

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



**St. Mary & St. John
Station Road**

Sunday 03-April-2005

**Second Sunday of Easter
(Divine Mercy Sunday)**

We are all a bit like Thomas: unless we see we find it difficult to believe. However, faith is a way of seeing, seeing beyond the apparent problems of life to the hope given by the Resurrection of Jesus, the hope of sharing heaven with Him.



**Christ Our Light
Innishmore**

The Resurrection

Easter being springtime is a season of hope and expectation in its own right. But in particular for Christians, Easter is the time when we celebrate the Lord's resurrection and new life. Easter is a time of joy and hope for us because through his resurrection Jesus took the past of the apostles, as he does ours, forgave the worst of it and saved the best of it. He conquered the future by making death a door to be opened instead of a dead end. Most happily of all, he gave each of us His Presence - His Spirit - to be the way through which we live toward. That future which, "eye has not seen nor ear heard".

Easter is also an opportunity for us to revisit the Gospel, accounts of the empty tomb discovered by the two Marys, Peter and John when the risen Christ said. "Do not be afraid, but go and find the brothers, and tell them I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God". The Lord depends on each of us to experience His Resurrection and to tell the story.

This year as usual on Holy Thursday the Holy Father issued a letter to priests worldwide. The Pope wrote, "Priests must walk the walk and talk the talk if they are to live up to their vocation. Thanksgiving, self-sacrifice, a desire to show others the way to salvation, remembering Christ's saving work, holiness and hope must mark not only a priest's celebration of Mass but his whole life as well." The Pope goes on to say that priests "must cultivate a constant sense of gratitude for the many gifts they have received in the course of their life. We have our crosses to bear, and we are certainly not the only ones, but the gifts we have received are so great that we cannot fail to sing from the depths of our hearts, our own Magnificat".

Modelling his life on Christ who gave Himself for others, the Pope said a priest must, "offer himself as a gift, placing himself at the disposal of the community and at the service of anyone in need." This is exactly what Jesus expected of his apostles. Priests are called to be heralds of the Good News. On the Cross and through the Eucharist, Jesus shed his blood for the salvation of all the people.

George O'Mahony

Reflection for Parents

Parents are often the source of hope and encouragement for their children. When a child falls repeatedly while learning to walk or ride a bike, it is a parent who coaxes, encourages and praises the child. Parents provide hope and comfort when a child falls short of a goal in academics, relationships, sports, or whatever. Parents can relate to the role of Jesus with his disciples.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

We present our prayers to the God who gives us life.

Reader

We pray for a deep personal faith for ourselves and for all who honestly seek it.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for our Pope and for our church leaders in every land, that they may be strengthened and encouraged in their ministry.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for the newly baptised, for all those receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year, and for their families.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for those who are sick or suffering at this time, and for those who care for them.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

That those who have died recently may share the victory over death won by Christ's resurrection.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We remember those who have gone before us on the road to eternal life, especially those mentioned in our Mass today, that they may share in the risen life of Jesus.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest

Loving Father, you never fail to hear the prayer of your people. You always give us what is best for us, and so we pray to you with renewed confidence, in the name of Jesus, your Son, our risen Lord.

Amen.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

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BAPTISMS

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

Laura Nora Healy, 7 The Paddocks, West Village
 Amy Marie Nangle, 38 Fern Walk
 Oscar Joseph Nangle, 38 Fern Walk.

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

Sr. Angela Bolster
 Tom O'Leary, 16 Maglin View
 Gerard Spillane, Castleknock
 Kevin Shields, Castleknock
 Kay Barrett, Beech Park
 Crissy Twomey, Ballincollig West
 Dan Desmond, Farran
 Ellen O'Sullivan, Inniscarra
 Joe O'Mahony, Lee Road & Mayfield
 Tom, Eileen & Jim Madigan, Eastgate
 Kitty Murphy, Bishopstown & Powdermills
 Patrick Kirstein, Inniscarra View Est.
 Denis Coughlan, The Orchards, Glasheen Road
 Kay Coughlan, The Orchards, Glasheen Road
 May Murphy, Blarney
 John & Lena Gaffney, Carrigrohane
 Jenny & Joan McCarthy, South Douglas Road
 Catherine & Patrick Howard, Ballinlough
 Benny Carew, Glasheen
 Michael Hennigan, Woodbine Lawn
 Jim & Bridie Hyland, Wexford
 Mai & Jack Finnegan, Killarney
 Brigid Fitzpatrick
 Hughie & Tim O'Leary, Fair Hill
 Daniel & Hannah O'Connor, Macroom
 Julia O'Regan

Lough Derg 2005

One Day Retreats
 April: 30
 May: 1,2, 3,7, 8, 9,10,14,15,16,17,21,23,24,28,29
 August: 20,21,22,23,24,27,28,29, 30, 31
 September: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 12, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25

- ◆ The retreats are open to all adults; they are not suited to children
- ◆ Those unable to make the traditional Three Day Pilgrimage are particularly welcome.
- ◆ The retreats do not require fasting or walking bare-footed.
- ◆ Numbers are limited, so advance booking is essential.
- ◆ Each retreat begins at 10 am and ends at approximately 5pm.
- ◆ (Boats run continuously from 9:15 am until 10:30 am)
- ◆ Cost: €25 / £17.50 Stg* inc. boat fare, coffee & light lunch.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Second Week Of Easter

