

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 28-February-2010

Second Sunday of Lent

Today we are presented with two stories of God's appearance amongst us. They remind us that his presence is something awesome and mysterious, but for all that, it offers light for everyone at moments of crisis and doubt in life.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Please join us during our Parish Mission

A Parish Mission is a week set aside by a parish in order to call the members of the parish to live a life closer to Christ. The forthcoming mission in Ballincollig is an effort to move towards a church where lay people are responsible for the life of faith in their community. The Parish Council has, through a series of planned meetings, attempted to support this process.

The focal point and emphasis of this mission is on our community and our involvement through the different liturgies. Each night the mission will have a distinct theme and this will be presented imaginatively through music, drama and PowerPoint presentations. This experience will be unique and will give us an opportunity to engage in our relationship with God in a different manner. Participation is the key to success and your involvement will ensure that you get the most out of this special week of prayer.

The mission week opens with the Redemptorist Fathers, Tadgh Herbert and Seán Duggan, being introduced at the vigil masses on Saturday the 6th of March. We have two special events – one is the blessing of our children in both churches on Sunday morning and the second is acknowledging the contribution our cherished senior citizens have made to our parish by the celebration of mass in their honour and the administering of the Sacrament of the Sick.

By choosing the different themes for our nightly gathering, it is hoped that each and everyone in our parish will see this as an individual invitation to acknowledge and rekindle their faith in a community setting. "For where two or more are gathered together in My Name, I am there in the midst of them."

It is our hope and desire that through this mission each and every man, woman and child in the parish will experience the influence of Christ in their daily lives and that it will deepen our relationship with God. A parish mission allows us to take some time to look at our life, values, and direction. It encourages us to ask: "What is really important to me? What am I doing with my life? What values do I have? Where does God fit into my life? What does my faith, my Church, mean to me?" All of these are questions that we ask ourselves frequently during our lives and it is hoped that through participation in this mission that we could begin to find answers to these questions.

Attendance at this mission will allow us to temporarily leave behind the usual distractions we face daily and allow God into our lives and hearts thereby strengthening our relationship with God and rekindling our faith. It is a time of hope and renewal and taking time out gives us a chance to reflect on what matters to us.

May our faith be lived more authentically as a result of this Parish Mission.

The Communications Group

Reflection for Parents

Parents are often in a privileged situation to see a radiant look on a joyful child's face. Maybe it's how they light up when special company arrives, or maybe the look of delight at a special gift or surprise. What kind of transfigurations have you seen this week, either in the faces of your children, co-workers, or even in yourself?. In today's First Reading we hear the story of God's covenant with Abraham; in the Gospel we listen to the story of the transfiguration, where the glory of Jesus is revealed. We pray today that we might find the way to God's glory.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us present our needs to the Lord who hears our voice when we call.

Reader

We pray for the Church; that it may continue to reveal the face of the Lord to the world.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for all those who are working to ease the suffering of the poor, both at home and abroad; may their labours be rewarded

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for peace; peace in our world, peace in our homes, peace in our hearts.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for our parish community.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for those who are sick, especially those with terminal illnesses; that they may be comforted in their affliction.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith; that they may be received into their homeland in heaven with Jesus and transfigured into copies of his glorious body.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

Priest

Heavenly Father, you made a covenant with Abraham our father in faith. Hide not your face from us; hear the prayers we make in the name of Jesus, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

The Lord is my light and my help.

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BAPTISMS

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

Soraya Barrett, Coopers Grange, Old Quarter.
 Jack Joseph O'Sullivan, Westbury Heights, Coolroe.
 Blaithin Sarah Cunniffe, Granary Court, The Maltings.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Jerry O'Connor, Sunningdale, Ballincollig.
 Sheila Power, Castletownbere.
 Mary O'Sullivan, Parknamore Rise.
 James (Jim) Murphy Pine Walk, Muskerry Estate.
 Della Collins, The Crescent, Ballincollig.
 Paddy Owens, Mallow.
 Joe Kelly.
 Dr. Deirdre Power, Mallow.
 Michael Scanlon, Athea, Co Limerick.
 Mary O'Mahony, Cullen.
 Donal O'Mahony.
 Eleanor Moynihan, Rathmore.
 Timothy Fitzmaurice, Banna, Co. Kerry.

