

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 05-April-2009

Passion (Palm) Sunday

Jesus was tortured and humiliated by the pride and self-will of people. He accepted this fate so as to overcome human destructiveness. His humble attentiveness to God allows God's power to be active and recreative.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Palm Sunday 2009

Palm Sunday is special for the Palm that is blessed and carried this day reminding us of the welcome Christ received in Jerusalem. Today signals the beginning of Holy week 2009, or as it is known in Irish - An Seactain Mor - Palm Sunday is the central week of the Christian calendar, it is about Christ and His legacy to us. Please try to make time for Holy week ceremonies.

The gospel this Palm Sunday is Mark's account of the passion of Christ. This gospel is coloured by many personalities. To begin with there is Simon the leper, quickly followed by the woman who came forward to anoint Christ. This brave lady carried out a great act of kindness. How soothing it must have been for Christ to be anointed and soothed with the expensive oil. Christ comment ringing in her ears ' she has done what was in her power to o.' Some challenge for us to measure up to.

Judas begins to make his move, he is busy making arrangements for his part n the drama. They were distressed and asked Christ one after another ' Not I surely'.

Peter is next in the lime light, he declares "I will never disown you". Peter burst into tears a short time later that night when the cock reminded him of an earlier prediction by Christ.

Joseph comes into the public eye at the very end of the gospel passage " he boldly went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus ". Joseph organised the burial of Christ.

We have a choice to be one or other of these characters, may we have the courage of the woman anointing Jesus to do what is in our power, the perseverance of Peter, the boldness of Joseph and learn from Judas to have more trust in the Jesus' love and healing.

"The world of each of us with it's persons and places, it's sunshine and shadows, its joy and its pain, is the one and only Holy of Holies, in which is tabernacled the Divine Will, the chosen temple in which alone God accepts our worship. " I shall dwell in their midst " was the promise and God is present in every happening". Mother Rodgers.

George O'Mahony

The Week Ahead

Today's liturgy gives a foretaste of the great events which we celebrate in Holy Week - the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord. We celebrate the drama of the Lord's Passion, triumph through death and suffering.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us present our concerns and prayers before our gracious God.

Reader

That all members of the Church will play their role in spreading the gospel.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

That those who are persecuted for their faith may find the strength to remain steadfast.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

That Christians everywhere may be strengthened in faith through the coming celebration of Holy Week.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

That those who are far from God may return to God's loving embrace.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

That all of us may walk with Jesus through death to new life.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

That those who have gone before us may enter the fullness of eternal life.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest

God of our salvation, you sent your Son to save us from sin. Hear our prayers that we may enter the passion of Jesus and rise with him to new life. We make these and all our prayers through that same Jesus, our Lord.

Amen.

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

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BAPTISMS

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

Yannick Ndumbe Deleke, 16 Tuairin Glas.
 Rory Anthony Fitzgerald, Oldcourt.
 Devin Paul Demir, An Caislean.
 Holly Ann Murphy, An Caislean Grove.
 Leon David Kelly, The Oaks, Classis Lake.
 Aoibhe Claire Kearney, Aylsbury.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Con Curtis, Macroom.
 P.J. Harrington, Muskerry Estate.
 Mary Murphy, Coomhola, Bantry.
 Paul Crowley, Carrigaline.
 Donal O'Halloran, Castlepark.
 Frank Smith, Wyndham Downs.
 Una Keegan, Enniscorthy.
 Danny McCarthy, The Crescent.

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

Benny & Jerry Carew, Glasheen.
 Paddy Keohane, Inniscarra.
 Martin Cuddihy, Tipperary.
 Ellen O'Brien, Innishmore Park.
 Mary Kelly, Kilmichael.
 Kevin Shields, Castleknock.
 Michael Hennigan, Woodbine Lawn.
 Sean, Jack & Nellie Mia Murphy, Kiskeam.
 Baby Edel Elizabeth Murphy, Kiskeam.
 Kitty & Willie Murphy, Bishopstown.
 Patrick & Kathleen O'Brian, Ballinlough.
 Ellen O'Sullivan, Inniscarra.
 Tommy Leahy, Killarney.
 John Morrissey, Doneraile.
 Kathleen & Edward Duncan, Omagh.
 Paddy Deasy, Model Farm Road.
 Jeremiah & John O'Leary, Sunningdale & Cloghroe.
 William Walsh, Hedford, Co. Galway.
 Cornelius O'Regan, Carriganarra.
 Vincent McLoughlin, Sligo.
 Bridget, John & Pat Lee, Inniscarra.
 Kevin Reck, Farran.

