

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 19-February-2012

Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

Christians are required to answer hatred with goodness, curses with blessings and ill treatment with prayer. As descendants of Adam, this is difficult, but through the power of Christ and his Holy Spirit, we can succeed.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Lent

In Lent and Holy Week we remember the mystery of our redemption by the crucified Jesus through which we reach the joy of the resurrection and live as redeemed people, giving a witness of love to the world of our time. But we have lots to do, lots to worry about; we are tired and we don't trouble too much about God. Cut off from him, we drift into the pattern of the world around us, excessive individualism, and at times we drift into sin. In our reading for this week-end from Isaiah, God promises something wonderful for his people this even though his people have not been faithful, have not even bothered about him. God says I will heal you; we need healing and we are not aware of our need. We pray that our response will be to live as Christians rather than as uncommitted, ambivalent people of two minds and no peace. Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and alms-giving help us to develop self control and are a token of gratitude to God. But over and above this essentially religious response to God, there is also required a lifestyle response, with renewed priorities in our lives.

It is clear in the gospel story of the paralysed man in Capernaum that his healing is a lesser gift than the forgiveness of his sins. God's way of forgiveness was a huge challenge to the religious people at Capernaum and it is a huge challenge to us, as we are called to set aside our demand for and need for justice when we are wronged. Jesus shocked the religious people at Capernaum by his claim to forgive sins. He shocked them further by referring to himself as the Son of Man. This related to the mysterious figure in the Book of Daniel who came on the clouds of heaven and on whom was conferred authority to judge the world, to judge us. Jesus is the yes to all the promises of God who has promised to forgive and restore his people. We all need forgiveness and it is given to us, as a gift. If we are forgiven, and live in that joyful reality, we will live out that forgiveness by forgiving others. We cannot do this in our own strength, but the Spirit gives us strength as well as peace and joy. On Wednesday next, Ash Wednesday, we begin a time of taking stock, of repentance and renewal.

Billy O'Sullivan

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

The Lord healed the paralytic and forgave him his sins. Let us pray that he may pardon our guilt and heal the wounds of our sins.

Reader

For the Church: that through its ministry, sinners may experience the loving forgiveness of God.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For world leaders: that God may bless them with wisdom and integrity.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the handicapped: that they may have a life of dignity.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For this community: that the Lord may help us to walk freely and joyfully in the path of his commandments.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For families; that husbands and wives may be devoted to each other and to their children.

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

All-powerful God, you know our weakness. May we reach out with joy to grasp your hand, and walk more readily in your ways. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen

Reflection for Parents

Whether our children are in preschool, national school, secondary school or college, we will always hope they make good choices in choosing friends. Today's gospel helps children of all ages recognise the value of true, faithful and believing friends. Even when we consider our own friends and the people with whom we spend our time, we thank God for the people who share our values and faith. We know it's true that people who share faith with us understand the struggles of raising children today and can be there to support us.

Heal my soul for I have sinned against you.

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BAPTISMS

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

Saoirse Aoife Murray, Rosewood.
 Christian Kevin O’Keeffe, Oaklands.
 Jayden Lee O’Connor Steenberg, Old Fort Gate.
 Aoibhn Mary O’Mahony, Leesdale Drive.
 Arabella Anne Kiely, Leslies Arch, Old Quarter.
 Christian Lucey, Castle Avenue.
 Ruby Grace Cronin, The Willows, Classes Lake.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Nora Holland, Model Farm Road.
 Kitty Hayes, Limerick.
 Prof. Jerry O’Sullivan, Curraheen & Caheragh.
 Nathalie Messah Lahom, Tuairin Glas & Cameroon.

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

Kitty Ahern, Dillons Cross.
 Julia Jenkins, Glincool & Macroom.
 Martin & Patrick Ginnane, Shankiel, Kilkenny.
 Sean Ryan, Coolroe.
 Fred Hutchinson, Barrack Street.
 Michael O’Flaherty, Pouladuff.
 Bob Tyrell, Model Farm Road.
 Nora Barrett, Coolroe.
 Irene White, Leemount.
 Tadgh & Maureen O’Callaghan, The Lough.
 John Burke, Poulavone & Florida.
 Mary Naughton, Farranree.
 Sean McGeough, Muskerry Estate.
 Anna Marie Durcan, London.
 Liam (Billy) Carroll, Woodbine Lawn, Inniscarra View.
 Joey O’Driscoll, Rosewood.
 Richard & Ina Murphy, Mount Farren.
 Michael & Agnes Pender, Galway.
 John Quinn, Beech Park.
 Richard O’Halloran, Shamrock Drive.
 Jack Lucey, Station Cross.
 Jim Murphy, Pine Walk.
 Denis Spillane, Glenflesk.
 Kathleen Murray, Carrigrohane.
 Ian Carmody, Castlepark.
 Daniel O’Sullivan, Inniscarra.
 Daniel & Margaret Murphy, Knockburden.
 Donal Murphy, Bray.
 Hannah Mary O’Sullivan-Creedon, Gneeveguilla.
 Lawrence & Julia Buckley, Dripsey.
 Edward & Catherine Moloney, Bandon.
 Timothy O’Keeffe, Shamrock Drive.
 Mairead Boyce, Milford.
 Teresa Strahan, Dublin.
 Jimmy Hourihan, Ballinora.
 Jack Dennehy, Castle View.
 Eugene McAuliffe, Kanturk.
 Timmie Lehane, Ovens.
 Josephine Buckley, Manor Hill.
 Con O’Mahony, Ballyvolane.
 Amelia Geaney, Greenmount.
 Paddy Carroll, Douglas.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Seventh Week In Ordinary Time