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

Joe Scollan & Maise Doyle, Luton, England.
 Timothy Cagney, Gardiners Hill.
 Patrick & Katherine Howard, Ballinlough.
 John Burke, Poulavone & Florida.
 Margaret Donovan, Glasheen Road.
 Rose & Tom Moylan, Earlwood Estate.
 Sheila Twohig, Ovens.
 Con, Mary & Josephine McAuliffe, Rathmore.
 Ellen & John O'Sullivan, Glanmire.
 Marie & Thomas Quinn, Muskerry Estate.
 Joseph & Mary Kearney, Beech Park.
 John & Mary Lucey, Coolroe.
 Michael & Margaret O'Donoghue, Ballymacoda.
 Ken Murphy, Castle View.
 Catherine & Thomas O'Donnell, Drimoleague
 Patsy & Nellie Hickey, Glenville.
 Dec members of the Murray family.
 Willie & Mamie Kavanagh, East Gate.
 Dec members of the O'Driscoll family, Kinsale.
 Tim, Catherine & Kieran McCarthy, Dunmanway.
 Robert Cuthbert, Douglas.
 Mabel Neenan, Millstreet.
 Thomas & Kathleen Holmes, Leo Murphy Terrace.
 Patrick & Julia Murphy, Barnagore, Ovens.
 Dec members of the O'Riordan family, Kilmichael.
 Margaret Sexton, Bweeng.
 J. J. O'Brien, Parknamore.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Second Week Of Lent

28 Sunday Gen. 15:5-12, 17 -18. Ps. 26. Phil. 3: 17 -4: 1. Lk. 9:28-36.
 Lect I: 228

01 Monday Dan. 9:4-10. Ps. 78. Lk. 6:36-38. Lect I: 231

02 Tuesday Is. 1:10,16-20. Ps. 49. Mt. 23:1-12. Lect I: 232

03 Wednesday Jer. 18:18-20. Ps. 30. Mt. 20:17-28. Lect I: 234

04 Thursday Jer. 17:5-10. Ps. 1. Lk. 16:19-31. Lect I: 236

05 Friday Gen. 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28. Ps. 104. Mt. 21:33-43, 45-48.
 Lect I: 239

06 Saturday Mic. 7:14-15,18-20. Ps. 102. Lk. 15:1-3,11-32. Lect I: 241

Next Sunday's Readings 07-March-2010

Ex. 3:1-8, 13-15. Ps. 102.1 Cor. 10:1-6, 10-12. Lk. 13:1-9. Lect I: 255

***St. Vincent de Paul
 Monthly Collection***

The March collection will take place
 next weekend, 6th / 7th March.
 Thank you for your support.

Trocaire - Second Sunday of Lent

'A cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid'
 (Luke 9:34).

In today's Gospel we are invited into the world of Peter, John and James who followed Jesus up the mountain to pray. During this ritual however, the disciples found themselves surrounded by a dark cloud. Can you imagine how they felt? Lost, alone, insecure, petrified into silence.... The feelings associated with entering a dark cloud of uncertainty are often reflected today by those who are physically weak and ill from chronic hunger. Not only are they hungry in the body but they are also psychologically hungry, craving the security of knowing where the next meal will come from. These are feelings Pilemina remembers all too well. She struggled to feed her children for five years in a refugee camp in Uganda. When the civil war ended the hunger and despair were too much and she decided she would rather die at home than in the camp. Now she receives help from Trócaire's partners in the area and can grow enough to feed her family and send her grandchildren to school. "Life is better, we have enough food," she says. Please support Trócaire's Lenten campaign this year in whatever way you can.

**Aware - Helping to Defeat Depression
 Public Lecture**

"Depression an Emotion calling for Motion"
 in CUH lecture Theatre, Cork
 on Tuesday 9th March 2010 @ 8.30 pm

Speaker; TONY HUMPHRIES.
 Consultant Clinical Psychologist
 Admission Free All Welcome

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Ballincollig Parish Mission

7th to 12th March 2010

Let us Come Together

- Monday:** To a celebration of our community groups and volunteers.
- Tuesday:** To acknowledge the creativity, talents and commitment of Youth in our parish.
- Wednesday:** To extend a "cead mile failte" (welcome) to people of different nationalities to come and experience with us Jesus as our source of joy.
- Thursday:** To welcome the diversities in family life today – the joy and the pain.
- Friday:** Healing through the power of the Holy Spirit and anointing with oil.



St Mary's & St John's Church



*Church of
Christ Our Light*

A Mission...

is a time to celebrate our faith and deepen our sense of belonging to our Parish Community.

Programme

The Missioners will talk at all the weekend Masses on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th of March in St Mary's & St John's Church and Christ Our Light Church.

The Mission ceremonies will take place Monday to Friday at St Mary's & St John's Church.

Daily Masses (Monday – Friday) 8th--12th March

- St Mary's & St John's Church 7am - 9.30am, Evening Ceremony 7-30pm
- Mission closes Friday the 12th March.
- Refreshments in Scout Hall after closing ceremony.

