

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 31-March-2019

Fourth Sunday of Lent

The Parable of the Prodigal shows us the power of the Father's forgiving love. The elder brother thinks of himself, and is begrudging. How often do we begrudge God's goodness to others? How many of us 'seek to use our good works as a means of monopolising God's love for ourselves.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Email Blessings

Please know that the thought of you is always a blessing for me! May my blessings come to you on angel wings!

With speed of light may my word
Brighten your day!
Peace from my house to yours!



The Redemptorist Fathers

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

The prodigal son resolved to go to his father. That is what we do now, as we pray; we go to our Father, confident of his love and providence.

Reader

For the gift of joyful renewal throughout the Church.

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

For countries and cultures experiencing a famine of God's word; may they find the way back to authentic wisdom.

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

For those who feel lost, confused, sad, bitter or disappointed; may God the Father embrace them in his love.

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

For families broken by resentment or hurt; that they may be blessed by the grace of reconciliation.

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

That by God's mercy, those who have died may enter into the celebration intended by God for his beloved children.

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

We pray for the intentions of all here present.

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

Priest

Father, it is only right that we should celebrate and rejoice, because you invite us to the fullness of life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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!"

"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

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Denis Lyons, Tralee.
 Nancy Twomey, Grenagh.
 Eily Creedon, Grenagh.
 Marion McKeown, Carlow.
 Charlie Dwane, Pine Walk.
 Máirín O’Sullivan, Lispole.
 Tom Smyth, Bishopstown.
 Emma Collins, Rosewood
 Sheila O’Leary, Beech Road.
 Michael Hickey, Scotland/Ballincolli.g
 Con Cahalane, Ballincollig/Dunmanway.

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

Tadgh Murphy, Coolroe
 Paddy Keohane, Inniscarra.
 Denis & Eileen Lynch, Carriganarra.
 Dec. mem’s Duncan family, Omagh & Donegal.
 Kate & Fred Nash, Powdermills.
 Charlie Dwane, Pine Walk.
 Shaun Forde, Greenwood Estate.
 Kitty O’Sullivan, Tudor Grove.
 Kitty Barry, Hodders Villas.
 Eddie O’Donovan, Station Road.
 Pat & Billy Coomey, Carriganarra.
 Bridie Sexton, Hillsboro.
 Willie, Bridie & Seán Forde, Model Farm Road.
 Michael Creed, Inniscarra View.
 Ellen O’Sullivan, Inniscarra.
 Lena Gaffney, Carrigrohane.
 Sheila Twohig, Windsor, Ovens

Save the Date

Ballincollig Darkness into Light 2019
 Saturday 11th May , 4.15 a.m.
 Registration is now open on dil.pieta.ie

Pilgrimage to Fatima

On 28th Sept to 4th Oct.
 6 nights. Flights from Cork.
 €609 if booked before Feb 1st (€50 discount).
 Price includes trips to Eucharistic Miracle of Santarem
 St Anthony’s birth place in Lisbon
 and Blessed Alexandrina Da Costa in Balasar.
 Spiritual Director Fr Marius O’Reilly.
 Limited places! Contact Damien on 087 204 9048

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Fourth Week Of Lent

31 Sunday Josh. 5:9-12. Ps. 33.2 Cor. 5:17-21. Lk. 15:1-3, 11-32. Lect I: 284
 01 Monday Is. 65:17-21. Ps. 29. In. 4:43-54. Lect I: 290
 02 Tuesday Ez. 47:1-9,12. Ps. 45. In. 5:1-3.5-16. Lect I: 292
 03 Wednesday Is. 49:8-15. Ps. 144. Jn. 5:17-30. Lect I: 294
 04 Thursday Ex. 32:7 -14 Ps. 105 In. 5:31-47. Lect 1: 297
 05 Friday Wis. 2: 1 , 12-22. Ps. 33. Jn. 7: 1 -2, 10, 25-30. Lect I: 300
 06 Saturday Jer. 11 :18-20. Ps. 7. In. 7:40-53. Lect I: 303

Next Sunday’s Readings 07-April-2019

Is. 43:16-21. Ps 125. Phil. 3:8-14. Jn. 8:1-11. Lect I: 313

BAPTISMS

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

Brian Gerard Hayes, Classes Lake.
 Luke Patrick O’Connor, Aylsbury.
 Pippa Mai Buckley, Coolroe Heights.
 George Patrick Michael White, Old Quarter.
 Jamie Michael Comber, Coolroe Meadows

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12

The story of God providing manna in the desert, but only there, may tell us something about how God provides for us in our every need.

