

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 05-April-2015

Easter Sunday

Today we face the greatest mystery of our faith, the mystery of how God works among us, bringing new life where before there was only death. With a sense of wonder and with joy, we come today to thank God for the risen life of Jesus.



**Christ Our Light
Innishmore**



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

150 Years

Jesus Is Risen, Alleluia

Having reflected for forty days on the Passion and Death of Jesus, we now celebrate his Resurrection. The first Easter started with disbelief beside the empty tomb. Despite all the disciples had seen Jesus do, from healing the sick to calming the storms, and despite all the disciples had heard Jesus say about how he would be killed and on the third day be raised, yet not one of them expected following his death to ever see Jesus again. When Jesus died, their hopes died. They locked themselves in the 'Upper room' where they had celebrated the Passover hiding there in fear that the authorities would treat them just as they had treated Jesus.

We see in the Gospel that Jesus' Resurrection is first discovered - not by Peter (whom Jesus had chosen as his first leader) but by a woman - Mary of Magdala. She had gone early in the morning to the tomb of Jesus, only to see that the stone had been moved away from the tomb. She goes running back to Simon Peter and John saying 'they have taken the Lord out of the tomb and we don't know where they have put him'. Having returned to the tomb and seeing for themselves, they understood and they believed. Up to that moment, the Gospel says, "they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture that Jesus must rise from the dead".

In the first Reading Peter is speaking after the baptism of Cornelius and his family. Because of his utter conviction that Jesus, who died on the Cross, is now alive, Peter is so filled with joy that he simply must share that joy and hope with the listening crowds - so that it can be theirs, too. Through our Baptism we are called to be his witnesses and to proclaim Jesus' death and life to a world that longs for meaning in the midst of suffering. May each of us experience the love, joy and peace of the Risen Christ!

Sr. Colette



Best Wishes for a Happy Easter

The priests of the parish join in sending their Easter greetings to all members of the parish and to all readers of The Ballincollig Parishioner.

George O'Mahony, Dave O'Connell & James McSweeney.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Christ, The Morning Star, came back from the dead, and now sheds his peaceful light on the world. With his light shining on us, let us pray with confidence for all our needs.

Reader

For all believers: that they may be messengers of joy and hope to a world filled with sadness and despair.

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

For government leaders: that they may strive to end the conflicts which divide the world.

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

For prisoners: that the Lord who broke the chains of death may bring them comfort and hope.

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

For those who have no hope of eternal life: that they may hear and believe the Good News of Christ's victory over death.

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

For all who mourn: that Christ, who experienced the anguish of death, may console them.

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

On this Easter Day let us remember in silence our own particular needs.

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

Priest

God of mercy, the power of this holy day drives away all evil, washes away all guilt, restores lost innocence, and brings joy to those who mourn. May we who celebrate the resurrection of your Son experience its power in our lives and in our world. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

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BAPTISMS

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

- Leah Katie Kenefick, Leemount, Carrigrohane.
- Charlie Billy Twomey, The Cedars, Bridewood, Classes Lake.
- Eolan William Murphy, Manor Hill.
- Sarah Marie McCormack, Oaklands.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

- Theresa O’Farrell, Station Road.
- Gretta Furlong, Carrigrohane.
- Jack Chalmers, Inniscarra.
- Ka Winning, Turner’s Cross.
- Jeremiah Murray, Grange, Frankfield.
- Sid Barber, Parknamore Heights.
- Kathleen Calnan, Drimoleague.
- Anna Brassil, Inniscarra View.
- Ted Mullane, Muskerry Estate.

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

- Frank Goodwin, Tralee & Glasheen.
- Margaret Cahill, Fair Hill.
- John & Annie Kavanagh, Wicklow.
- Donie Kelleher, Newcestown.
- Henry Haverty, Avoncourt.
- Stephen Jones, Holly Road.
- Barry Kelly, The Crescent.
- Jenny O’Driscoll, Willowfield.
- Connie O’Regan, Carriganarra.
- Cornelius O’Regan, Carriganarra.
- Eileen Moore, Dublin.
- William Devereux, Clogheen Co. Tipperary.
- Donnacha Gleeson, Ovens/London.
- Brendan O’Mahony, South Douglas Road.
- Connie Cronin, Waterfall.
- Eileen Bradley, Leemount.
- Aidan Lenihan, Muskerry Estate.
- Dan McCarthy, The Crescent.
- Mary Creedon, Carriganarra.
- Sean Jack & Nellie Mai Murphy, Kiskeam.
- Edel Elizabeth Murphy, Kiskeam.
- Morgan O’Donovan, Classes Lake.