Special Events

Sunday 7th March - Blessing of Children

After 12 o'clock mass in St Mary's & St John's Church and after 11am mass in Church of Christ Our Light.

Mass and Sacrament of the Sick for our cherished Senior Citizens 3.30pm Wednesday 10th March St Mary's & St John's Church.

**Console National Bag Pack Day
Sat 20th March**

Dunnes Stores have once again generously offered Console Saturday the 20th of March for a **National Bag Pack Day**.

Due to the mammoth task at hand, we urgently require Volunteers at local level. There are over 100 Dunnes Stores branches so if you could volunteer on your own or as part of a group, you could really make this a very successful campaign.

The Dunnes Stores branch in Ballincollig is located on **Main Street**. If you could help in any way, please contact me on 01-6102638 or email Ciaran@console.ie.

Console was established in 2002 by families that experienced the grief of losing a loved one through Suicide. They recognise the need for a dedicated service particular to Suicide Bereavement and Prevention. Since then Console has continued to develop into a professional organisation responding to the needs of those Bereaved by Suicide as well as those who are Suicidal.

Below are just some of the Services Console currently provides:

- Individual & Family Counselling Service
- Child Psychotherapy Service
- Free Phone National Helpline (1800-210890)
- 24 Hour Free Phone Suicide Prevention Helpline (1800-247 100)
- Therapeutic Support Groups
- Suicide Prevention and Intervention Programmes
- Education and Awareness Programmes

In Ireland, over 500 people die each year through suicide. The cause of each is unique and complex and for the families and friends of the victims, the impact is devastating. Console is a lifeline to many of the deeply distressed families and friends left behind.

The Coeliac Society of Ireland.

Southern Branch will hold the following meeting in March:

Date: Tuesday, March 2nd, 2010

Place: S.M.A Centre, Wilton Cork

Time: 8.00 pm

Topic: Quiz night with Dietician in attendance.

Refreshments will be served.

All welcome.

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

**BALLINCOLLIG PARISH
PILGRIMAGE
TO THE HOLY LAND**

4th to 13th October, 2010

Spiritual Director: Fr. Billy O'Sullivan C.C.

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Voices for Kenya

The Ursuline Kenya Immersion Programme is delighted to announce the "Voices for Kenya" concert, which will take place in the Ursuline Convent Secondary School in Blackrock on Tuesday 9th March next.

This will be a very special evening which will start with a wine reception and be followed by wonderful musical entertainment, with performances from well known Cork singers, Note Perfect, The Dundanion Singers, and the Ursuline Students.

Education is often inaccessible for girls in Kenya. This boarding school makes a huge difference to the girls who are fortunate enough to be educated there, giving them skills to enable them to support themselves and their families. Students from the Ursuline Secondary School will once again visit the school in Kitui in late May this year to work with the students in the Ursuline Girls boarding school.

The Irish students going to Kenya this year have chosen sustainable development and gender equality as the main themes of their visit and will be working together with Kenyan students to develop these principles in Kenya.

Sr. Jean, Principal of the Ursuline Secondary School says "we are delighted that Note Perfect and The Dundanion Singers have agreed to support our Kenyan charity. The Ursuline Secondary School is well known for the musical talents of our students, some of whom will also perform on the night. We are also delighted that this event is supported by the Lord Mayor of Cork, who is scheduled to attend the Concert. We are looking forward to a very successful evening, which we hope will raise a significant sum towards the costs of sending our students to Kenya, as well as assisting Kenyan students now and for the future".

Tickets for this event are available from the office in the Ursuline Secondary School in Blackrock (021 4358012)

Wine reception: 7.30 pm

Concert: 8.00 pm

Price : €15.00

St Dominic's, Ennismore Retreat Centre

March 5 - 7

THE WAY OF RELATIONSHIP

All true relationships depend ultimately on a quality of meeting with the other beyond what we think we need for ourselves. Using a psycho synthesis perspective we will explore how we might move through the inner conflicts we experience as we meet in true dialogue with one another and open to the mystery of God within and between us. Facilitators: Anna Carroll and Joe Newman are Psycho synthesis teachers and psychotherapists. They were members of the team in Elkhart House, Institute of Psycho synthesis and Transpersonal Theory, Dublin from 1981 - 2008

Saturday March 13th

10.00 am - 5.00 pm

HEALING DAY FOR THE BEREAVED

'For everything there is a time - a time to weep; a time to mourn; a time to heal.'

This reflective day in the form of a workshop will hopefully afford you the opportunity to honour the space you now find yourself in as you grieve the death of a loved one and indeed as you grieve within yourself.

Together we will make this journey with the gifts of acceptance; respect; guided meditation; reflection and sharing.

