

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 25-March-2012

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jesus' Hour was approaching, the Hour which He would have to face alone, the Hour of his final act of obedience to the Father. Because of that Hour Jesus is no longer alone, He draws all to himself. If we can die with him we too will not be alone for ever.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Now The Hour Has Come

The French award winning film titled "O Gods and Men" recounts the story of seven trappists' monks based in a monastery in Algeria. The French monks saw the dangers they lived with but they decided to continue to remain in their monastery. The monks lived simple lives, praying their liturgies, sharing the manual work, selling honey and other produce in the local market and serving their Muslim neighbours. The monks were kidnapped and beheaded in Spring 1996, after being caught up in a bloody conflict between the government forces and an Islamic group. After their deaths an open letter by the Prior Is discovered, in this letter he thanks God for his life and pardons his killers.

Today's gospel marks a turning point in the life of Christ. He acknowledges "Now the hour has come". It is as if everything in His life is leading to this moment. Jeremiah wrote about God making a new beginning with His people, "Deep within them I will plant my law, writing it on their hearts. Then I shall be their God and they will be my people." Jesus says the life He and His disciples have lived up to now must be left behind to begin the new life ahead. Jesus announces that He will be lifted up from the earth; He will draw all people to himself. Jesus reveals a great truth that we all belong together, and the basis of our togetherness is that we are all loved by God. Lent is a time that urges us to choose a path that gives us life and brings life to others.

George O'Mahony

Week of Directed Prayer - Final Reminder

The Ballincollig Parish's Week of Directed Prayer will begin this Sunday evening 25th March 2012 at 7 pm. sharp in the Annex to the Community Centre. Attendance at this meeting is very important for all participants, as you will get instructions for the week and you will meet your guide.

Society of St. Vincent De Paul

Easter Collection

Next weekend 31st March & 1st April 2012

Please Support

Thought for Today

On Good Friday we will face the great mystery – the Son of God, mocked, scourged, crucified, calling out 'My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?' That final cry was not one of despair. At that moment Jesus, who is our Way, was abandoning himself into his Father's hands. It is in giving ourselves without reserve to his Father that we share his death and resurrection.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Jesus turned to the Father in his hour of need. Let us now turn to God with all our needs.

Reader

For Christians: that they may not be afraid to suffer in living the Gospel.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For all those who hold positions of responsibility: that they may set aside personal ambition and work unselfishly for the good of others.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the sick and the suffering: that they may unite their sufferings to the sufferings of Christ.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For ourselves: that in facing our own trials, we may draw strength from the example of Christ.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For teachers; that they may inspire in their students a love of knowledge and may form young people to make a difference in the world.

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, our source of life, you know our weakness. May we reach out with joy to grasp your hand, and so walk more readily in your ways. We make this prayer through the same Christ our Lord.

A pure heart create for me, O God.

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BAPTISMS

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

Mia Anne Nolan, Donoughmore.
Jack Patrick Langan, Chestnut Grove, Classes Lake.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Catherine (Carrie) Lynch, Castlepark.
Frank Whelan, Maglin Vale.
Pat Murphy, Rosewood.
Breda Ryan, Ovens.
Phil Duggan, Ballinhassig.
Jim Fitzpatrick, Leamleara.
Declan Butler, Inniscarra View.

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

Sheila O'Mahony, Ballyvolane & Coachford.
Con O'Mahony, Ballyvolane & Coachford.
Marie Flaherty, Coolroe Meadows.
Benny Carew, Glasheen.
Raymond & Lilian Nagle, Dublin.
William, Margaret & Kitty McNamara, Carrigrohane.
P J. Harrington, Beech Road.
Myles & Peggy Troy, Thurles.
Tim & Eily O'Herlihy, Glasheen Road.
Eileen O'Donovan, Rosewood.
Ena O'Shea, Innishannon.
Kitty Barry, Hodders Villas.
Michael Hannigan, Inniscarra View.
Brendan Minihane, Caheragh.
Tom Mulqueen, Rosewood.
John Emperor, Rockchapel.
Mai & Jack Finegan, Killarney.
Sid Carmody, Leo Murphy Terrace.
Lucy Barrett, Leo Murphy Terrace.
Tom McAuliffe, The Square.
Wayne Thomas Jennings, Curraheen.
John Sexton, Farranes.
Eily Hogan, Bandon.
Ann & John Hogan, Tipperary.
Dan, Hannah & Ellen Dempsey, Leemount.
Michael John Sexton, Clash.
Dec members of Ballincollig Credit Union.
Jim Green, The Square.
Pat & Barry Coomey, Carriganarra.
Aiden Lenihan, Muskerry Estate.
Tom Reck, Togher.