19 Sunday Is. 43: 18-19, 21-22, 24-25. Ps. 40. 2 Cor. 1: 18-22. Mk. 2:1-12. Lect I: 752
 20 Monday Jas 3:13-18. Ps 18. Mk 9:14-29. Lect II: 537
 21 Tuesday Jas. 4: 1-10. Ps. 54. Mk. 9:30-37. Lect II: 540
 22 Wednesday Joel. 2:12-18. Ps. 50. 2 Cor. 5:20-6:2. Mt. 6:1-6. 16-18. Lect I: 191
 23 Thursday Deut. 30:15-20. Ps. 1. Lk. 9:22-25. Lect I: 194
 24 Friday Is. 58: 1-9. Ps. 50. Mt. 9: 14-15. Lect I: 196
 25 Saturday Is. 58:9-14. Ps. 85. Lk. 5:27-32. Lect I: 198

Next Sunday’s Readings 26-February-2012

Gen 9:8-15. Ps 24. 1 Pet 3:18-22. Mk 1:12-15. Lect I: 205

Migraine Association of Ireland

Register now for the National Migraine Youth Information Day, taking place at the Brookfield Health Science Complex at University College Cork on Saturday, Feb 25th from 11 am. This free event is open to children and teenagers under 18 – their parents and guardians, teachers and health professionals. The day will feature presentations from key medical experts, as well as workshops from local therapists. Places are limited and must be booked in advance. Call 1850 200 378 or email: info@migraine.ie – for more see: www.migraine.ie

Ballincollig Tidy Towns

The team at Ulster Bank Ballincollig request the pleasure of your company at our Community event **Ulster Bank Ballincollig rows in to help Ballincollig Tidy Towns** in association with Cork Boat Club on Friday 24th February from 10 am in the banking hall. Pop in and see us in action on the day. All proceeds raised on the day will go towards the purchase of a new industrial lawn mower for Ballincollig Tidy Towns. If you wish to take part in this event, please contact:

Emmett Walsh or Orlagh Dineen
Ulster Bank Ballincollig 021 4874710
ballincollig@ulsterbank.com

Muskerry Local History Society

February 21st, 2012 (Tuesday), **The Upton Ambush**, Donal O’Flynn. The 15th February 1921 IRA attack at Upton Station on the Cork to Bandon train which resulted in significant bloodshed. The lecture will take place in the Ballincollig Rugby Club (Tanner Park) Clubhouse at 8.00 pm. Admission €3.00 for non-members for the lecture. Everyone Most Welcome.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Is 43:18-19. 21-22. 24-25

In the introduction to this extract from Isaiah the prophet recalls the wonders God worked for His people when he helped Moses to lead them out of Egypt. However, there is no need to recall the past because God is now doing a greater miracle because He is going to blot out all their sins. Instead of offering God sacrifices they only burdened Him with their sins.

Second Reading: 2 Cor. 1:18-22

Paul is answering some calumnies that were put out about him. One such is that he has been fickle and inconsiderate, that he was a man who said "yes" to something today and said "no" to it the day after. On the contrary, he says, he always tried to be like Christ who never changed but always said "Yes" when he meant, "yes". He fulfilled all his promises.

Gospel: Mark 2: 1-12

The dispute with the Scribes which took place on the occasion of this miracle was the first of a series of such conflicts and gives the earliest indication of the growing opposition to Our Lord. He had begun to conduct his mission in complete independence of the traditional religious guides of the Jews. The Scribes watched him continually and finally determined to have him put to death. The miracle which Jesus works is clear proof that he is really the Son of God and can therefore forgive sins.

Reflecting on the Lenten Readings

An evening organised by the Faith Development team and Liturgy Commission. This is evening to provide an opportunity for Ministers of the Word and others to take an hour and a half and spend time with the Word of God.

Monday 20th February at 8.00 pm Douglas Parish Centre.
Tuesday 21st February at 8.00 pm Parish Hall, Drimoleague.
 Contact: Anne Francis 087-2282134 abfrancis@eircom.net
 Fr. Christy 087-2675275 liturgy@corkndross.org

The Coeliac Society of Ireland

Cork Support Group,
 Will hold the following meeting in March
 Date : **Saturday 3rd March 2012**
 Place: **Rochestown Park Hotel, Rochestown, Cork.**
 Time: **2.00 pm to 6 pm**
 Topic: **Demonstration of Dr. Schar products.**
 All Welcome. (€5 entrance fee)

**There will be NO MEETING
 in the SMA Centre, Wilton**

The Church I Believe in?