Reflection

Last night we heard the words, ‘What good would life have been to us had Christ not come as our Redeemer?’ This is not to denigrate the gift of life which we have been given. Rather it directs us where to search if we want to find a meaning to life. It is God who gives us life. It is Christ who gives life its primary significance namely, the opportunity to embrace discipleship of the Father. Today we celebrate God’s vindication of the choice Jesus made. The same choice is also ours.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

The Easter Season

- 05 Sunday Acts 10:34, 37-43. Ps. 117. Col. 3: 1-4 or 1 Cor. 5:6-9. Jn. 20: 1-9. Lect I: 417
- 06 Monday Acts 2: 14, 22-32. Ps. 15. Mt. 28:8-15. Lect I: 423
- 07 Tuesday Acts 2:36-41. Ps. 32. Jn. 20: 11-18. Lect I: 425
- 08 Wednesday Acts 3: 1-10. Ps. 104. Lk. 24: 13-35. Lect I: 427
- 09 Thursday Acts 3: 11-26. Ps. 8. Lk. 24:35-48. Lect I: 430
- 10 Friday Acts 4:1-12. Ps. 117. Jn. 21 :1-14. Lect I:432
- 11 Saturday Acts 4: 13-21. Ps. 117. Mk. 16:9-15. Lect I: 435

Next Sunday’s Readings 12/April/2015

Acts 4:32-35. Ps 117. 1 Jn 5:1-6. Jn 20:19-31. Lect I: 441

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34, 37-43
Peter preached about Jesus' baptism, the anointing with the Holy Spirit, works of kindness and healing, and his crucifixion and resurrection from the dead. All who believe in him are forgiven.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4
Think about what is above. When Christ appears, then you shall appear with him in glory.

Gospel: John 20:1-9
On Friday afternoon when Jesus died, the women had not been able to finish the customary preparation for burial. The Sabbath began at sundown on Friday, so Mary of Magdala hurried to the tomb Sunday morning to complete her task. She found the tomb empty. Certain that Jesus' body had been stolen, she ran back to get the other disciples. Peter and the other disciple also found an empty tomb but with Jesus' clothing rolled neatly and placed where his body had been. The disciples still didn't understand about the resurrection and Mary wept. As she cried, two angels appeared asking why she was crying. She then saw a gardener and asked him where the body might be. When he called her by name, Mary immediately recognised Jesus.

*For everything there is a season,
and a time for every matter under heaven:
a time to be born and a time to die;
a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted....
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to seek and a time to lose;
a time to keep silence and a time to speak.
God has made everything beautiful in its time
Ecclesiastes, 3*

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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 10th April 2015. This Volunteer Fundraising will help Cork Arc to continue to offer their vital cancer support service free of charge to cancer patients and their families. Please contact Hilary on 021 4275050 or e-mail hilary@corkcancersupport.ie. For more information about the work we do please visit www.corkcancersupport.ie

Legion of Mary

Legion of Mary pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Sunday 17th May. Bus leaving village @ 7am sharp. Early booking advised. For details Contact: Sally 021 4870954 or Cathleen: 021 4874730

Little Things

There are times when we all may feel that life owes us something, that we are good citizens who have never hurt our neighbours and never broken the laws of our society. Perhaps some of us even think that we have never done anything wrong within our community. Whilst probably not absolutely perfect, we have never deliberately gone out of our way to offend or disobey the accepted codes and laws. But.....if we think for a moment and honestly examine our conscience, have we not erred in committing minor offences or turning a blind eye to injustices? How many would consider it wrong to park illegally, to drive too fast, or to discard a small piece of litter? Or, it may be a little thing, but how many customers would return to a shop if they received too much change? Some of us may exclaim: But I've never done any of these! What about church collection? Do we honestly contribute what we can reasonably afford? Do we notice the beggar at the church-gates? How many of us walk blindly past, filled with the Body of Christ, ignoring the outstretched hand? If we are to be ruthlessly truthful with ourselves, we must reluctantly admit that few of us are 'without sin' and can be trusted not only to be scrupulously honest with our fellow man, but with God who created us and knows all our faults and failures. It is not only the 'big' crimes or sins that may cause us to fall by the wayside but the simple minor offences that we enact every day and consider unimportant. Perhaps we ought to remember the Gospel of Luke, which reminds us that 'The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great.' (Luke. 16:1-13)

Thought for Today

Death has no power over him
The certainty of death hangs over every human life. In every human heart lies the fundamental question about what life means and where it leads. Today we celebrate our faith that God's eternal Son has died, as we must do, to show us that death with him is the gateway to a world in which our deepest questions are answered and our deepest longings fulfilled.

Bulletin Board

Easter collection for the Priests of the Parish

According to the Diocesan custom, the collection at Easter Masses is one of two occasions in the year when the offertory collection goes to the priests of the parish. Your generosity and support is very much appreciated.

Bank Holiday Monday

Monday April 6th Morning Mass at 9.30am in Church of St Mary & St John.

