

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 29-February-2004



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road



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.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Ash Wednesday

An ancient Ash Wednesday custom was the making of a Jack O'Lent. This figure was made of straw and was dressed up in old clothes. It was supposed to represent Judas, the Disciple who betrayed the Lord with a kiss. This figure was carried through the streets on Ash Wednesday and then set up in order that people might throw stones and sticks at it during the season of Lent. At the end of Lent, Jack O'Lent was publicly burnt.

Charles Causley, a Christian, poet puts his own interpretation on Jack O'Lent.

"What will you have from him, Jack O'Lent, before you thirty of silver is spent? I'll have some fish and I'll have some bread. And some words to cure the pain in my head.

How long will it take you, Jack O'Lent your legs all crooked, your body all spent? With the help of prayer and the help of praise it'll take me forty nights and days."

Ashes are our sign of Ash Wednesday and are distributed on that day. They remind us of ancient forms of penance and also that the human glamour of this life will soon come to an end when God will call us to Himself for judgement.

As Catholics we are obliged to fast and abstain on this day and to continue with this effort during the Lenten Season.

Even in Old Testament times the Prophet Isaiah advocates fasting as a penance as long as it is undertaken with the right frame of mind and the proper spirit. Isaiah goes further and advocates a positive type of offering.

So as we offer our sacrifices and penances to God during this Lenten period let us also give more of ourselves to our fellow men and women, sharing with all those who are in need.

Archbishop Fulton Sheen speaking many years ago on Ash Wednesday said,

"Self discipline never means giving up anything. For giving up is a loss. Our Lord did not ask us to give up the things of the earth, but to exchange them for better things."

John O'Donovan

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?

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

United with the whole Church, East and West, we offer our intercessions to God.

Reader

We pray that all God's people may be faithful to the gospel and to the living of their baptismal promises.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for the women and men who enrol today for baptism at Easter and for all who journey with them this Lent.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray that all keeping this season, of Lent may be sustained in prayer and hope and in the service of one another.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for a spirit of reconciliation and repentance where there is conflict, division or sin.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray that through fasting and almsgiving we may more generously share with those in need.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray that the faithful departed may receive the fulfilment of baptism in eternal life and peace.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest

O God, we accept this great season of grace and pray that we may be renewed in spirit and service you in freedom, with hearts set on the world that will never end. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

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BAPTISMS

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

Alexandra Mary Kenny – Murphy, 10 Glincool Villas,
 Adam Stephen Whelan, 10 The Green, Coolroe Meadows
 Ella Lorraine Foley, 50 Fernwalk, Greenfields
 Matthew Thomas Vachet, 25 Whitethorn Avenue,
 Olivia May Dodder, 28 Warwick Road, Ealing, London.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Noel Ginty, Hawthorn Ave., Inniscarra View.
 Walter Proudfoot, Lancashire.
 Eleanor O’Mahony, East Gate
 Rita Browne, Ballinvoskig.
 Noel Murphy, Waterfall.
 David Bunyan, Listowel.

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

Catherine Barry, Fermoy.
 Deceased members of the Daly Family Ballinagree.
 Richard O’Mahony, Dublin Hill.
 Sean O Leary.
 Josephine Boylan, Maple Lawn.
 Paddy O’Donoghue, Bishopstown.
 Kathleen & Christy Daly, Mayfield.
 Mary & Sean Callaghan.
 Mr. Nolan, Tipperary.
 Pat Sheehan, Coachford.
 Girlie Burns.
 Molly & Eily O’Leary, Barrett Street.
 David & Catherine O’Carroll, Barrett St.
 Eugene & Margaret Teahan, Killarney.
 Patrick Riordan, Old Blackrock Road.
 Michael, Elizabeth & son Michael Cunningham, Waterford.
 Ken Murphy, Castle View.
 Michael, Delia & son Michael Mahony, Carrigrohane.
 Jack McCarthy, Dripsey.
 Teresa Strahan, Dublin.
 The O’Connor Family, College Road.
 Michael Murray, Quaker Road.
 Sheila & Tom Daly, Cathedral Road.
 John O’Regan, Poulavone.
 John O’Connell, Main Street.
 Donal Walsh, Friar Street
 Gerard Spillane, Castleknock.
 Jeremiah & Margaret Carroll, Macroom.
 Nellie Noonan, Mitchelstown.
 Timothy & Elizabeth Murphy, Carriganarra Road.
 Lucy Doyle, Mallow.
 Joe Fleming, Mallow.
 Catherine & Patrick Howard, Ballinlough.
 Marie Quinn, Muskerry Estate.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