Second Reading: 2 Cor. 5:17-21

St. Paul gives a strong message today: We, each one of us, are ambassadors for Christ. That is something!

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3. 11-32

Today’s Gospel is the well-known story of the prodigal son who begged for his share of the family inheritance. He took his fortune to a far away place and quickly spent all he had on his personal pleasures. He was completely broke when a serious famine struck the area and he was forced to tend pigs, an occupation prohibited to Jewish people. As he tended the pigs, he hungered for their scraps and realised that his father’s slaves lived better than he did. It was then that he decided to return home, not as a son, but as a hired hand. So happy was the man’s father when he saw his son return that he celebrated with all sorts of signs of honour. The father’s older son, however, was very displeased with the way his father treated his brother, claiming that he had always been there working like a slave for his father. Never once had the father celebrated with this son. The father explained that the older son had always been with him and obedient. It was cause to rejoice, however, that his other son had been lost but now was found.

Ballincollig Community School

The Parents Association in Ballincollig Community School will have a clothing recycling collection in the school on Monday 1st April.

All used clean clothes, paired shoes and bed linen welcome.

**Follow The Footsteps of Jesus
From Galilee To Jerusalem 2019**

Take the TRIP of a LIFETIME to the HOLY LAND, May 28th-
June 7th 2019.

Group Leader, Mícheál de Barra and Spiritual Director, Fr.
John Newman (Bible Scholar) In association with Premier
Travel, Cork

Contact Mícheál at 0868337681/
emailculturaltoursireland@gmail.com

What former pilgrims have said about this tour:

'Masada was awe inspiring but I was moved by Calvary in a
way I could not imagine or describe' (Mike)

'Keep it up, the happiness you brought to your pilgrims will
never be forgotten,' (Alice)

'We will now read and hear the gospels in a very different
light since our pilgrimage', (Lucille)

Pilgrimage to Knock

Legion of Mary annual Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on
Sunday, 26th May 2019. Bus leaving from outside Garda Sta-
tion at 7.30am sharp.

For more details contact: Sally 021-4870954
or Cathleen 021-4874730.

A Prayer to Christ the Healer

In the comfort of your love
I pour out to you my saviour,
The memories that haunt me,
The anxieties that perplex me,
The fears that stifle me,
The sickness that prevails upon me,
And the frustration of all the pain that weaves about within me.
Lord help me to see your peace in my turmoil,
Your compassion in my sorrow,
Your forgiveness in my weakness,
And your love in my need.
Touch me, O Lord, with your healing power
and strength. Amen.

Help the Homeless

Cork Simon's Coffee Morning is back, and we need your
help. Organise a coffee morning during March in your
workplace, school or home and help fight homelessness in
Cork. Don't like coffee – no worries organise an Afternoon
Tea instead. We have everything you need to help you or-
ganise your gathering. Please contact Margaret 021
4929415 to receive your pack.

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First Friday

Friday April 5th 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.

Coeliac Hosts

Low gluten hosts are available that are suitable for Coeliac.
Please inform the priest prior to Mass if possible if you
require it.

Family Mass

The next Family Mass for parents with children in second
class preparing for their first Holy Communion will take place
on Sunday 7th April at 11.00am in Church of Christ Our Light.
The Parents of children who are seven and eight are asked
to bring them to this Mass. Preparation with these children
commences in the main body of the church at 10.45am.

Confirmation

Congratulations to the boys and girls of Gaelscoil Uí Riordáin
who received the sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, 25th
March. Sincere thanks to the parents and dedicated
teachers who work diligently preparing young people for the
sacrament.

