

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 27-February-2005

Third Sunday of Lent

Christ quenches our spiritual thirst with the living water: the love of God which is poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit. We pray for those who are prepared for this baptism.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

The Gift Of Living Water

The world of 'The Lord of the Rings' has become familiar to many people through the recent trilogy of blockbuster films. With spectacular special effects and computer wizardry mixed together with real actors, a world of Elves, Orcs & Dwarves comes to life before our eyes. The story has many strands but is focused upon the struggle between good and evil. This struggle takes place upon battlefields with vast armies but also in the hearts of the characters. One of the most intriguing characters is 'Treebeard', a tree herder. He is an ancient creature and very wise. Yet, when he encounters the small hobbits and hears their tales of struggles and bravery he says, "I am not altogether on anybody's side. Because nobody is altogether on my side." Each of us inhabit our own little universe and we can often feel that there is no one on our side. If it were true that no one else has our best interests at heart, then it would be good to be cautious, allowing fear and suspicion to keep us safe, thinking that loneliness is inevitable in our lives. But as Christians we know that this is not the way to be.

Often people can be wary of, or even frightened of God, "I am a sinner, unless I get my life sorted out I will be damned for all eternity." God can be seen as very strict or an avenger. When God is faced with the grumbling of Israel because of a water-shortage, he responds to the needs of the people with a spring of life-giving water.

In our gospel passage this weekend we have the dramatic conversation between the Samaritan woman and Jesus at the well. This woman, an outcast, enters into a conversation with Jesus that leads to her life being transformed. As she listens to Jesus and opens her heart to Him she receives the living water of which He speaks.

During this time of Lent we may do some extra things to help us celebrate this the Lenten season well. Just as the woman at the well drank deeply from the teaching of Jesus so does His word become living water bubbling up inside us. The gift of the Holy Spirit granted to us in our baptism reassures us that God is very much with us and on our side.

As we journey through Lent let us pray that we will have the same enthusiasm for sharing the Good News. Let us realize that we are loved by God. Let us pray this Lenten time that we will be more aware of the Lord in our lives; that same Lord who gives us living water – the gift of the Holy Spirit.

May God, who has given us every good gift know us this Lenten time.

John O'Donovan

Reflection for Parents

Jesus offers us living water just as he did the woman at the well. It is the water of salvation so when we stumble, we know that Jesus refreshes us with forgiveness. This is helpful to remember on days when we are disappointed by our anger, impatience, and discouragement.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

We bring our prayers, in faith and hope, before the God who cares for our every need.

Reader

That all who seek new ways and means of spreading the Good News of Jesus may find the support that they need, we pray
**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

That the Lenten season in our Christian communities may be refreshing and renewing for all who search, we pray
**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

That we may hear, in our day, the cry of the poor, and respond according to our means, we pray
**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

That the older members of our society may be cherished and valued, and that the young may be guided in ways of goodness and truth, we pray
**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

That all who are sick or suffering, at home or in hospital, may find healing and peace through those who care for them, we pray
**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

That those who have gone before us may join the company of the saints in heaven, we pray
**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

Priest

Faithful God, we thank you for your goodness to us, as we confidently pray to you in the name of your Son, Jesus, who is Lord, forever and ever.

Amen.

O that today you would listen to his voice: 'Harden not your hearts.'

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BAPTISMS

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

Hazel Olivia Power, 9 Daffodil Fields.
 Darren Alfred Williams, 22 City West Mews.
 Hannah Eve Hardman, 7 Aylsbury Court.
 Cathal Frank O'Donoghue, 24 The Willows.
 Aoife Noelle Ryan, 9 Park Road, Muskerry Estate.

MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Denis Patrick Gerard Guinevan, 31 The Brambles, Classis Lake & Gillian Harriet McCarthy, 31 The Brambles, Classis Lake.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Mildred McCarthy, Union Hall.
 Nellie O'Callaghan, Madonna House, Kilmurry.
 James O'Mahony, Ballinora.
 Maureen Dwyer (née Murphy) late of Rochestown & Carriganarra.
 Tim O'Brien, Skibbereen.