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Fifth Week Of Lent

25 Sunday Jer 31:31-34. Ps 50. Heb 5:7-9. Jn 12:20-30. Lect I: 310
26 Monday Is. 7: 10-14, 8: 1 O. Ps. 39. Heb. 10:4-10. Lk. 1 :26-38. Lect II: 985
27 Tuesday Num 21:4-9. Ps 101.Jn 8:21-30. Lect I: 326
28 Wednesday Dan 3:14-20, 24-25, 28. Ps Dan 3:52-56. Jn 8:31-42. Lect I: 328
29 Thursday Gen 17:3-9. Ps 104. Jn 8:51-59. Lect I: 331
30 Friday Jer 20:10-13. Ps 17. Jn 10:31-42. Lect I: 333
31 Saturday Ex 37:21-28. Ps Jer 31:10-13. Jn 11:45-56. Lect I: 336

Next Sunday's Readings 01-April-2012

Is. 50:4-7. Ps 22. Phil. 2:6- 11. Mt. 26:14-27,66. Lect I: 346

Ballincollig Parish - Gospel of Mark

Our occasional series of Biblical reflections continues this Lent with the final two 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 8	26 th March	28 th March
Talk 9	2 nd April	4 th April

Music Morning

Musical morning in the Ballincollig Library from 11.00am on Tuesday 27th March, 2012. This month's musical choice is presented by Denis Callaghan.
Admission is free. All are welcome

TROCAIRE "I shall make an everlasting covenant with them, never to cease in my efforts for their welfare..." Jeremiah 32:40.

This fifth Sunday in Lent we are urged to make a covenant with the people of Bar Kawach in northern Uganda as they rebuild their lives with Trocaire's support. We offer this community, and many others in the world's poorest countries, our solidarity. Even though we may never meet them let us be assured that the seed of hope we plant will change lives for the better. For more information on the Lenten campaign visit www.trocaire.org/lent or call 1850 408 408

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Jeremiah 31: 31-34

The prophet foretells the day when a new covenant will be made between God and man. Christ will be the new High Priest. Before him all men will be equal and the different religious beliefs will one day disappear, as all men will come to know the one true God.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5: 7-9

Gethsemane rather than Calvary is the scene here. Christ is presented in his weakness. Nowhere was Jesus more evidently one of our weak human selves than in the garden of Gethsemane where he suffered his agony of anticipation. Being innocent he could not offer sacrifice for his own sins like the High Priests in the Old Testament but he could pray out of the anguish of mortal weakness which he took on for our salvation.

Gospel: John 12: 20-30

The grain of wheat has life in it but that does not germinate into the production of other living grains unless it is subject to death and burial in the ground. Martyrdom is the highest act of self-denial. The cross frightens us, but it also frightened Jesus. The vivid image of a cruel death brought to Jesus a tremor of fear. Crucified, he will draw all people, without distinction of race, to himself.

Ballincollig Parish Pilgrimage -To The Holy Land

"and now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem"

The 2012 Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land will depart from Cork Airport on a direct flight to Tel Aviv on Friday October 12th and will return from Tel Aviv on Friday October 19th. The cost of the eight day pilgrimage will be € 1,250 including half-board accommodation and all taxes.

For the first four days we will be based in Tiberias on the Sea of Galilee and we will be based in Bethlehem from October 16th. Larry Cunningham will be the Pilgrimage Leader and Fr Billy O'Sullivan the Spiritual Director. The Tour Operator is Celebration Travel Ireland Limited. For further information contact Larry Cunningham at 4873364.



50th INTERNATIONAL
EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS
DUBLIN
June 2012

Eucharist in the Old Testament, in the life of Jesus, in the Church today

The Eucharist is present in the Old Testament as a "type," or foreshadowing, of the sacrament as we know it.

The Eucharist is present as an event in the life and mission of Jesus.

The Eucharist is present as a living sacrament in the life of the Church.

