

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 15-March-2020

Third Sunday of Lent

Christ quenches our spiritual thirst with the living water: the love of God which is poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit. We pray for those who are prepared for this baptism.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

The Season of Lent - Third Sunday

“Is the Lord with us or not?”

A question born of frustration and fear of the unknown. In fairness, not a totally unreasonable question when people were deprived of the basics. It is a question however that our faith seeks to answer, and that answer must be, despite what might or might not be happening in our lives and world, “God is with us”.

He is easiest found in moments of decency. When one reaches out to another, in situations of need and despair, God is found, and thirsts are quenched.

Few stories capture this as well as the encounter with the woman at the well. Jesus, like Moses’ travelling companions, knew the ravages of thirst and sat beside a well. There he met a woman and asked for a drink. Initially she was reluctant and pointed out the differences between the two of them – he, a man and she, a woman; she, a Samaritan and the bad history that existed between her people and his and the practicalities of him not having what was needed to dip into the well and draw water. It was deadlock, stalemate and no progress would or could be made.

A conversation followed. A bit of banter between the two and it led to a place of respect. It is a conversation where judgements and assumptions are met with gentleness and respect; where the impossible becomes possible and where thirsts are quenched. For there was more than one thirsty person at that well. Water quenched the thirst of one while respect and acceptance satisfied the thirst of the other.

Maybe that’s where we are today. Is it possible we have some pre-conceived notions about people and their intentions? Might it be that we feel we have all the answers when we are not even sure of the questions? Is there a chance our attitudes might change if we truly engage with another in a conversation we could never imagine taking place?

The Lord is with us! Talk to one another, listen to one another, with open hearts.

Trocaire

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Mindful of God’s mercy to St. Paul, and to the Samaritan woman, let us raise our hearts and minds in prayer for our needs and the needs of the world.

Reader

For the Church, that she may be inspired and guided by Jesus’ tremendous respect for the woman at the well, and that her compassion for the outcast may win many people to Christ.

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

For all who are weighed down by sin – whether their own sins or sins that have been committed against them. May they find full freedom in the knowledge of Christ’s mercy, and may they be able to reflect that same mercy to others.

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

The Israelites in the desert were tormented by thirst. May those who thirst for meaning, for kindness and for understanding not find Christ’s disciples lacking in wisdom and compassion.

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

For artists, writers and entertainers; that they may pursue excellence and help people to encounter truth and beauty.

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

For all the deceased, that they may be released from the bonds of their sins and raised up by Christ’s mercy and power.

**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

Help us, during this season of Lent, to grow in faith, hope and love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

O that today you would listen to his voice: 'Harden not your hearts.'

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Sister Illtyd McCarthy, Coachford/Cape Town.
Áine MacMathúna, Dublin.
Fr. Tim Gleeson, Sacred Heart.

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

Phil & Margaret Glavin, Midelton.
Frank Rea, Begleys Forge.
Martin Muldoon, Crossbarry.
Dan & Kathleen Dorgan, Powdermills
Nora Cotter, Togher.
Terry, Joe & Declan Butler, Inniscarra View.
Brother Felix Carroll, Rochestown College.
Jerry & Kitty Hallahan, Kilmichael.
Kate Noonan, Innishmore.
Geraldine Collins, Aylsbury.
Emma Collins, Rosewood.
John James Erangey, Aghabullogue.
Neilie Cleary, Westcourt.
John O'Connell, Westcliffe.
Helen Kenneally, Beech Park.
Eugene & Margaret Teahen, Killarney.
Timmie Kelly, Matehy.
Bill Devereux, Clogheen, Co. Tipperary.
Ken Murphy, Greenfields.
Tim O'Leary, Sunningdale.
John & Teresa Barry-Murphy, Cloghdub.
Joe Fitzpatrick, Currabeg.
Bridge Crilly, Northern Ireland.
Emma Collins, Rosewood.
Nancy Hogan, The Crescent.
Annie Cotter, Fr. Sexton Park.

Reflection for Parents

This Sunday's Gospel is about the woman at the well. Jesus asks here for a drink but it is he that gives her a drink from the living water. The living water is a taste of faith in God and God's everlasting love. The woman could have told Jesus to go away, she told Jesus to go away, she could have ignored him yet she chose to have a chat with him and to listen to him and really hear him. Jesus is our saviour Gospel he tells us so. Are and in this Sunday's you listening, and if you are can you hear what Jesus is telling us as we journey through Lent?