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

Patrick O'Donovan, Church Road.
 Tom & Julia Harvey.
 Jack & Claire Horgan, Gurranebraher.
 Denis Hegarty, Poulavone.
 Michael Maverley, Evergreen Street.
 Ann O'Keeffe, Parklands.
 Ken Murphy, Castle View.
 John Conneely, Ballyconneely.
 Francis & Margaret O'Farrell, Station Road.
 Sheila Twohig, Windsor.
 David Murphy, Ard na Laoi House, Poulavone.
 Michael Murphy, Quaker Road.
 Helena & John Walsh, Ballinhassig.
 Catherine McCarthy, Dunmanway.
 The Hartnett family.
 Eileen & Bob Foolkes, Ballyphehane.
 Molly Murray, Quaker Road.
 Edward O'Sullivan, Glenleigh, Kilcorney.
 Matty Murphy, Ballygroman Upper, Ovens.
 Larry Murphy, Dublin.
 John & Ellen O'Sullivan, Glanmire.
 Catherine Barry, Fermoy.
 Kathleen & James Whooley, Glanmire.
 John Kelly, Dunmanway.
 Jerry Delaney, Station Road.
 Jack & Kate Thompson, Dunmanway.
 Bridget Ann Murray, Coolraine.
 Sheila Twohig, Windsor.
 Tadgh & Ellen O'Donovan, Kilmurry.
 Hannah O'Brien, Connolly Road.
 Frances Buckley, West Village.
 William & Sheila Murphy, Model Farm Road.
 Patrick Sheehan, Coachford.
 Con & Julie Harrington, Adrigole.
 Katherine & Patrick Howard, Ballinlough.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Third Week Of Lent

27 Sunday Ex. 17:3-7. Ps. 94. Rom. 5: 1-2, 5-8. In. 4:5-42. Lect 1: 245
 28 Monday 2 Kgs. 5:1-15. Ps. 41. Lk. 4:24-30. Lect 1: 262
 01 Tuesday Dan. 3:25,34-43. Ps. 24. Mt. 18:21-35. Lect 1: 264
 02 Wednesday Deut. 4:1, 5-9. Ps. 147. Mt. 5:17-19. Lect 1: 267
 03 Thursday Jer. 7:23-28. Ps. 94. Lk. 11:14-23. Lect 1: 268
 04 Friday Hos. 14:2-10. Ps. 80. Mk. 12:28-34. Lect 1: 271
 05 Saturday Hos. 5: 15-6:6. Ps. 50. Lk. 18:9-14. Lect 1: 273

Next Sunday's Readings 06-March-2005

1 Sam. 16:6-7, 10-13. Ps. 22. Eph. 5:8-14. Jn. 9:1-41. Lect 1: 276



The Coeliac Society of Ireland
 Southern Branch, March Meeting

Date: Tuesday, 1st of March, 2005
 Place: SMA Hall, Wilton
 Time: 8.00 p.m.
 Dietician, Heron Foods, Demonstration of Bread Maker
 Talk on new Manufacturer's list.
 Refreshments will be served.
 All welcome.

***Society of St. Vincent De Paul
 Monthly Collection***

Next Weekend 5th & 6th March 2005
Please Support

During Lent

Can you give a little more time to the Lord?
“Let my People Go”.
 Continues every Wednesday at 8 pm,
 Community Hall Annex
 and will finish with Passover Meal on March 23rd
 Looking forward to seeing you

Eucharistic Adoration

Church of St. Mary and St. John
 One hour per week, every Thursday during Lent.
 after 8.00 pm Mass, finishing at 9.30 pm.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

The Israelites grumbled against Moses for leading them out of Egypt. They were thirsty, and there was no water in the desert, so Moses struck a rock with his staff, and water flowed out for the people to drink.

Second Reading: John 4:5-42

"The love of God has been poured out into our hearts," and that love is immeasurable; "While we were still sinners Christ died for us."