Envelope Collection

Holy Places (Holy Land) - Good Friday.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Holy Week

05 Sunday Is. 50:4-7. Ps 22. Phil. 2:6- 11. Mt. 26:14-27,66. Lect I: 346
 06 Monday Is. 42:1-7. Ps. 26. Jn. 12:1-11 Lect I: 374
 07 Tuesday Is. 49: 1-6. Ps. 70. Jn. 13:21-33,36-38. Lect I: 376
 08 Wednesday Is. 50:4-9. Ps. 68. Mt. 26:14-25. Lect I: 379
 09 Thursday Ex. 12:1-8,11-14. Ps. 115.1 Cor. 11:23-26. Jn. 13:1-15. Lect I: 387
 10 Friday Is. 52: 13-53: 12. Ps. 30. Heb. 4: 14-16, 5:7-9. Jn. 18: 1-19:42.
 11 Saturday

Next Sunday's Readings 12-April-2009

Acts 10:34, 37-43. Ps. 117. Col. 3: 1-4 or 1 Cor. 5:6-9. Jn. 20: 1-9. Lect I:

Bulletin Board

Easter collection for Priests of the Parish

According to the Diocesan custom, the collection at Easter Masses is one of two collections during the year when the offertory collection goes to the priests of the parish

Chrism Mass

Bishop Buckley invites you to the **Chrism Mass in the Cathedral on Holy Thursday, April 9th at 10.00 am.**

It is an occasion of Special thanksgiving as the Oils for the Celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and the Anointing of the Sick are blessed.

Reconciliation Service

Penitential service in Christ Our Light church on Monday 6th April at 7.30 pm. This is an opportunity to gather as a faith community and acknowledge our need of God's forgiveness as we prepare for Easter.

Easter Vigil

Parishioners are reminded to bring candles to the Easter Vigil Ceremonies at 7.30 pm in Christ Our Light and 9.00 pm in St Mary & St John on Holy Saturday evening. *Please take special care to avoid dripping candle grease on the floor or on seats.*

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

Fr. George

TROCAIRE

As we have journeyed together this Lent we have prayed in solidarity with the 26 million people who have been displaced as a result of conflict around the world. We have heard their stories and found out some of the ways Trócaire seeks to be beacons of light for these our most vulnerable brothers and sisters. This Sunday we invite you once again to consider Somalia and to hear an important invitation from Trócaire around a way you can help. The global silence on Somalia has been deafening. More than one million civilians have been forced to flee their homes because of violence and need protection. Peace must be built but this requires leadership and resources. Trócaire is calling on the Irish and UK governments to appoint a Peace Advocate to speak on behalf of the voiceless. A Peace Advocate can champion the protection of civilians, promote sustainable peace and help facilitate humanitarian access. A Peace Advocate is a vital commitment of resources and solidarity.

Please sign Trócaire's campaign postcards available from Maynooth (1) 629 3333, Belfast 9080 8030 or sign online www.trocaire.org. In doing so, you show your desire to stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in need.

Holy Week Ceremonies 5th April to 11th April

St. Mary & St. John		
<i>Day</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>
Sunday	Normal Masses	8:30 am, 10 am 12 noon
Monday	Normal Masses	9:30 am & 8 pm
Tuesday	Normal Masses	9:30 am & 8 pm
Wednesday	Normal Masses	9:30 am & 8 pm
Holy Thursday	No Morning Mass	
	Mass of the Last Supper followed by Adoration & Holy Hour	8:00 pm
	Confessions	12.00 to 1.00 pm
	Confessions	7.00 to 8.00 pm
Good Friday	Stations of the Cross	12.00 & 3.00 pm
	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	8.00 pm
	Confessions	AFTER ALL CEREMONIES
Holy Saturday	No Morning Mass	
	Confessions	11.30 am to 1.00 pm
		2 pm to 4.00 pm
	Evening Mass	6.00 pm
	Easter Vigil & Mass	9.00 pm
Christ Our Light		
<i>Day</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>
Sunday	Normal Masses	11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm
Monday	Normal Masses	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
	Reconciliation Service	7:30 pm
Tuesday	Normal Masses	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
Wednesday	Normal Masses	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
Holy Thursday	No Morning Mass	
	Mass of the Last Supper followed by Adoration & Holy Hour	6.30 pm
	Confessions	After 6:30 pm Mass
Good Friday	Stations of the Cross	12.00 (for children) & 3 pm
	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	6.30 pm
	Confessions	AFTER ALL CEREMONIES
Holy Saturday	No Morning Mass	
	Confessions	11.30 am
	Easter Vigil & Mass	7.30 pm

