

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 29-January-2006

Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

For some people it is a fearful thing to imagine being face to face with God. For those in Christ, however, such fear is overcome because with him the presence of God neither torments nor annihilates but brings human life to perfection.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Fourth Sunday of the Year - Prophet

In our culture a prophet is seen as someone who predicts the future; tell us what is around the corner. However in Hebrew scripture times a prophet's chief task was to speak the word of God for today. Many of the prophets took on their role with reluctance; Jeremiah pleaded that he was young 'I do not know how to speak, I am a child.'

But Jahweh replied, 'Do not say, I am a child. Go now to those whom I send you and say whatever I command you.' Jeremiah 1:6.

In many cases also it meant taking an unpopular stance: in times of crisis, however, it frequently involved giving the people words of consolation.

The book of Deuteronomy reminds us of God's promise, 'I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him.' The gospel today reveals Christ casting out the unclean spirit and freeing the man from convulsions; today Lord help us to deal with the demons of our society whether they are - disregard for others, their opinions and dignity.

Lord, we remember times and places when we were held in bondage by an inner force, our inability to forgive another or our inability to accept that I am forgiven: when I am afraid of failure, when greed or ambition leads me to cloud the truth. Then someone began to speak, challenging us to face the truth, a child, a friend or a passage from scripture. It is easy to get angry then, deny it vehemently or complain to another. Like the man in the gospel we cried aloud, threw a tantrum because the Holy one of God is close to us; He has come to take away our sin.

George O'Mahony

Reflection for Parents

It is an awesome responsibility to have authority over another person. Our very use of that authority has the potential of lifting people up or tearing them down. The greatest responsibility we have rests in the authority we have over our children. The words we choose, the tone of voice we use to speak to them and the actions our children see us take, relate to them the authority Jesus has over us. It's often a sobering experience to think back over the day and recall what kind of witness we've been for Jesus. Our hope is that we can try again tomorrow.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

We live in a time when the rhetoric of leadership and the rhetoric of advertising constantly assault the values given us in the gospels. We pray to the lord that we may experience his goodness, his happiness, his prosperity and his peace.

Reader

For our church leaders; that they might find fulfilment in their ministry and be enabled to minister the peace and love of Christ to all who need help and support

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

For those of us who know Jesus only as the just Lord who will judge the living and the dead, that we may recognise that Jesus is full of compassion and mercy.

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

For parents, that they will freely bring their children love and support without encouraging them to be "quicker than", "smarter than" or "better than" their peers.

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

For young people, that they will dare to hunger and thirst for what is right; that they will make peace.

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

That those who have grown bitter and unhappy in their marriage may find the faith to fall in love with each other again, and discover again in one another new meaning for their lives.

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

For all who have died.

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

Priest

Father, with Christ your Son, you have made us your sons and daughters. Help us to build the world entrusted to our care into the one family of Jesus Christ. We ask this in His name.

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 :

Ronan John Murphy, Classes Lake.
Benjamin Fergus Wrixon, Raheen, Carrigrohane.
Sean Anthony O'Neill, Prospect Lawn.

MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Yves Anthony Daniel, Farranfore, Co. Kerry & Mary Theresa Conway, Caislean Close.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

William Cronin R.I.P., Model Farm Road. Mourned by his wife Eileen and daughters Anna, Leona and Nessa.
Aoife Sheehan R.I.P., Mourned by her Grandaunt Carmel Kearney, Parknamore Rise.
Paul Dooley R.I.P., late of Barrick St., Douglas. Mourned by his aunt Angela Murphy, Clash Road.
Seamus Long R.I.P., Newmarket. Mourned by Sheila Stack, Model Farm Road
Bernie O'Brien R.I.P., Douglas. Mourned by his sister Noreen Dwane, Muskerry Estate.
Mona Kenny R.I.P., Ivy Circle. Mourned by Liz Kenny Walsh, Aherla

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

Bernard & Josephine Boylon, Maple Lawn.
Bina Buckley, Inchigeela.
Dec. members Reilly & Harney families.
Dermott, Jerry & Owen Healy, Waterfall.
Eddie Delmer, Kildare.
Guard Spillane, Castleknock.
Jack & Mary Ann O'Reilly, Goleen
James & Catherine O'Dwyer, Co. Limerick.
Jimmy O'Mahony, Ballinora.
Joseph Walsh, Ballyphehane.
Margaret McSweeney, Kilnaglorry.
Margaret O'Keefe, Killeens.
Martin Murphy, Hodders Villas.
Mary & Con Nagle, Coachford.
Mary Kelleher, Castleknock & Anahally.
Mary Knight, Muskerry Estate.
Mary Whelan, Rosewood.
Maureen Cuddihy, Coolroe.
Michael Bobby Linehan, Inniscarra.
Michael Whelan, Muskerry Estate.
Michelle Hogan, Maglin Vale.
Patricia Egan, McCurtains Villas.
Peter & Mary Hurley, Glasheen.
Sheila Murray, Carrigrohane.
Sheila O'Donovan, Rochestown.
Timothy & John O'Regan, Poulavone.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Fourth Week In Ordinary Time