03 Sunday Acts 2:42-47. Ps. 117. 1 Pet. 1:3-9. Jn. 20:19-31. Lect 1: 438
 04 Monday Is. 7: 10-14, 8: 1 O. Ps. 39. Heb. 10:4-10. Lk. 1 :26-38. Lect 1l: 985
 05 Tuesday Acts 4:32-37. Ps. 92. Jn. 3:7-15. Lect 1: 449
 06 Wednesday Acts 5:17-26. Ps. 33. Jn. 3:16-21. Lect 1: 452
 07 Thursday Acts 5:27-33. Ps. 33. Jn. 3:31-36. Lect 1: 454
 08 Friday Acts 5:34-42. Ps. 26. Jn. 6: 1-15. Lect 1: 456
 09 Saturday Acts 6:1-7. Ps. 32. Jn. 6:16-21. Lect 1: 459

Next Sunday's Readings 10-April-2005
 Acts 2: 14, 22-33. Ps. 15. 1 Pet. 1: 17-21. Lk. 24: 13-35. Lect 1: 461

Thank You

I wish to take this opportunity on behalf of Fr. Michael, Fr. John, Fr. Paul and myself to thank the many hands and minds that took part and helped in various ways with the Holy Week ceremonies.

Thanks to:

Ministers of the Word and Eucharist,
 The Choir and Folk Groups,
 The Alter Societies,
 The Sacristans,
 Collectors and distributors of the Dues envelopes,
 Alter Servers,
 Liturgy Group,
 The Scouts,
 The families that distributed the Easter programme
 The Parishioner editorial team
 This year a special thanks to Fr. Paul and the pupils of Colaiste Choilm who prepared and presented the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday.
 Finally thanks to each of you for your generosity and support to the Easter Sunday collection and to the families who have returned their Spring Dues envelope.

Fr. George

Ballincollig Parish Pastoral Council

The next meeting of the council will be held in the Annex Room, Community Centre on Monday April 11th at 7.45 pm

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

Early Christians adhered to apostolic teaching, centering their lives on prayer, the breaking of the bread, the common life, and charity.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Through God's great mercy, Christians have new life in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The goal of faith is salvation.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Following Jesus' crucifixion the disciples were still uncertain of his message. They lost hope and in fear locked themselves in a room. Without entering through the door, Jesus appeared before them with a greeting of peace and a mission to spread the Good News. The disciple, Thomas, was not in the room. When he learned of Jesus' visit, he would not believe it. But about week later, Jesus appeared in a similar way when Thomas was with the others. Jesus invited Thomas to touch the wounds in his hands and side. Thomas knew immediately that it was Jesus and believed in him.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Isidore 08-April-2005

His family came from Cartagena on the Mediterranean coast of Spain, but Isidore himself was born in 560 in Seville, and was later to be archbishop of that city. His brother Leander, a monk, was responsible for his education; Isidore's vast erudition spilled over into his books, which were of great influence in medieval clerical and monastic schools. He was archbishop of Seville for 36 years, giving the Spanish church a greater organisation and cohesion and weaning the Visigothic people back from the Arian heresy (which denied the divinity of Christ). Under his inspiration, it was decided that each diocese should establish a cathedral school to promote public education. A noted liturgist, Isidore finalised the texts of the Mozarabic Rite (the Rite of the Catholic Church used in those parts of Spain under Moorish rule – the Rite still exists today, though now confined to the city of Toledo and its environs). Isidore's books are not all obviously theological, and serve to remind us that a 'church' education was a general education: the church inspired the universities, for example. One of his best known works is the Etymologies, an encyclopaedia including the derivations of words on a host of different topics. Admittedly some of these derivations have since been shown to be wrong. Isidore died in 636, but ecclesiastical recognition does not always come quickly. He was canonised only in 1598 and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1722.

Celebrating Life and Remembering our Past

As part of Cork 2005, European Capital of Culture, St. Patrick's Hospital / Marymount Hospice in collaboration with the Church of Ireland Community of St. Anne's Shandon, invite you to a Service of Remembrance - "Celebrating Life and Remembering our Past" - at 7 p.m. in St. Anne's Church Shandon, on Thursday 5th May 2005.

All are Welcome!

TROCAIRE

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you most sincerely for your support for Trocaire's Lenten Campaign this year. We here in Trocaire are all aware that your support is absolutely vital to the success of our Campaign. Each year, we take encouragement from the wonderful efforts made throughout the country - in distributing the Lenten boxes, in encouraging support amongst parishioners and also in collecting and counting the coin. It is these concrete efforts, at parish level, that enable us to continue our long-term work with the poorest communities in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Please remember to return your Trocaire boxes and thanks to the families who have already returned them.

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For Further Information

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Apr-09 & Apr-10-2005

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Derval Spillane
8:30 am
Elizabeth Daly
10:00 am
Elaine Murphy
12:00 Noon
Oliver O'Donovan

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Jacinta Jeffers
11:00 am
Jack Dorgan
12:30 pm
Marlyn O'Connor
5:30 pm
Brian O'Donoghue

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	Friday	8:30 am
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

Apr-09 & Apr-10-2005

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Patsie Murphy
 Breda Foley
 Mary Walsh
 Geraldine Hegarty
 Betty Sheehan
 Ann O'Reilly

8:30 am Theresa Lucey
 Rita Murphy

10:00 am Tadhg Murphy
 Mary Murphy
 Joan Tobin
 Tony O'Leary

12 Noon Michael Crowley
 Breda Lenihan
 Noel Hennessey
 Marie O'Callaghan
 Rena O'Connor
 Angela Roche

8:00 pm Jim Cahill, Kit Cahill
 Sheila O'Connor
 John Canty

11:00 am Brid Healy-Harris
 Angela Cunningham
 Laurence Cunningham
 Anne O'Connell

12:30 pm Eileen Garvey
 Sally Power
 Breda Callanan
 Marie O'Brien

5:30 pm Neil O'Donoghue
 Phil O'Connell

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