

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 26-March-2006

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.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Continuing with the Commandments

Keeping the Ten Commandments is a vital part of our moral life. If we spend our time breaking many of them, then we are definitely heading in the wrong direction. Yet a devotion to Jesus is vital for our spiritual development. Laws alone are not everything. Laws are man-made, even when based on the Ten Commandments. If our morality were to be based on the Law of the Land, it would be veering far away from the ideas of Our Heavenly Father in so many ways. Our life must be focused on Jesus Christ for us to find our way to eternal happiness. If we stray away from this path, then we are likely to bring trouble upon ourselves

We continue from last week with the remainder of *The Ten Commandments*

Old: Thou shall not kill

New: You must not hurt your brother in any way. Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Love your enemies too. Do good to those who hate you. Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who speak evil against you.

Old: Thou shall not commit adultery.

New: It is not enough to be faithful to your marriage partner. You must love him or her as you would your other self. Mere physical fidelity is no longer enough. Aim at fidelity of the heart and soul.

Old: Thou shall not steal.

New: There are various ways of stealing besides the obvious one. If you pile up and hoard goods that you do not need, while at the same time your brother is in need – that is a form of stealing. The goods of the earth were meant for all of God's children. Each is entitled to what he or she needs in order to be able to lead a life of dignity. So I say to you: give to everyone who asks.

Old: Thou shall not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

New: Be a light to your brother, not a source of darkness, causing him to stumble and fall. Let your words build him up, support him, comfort him, console him. If you can find nothing good to say about him, then remain silent.

Old: Thou shall not covet thy neighbour's wife.

New: You can commit adultery in thought and desire as well as in deed. Adultery is in the heart – in the desire to possess. Strive, therefore, to keep your heart pure. All a person's thoughts and words and deeds flow from what is in the heart, like water from a hidden spring.

Old: Thou shall not covet thy neighbour's goods.

New: I say to you: do not covet any goods at all. Do not lay up treasures here on earth. Be on your guard against greed of any kind. What good would it do to gain the whole world if you lost your soul? Strive, rather, to make yourself rich in the sight of God.

Do not obey these commandments out of fear but out of Love. And if you find ten of them too many to remember, you can reduce them to two:

*Love God with all your heart and all your soul:
Love your neighbour as yourself*

John O'Donovan

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

We search God's word to find a deeper understanding of Mary, and of the Church.

Reader

For Mothers everywhere: May the love that gave life to their children, continue to be given with patience and wisdom

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For children: May they dedicate themselves to thankfulness, recognising that from their parents they receive gifts they can never lose.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

That widows and widowers, separated parents and single parents may be consoled by God's promise of new life and the hope of light from darkness.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

That broken and troubled families, once aware of the power of love, will feel the healing power of reconciliation.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the leaders of the Church, that they continually call the Christian community to serve the needs of the world, asking no privilege or reward in return.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the recently deceased: that the presence of friends and relatives in these days may testify to God's constant presence and love.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest

Lord and giver of Life, Holy Spirit: You gave Life to the world through the Virgin Mary; by that same loving power, give us new life and let your glory be upon us this day and this year, through 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 :
 Hanna Elizabeth Glavin, Fernwalk, Greenfields.

MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:
 John Richard Duff, Aisling Close & Aisling Cait Collins, Carrigrohane.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :
 Mary Begley R.I.P., Cork & Dublin.
 John Forde R.I.P., England & Model Farm Road.
 Mourned by his mother Bridgie
 Tadg Dineen R.I.P., Rossa Avenue, Ballyvourney
 Valerie Horgan R.I.P., Kerry Pike.