Priesthood

An information day about becoming a priest in Cork & Ross will take place on

Date: Saturday 31st 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

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.

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, 6th April at noon.

Children's Mass

The next Children's Mass for children in second class preparing for their first Holy Communion will take place on Sunday 1st April, 2012, at 11.00 am 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 children commences in the main body of the church at 10.45 am. 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

Reconciliation Service

Penitential service in Church of Christ Our Light on Monday 2nd April at 7.00 pm. This is an opportunity to gather as a faith community and acknowledge our need of God's forgiveness as we prepare for Easter.

Coeliac Host

Coeliac Host available at all Masses in both churches. Generally the Priest celebrating the Mass has the Coeliac Host. To help the Celebrant you might please let him know before the Mass.

Car Parking

Church of St Mary & St John and Christ Our Light

Please keep to left hand side as you approach the car parks. This is important from a health and safety point of view. Please also be careful of pedestrians who walk to Mass or from their cars to the church. Take care also not to obstruct entrance and exit to the car parks and church doors.

Fr. George

Dyslexia Association of Ireland

The Education Sub-Committee have organised an Information Meeting on Assistive Technology for Second Level Students with Dyslexia to be held in Bishopstown Community School on Monday 26/3/2012 at **7.45 pm.**

Guest Speaker is Ms. Siobhan Colclough Disability Support Centre, U.C.C. Admission €10.00.

Teachers, Parents, Students - All welcome.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Mar-31 & Apr-01-2012

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Karen Sheehan
Padraig Graham
8:30 am
Pat Fennell

10:00 am
Tony Hegarty
William Green

12:00 Noon
Tony Lynch
Evan Keating / Shane Tully

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Rosarie Cotter
Louise McGrath
11:00 am
Alex Hatsigrigoriou
Alison Henchion

12:30 pm
Brian O'Donoghue
Chidera Ebili
5:30 pm
Christine O'Brien

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

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

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Fr. Billy O'Sullivan C.C.

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BA in Community Development

CIT is pleased to invite applications for entry to year one of its three year, BA in Community Development leading to the award of Bachelor of Arts in Community Development, commencing September 2012. This is a full-time accredited third level course. Applications are welcome from those who have completed/are completing Leaving Certificate and who would like to pursue a career in the Community Development Field. Applications are also invited from candidates who have been involved in the community either in a paid or voluntary capacity and who would like to gain qualifications/recognition relating to this involvement. Entry to this programme will be based on interview to be held in CIT. Further information from Anne Deasy at 021 - 433 5930 or by email anne.deasy@cit.ie



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Mar-31 & Apr-01-2012

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Patsie Murphy
Pat Moore
Mary Walsh
Marie Healy
Margaret Kearney
Nora Barry

7:30 pm Sheila O'Connor
Martin O'Regan
Brid Healy-Harris
Kit Cahill

8:30 am Theresa Lucey
Rita Murphy
Mona Holland

10:00 am Margaret Bunyan
Mary Murphy
Joan Tobin
Eileen O'Connell
Niamh Nic Gerailt
Breda Monaghan

11:00 am Bernadette Spillane
Angela Cunningham
Laurence Cunningham
Eileen Byrne
Carmel Ryan

12:30 pm Eileen Garvey
Sally Power
Breda Callanan
Catherine Freehill
Betty Walsh

12 Noon Marie Bowen
Breda Lenihan
Jacinta Jeffers
Rena O'Connor
Sean Farrell
Mary Hennigan

5:30 pm Olan O'Mahony
Ann-Marie Whelan



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

The Four Parts of the Eucharistic Prayer

The **first** part of the Eucharistic Prayer is called the **Preface**. During the Preface we give thanks for the good things that God has done for us throughout all time. The Preface ends when we pray the Sanctus, or Holy, Holy.

The **second** part of the Eucharistic Prayer is called the **Epiclesis**, when the priest asks God to send the Holy Spirit to come down upon our gifts of bread and wine.

The **third** part of the Eucharistic Prayer is called the **Institution Narrative**, when we remember what Jesus did at the Last Supper.

The **fourth and final part** of the Eucharistic Prayer is called the **Anamnesis** when we pray for those in need and those who have died. At the end of the **Anamnesis** the priest holds up the host and the chalice together and offers them to God.