An opportunity to explore the Church of today with two of its most compelling speakers.

Bishop Willie Walsh, and Prof Mary T. Malone.
 Sacred Heart Hall Western Rd. Suggested contribution €5.
 • Bishop Willie Walsh (Killaloe)
 Saturday 3rd March, 10.30 am-1.00 pm (registration 10.00 am).
 • Professor Mary T. Malone (author and historian)
 Saturday 28th April, 10.30 am-1.00 pm (registration 10.00 am).
 Anne Francis 087-228-2134 abfrancis@eircom.net

Bulletin Board

Ash Wednesday – 22nd February

Lents begins on Wednesday 22nd February, Ashes will be blessed and distributed at all Masses on that day. For the duration of Lent there will be evening Mass in Church of **Christ our Light at 6:30 pm & St. Mary & St. John at 8 pm.**

Lenten Retreat 2012

Will take place on 27th, 28th, & 29th February 2012
 Church of Christ Our Light
 Mass at 7.00 am: Liturgy, Homily, Prayer at 8.00 pm
 The Retreat will be conducted by the Redemptorist Fathers.
Evening Retreat instead of evening Mass for duration of retreat.

Baptism Preparation

Baptism preparation will recommence on **Saturday 25th February, 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.

Mass Diary

Diaries to book intentions for April, May & June will open in both churches on Saturday March 10th at 9.00 am.

Ballincollig Parish Pastoral Council

The A.G.M. of Ballincollig Parish Pastoral Council will take place on **Monday 5th March 2012** in the Annex Room, Community Hall. **New members** very welcome. Members express different view points dealing with a wide range of activities within the parish. Parishioners organise the Lenten Retreat, out door Stations of the Cross for Good Friday and Holy Week Ceremonies. Becoming a member of the Parish Council is a way of giving your time and talent to the parish community and becoming active within the parish. Nomination forms are available at the back of the church.

Special Notice

This weekend at the 11.00 am Mass in the Church of Christ Our Light we will present, Helen a baptised Christian who wishes to be received into the Catholic Church. Helen has been preparing for admission to the Church as a Ballincollig parishioner through the R.C.I.A programme (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) and on Sunday morning will be presented to the wider Faith Community. The course involves almost two years of preparation supported by the Faith Community of Ballincollig. Next week accompanied by her sponsor, Helen will attend the Cathedral for a special the rite of election as a candidate at which Bishop Buckley will preside.

Fr. George

God Needs You

Monastic Weekend for young women seeking to find God's way for them.
 This will take place on Fri. (approx 4 pm to 8 pm)
 2nd, 3rd and 4th of March in
 St. Joseph's Monastery
 Mount Carmel, Loughrea, Co. Galway.
 Please write to above address or email
 <loughrea@carmelitesisters.ie>

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Feb-25 & Feb-26-2012

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Brendan Collins
Michael Collins
8:30 am
Pat Fennell

10:00 am
Lauree Hegarty
Mary O'Driscoll
12:00 Noon
John Dorgan
Noella Ngenwie

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Rosarie Cotter
Louise McGrath
11:00 am
Cormac Manning
Marie Ni Niada
12:30 pm
Bernard Valley
Colm Walsh
5:30 pm
Siobhan Keane-Hopcraft

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 & 8 pm	Wednesday	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	Thursday	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	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
12:45 pm **Sunday**

PARISH CLERGY

Priest on Duty	087-2479140
Fr. George O'Mahony P.P.	021-4871206
Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C.	021-4877161
Fr. Billy O'Sullivan C.C.	021-4876171
Fr. James McSweeney	021-4873308

AWARE

Coffee Morning in aid of AWARE (helping to defeat depression) on Wednesday 29th February 2012 from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. at Yeats House, Barrack Square, Ballincollig (behind Bank of Ireland). Your support for this worthy cause would be much appreciated.



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Feb-25 & Feb-26-2012

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Michael Maher
Bernadette Bell
Betty Casey
Frank Riordan
Siobhan Riordan
Pauline Quane

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

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

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Theresa Lucey
Triona Collins

12:30 pm Denis O' Mahony
Christine O'Mahony
Tom Murray
John O'Regan
Gerard Dunne

10:00 am Anne Cahill
Pat Lee
Cathy Horgan
John O'Donovan
Betty Flavin
Anne Spillane

12 Noon Helen Plunkett
Seamus O'Donovan
Joe Coghlan
Catherine Greene
Joan Barrett
Dymphna Canny

5:30 pm Bernard Curran
John Canty



For Families of Children Preparing for First Holy Communion
Learning About the Mass with Kath and Qumen
Offering the Gifts – An Old Custom

In the early Church people brought the bread and the wine that was used during Mass. This was their gift to their Church family. They also brought other food to be blessed and sometimes this food was given to those who did not have enough to eat. When we bring the bread, wine and money to the altar we are continuing this custom. We also continue this custom of giving when we put money in our Trócaire Box during Lent or when we give money to organisations collecting outside of the church, like the St Vincent de Paul

