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.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

God sustains us in life's struggles and difficulties. Let us pray with confidence.

Reader

That all who walk this Lenten journey in faith may be renewed in spirit.

Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

That catechumens and all those preparing to be received into the Church this Easter may be supported by the faith of the Christian community.

Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

That people in need throughout the world may be helped by our Lenten sacrifices and generosity.

Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

That our identity as God's People may be strengthened during the Lenten season.

Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

That nations and governments may work for justice in our world, and that each of us may contribute in every way possible.

Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

That those who have died may enter the fullness of life in the company of Mary and the saints.

Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

Ever-faithful God, you hear the prayers of those who call upon you. Grant these our prayers, which we make in the name of Jesus, who suffered, died and rose again for us, he who is Lord forever and ever.

Amen.

Our Lenten Journey

"Once upon a time", as the best of stories say, there was no Lent. This is true; there was no Lent, as we know it today. Slowly over the centuries, as the church developed, there came a realisation that the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus, was central to the life of the Church and so Lent became a period of preparation for Holy week when all Christians would be renewed by the life of the risen Christ.

Our Lenten journey is one of personal and communal renewal, a journey after which nothing should be as it was before, because after Lent we do not go back, we go forward renewed by the risen Christ, whose life hidden within us, shines forth in our lives ever more fully.

We are reminded of St. Paul's words of encouragement to the Ephesians, which we can make our own during Lent as we pray, for the life hidden within us to grow strong that Christ may be alive in us through faith.

Ephesians 3: 16 - 19.

Strengthened by this walk towards Easter we continue to grow in the strength of the risen Lord. Living and loving as Jesus showed us. Listening to his word and praying that the risen Christ present with us, will lead us to the vision of truth. We begin our journey into this vision of unlimited truth and beauty of God's love when we respond to God's call to conversion. The journey through Lent might be set out in the words of Isaiah.

Your light will break forth like the dawn,
Your wound quickly healed,
Your justice shall go before you,
And the glory of the Lord shall follow you.
Call and the Lord will answer,
Cry for help and the Lord will say, "I am here".

George O'Mahony

Women’s World Day of Prayer
Friday March 2nd

This year's service prepared by the women of Paraguay will be held in St. Peters Church of Ireland, Carrigrohane at 8.00 pm.
Title: Under God's Tent Everybody Welcome.

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?

Be With Me, o Lord, In My Distress.
BAPTISMS

WE WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY ALL THOSE WHO WERE BAPTISED RECENTLY:
Melissa Ita McDonnell, 3 Westberry Heights, Westcourt.
Jasmine Elizabeth McCarthy-Galvin, 19 Innishmore Park.
Christopher Robert Costello, 10 Chestnut Crescent, Classis Lake.
Kellie Anne Holmes, Clonmoyle East, Coachford.
Rachel Ellen Cotter, 76 The Green, Coolroe Meadows.
Rian Denis McCormack, 14 The Lawn, Coolroe Meadows.

† IN SYMPATHY †
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED:
Nellie Hickey, Glenville.
Tim Sexton, Curraheen.
Julia O’Sullivan, Powdermills Nursing Home.
Margaret O’Sullivan, Laragh, Kenmare.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS:
Jack Dennehy, Castle View.
Seamus McGeough, Muskerry Estate.
Fred Hutchinson, Barrack Street.
Joseph Walsh, Ballyphehane.
Nora Barrett, Coolroe
Jerry Desmond, Ovens Bridge.
John Kelly, Beech Park.
Sheila Twohog, Ovens.
Patrick & Julie Murphy, Barnagore, Ovens.
Marie & Thomas Quinn, Muskerry Estate.
Mamie Quinn, Powdermills.
Joseph & Mary Kearney, Beech Park.
John & Hannah Cronin, Drimoleague.
John Dennehy, Castle View.
Timmy Lehane, Springville, Ovens.
Jim Deasy, Aherla.
Tim & Lily Lucey, Prosperity Square.
John & Nora Kiely, Turners Cross.
Patrick & Catherine Howard, Ballinlough.
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Ronald Prouse, Dublin.
Ken Murphy, Castle View.
Breda O’Mahony, Carrigrohane.
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Timmy Moynihan, England.
John & Ellen O’Sullivan, Glannmire.
Denis Spillane, Glenflesk.
Nellie Noonan, Mitchelstown.
Edward O’Sullivan, Glenleigh.

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before the wedding to secure a suitable date. (Courses are currently
fully booked until September.)
A good relationship is worth taking care of.

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
First Week Of Lent
28 Wednesday Is. 3: 1-10. Ps. 11: 29-32. Lect l: 214
01 Thursday Esther 4:17.. Ps. 137. Mt. 7:7-12. Lect l: 216
02 Friday Ex. 18:21-28. Ps. 129. Mt. 5:20-26. Lect l: 218

Next Sunday’s Readings 04-March-2007

Ballincollig Parish
Lent Retreat
March 12th to 14th 2007
Three Days of prayer and reflection.
Christ Our Light Church
Morning Masses: 7:00 am & 9:15 am
Evening Session: 7:30 pm
(does not include Mass)

Topics (at the evening sessions):
Monday Celebrating our Journey together with Christ
Tuesday Nourishment for our Journey
Wednesday Light for our Journey
(give up your ould sins)
Conducted by Fr’s John P O’Riordan and Derek Meskell,
And members of the Scala Team.

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The Team will preach at all the weekend Masses in the Parish
on March 10th & 11th

All Are Welcome

Parenting Course for Fathers
Rehab Care are running a two evening parenting course
for Fathers in the Oriel House Hotel Ballincollig starting
on Mon 26th February from 8 to 10 pm and continuing
on Monday the 5th March 8 to 10pm. There is no’ charge
for the course--and all fathers are welcome. For further
information or to book a place on the course call (086)
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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.