FIRST WEEK OF LENT

29 Sunday Deut. 26:4-10. Ps. 90. Ram. 10:8-13. Lk. 4:1-13.
 Lect 1: 207

01 Monday Lev. 19:1-2,11-18. Ps. 18. Mt. 25:31-46. Lect 1: 210
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02 Tuesday Is. 55:10-11. Ps. 33. Mt. 6:7-15. Lect 1: 212

03 Wednesday In. 3: 1-10. Ps. 50. Lk. 11 :29-32. Lect 1: 214

04 Thursday Esther 14:1,3-5, 12-14 (Vulgate). Ps. 137. Mt. 7:7-12. Lect 1: 216

05 Friday Ex. 18:21-28. Ps. 129. Mt. 5:20-26. Lect 1: 218

06 Saturday Deut. 26:16-19. Ps. 118. Mt. 5:43-48. Lect 1: 221

Next Sunday’s Readings 07-March-2004

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

Presentation Convent Past Pupils Union Crosshaven.
 On Sunday 25th April 2004, past pupils will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of their annual reunion. Past pupils from as many years as possible are invited to attend 11am Mass in the Parish Church Crosshaven, followed by light refreshments in the Convent. There will be a visit to old haunts in the school, where an exhibition in the school library will include photographs of various class groups and activities. Photographs (on loan) from past pupils would be much appreciated. This gathering will be a special opportunity to meet old friends, to revive memories, share stories and to make the link with the present and the changes and progress made by the school from year to year. Celebratory Lunch to honour this occasion will be held in Carrigaline Court Hotel at 2 pm booking essential by April 9th. For further details contact Secretary Lily O Driscoll c/o Presentation Convent Crosshaven or Ann @ 087 2249812



This years Trocaire's appeal is focused on RWANDA. Perhaps we could commit ourselves to putting a few Euro a week in the box. What a difference that would make to the poor of RWANDA. Boxes are now available in both churches.

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Friday 5th March 2004

First Friday

Church of St. Mary & St. John

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Following 9:30 am Mass, Rosary at 6 pm,

Directed hour of prayer from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

this hour will be led by Emmaus men's prayer group, please come along and join in the hour of prayer.

Benediction at 7:30 pm and Mass 8:00 pm.

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.

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13
 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.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Kieran 05-March-2004

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.

A Child's Prayer to Say

God my Father, Fill me with your Spirit so I may follow Jesus. Help me to love all my sisters and brothers in the world. Amen

LOURDES

Cork & Ross Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2004

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 Parochial House, Bandon, Co. Cork.
 Tel: 023 - 43794

Lent is Here

Wondering is there something
 I could take on for a few weeks?
Well here is one possibility.

Dear Parishioner,

You are invited to give one hour per week for four weeks to the study of the Bible under the title "**Come and See**". Commencing on **Thursday March 4th @ 8 p.m.** The meeting will be held in the **Parochial House**. The talks will continue on Thurs 11th, 18th, 25th and the final night will be The Seder meal or Passover celebration on April 6th. Please keep these dates clear to enable you to attend.

Thanking you and looking forward to seeing you on March 4th.
 Fr George.



The Coeliac Society of Ireland

Date: March meeting Tuesday 2nd
 Place: SMA Hall, Wilton
 Time: 8.00 p.m.
 Quiz Night followed by refreshments
 Everyone welcome.



Concern

Urgently need donations for their shop in Cork.

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P.E.A.C.E

Prayer Enterprise and Christian Effort

Sunday 7th March - Concelebrated Peace Mass
 At St. Augustine's Church, Cork at 3:30 pm
 Special Preacher : Very Rev. Kevin Mullan P.P
 Omagh, Co. Tyrone.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Mar-06 & Mar-07-2004

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Muireann Nelligan
8:30 am
Elizabeth Daly
10:00 am
Marian Daly
12:00 Noon
Oliver O'Donovan

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Jacinta Jeffers
11:00 am
Catherine Cronin
12:30 pm
Dick Beamish
5:30 pm
Phil O'Connell

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-06 & Mar-07-2004



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
Mary Coleman
Dan Coleman
12:30 pm Con O'Connell
Denis O' Mahony
Christine O'Mahony
Tom Murray
Maura Lombard
5:30 pm Patsy Galvin
Margaret Murphy
Phil O'Donnell

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