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

The servant of the Lord was rebuffed but did not turn back; he was beaten and spat upon. The suffering one knew the Lord God was with him.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Christ was in the form of God but did not consider equality with God a thing to be grasped at. He emptied himself, took the form of a slave, and was obedient unto death! Therefore, God exalted him, and all proclaim him Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66

Each year on this Sunday we follow the events of Jesus' life from the time he entered Jerusalem until the point where he was laid in the tomb after his crucifixion. Jesus first entered Jerusalem riding a donkey amid waving palm leaves. It was in Jerusalem that he foretold Judas' betrayal, Peter's denial, and established the Eucharist at the Passover meal. Jesus took his disciples into Gethsemane to pray, but they could not stay awake with him. In the garden, Jesus was turned over to the authorities, tried before the Sanhedrin, brought to Pilate, and sentenced to death. When offered a choice during the festival to release a prisoner, the people chose the release of Barabbas. Their choice was beyond Pilate's comprehension, so he symbolically washed his hands of the whole deal. Jesus was turned over to the Roman authorities for crucifixion and mocked by them. Finally, Jesus died on the cross. The earth darkened and quaked. He was prepared quickly for burial and laid in the tomb.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Apr-11 & Apr-12-2009

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Muireann Nelligan
Brendan Collins
8:30 am
Pat Fennell
10:00 am
Ciaran Noonan
Shannon O'Brien
12:00 Noon
Tomas Miller
Niall Hartnett

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Michael Greene
Jane O'Leary & Kay
Carew
11:00 am
Chidera Ebili
12:30 pm
Joseph Manning
5:30 pm
Emily Hardman



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Apr-11 & Apr-12-2009

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Eileen Murphy
Ted Nelligan
Angela Murphy
Ann O'Connell
Sheila Walshe
Rita Hodge

8:30 am Helen Kelly
Mary O'Connor

10:00 am Miriam Maunsell
Mary Buckley
Breda Ring
Mary O'Regan
John Henchy
Martin O'Leary

12 Noon Joy Daly
Pat Kelleher
Helen Plunkett
Ellen O'Sullivan
Ursula McAuliffe
Sally Crowley

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

11:00 am Mary O'Mahony
Mona Bowen
Billy Barry
Mary Aylward
Pauline Baston

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

5:30 pm Shelia Curran
Elizabeth O'Sullivan

Alpha

The Ballincollig Parish *Alpha* course begins after Easter. This is an opportunity to explore the meaning of life in an informal, fun and friendly environment. The course starts on Wednesday April 15th, and continues in Colaiste Colm on each Wednesday evening from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm for ten weeks. The course explores some of the basic truths of the Christian faith – “Who is Jesus?” “Why Did Jesus Die?” “How does God guide us” and “What about the Church?” During the programme there is an option of a day away to explore the work of the Holy Spirit. This course is relaxed, non-threatening, low key and friendly. We meet weekly and listen to a talk lasting 40 minutes, followed by a tea/coffee break and small group discussion to discuss the talk and questions arising from it. *Alpha* is for everyone; no question is out of bounds and you are free to discuss as much or as little as you wish.

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
8 pm	Thursday	6:30 pm
8 pm	Friday	6:30 pm
6 pm & 9 pm (Vigil)	Saturday	7:30 pm (Vigil)

CONFESSIONS

See inside page

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	087-2479140
Fr. George O'Mahony P.P.	021-4871206
Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C.	021-4877161
Fr. Billy O'Sullivan C.C.	021-4876171
Fr. James McSweeney	021-4873308

Cardiac Support Group

Next Meeting: **Monday April 6th**.
Please Note change of day.
Venue: Bishopstown Library,
Wilton Shopping Centre.
Time: 11 am to 1 pm.
All are welcome.

North Cathedral Renovation Fund

Saturday April 18th at 8 pm.
East Cork Choral Society, with Seafeld Singers
'The Creation' by Joseph Haydn.
Conductor: Colin Nicholls. East Cork Orchestra.
Soloists: Mary Hegarty, Adrian Thompson, Jeffrey Ledwidge.
Tickets: €20 Available from Pro Musica and Cathedral Office.

Cork Simon Community

The Cork City Marathon takes place on Bank Holiday Monday, the 1st of Junen2009. Please consider taking part in the Marathon to raise funds for Cork Simon Community. One of the exciting aspects of the Cork City Marathon is the Team Relay, which really made it the marathon for everyone! The relay offers teams of 2 to 5 people the opportunity to take part in the marathon without having to complete the full 26.2 miles. If you are interested in taking part in the Cork City Marathon for Cork Simon Community, please contact Mairead on 021 4929401 or email mairread@corksmoncommunity.ie and we will send you out your sponsorship pack which will include a Cork Simon running vest to be worn on the day of the marathon.