

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 30-March-2014

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Jesus came among us to lead us from darkness into the light of faith. Through Adam's fall we were born as slaves of sin but now through Christ we are reborn as God's adopted children.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Mothering Sunday

The word of God this weekend has a very practical and important message for us. The first reading from the 1 Samuel is an account of the anointing of David as King. Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel but none of them had been chosen by God. Then when David was brought to Samuel, God spoke "Come anoint him for this is the one -- and the Lord stayed with him from that day on." Each of us was anointed at our Baptism and again at our Confirmation. The message of this anointing is twofold; I have been chosen by God to be his witness and leader; I am an unlikely choice but God's way is not always our way. The second message of the anointing at Baptism and Confirmation is that God is with me from here on.

The gospel reading is an account of his sight being restored to the blind man. At first glance this parable might not seem very relevant after all we have Opticians and Eye specialists to look after our sight in 2014. We might remind ourselves there are many forms of blindness besides loss of eyesight.

Selfishness blinds us to the needs of others;
Snobbery blinds us to the equal dignity of others;
Pride blinds us to our own faults;
Prejudice blinds us to the truth;
Materialism blinds us to spiritual values.

The most important eyes of all are the eyes of Faith. The climax of this miracle is where the man makes a profession of faith 'Lord I believe'.

This week the Lent retreat was well supported and thanks to everybody for that. Thanks to Fr John Hanna who came at short notice. His thoughts and reflections were encouraging and prayerful. Thanks to the members of the parish council who planned and organised the retreat.

George O'Mahony

Reflection for Parents

In order to help our children follow the light of Christ, we too must open our eyes. As Jesus helped the blind man understand, it is not enough to see only with our eyes. We need also to see with our hearts and allow our every action to reflect this sight. Jesus healed the man of his blindness, but in the end the man recognised Jesus as the Messiah and worshiped him.

Society of St. Vincent De Paul

Easter collection will take place at the doors of the Church on Saturday & Sunday April 5th & Sunday April 6th 2014

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Once we were darkness, but now we are light in the Lord. So let us pray as children of light.

Reader

For all Christians: that the light of faith may grow stronger in their lives.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For all those in position of authority: that they may be able to judge wisely and act justly.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For all those who are in the darkness of doubt or unbelief: That Christ may enlighten them.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For all gathered here: that we be saved from the calamity of having eyes, yet failing to see.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

On Mothering Sunday we pray for the mothers of this community and all who take a mother's role.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For a moment, we remember in silence our own particular needs.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest

Heavenly Father, in this life we see as in a glass darkly. Open our eyes that we may walk with confidence along the road which leads to your Kingdom, where we shall see as we are seen. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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BAPTISMS

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

Killian Samuel Cooney, Castlepark.
 Faye Audrey Ward, An Caislean Close.
 Ben Christopher Coleman, Grange Manor.
 Zac Paul O'Donovan, Coopers Grange, Old Quarter.
 Noel Philip Geraghty, Bridewood, Classes Lake.
 Ronel Chinonso Bangura, New Grange, An Caislean.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Tim Murphy, Powdermills / The Quadrants.
 Mary Acton, Model Farm Road / U.S.A.