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.

Bulletin Board
Report from Parish Pastoral Council AGM held on 19th February 2007.

The AGM was well attended this year with a number of new members coming to the meeting. It is heartening to see people who are prepared to give of their time in the service of the Parish.

A number of reports were given to the meeting from the following groups who are active in the parish Baptism preparation groups for both the young and Adults reported on the very good work they do with families who are preparing for the baptism of their children and also for adults who wished to be baptised.

These reports were presented by Margaret Healy Children’s Baptism Group and Sr Bridget O’Sullivan Adult Baptism Group.

♦ The draft document on Child Protection in the Parish of Ballincollig was presented to the meeting. This comprehensive document was the work of a committee led by Dick Beamish and Carmel Keane.

♦ The Adult Faith Formation Group led by Mr Tony Lynch reported to the meeting in relation to talks which were given and will be continued to be given to anyone who is interested in getting to “know God” at the Westgate Foundation.

♦ Reports were also given by the Secretary Anne O’Regan, Treasurer Tony Lynch, Facilitator Michael Crowley and our Parish Priest Fr George O’Mahony.

♦ The election of officers which was presided over by Mr Declan Chalmers and the following were elected for another year. Facilitator Michael Crowley, Assistant Facilitator Sheila Carroll, Secretary Anne O’Regan, Assistant Secretary Mary O’Connor Treasurer Tony Lynch.

♦ Discussions then took place in relation to following:
  • The upcoming Parish Retreat to be held in the Church of Christ Our Light beginning on 12th March
  • The establishment of a second Core Group attached to the Church of Christ Our Light.
  • Setting up of Communications Committee.

49th Cork Ballincollig Scout Group
It was a busy weekend for both our Macoimh (cub) sections:
The Tue. Night Macoimh went on a hike to Gougane Barra, when they arrived, they looked at the map and decided which way they were going, and off they went. After about 15 min the group was spread out all along the route, after a rest, they started climbing, the leaders tried their best to keep up, having reached an outcrop of rock, they stopped for lunch. Having consulted the map, they headed off to find the river Lee, which they had been told that they were going to jump. Some Cubs looked at the leaders as if they had two heads. Having reached the river they were able to jump it. On the return having descended the hill, they were crossing the river again, the temptation was too much and most had to get in. (It would not be a cub hike if cubs didn’t get wet.)
The Fri night Macoimh and the 4th Cork Macoimh went on a hike to Farran Woods. The day started with a hike along the riverbank, where they found a spot of sandy area and they set up camp. After some games of manhunt and flag raiding they had lunch. After lunch the Macoimh played some water games. The day finished off with a hike back to the playground for more games and fun.

The trouble with playing bulldog is that there is no rules, so that it becomes impossible to break any. Hence its universal popularity with boys, who have no wish to have their characters trained, least of all by adults.

Commissioning of New Ministers of the Eucharist
The new Ministers of the Eucharist who have recently undergone training will be commissioned this weekend, the First Sunday of Lent (Sat 24, Sun 25 Feb). The short ceremony will take place during the mass at which they have chosen to serve as Ministers. Therefore a number of Ministers will be commissioned at all masses. Please show them your support as they embark on this important role of service to the parish.

Trocaire
The First Sunday of Lent
Lent is a time for reflection in our lives. As the winter fades and we wait for spring and the hope of Easter, the Church encourages us to refocus our lives, consider where our faith fits into it and turn back to God. It is a time when we are asked to look at right relationships – with God and with each other. This weekend we begin our annual Lenten journey. We are invited to take time to remind ourselves of Jesus’ forty days in the desert, and his passage towards his passion, death and resurrection.

What do we want to do this Lent?
How do we want to use these forty days?
This is also a time to give thanks; to be reminded of the gifts God has given us and consider how we have used them. Trócaire’s Lenten theme this year asks us to reflect on the many women affected by poverty in the country of Malawi. Take the Trócaire Box home with you this weekend and make it part of your Lenten journey.

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Karen Sheehan
8:30 am
Pat Fennell
10:00 am
Grace Buttner
Orla Morgan
12:00 Noon
Tony Lynch

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Muriel Ni Mhathuna
11:00 am
Alex Hatisigirigoiu
Alison Henchion
12:30 pm
Bernard Vallely
5:30 pm
Phil O’Connell

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Mar-03 & Mar-04-2007

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6:00 pm Vera Allen
Ber Bell
Betty Casey
Frank Riordan
Sioibhan Riordan
Sr. Martha
8:30 am Mary Buckley
Theresa Lucey
Triona Collins
10:00 am Anne Cahill
Pat Lee
May Delaney
Seamus O’Shea
John O’Donovan
Betty Flavin
12 Noon Joan Barrett
Sheila Carroll
Maire Curley
Will Casey
Geraldine Graham
Catherine Greene

8:00 pm Geraldine Lynch
Charlie Vaughan
Joan Stephenson
Bríd Healy-Harris
Marie Ui Chruadhaí
Eileen O’Donoghue
Bridie O’Donnell
Bridie Hanrahan
12:30 pm Con O’Connell
Denis O’ Mahony
Christine O’Mahony
Tom Murray
John O'Regan
5:30 pm Patsy Galvin
Bernard Curran
Clare Curran

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 & 8 pm Monday 8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm Tuesday 8:30 am & 6:30 pm
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 9:00 am & 8 pm (Vigil)

CONFESSIONS
After 10:00 am Mass & before 6:00 pm Mass Saturday

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

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