We will conclude our day with Holy Mass during which will honour and remember our departed loved ones

Directed by Frank Downes OP

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Gen 15:5-12, 17-18
 God makes a covenant with Abram. ...a covenant never revoked.

Second Reading: Phil. 3:17-4:1
 Paul assures us that our bodies, like the body of Jesus, will be transfigured.

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36.
 Peter, James and John went with Jesus to pray on a mountain top. The disciples witnessed what we call the transfiguration where Jesus' face became radiant and his clothes dazzling white. Along with Jesus stood Moses and Elijah. The disciples had no idea what was happening and Peter, in his ignorance, suggested that they erect three tents to commemorate the event. As though to correct Peter's misunderstanding, a voice came from the cloud naming Jesus as his son and telling the disciples to listen to him. There was not to be confusion about Moses or Elijah being equal to Jesus nor should Peter have tried to assume control of a holy happening, but rather listen to this holy one.

Scout News

No one is a born leader- in the same way as no one is a born soccer player. The soccer star was born with certain skills, amongst which was the one to play football. But from an early age he has been trained or he has trained himself, to develop this skill. He practises for many hours, day after day week after week and so do all those who are at the top of their professions – whether they are jockeys or dentists or opera singers. It is the same with leadership. We are born with some ability to lead, but it needs practice, practice and more practice. We must deliberately develop the ability to lead. There is no such thing as a born leader.
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Bulletin Board

First Friday

Friday March 5th is the first Friday of the month. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St Mary & St John from 6.30 pm to 8 pm, you are invited to come and spend some time with the Lord. There is Mass in St Mary & St John on Friday evening at 8.00 pm. The priests of the parish visit the sick of the parish on the first Friday of each month; please let us know if you have a family member or neighbour who is sick or housebound.

Mass Book

Diaries to book Mass Intentions for April, May & June will open in both churches on Saturday 13th March at 9.00 am.

Trocaire Boxes

Lenten boxes are available at the back of both churches. Parishioners are asked to please take one and to make a weekly contribution during lent. Boxes will also be distributed to the schools.

Blessing of Children

Parents are invited to bring their children for a blessing, as part of the Ballincollig Parish Mission, on **Sunday March 7th Church of St Mary & St John after 12 noon Mass and Church of Christ Our Light after 11.00 am Mass.**

Masses during Lent

For the duration of Lent there will be evening Mass in **Christ Our Light at 6.30 pm and St Mary & St John at 8 pm.**

Envelope Collection

Bishop's Commissions collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend 6th and 7th of March.

Fr. George

Journeying with Luke

Are you interested in the Bible? Would you like to learn more with a small group in your own parish? If so, join us from 10.00 to 4.00 pm on Saturday 13th March 2010 in St Michael's Parish Centre, Blackrock (directly behind Parish Church) for a workshop entitled '**Journeying with Luke**'.
 Cost €10 (including lunch) Full details from Fr. Sean O'Sullivan, Office for Adult Religious Education 021 7336053 / are@corkandross.org. All are welcome.
 Please book before Thursday 4th March 2010

Early Morning Prayer for Lent

Take advantage of this special time of Lent, and begin your day and preparation for EASTER the best way possible with 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

Knock Marriage Introductions Bureau.

The aim of the Bureau is to introduce people to a suitable marriage partner. Over 800 marriages have taken place as a result of these introductions. If you are searching for a suitable partner, why not consider applying? For further information contact the Bureau at Knock, Co Mayo. Phone 094-9375960 or visit our website at www.knockmarriagebureau.com and read about the workings of the bureau.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Mar-06 & Mar-07-2010

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Aine Sheehan
Mark Prendergast
8:30 am
Jim Healy
10:00 am
Sean Collins
Katie Collins
12:00 Noon
Sean Hennessy
Shane Lehane

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Fiona Feely
11:00 am
Alex Hatsigrigoriou
Alison Henchion
12:30 pm
Kay Carew
Jane O'Leary
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	



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Mar-06 & Mar-07-2010

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Patsie Murphy
Joan Barrett
Mary Walsh
Marie Healy
Margaret Kearney
Nora Barry

8:30 am Theresa Lucey
Rita Murphy
Mona Holland

10:00 am Tadgh Murphy
Mary Murphy
Joan Tobin
Eileen O'Connell
Niamh Nic Gerailt
Seamus O'Shea

12 Noon Marie Bowen
Breda Lenihan
Noel Hennessey
Jacinta Jeffers
Rena O'Connor
Sean Farrell

7:30 pm Sheila O'Connor
John Canty
Brid Healy-Harris
Kit Cahill

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

12:30 pm Eileen Garvey
Sally Power
Breda Callanan
Catherine Freehill
Attracta McKiernan

5:30 pm Maire McCullagh
Olan O'Mahony

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