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

Fiona Buckley, Glenville.
 Ellen Bowen, Sunday's Well.
 Michael & Mary McEvoy, Ballincollig.
 Eddie & Kathleen Duncan, Omagh.
 John Joe McCarthy, Ballydehob.
 Michael & Christine O'Hea.
 Ann McAuliffe, Whitechurch.
 Dan McCarthy, The Crescent.
 William Murphy, Bishopstown.
 Tom Reck, Togher.
 Kevin Reck, Farran.
 Nellie & Dec. members of Murray family, Ballingearry.
 Dec members of O'Mahony family, Macroom.
 Donal & Neil O'Hallorhan, Castlepark.
 Geraldine O'Sullivan O'Brien, Wales & Timoleague.
 Mary Ann Sheehan, Blarney Street.
 Pat & Billy Coomey, Carriganarra.
 Tadgh & Ellen O'Donovan, Kilmurray.
 Maire Lucey, Poulavone.
 Jack O'Connell, Main Street.
 Connie O'Regan, Carriganarra.
 Thomas & Mary O'Donoghue, Furies.
 Ellen O'Sullivan, Inniscarra.
 John Cuddihy, Coolroe.
 Kitty O'Sullivan, Tudor Grove.
 Robert Cuthbert, Douglas.
 Lena Gaffney, Carrigrohane.
 Mary Mullane, Castle Avenue.
 Aiden Lenihan, Muskerry Estate.
 Peggy Duggan, Coachford.
 Mary Creedon, Carriganarra.

Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind

Fun family event
 Easter Egg Hunt at Irish Guide Dogs
 Location: Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind, Model Farm Road, Cork
 Monday 21st April
 From 12noon to 2pm
 €5 per Child
 Contact: Anne 1850 506 300

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Fourth Week Of Lent

30 Sunday 1 Sam. 16:6-7, 10-13. Ps. 22. Eph. 5:8-14. Jn. 9:1-41. Lect I: 276
 31 Monday Is. 65:17-21. Ps. 29. Jn. 4:43-54. Lect I: 290
 01 Tuesday Ez. 47: 1-9.12. Ps. 45. Jn. 5:1 -3.5-1 6. Lect I: 292
 02 Wednesday Is. 49:8-15. Ps. 144. Jn. 5:17-30. Lect I: 294
 03 Thursday Ex. 32:7-14. Ps. 105. Jn. 5:31-47. Lect I: 297
 04 Friday Wis. 2: 1 , 12-22. Ps. 33. Jn. 7: 1 -2, 10, 25-30. Lect I: 300
 05 Saturday Jer 11 :18-20. Ps 7. Jn 7:40-53. Lect I: 303

Next Sunday's Readings 06/April/2014

Ez. 37: 12-14. Ps. 129. Rom. 8:8-11. Jn. 11: 1-45. Lect I: 305

The Alliance of the Two Hearts

All-night Vigil
 Of Reparation & Adoration Friday 4th April
 St. Francis Church
 Liberty Street, Cork
 Rosary Starts @ 9pm
 First Friday Mass @ 9.30pm
 First Saturday Mass @ Midnight Friday
 (Come for all or part of the night)

Volunteers

Looking for a fun way to volunteer? Barnardos have been announced as the charity partner for the Colour Me Fun Run which is taking place on Saturday, 3rd May in C.I.T. Sports Grounds, Cork. Barnardos will receive 20% of all ticket sales for this event which is fantastic support for work in the Cork area. Volunteers are required from 10am to assist with the running of this event. If you are interested in volunteering for this fun colouristic event please contact Suzanne in Barnardos - by email: volunteers@barnardos.ie / call: 01 7080431 / text: 086 857 0112.

"Beauty and the Beast"

Musical Evening Performances: Monday 7th, Wednesday 9th, Thursday 10th and Friday 11th Scoil Barra presents a Musical Drama featuring all your favourite characters and songs from "Beauty and the Beast" ..and much more besides!! Don't miss the opportunity to see this wonderful theatrical extravaganza. You won't be disappointed!
 Musical Matinee: Sunday 6th of April at 2.00 p.m. of April 2014 at 7.30 p.m.
 Tickets are available from the Secretary's Office, Scoil Barra, Innishmore, Ballincollig, Co. Cork. Tel. No. 021-4873459

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13
 The Lord sent Samuel to Bethlehem to the house of Jesse, where Samuel was to anoint the new king of Israel. After Jesse presented each of his sons, the Lord instructed Samuel to anoint the youngest, David.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14
 Live as children of light in goodness, justice, and truth. "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

Gospel: John 9:1-41
 Using saliva and earth, Jesus made a paste to heal the blind man. The healing became a true conversion for the man, but created some problems for Jesus with the Jewish leaders. Because this healing took place on the Sabbath, the Pharisees accused Jesus of breaking Jewish law. The Pharisees tried to get confirmation of this action from the blind man's parents and from the blind man himself. In the end, the authorities were unable to charge Jesus with any wrongdoing and had to recognise that Jesus was gaining many disciples.