29 Sunday Deut 18:15-20. Ps 94. 1 Cor 7:32-35. Mk 1:21-28. Lect I:745.
30 Monday 2 Sam 15:1314, 30, 1&5-13. Ps 3. Mk 5:1-20. Lect II: 498
31 Tuesday 2 Sam 18:9-10, 14, 24-25, 30-19:3. Ps 85. Mk 5:21-43. Lect II: 500
01 Wednesday Rom 12:3-13. Ps 148. Mk 3:31-35 or Lk 11:27-28 Lect II: 1319
02 Thursday Mal 3:1-4 or Heb 2:14-18. Ps23. Lk 2:22-40. Lect I: 967 or II: 940
03 Friday Eccles (Sir) 47:2-11. Ps 17. Mk 6:14-29. Lect II: 508
04 Saturday 1 Kgs 3:4-13. Ps 118. Mk 6:30-34. Lect II: 510

Next Sunday's Readings 05-February-2006
Job 7:1-4, 6-7. Ps 146. 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23. Mk 1:29-39. Lect I: 747

Preparation for Baptism

Baptism is our first step on the journey of Faith, the sacrament of initiation into the Christian faith and the Life of Christ. It is also a sacrament of welcome into the Christian community. The importance of preparation for Baptism was highlighted at the Parish Council and also by some parents requesting help for themselves. For the past number of months a group of parishioners have come together to provide some resources and help for parents bringing their children to Baptism.
On Saturday 4th February our next meeting for parents who wish to have their children baptised in the parish of Ballincollig will take place. This is an opportunity to prepare for the sacrament of Baptism. I am confident that this presentation will be of benefit to parents and godparents in their role as Christian educators.

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Lee Valley Ladies Club

February Meeting

Wednesday 1st February, 2006. Time: 8:30 pm

Venue: Upstairs, White Horse Inn, Ballincollig

Guest Speaker: Breedna Nelligan

Topic: Relaxation Techniques to beat the Winter Blues.

All ladies welcome. Non Members €5.

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20
 God promises to raise up a prophet who will speak God's word to the people.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35
 St Paul explains that the gift of celibacy helps him give full attention to the Lord.

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28
 Much of Jesus' teaching took place in a synagogue and specifically in today's reading, the synagogue at Capernaum was filled with Jewish people from Galilee. Jesus' listeners were surprised by his knowledge and authority. He especially surprised them when he cast out an evil spirit from one of the men. The evil spirit recognized who Jesus was and called him "the Holy One of God." The people didn't understand this meaning. Only the evil spirit recognised Jesus. The people, however, were impressed by Jesus' deeds and brought others to him for healing.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Brigid 01-February-2005

St. Brigid was born at Faughart near Dundalk around 450A.D. Refusing many good offers of marriage, she became a nun and settled with seven other nuns at Croghan Hill. Soon they moved to Kildare where she founded her famous convent of Cill Dara. This small oratory became the centre of religion and learning and developed into a cathedral city. Not only was St. Brigid a patroness of students but she also founded a school of art, including metal work and illumination. From this school came a wondrous book of the Gospels much praised by ancient writers. Unfortunately this illuminated text disappeared around the time of the Reformation.

Her friendship with St. Patrick is attested by the following paragraph from the Book of Armagh, the authenticity of which is beyond question: "Between St. Patrick and St. Brigid, the columns of the Irish, there was a great friendship of charity that had but one heart and one mind. Through him and through her Christ performed many miracles".

Feasts of the Week

Wednesday February 1st St. Brigid
 Thursday February 2nd Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord
 Candles will be blessed at Mass.
 Friday February 3rd Feast of St. Blaise
 Blessing of the throats after Masses

First Friday

Friday 3rd February, 2006
 Church of St. Mary & St. John
 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following 9:30 am Mass.
 Rosary 6:45 pm. Directed prayer 7:00-7:45 pm.
 Benediction 7:45 pm
 Holy Mass 8:00 pm

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Society of St. Vincent De Paul

Church Gate Collection
 Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th February, 2006

Saturday Club

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Need a break? Some time to yourself on Saturday?
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Fatima Apostolate Group

The monthly meeting of the Apostolate will be held on Monday 6th February 2006 at 7 pm in the Youth House, Station Road.
Present members and new members are all welcome to attend

Report from Parish Council Meeting of 16th January 2006.

The following points were discussed at the meeting:
 Examine the possibility of holding a Parish Mission.
 A survey was taken amongst the members at the meeting which was organised by the Adult Formation Group.
 A report on the progress of the Prayer Room at Ballincollig Shopping Centre was given to the meeting.
 A new rota for Eucharistic Ministers for Weekday Masses has been created.
 A panel of volunteers has been set up to staff the Parish Office on Saturday Mornings.
 The next Core Group meeting will take place on Feb 9th next at 7.30 pm in the Parochial House.
 The AGM will be held on Mon Feb 20th at 7.5 pm in the Annex Community Hall.
 Any person who is interested in serving on the Parish Council please contact the Parish Office at 021-4871206.

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MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Feb-04 & Feb-05-2006

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Karen Sheehan
8:30 am
Elizabeth Daly
10:00 am
Dave Murphy
12:00 Noon
Tony Lynch

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Aisling Courtney
11:00 am
Karen Flavin
12:30 pm
Cliona Ryan
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	Monday	8:30 am
9:30 am	Tuesday	8:30 am
9:30 am	Wednesday	8:30 am
9:30 am	Thursday	8:30 am
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

Feb-04 & Feb-05-2006

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Vera Allen
Ber Bell
Betty Casey
Frank Riordan
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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Thursday	9.30 – 5.00 pm
Friday	9.30 – 5.00 pm
Saturday	9.30 – 12.30 pm

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