b>12 Noon</b>	Helen Plunkett Seamus O'Donovan Eleanor Knowles Catherine Greene Joan Barrett Dymphna Canny	<b>5:30 pm</b>	Bernard Curran John Canty



**For Families of Children Preparing for First Holy Communion  
Learning About the Mass with Kath and Qumen**

**The Eucharistic Prayer**

The priest prays what we call the Eucharistic Prayer over our gifts of bread and wine. This is the most important prayer of the whole Mass. In Church language it is the 'centre and summit' of the celebration. The priest as the leader of the assembly prays this prayer on our behalf and we participate by listening and responding when invited to do so. In the *Roman Missal*, from which the priest reads the prayers of the Mass, there are seven Eucharistic Prayers..