Thinking of Becoming a Priest?

An information day about becoming a priest in Cork & Ross will take place on:
 Saturday 5th April, 2014
 Ennismore Retreat Centre, Cork
 Between 10.30am & 4pm.
 To speak to someone in the strictest confidence, telephone
 Fr. Tom Deenihan at (021) 4301717
 or Canon Bertie O'Mahony at (021) 4346940
 or sent an e-mail to secretary@corkandross.org

Ballincollig Annual Pilgrimage to Knock

Sunday May 25th
 Bus leaving Village at 7.30am sharp
 Contact: Sally 021 4870954 or Cathleen 021 4874730

A Series of Talks for Lent

Tuesday 1st April A reflection on St. Matthew's Passion
Speaker: Fr. Christy Fitzgerald
 8pm – 9.30 pm
 Frankfield Parish Centre
 Admission free – all welcome!

Cork Arc Cancer Support House

Cork Arc Cancer Support House is looking for Volunteers to help with their Annual Flag Day in Ballincollig on Friday 11th April, 2014
 Fundraising will help Cork Arc to continue to offer their vital cancer support services free of charge to cancer patients and their families.
 Please contact Hilary on (021) 4274691 or e-mail hilary@corkcancersupport.ie For more information about the work we do please visit www.corkcancersupport.ie

"M" is for the million things she gave me,
 "O" means only that she's growing old,
 "T" is for the tears she shed to save me,
 "H" is for her heart of purest gold,
 "E" is for her eyes, with love-light shining,
 "R" means right, and right she'll always be.
Happy Mother's Day to all moms of the Parish

Bulletin Board

First Friday

Friday April 4th is the first Friday of the month. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St Mary & St John from 6.30pm to 7.45pm, you are invited to come and spend some time with the Lord. There is Mass in St Mary & St John on Friday evening at 8.00pm. 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.

Daily Masses During Lent

Church of Christ Our Light 8.30am & 6.30pm
 St Mary & St John 9.30am & 8pm.

Spring Dues

Envelopes are currently being distributed to homes throughout the parish of Ballincollig; contribution of the dues is for the support of the priests of the parish. Please return it by placing it in the basket at Mass. Should your home be missed spare envelopes are available from the back of the church.

Stations of the Cross

Preparations are in progress for the out door Stations to be held again this year in Ballincollig. It is proposed that the 14 Stations will be held out of doors, with the Stations in various positions in Ballincollig. The aim of having the stations out of doors is to bring the stations to the community which will enable the people of Ballincollig to follow the cross, and become actively involved. Last year many people found it a moving event and we look forward to as many as possible taking part.
 Please join us at the church of St Mary & St John on Good Friday, April 18th at noon.
Fr. George

Free DIY Service for Older People Expanded

The Age Action Care & Repair programme is a service that provides odd-jobs and DIY work for older people free of charge. The service recently received a major boost with the addition of a dedicated van which will enable the service to help more people than ever before in Cork City and surrounding areas.
 "Care & Repair is a fantastic service that gives practical help to people when they need it most" said Age Action Regional Manager John O' Mahony. "Sometimes it can be the little things that make the biggest difference in people's lives. Household tasks such as moving furniture, hanging pictures, gardening work or even changing a light bulb can seem small to many people but can become a major problem for an older person who can no longer do these things themselves."
 The Care & Repair service is available in Cork City and surrounding areas such as Ballincollig, Passage, Glanmire and Carrigtwohill, and is also available in eight other towns throughout the county. All volunteers are fully trained and Garda Vetted.
 "Care & Repair is about enabling people to be good neighbours. Our volunteers have been doing fantastic work for older people in Cork for several years and I'm delighted that we now have a van which will enable us to take the service to a new level. I would encourage any older person who hasn't called on us before to contact us at the Age Action office. We will be happy to chat about how we can help."
 To contact the Care & Repair service, call the Age Action office in Mahon on 021-4536554.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Apr/05 & Apr/06/2014