Gospel: John 4:5-42

Jesus approached a Samaritan woman at Jacob's well and asked her for a drink of water. This surprised the woman for several reasons. In the first place, it was unlikely that a man would ask a woman for anything and even more unbelievable that Jesus, a Jew, would ask something of a Samaritan, a great enemy of the Jewish people. Jesus explained to her that our thirst would return if we drank water from the well; but if we drank the water Jesus offered us, we would never thirst again. After Jesus told her many things about herself, she came to believe that he was the Son of God and called others to him.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Kieran 05-March-2005

Kieran of Saigir was born in Cape Clear, Co. Cork. He is numbered among the pre-Patrician saints of Ireland. He went to the Continent, where he was baptised and later ordained priest and bishop. He returned to his father's territory, Ossory, and seems to have lived as a hermit. Disciples soon joined him and Saigir became a well-known monastery.

He was attracted to learning at an early age. An apt pupil, he studied with his friend, Columba, under the great Irish scholar, Finnian. Among their many tasks, was the copying of the Gospels and other books from the Bible. In those days, there was no printing, nor books to be found in the homes of "ordinary people". The word of God was passed on mainly through song and story and there were few who could read the written word. The sacred books were transcribed by pen on parchment and the scholars slowly copied each word, as they spent their daylight hours by the window, laboriously forming every letter.

One day, the time came for Kieran to bid farewell to his teachers and friends and go off alone. He chose to live in a cell in a lovely spot surrounded by trees, with a fresh spring nearby. For some time he lived as a hermit, praying and learning from God alone. Soon news of his wisdom spread and disciples gathered around him to learn and to study.

A collection of huts, which became a monastery and later the town of Saigir was established. He became one of the first twelve Bishops of Ireland, consecrated by St. Patrick and honoured as the first Irish born saint.

Ballincollig Parish Pastoral Council

The next meeting of the council will be held in the Annex Room, Community Centre on Monday February 28th at 7.45 pm

Community Games

The annual Church Gate Collection will be held this weekend on Saturday and Sunday prior to all Masses. Once again we appeal for the continued generous support of the community on behalf of the youth of the area..

Musical

Following on the success of their productions of West Side Story' and 'A Chorus Line' students and staff of Cork Institute of Technology are producing 'Fame - the Musical' in the Cork Opera House, opening on Wednesday March 2nd. Director, John O'Connor, has called on the talents available across CIT's four campuses, Bishopstown, The Cork School of Music, The Crawford College of Art and Design and The National Maritime College of Ireland. They are busy in rehearsal and looking forward to a spectacular show at the Cork Opera House from March 2nd to 6th. Booking is on 021 4270022

For information contact

Ger O'Riordan 0879549017 or artsfest@cit.ie

Womens World Day Of Prayer

International And Interdenominational

This years service takes place on Friday 4th March at 7.30 pm in St. Peter's Church, Carrigrohane.

The service prepared by women of Poland is entitled,

'Let Our Light Shine'

The speaker is Anne Alcock.

All welcome.

Any enquiries to

Sesca Tyrell Tel.: (021) 733 1158 or

Mary McLean Tel. (021) 487 1284.

The ISPCC wants your opinion!

- ◆ What do you think young people need?
- ◆ What do you believe the ISPCC could do to improve the lives of children and young people in your area?

We need answers to these questions!

The ISPCC has a vision – a society in which all children are loved, valued and able to fulfill their potential. To achieve this the ISPCC wants to put together the best possible plan to work with children and young people. We want to make a real difference to children's lives.

But we need your help. That's why we are asking you what you think...

Please help us try and make a difference.

Please give us your input – come along to our Public Meeting

on Monday March 7th at 8.30 pm in the Gresham Metropole Hotel, Mac Curtain Street, Cork City.

The ISPCC exists to ensure children have a happy, safe childhood

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Mar-05 & Mar-06-2005

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Derval Spillane
8:30 am
Triona Collins
10:00 am
Tony Hegarty
12:00 Noon
Miriam Maunsell

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Jacinta Jeffers
11:00 am
Joseph Manning
12:30 pm
Kay Carew
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**

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Mar-05 & Mar-06-2005

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Vera Allen
Ber Bell
Oliver Delaney
Betty Casey
Frank Riordan
Siobhan Riordan

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Theresa Lucey

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

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

8:00 pm Geraldine Lynch
Charlie Vaughan
Joan Stephenson

11:00 am Marie Ui Chrualaof
Neil Jeffers
Eileen O'Donoghue
Lelia O'Brien

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

5:30 pm Patsy Galvin
Bernard Curran
Clare Curran

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