Spring Dues

The priests of the Parish would like to thank you for
returning the Spring Dues Envelopes. Your continued
support is much appreciated.

Trocaire Boxes

Trocaire 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.

Confirmation Dates 2019

Scoil Mhuire Friday, 5th April

First Holy Communion Dates 2019

Scoil Barra	11th May
Our Lady of Good Counsel	11th May
Gaelscoil Uí Riordáin	18th May
Scoil Eoin	25th May
Scoil Mhuire	8th June

Fr. George

*The Bible should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet.
The Bible is meant not to inform, but to transform. Men do not
reject the Bible because it contradicts itself but because it contra-*

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Apr-06 & Apr-07-2019

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)

Chloe O'Neill
Ailish O'Reilly

8:30 am

Tom McDonagh
Seán Casey

10:00 am

Rory Horgan
Kate Greene

12:00 Noon

Declan Chalmers

7:30 pm (Vigil)

Pauline Collins / Dylan Ebili
Jennifer Nyagaya

11:00 am

Kristian Calvert
Amy Ni Chearbhaill

12:30 pm

Gretta Fleming
Mary Kate O'Brien

5:30 pm

Marlyn O'Connor

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 & 6:30 pm

9:30 am

Tuesday

8:30 am & 6:30 pm

9:30 am

Wednesday

8:30 am & 6:30 pm

9:30 am

Thursday

8:30 am & 6:30 pm

9:30 am

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
Except First Saturday of
Month

Saturday

4:30 pm
First Saturday of Month

12:45 pm

Sunday

PARISH CLERGY

Priest on Duty 087-2479140
Fr. George O'Mahony P.P. 021-4871206
Fr. Cian O'Sullivan C.C. 021-4876171

Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

01-Apr-2019 to 07-Apr-2019

Tim Murphy
Siobhan Glavin

Passover Meal

16th April Tuesday of Holy Week

The Ballincollig Parish Pastoral Council are holding a "Passover Meal" at 7pm in the Community Hall, Station Road, Ballincollig on Tuesday 16th April. The Passover meal is the meal Christ had with his disciples before he gave us the Eucharist. The Passover celebrates God's presence with the chosen people on their journey to freedom from slavery: the destroying angels pass by the homes of the chosen ones. All are welcome. Please book at Parish Office on 021-4871206 or the sacristy.

Reflection for Parents

We try to divide the world into equal pieces for each of our children, but we know how very different each child can be. There are really no "one-size-fits-all" sets of expectations for families with more than one child. Today's Gospel helps us remember that we need to recognise the virtues of obedience and faithfulness, while we still love unconditionally and forgive the child who challenges us. Both brothers in this story considered themselves slaves, a feeling we work hard to prevent in our children.



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Apr-06 & Apr-07-2019

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Steve Wills
Bernadette Bell
Frances O'Brien
Eileen Coughlan

7:30 pm Geraldine Lynch
Charles Vaughan
Joan Stephenson
Bernie Bowen

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Denis Healy
Tom Butler

11:00 am Neil Jeffries
Eileen O'Donoghue
Padraig Fleming
Hugh / Catherine Moran
Imelda Power / Martina Woods

10:00 am Christy Roche
Mary O'Regan
Elaine Crowley
Claire Creedon
Jim Lordan

12:30 pm Tom Murray
John O'Regan
Gerard Dunne
Brid Dunne

12 Noon Sean Hennessy
Mary McLean
Eleanor Seymour
Nora Hennessy
Christina Walshe

5:30 pm Bernard Curran
John Canty

Anam Cara Cork

The organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Wednesday 3rd April at 7:20pm in the Clayton Hotel, Silver Springs, Tivoli, Cork. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

Lourdes 2019 - Young Adult Helpers

The Diocese of Cork and Ross invites young adults 18-25 to join the pilgrimage to Lourdes as helpers from 10th to 15th June. As helpers you will assist with the sick and be involved in the full pilgrimage programme – time for prayer, sharing in the story of Lourdes and making new friends. Limited number of places – for further Details contact Fr Charlie Kiely on 021 4537474