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

- Ann Hogan, Co. Tipperary.
- Con O'Regan, Carriganarra.
- Derry & Denis O'Sullivan, The Lough.
- Eileen O'Donovan, Rosewood.
- Eileen O'Grady.
- Elizabeth & Daniel O'Sullivan, The Lough.
- Ellen & John O'Sullivan, Glanmire.
- Geraldine O'Sullivan -O'Brien, Timoleague & Wales.
- Gerry Delaney, Station Road & Maglin.
- Jack Burke, High Street.
- James & Tessie Healy, The Lough.
- Joe & Mary Kate Campbell, Galway.
- John & Ellen Kingston, Clonakilty.
- John Barry Murphy, Farnanes.
- John Emperor, Rockchapel.
- Julia Hegarty, Rosewood.
- Kitty Barry, Hodders Villas.
- Kitty O'Callaghan.
- Larry Murphy, Dublin.
- Lena Gaffney, Carrigrohane.
- Leo & Christine Hillgrove, Edward Walsh Road.
- Mary & Tom Aherne, Carrigaline.
- Maura, Paddy & Martin Hillgrove.
- Maureen & Oliver Buckley, Beech Park.
- Michael & Joe Henning, Woodbine Lawn.
- Nora Harrington, Carrigrohane.
- Patrick Keohane, Inniscarra.
- Patrick McNamara, Inniscarra View.
- Patrick O'Riordan, Castle Park.
- Phil Doyle, Togher.
- Rene Fulignati, Ballinora.
- Sean Crowley, Poulavone.
- Tim Scannell, Navan.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Fourth Week Of Lent

- 26 Sunday 2 Chron 36:14-16, 19-23. Ps 136. Eph 2:4-10. Jn 3:14-21. Lect I: 281
- 27 Monday Is 65:17-21. Ps 29. Jn 4:43-54. Lect I: 290
- 28 Tuesday Ex 47:1-9, 12. Ps 45. Jn 5:1-3, 5-16. Lect I: 292
- 29 Wednesday Is 49:8-15. Ps 144. Jn 5:17-30. Lect I: 294
- 30 Thursday Ex 32:7-14. Ps 105. Jn 5:31-47. Lect I: 297
- 31 Friday Wis 2:1, 12-22. Ps 33. Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30. Lect I: 300
- 01 Saturday Jer 11:18-20. Ps 7. Jn 7:40-52. Lect I: 303

Next Sunday's Readings 02-April-2006
 Jer 31:31-34. Ps 50. Heb 5:7-9. Jn 12:20-30. Lect I: 310



Have you seen the Trócaire ad on the TV this year? It shows an interview with a young girl who is forced into child labour. She is one of 253,000 young Nicaraguans in this position. Only 40% of working children in Nicaragua receive an income for their work. The rest work hard days with little hope for their futures and do not even get paid.

This week's readings show us how much God loves us, He sent prophets to talk to us and we did not listen. But He did not give up. God sent his only Son to save our world and us. We should all follow this message to love and not give up on each other. Through Trócaire's Lenten campaign we can show people in developing countries that we have not given up on them.

Lenten Programme

The Lenten Programme continues every Tuesday.
 Venue: Upstairs Room of the St. Vincent DePaul premises.
 Time: 10.00 – 10.30 am.
 The program is based on the readings for the coming Sunday.

All are welcome.

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

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Spring Dues

Envelopes have now been distributed to each household. Please return it by placing it in the Basket at Mass.
 Spare envelopes are available from the back of the Church.

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.

Muskerry Local History Society
March Lecture

Subject: Griffith Valuations & Genealogy
 An illustrated talk showing property owners and tenants in the Ballincollig area circa 1850's.

Speaker: Paul MacCotter, author and local Historian
 Venue: Ballincollig Rugby Club Function Hall
 Date & Time: 28th March at 8.00 pm
 Admission: €2.00 to non-members

The Society A.G.M. will take place after this lecture.

NB: Please Note Change Of Date

St Dominic's Retreat Centre

Ennismore, Montenotte, Cork.

Shedding the Scales of our Woundedness

Saturday 8th April 10.30am - 4.30pm

Presenter : Martina Lehane - Sheehan

An opportunity to take space to help us journey into Holy Week. Using the aid of meditation, input and guided prayer we will reflect on that which needs healing in our lives, so that we can be 'wounded healers'.

Martina Lehane - Sheehan H.dip. Psyc. IBCAI is trained in Counseling Psychotherapy and Spiritual Direction, with many years experience of conducting Retreats and Workshops.

Suggested cost: inclusive of lunch €35, without lunch €20 (or appropriate donation)

Booking in advance with the Secretary - 021 - 4502520 (Please confirm at time of booking whether you wish to avail of lunch)

Thinking of becoming a priest?