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Third Week Of Lent

15 Sunday Ex. 17:3-7. Ps. 94. Rom. 5: 1-2, 5-8. In. 4:5-42. Lect I: 245
16 Monday 2 Kgs. 5:1-15. Ps. 41. Lk. 4:24-30. Lect I: 262
17 Tuesday Eccles. (Sir) 39:6-10, Ps.115.2 Tim 4:1-8. Mt.13:24-32. National Proper
18 Wednesday Deut. 4:1, 5-9. Ps. 147. Mt. 5:17-19. Lect I: 267
19 Thursday 2 Sam 7:4-5, 12-14, 16. Ps. 88. Rom. 4: 13, 16-18, 22. Mt. 1:16, 18-21 or Lk. 2:41-51 Lect I: 970 or II: 980
20 Friday Hos. 14:2-10. Ps. 80. Mk. 12:28-34. Lect I: 271
21 Saturday Hos. 5: 15-6:6. Ps. 50. Lk. 18:9-14. Lect I: 273

Next Sunday's Readings 22-March-2020

1 Sam. 16:6-7, 10-13. Ps. 22. Eph. 5:8-14. Jn. 9:1-41. Lect I: 276

BAPTISMS

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

Cillian Christopher Jourdain-O'Connor, Westcliffe.
Rowan David Grant, Dripsey.

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

The Israelites grumbled against Moses for leading them out of Egypt. They were thirsty, and there was no water in the desert, so Moses struck a rock with his staff, and water flowed out for the people to drink.

Second Reading: St. Paul's Letter to the Romans

"The love of God has been poured out into our hearts," and that love is immeasurable; "While we were still sinners Christ died for us."

Gospel: John 4:5-42

Jesus approached a Samaritan woman at Jacob's well and asked her for a drink of water. This surprised the woman for several reasons. In the first place, it was unlikely that a man would ask a woman for anything and even more unbelievable that Jesus, a Jew, would ask something of a Samaritan, a great enemy of the Jewish people. Jesus explained to her that our thirst would return if we drank water from the well; but if we drank the water Jesus offered us, we would never thirst again. After Jesus told her many things about herself, she came to believe that he was the Son of God and called others to him.

Invite Us Deeper

Almighty and ever living God,
you invite us deeper into your world,
your people, your Lent.
May this time be one of outward focus;
seeking you in those we often ignore.
Help us live a Lent focused on freedom,
generosity, and encounter.
Give us hearts hungry to serve you
and those who need what we have to give.

Candle of Atonement Prayer

Lord, forgive us our many sins.
 We grieve and repent with all our hearts for having offended you, for our great failings and neglect of the young and vulnerable.
 We place all of those who have been hurt by the Church in any way into your loving hands and under the protection of Our Blessed Mother.
 Lord, bring peace to their broken lives and show us all the way out of darkness and into the light of your Word.
 May we as the people of God be more fully human, more fully Christ-like and more fully your people, that we may see the errors of the past and go forward with renewed hope and faith in Christ and in our Church.
 Amen.

COVID-19—Corona Virus

General Guidelines for all Churchgoers.

People who are ill should not attend religious services. If members of the congregation, religious leaders (e.g. priests) or others involved in religious services (e.g. ministers of the Eucharist) feel ill and may have COVID-19 (see below), even if their symptoms are mild, they should stay at home.

Holy Water Fonts

Because COVID-19 is a new disease and appears to spread easily between people, we advise that holy water fonts should not be used.

Holy Communion

Everyone administering Holy Communion should wash their hands or use alcohol based hand gel before beginning to distribute Holy Communion. Holy Communion should be administered into the hands only and NOT onto the tongue.

Only the celebrant should drink from the Chalice.

A Daily Blessing for a Mobile Phone

Hello again, companion on my journey.
 You are my friend – not my master.
 You are my angel at my side.
 May I exercise restraint and only dial from the side of the road.
 May my answering be brief and my road attention alert.
 O God, bless your presence.
 O God, bless this road.
 O God, bless my arrival.

Bulletin Board

St Patrick's Day Tuesday 17th March Mass Times

Christ Our Light

Vigil Monday 16th 7.30pm
 Tuesday 17th 1 2.30pm (Irish Mass) & 6.30pm
St. Mary & St. John
 Tuesday March 17th 8.30am & 10.00am & 8.00pm

Masses during Lent

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

Envelope Collection

Bishop's Commissions Collection which was be taken up at all Masses last weekend 7th/8th March amounted to €400.00.