Trocaire Boxes

Please return Trocaire Boxes to the schools or to the church; when returned the money will be lodged in the Trocaire Account.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday April 11th at 12.00 noon in the Annex, Community Hall, Station Road. The presentation lasts for approximately forty minutes. The following questions are addressed, What is Baptism? What are the symbols used in the Sacrament of Baptism? How can the family become involved in the ceremony? Parents might book the baptism a few weeks in advance to give ample time to take part in the preparation.

Easter Greetings

We wish all our parishioners a very happy Easter. Spring is a special time of year; it brings new life in the animal world as well as the world of nature. The longer and brighter days help to lift the spirits of many. Easter is also a very special time for Christian family. Holy week celebrates the major Christian truths. We have a saviour who died for us and is risen from the dead, giving us a promise and hope that we too will triumph over darkness and death. May we enjoy the Easter time and be refreshed by the promise of life and light from the Saviour Jesus.

Fr. George

Marriage Encounter Weekend

Our next Marriage Encounter Weekend will be from 17th to 19th April 2015 (8:00 pm Friday to 4:30 pm Sunday) at the Cork International Hotel, Cork. Details of our weekends and lots more information are provided on our website. For info. and bookings visit: www.marriageencounter.ie or phone 086 8334382 / 087-2162436

Inniscarra/Ballincollig I.C.A

Would like to invite all our past members, and families of those who are no longer with us, to an Ecumenical Service in Church of Christ Our light on Tuesday April 14th at 7.30pm and afterwards for refreshments in the White Horse Inn.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land - June 2015

Some places still remain for our Trip of a Lifetime to the Holy Land, June 8-18th, 2015. Follow the footsteps of Jesus from the Sea of Galilee to the River Jordan and on to the final days in Jerusalem. Group Leader Mícheál de Barra; Spiritual Director Fr. John Newman For information and booking contact Mícheál at 086-8337681

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Apr/11 & Apr/12/2015

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
 Karen Sheehan
 Darragh Lankford
8:30 am
 Triona Downey
 Riain Brennan
10:00 am
 Shannan O'Brien
 Erin Holmes
12:00 Noon
 Chloe Dalton O'Connor
 Katie Tobin

7:30 pm (Vigil)
 Rebecca Feely
 Josh Nyagaya
11:00 am
 Sorcha Nic Mheanmain
 Maire Buckley
12:30 pm
 Aisling Dore
 Clara Herdman
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	No Mass
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	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

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Fr. James McSweeney	021-4873308

Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

Week 6th Apr to 12th Apr

Tim Murphy
 Siobhan Glavin

Social / Coffee Mornings

Continue every Friday morning in parish house "Sonas" on Station Road at 10 am.
 Everyone welcome as it is an ideal opportunity to get and know people from our community.



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Apr/11 & Apr/12/2015

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Steve Wills
 Margaret O'Sullivan
 Danny Farrell
 Jim Walsh
 Frances O'Brien
 Eileen Coughlan

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

8:30 am Mary Buckley
 Tom Butler
 Denis Healy

11:00 am Seamus & Mary O'Connell
 Ciaran Kelleher
 Alan O'Riordan
 Geraldine Keohane
 Gerard Murray

10:00 am Mary Collins
 Christy Roche
 Katie O'Shea
 Joe Coughlan
 Elaine Crowley

12:30 pm Lucy O'Callaghan
 Jackie Sheehan
 Mary Green
 Michael O'Leary
 J.P.O'Leary

12 Noon Oliver O'Donovan
 Sean Hennessy
 Mary McLean
 Eleanor Seymour
 Nora Hennessy

5:30 pm Noelle Buckley
 Mary Breen

Children's Corner

A Prayer to say...

Dear Jesus, your friends were worried and afraid when they couldn't see your body in the tomb. Help us to know that you are always with us, wherever we are and whatever we are doing, so that we have no need to feel worried or afraid. Amen.

In the Gospel today...

Early on Sunday morning Mary Magdalene went to Jesus' tomb. She saw that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. Mary ran to tell the disciples what had happened. Peter and John raced to the tomb. When they got there they saw the cloths that Jesus' body had been wrapped in, but Jesus was not there. Then the disciples knew that Jesus had risen!

DON'T QUIT

*When things go wrong as they sometimes will,
 When the road you're trudging seems all up hill,
 When the funds are low and the debts are high,
 And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
 When care is pressing you down a bit,
 Rest, if you must, but don't you quit.
 Life is queer with its twists and turns,
 As everyone of us sometimes learns,
 And many a failure turns about
 When he might have won had he stuck it out;
 Don't give up though the pace seems slow -
 You may succeed with another blow.
 Success is failure turned inside out -
 The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
 And you never can tell how close you are,
 It may be near when it seems so far;
 So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit -
 It's when things seem worse that you must not quit.*