A Vocations Information Day about becoming a priest in Cork and Ross

Venue: St. Dominic's Retreat Centre, Ennismore, Montenotte, Cork
 Date: Saturday 8th April, 2006 from 11.00 am – 5.00 pm
 Cost: Free (lunch provided).
 Phone: Fr. Aidan O'Driscoll (021) 4303015
 or
 Fr. Bertie O'Mahony (021) 4393815

Marymount Hospice

Car Boot Sale

Venue: Penrose Wharf Car Park
Date: Sunday 2nd April 2006 at 9.00am
 All proceeds to new hospice building fund.
 Information And Registration Contact (021) 4501201

Legion of Mary

Annual Pilgrimage to Knock

Date: Sunday 28th May, 2006
 But leaving village at 7.00 am sharp
 Bus fare €18.00.
 Early Booking
 Phone Sally 4870954 or Marie 4872464

Mother's Day History

The earliest Mother's Day celebrations can be traced back to the spring celebrations of ancient Greece in honour of Rhea, the Mother of the Gods. During the 1600's, England celebrated a day called 'Mothering Sunday'. Celebrated on the fourth Sunday of Lent (the 40 day period leading up to Easter), 'Mothering Sunday' honoured the mothers of England. During this time many of the England's poor worked as servants for the wealthy. As most jobs were located far from their homes, the servants would live at the houses of their employers. On Mothering Sunday the servants would have the day off and were encouraged to return home and spend the day with their mothers. A special cake, called mothering cake was often brought along to provide a festive touch. As Christianity spread through Europe the celebration changed to honour the "Mother Church" - the spiritual power that gave them life and protected them from harm. Over time the church festival blended with the Mothering Sunday celebration. People began honouring their mothers as well as the church.

Wishing All the Mothers in the Parish a "Happy Mothers Day"

Invitation

Scripture Prayer Group (Lectio Divina)

Following the Week of Directed Prayer, it is expected that two new Scripture Groups will be formed in the Parish.

An invitation is extended to those who attended the Week of Directed Prayer and also to anybody else in the Parish who would like to pray with Scripture.

Venue: The Annex, Community Centre, Ballincollig.

Date: Tuesday 28th March, 2006

Time: 7.30 pm.

Ursuline Services & Spirituality Programme

How about giving a week to explore the Ursuline Way of Life through service, working with young people and spirituality? Want to know more?

A Service & Spirituality Programme for women who may have an interest in exploring the religious life will take place from Sunday 11th to Saturday 17th June, 2006
 For further information contact: St. Jean Browne, Ursuline Convent, Blackrock. Moblie No: (087) 9391669 or email: irishursulines@eircom.net.

Take the risk – Dare To Be Different

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Apr-01 & Apr-02-2006

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Muireann Nelligan
8:30 am
Triona Collins
10:00 am
Elaine Murphy
12:00 Noon
John Dorgan
Keevesa McGrath

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Rebecca Feely
11:00 am
Chide Ebili
Karen Flavin
12:30 pm
Marlyn O'Connor
5:30 pm
Brian O'Donoghue

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** After 9:00 am Mass

BAPTISMS

5:00 pm **Saturday** 7:15 pm
12:45 pm **Sunday**

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6.00 pm Vera Allen
Ber Bell
Betty Casey
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Siobhan Riordan

8:00 pm Geraldine Lynch
Charlie Vaughan
Joan Stephenson

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Theresa Lucey
Triona Collins

11:00 am Marie Ui Chrualaof
Neil Jeffers
Eileen O'Donoghue
Bridie O'Donnell
Bridie Hanrahan

10:00 am Anne Cahill
Pat Lee
May Delaney
Seamus O'Shea
John O'Donovan
Betty Flavin

12:30 pm Con O'Connell
Denis O' Mahony
Christine O'Mahony
Tom Murray
John O'Regan

12 Noon Joan Barrett
Sheila Carroll
Marsie Curling
Will Casey
Geraldine Graham
Catherine Greene

5:30 pm Patsy Galvin
Bernard Curran
Clare Curran

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