Mass Diaries

Mass Diaries to book Mass intentions for April, May and June are now open in both churches. Priority will be given to those booking 1st Anniversary Mass.

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.

Trocaire Collection 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.

Tax Rebate

Many thanks to the Parishioners who returned their CHY4 Cert for 2019. The parish, being a registered charity, is entitled to claim tax back paid by their donors. Thank you for your support and I look forward to your continued support.

Lectio Divina

The Lectio Divina group meet in Sonas house on Tuesday mornings after 9.30am Mass. New Members welcome.

First Holy Communion Dates 2020

Scoil Barra	Saturday 25th April
Our Lady of Good Counsel	Saturday 25th April
Scoil Eoin	Saturday 9th May
Scoil Mhuire	Saturday 16th May
Gaelscoil Uí Riordáin	Saturday 23rd May

Confirmation Dates for 2020

Scoil Mhuire	Tuesday 24th March
Gaelscoil Uí Riordáin	Wednesday 1st April
Scoil Eoin	Tuesday 21st April

Fr. George & Fr. Cian

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Mar-21 & Mar-22-2020

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)

Chloe O'Neill
Ailish O'Reilly
8:30 am
John Healy
Kerry O'Leary
10:00 am
Lauree Hegarty
Mary O'Driscoll
12:00 Noon
Declan Chalmers

7:30 pm (Vigil)

Rebecca Feely
Siobhan Keane
11:00 am
Jamie O'Sullivan

12:30 pm
Michelle McCarthy

5:30 pm
Tom Reck

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 & 7:30 pm (Vigil)

8:30 am, 10 am & 8:00 pm

Tuesday

12:30 pm & 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

Saturday

4:30 pm

Except First Saturday of
Month

First Saturday of Month

12:45 pm

Sunday

PARISH CLERGY

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Fr. George O'Mahony P.P. 021-4871206
Fr. Cian O'Sullivan C.C. 021-4876171
Fr. Kamil Bachara C.C. 087-1143284

Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

16-Mar-2020 to 22-Mar-2020

Joan Barrett
Margot Twomey

He who truly desires Love, seeks it truly. And he who truly seeks it, surely finds it. And he who finds it has found the Fountain of Life

St. Francis de Sales

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Mar-21 & Mar-22-2020

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Marie Healy
Margaret Kearney
Nora Barry
Joan Tobin
Derek Foley

7:30 pm Anne O'Regan
Mairead Murphy
Finbarr Murray
Lettie Kelly
Pat Moore

8:30 am Tríona Collins
Tom Butler

11:00 am Seamus O'Connell
Mary O'Connell
Geraldine Keohane
Gerard Murray
Ciarán Kelleher

10:00 am Mags Bunyan
Mary Murphy
Breda Monaghan
Mary Hennigan
Helena Buckley

12:30 pm Lucy O'Callaghan
Jackie Sheehan
Michael O'Leary
Ewelina Kuczynska

12 Noon Marie Bohan
Breda Lenihan
Jacinta Jeffers
Rena O'Connor
Sean Farrell

5:30 pm Mary Breen
Valerie Barry
Bernard Curran

Night Prayer

Now I am going to sleep and if this sleep be for me the sleep of death then may your own mighty hand lead me from the light of this world into the great light of eternity. Our night prayers are our final conversation of the day with God, and this lovely old prayer from the Scottish Gaelic is a wonderful example of the spirit that should permeate our night prayer. This little prayer touches on so much of Christian faith and hope. It is a solemn but confident handing over of ourselves to God's loving care; it is a calm acknowledgement that we are pilgrims on this earth and that day by day, night by night, our heavenly Father is leading us to himself and to our heavenly home. Such an approach can help make our night prayer a richer experience. Many of us may have been encouraged or even dragooned, in our earliest years -'Say your night prayers' before going to bed. What did that mean for us? Perhaps it was a quick act of contrition for anything we had done wrong in the day. Now, an examination of conscience and an act of contrition at the end of the day are excellent practices, and I hope we are doing this and leading our children to do likewise. However, our night prayer is not to consist of these acts only - it is, like all our prayers, to be centred on God and his grace. It reaches out to God in gratitude, contrition, trust, hope and petition. We need not focus straight away on our failures, rather try and see how God was with us during the day, what God was doing with us and for us, and how we responded. then we can thank God for his grace at work in us and ask pardon for our failures. Finally, we can ask God for the blessings of his protection and a good night's rest - no small matter in our stressful world.