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Muireann Nelligan
Padraig McAuliffe
8:30 am
Pat Fennell

10:00 am
Rory Horgan
Kate Greene

12:00 Noon
Miriam Mansell
Seamus Monohan

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Nonyi Ebili
Jennifer Nyagaya
11:00 am
Maebh Nic Mheanmain
Lisa Aylward
12:30 pm
Joseph Manning
Niamh Murray
5:30 pm
Siobhan Keane-Hopcraft

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

PARISH CLERGY

Priest on Duty
Fr. George O'Mahony P.P.
Fr. Dave O'Connell C.C.
Fr. James McSweeney

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Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

Week 31st March to 6th April

Brid Dunne

Sr. Colette O'Leary

Annual Cake Sale

St. Barbara's & Barnagore guides are having their
annual cake & book sale in the Scout Hall today
after the 10 & 12 o'clock Masses.

Please support



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Apr/05 & Apr/06/2014

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Eileen Murphy
Ted Nelligan
Eileen Corkery
Maurice Bunyan
Sheila Walshe
Katie Collins

7:30 pm John O'Donoghue
Mary Dineen
Kathleen Daly
Mairead Keenan
Kay O'Sullivan

8:30 am Helen Kelly
Mary O'Connor
Michael Crowley

11:00 am Mary Twomey
Mona Bowen
Billy Barry
Mary Aylward
Pauline Barton

10:00 am Fionnuala McDonagh
Mary Buckley
Fiona Kelly
Mary O'Regan
Teresa O'Driscoll
Martin O'Leary

12:30 pm Maura O'Driscoll
Mary Lehane
Dympna Byrne
Suzanne Leech

12 Noon Ann-Marie Cosgrove
Phil Kennedy
Ellen O'Sullivan
Ursula McAuliffe
Sally Crowley
Jim Lordan

5:30 pm Shelia Curran
Elizabeth O'Sullivan

History of Mother's Day

The first celebrations in honour of mothers were held in the spring in ancient Greece. They paid tribute to Rhea, the Mother of the Gods. During the 17th century, England honoured mothers on "Mothering Sunday," celebrated on the fourth Sunday of Lent. In the United States, Julia Ward Howe suggested the idea of Mother's Day in 1872. Howe, who wrote the words to the Battle Hymn of the Republic, saw Mother's Day as being dedicated to peace. Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia is credited with bringing about the official observance of Mother's Day. Her campaign to establish such a holiday began as a remembrance of her mother, who died in 1905 and who had, in the late 19th century, tried to establish "Mother's Friendship Days" as a way to heal the scars of the Civil War. Two years after her mother died, Jarvis held a ceremony in Grafton, West Virginia, to honour her. She was so moved by the proceedings that she began a massive campaign to adopt a formal holiday honouring mothers. In 1910, West Virginia became the first state to recognise Mother's Day. A year later, nearly every state officially marked the day. But Jarvis' accomplishment soon turned bitter for her. Enraged by the commercialisation of the holiday, she filed a lawsuit to stop a 1923 Mother's Day festival and was even arrested for disturbing the peace at a war mothers' convention where women sold white carnations - Jarvis' symbol for mothers - to raise money. "This is not what I intended," Jarvis said. "I wanted it to be a day of sentiment, not profit!" She died in 1948, aged 84. Today, because and despite Jarvis' efforts, many celebrations of Mother's Day are held throughout the world.

"Best Wishes To All Mothers Today"