

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 06-April-2008

Third Sunday of Easter

*Christ revealed himself to the disciples
on the way to Emmaus and they
recognised him in the breaking of bread.*



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Third Sunday of Easter

The gospel we read at Mass today is one of the great passages from the Bible. It is a sobering thought that we could meet the risen Lord and not recognise him. This morning's gospel gives us an account of the two disciples of Jesus on the road to Emmaus. Having left their families and livelihood to walk with Jesus, they got to know him well over the years and had banked their hopes on him. Then he died on the cross and all their hopes were shattered. Even though the word was out that he had risen, they left the town in a hurry, demoralised and without hope. Jesus joined them on the road but they did not recognise him until they shared their home and their food with him. Then they recognised him in the breaking of bread.

Many have spent years in the company and service of Jesus. We can also lose hope in him. The world may not have changed because of our prayers. Perhaps he has not lifted our burdens. Some may feel that he has betrayed their hopes. We may be afraid to place our hope in him again, afraid to risk the foolhardiness of total commitment to him as Lord. We want to run away from the niggling message that he is truly risen to a new life and is calling us to a new way of living as sisters and brothers of a caring family. Maybe it is too big a risk. How can we be sure it is not all an illusion.? Today's gospel assures us that if we share our bread with the hungry and shelter the homeless, we will meet and recognise him through the bread

we share..

George O'Mahony

Priesthood Information Day aims to inform people who think about being a priest

The Diocese of Cork & Ross is inviting those who are thinking about being a priest in the diocese to attend an Information Day on Priesthood.

The 2008 Priesthood Information Day is on Saturday April 12th at Ennismore Retreat Centre, Montenotte, Cork.

It's a relaxed gathering of people who want more information about what's involved in being a priest in Cork and Ross.

It starts at 11 am and ends around 4 pm, with lunch included. There is no charge. The format for the gathering is informal and allows for discussion about the application process, the formation programmes in seminary and any other information people may require.

People who hope to attend are asked to contact the diocesan office in advance. Email priesthood@corkandross.org or telephone 021-4301717.

Currently there are four students at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, studying to be priests in Cork and Ross.

The most recently ordained priest in the diocese is Fr. Billy O'Sullivan, Chaplain at St Aidan's Community College, Dublin Hill, who was ordained in November 2007. Fr. Anthony O'Mahony was ordained in June 2006 and is now curate in Bantry parish.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Gathered together as a community, we bring our prayers to the Lord, confident of being heard.

Reader

We pray for a fuller understanding of the Word of God and that our faith may be increased.

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

We pray for all those who find themselves far from home, especially those for whom it is not safe to return.

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

We pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life; that the Lord will provide labourers for the vineyard.

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

We pray for those who are preparing for marriage; that this time of preparation may be truly grace-filled.

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

We pray for the sick. May they receive the strength to cope with their illness. We pray also for all those who care for the sick; that they may be rewarded for the love that they show to others.

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

We pray for those who are preparing for the sacrament of confirmation this week. May the Holy Spirit guide them in their lives and lead them towards the green pastures where they will thrive.

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

Priest

Heavenly Father, hear the prayers we make this day. We make these and all our prayers through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Show us, Lord, the path of life.

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BAPTISMS

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

Roisin Gobnait Lucy, Ballyshoneen
 Worbert Zolynski, Beech Park.
 Myjak Leon, Church View.
 Aimee Olivia O'Dwyer, Willow Grove, Coolroe Heights
 Laura Marie Collins, The Close, Coolroe Meadows.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :

Ned Barry, Inniscarra.
 Michael J Sexton, Clash.
 Margaret O'Mahony, Turners Cross.
 Brendain O'Connell.
 Michael Bartak, Old Quarter.
 Noel Aherne, Ovens.

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

John Burke, Poulavone & Florida.
 Peter & Peg Moriarty, Ballincollig.
 Anna & Sam Walsh.
 Con O'Regan, Maglin.
 Frank Manning, Blackrock.
 John, Kitty & deceased members of the Harte Family, Clonakilty.
 Paddy Deasy, Model Farm Road.
 Eileen Parker, Innishannon.
 Eileen O'Sullivan, Inniscarra.
 Mary Condon, Model Farm Road.
 Con Kelleher, Poulavone.
 Eileen Ander, The Lough.
 Matt Murphy, Ovens.
 Kitty & Willie Murphy, Bishopstown.
 Eilish Cooper, New Hampshire.
 Peggie & Myles Troy, Thurles.
 Deceased members of Murphy family, Ballyhaunis.
 Catherine Murphy, Bishopstown & Powdermills.
 Thomas Healy, Donoughmore.
 Frances O'Donovan, Cloyne.

Reflection for Parents

To travel from Jerusalem to Emmaus, the disciples had to go west. But after their encounter with Jesus, they returned to Jerusalem, an eastward Journey. We often equate endings with sunsets and new beginnings with sunrises. It is helpful to recall that on the next morning, the apostles walked toward the rising sun. How many sunsets find us falling into bed collapsed from exhaustion? Isn't it true that after a good night's rest we meet the sunrise with new energy and hope? This Gospel gives us the courage to start again, each new day, with fresh enthusiasm and energy for ourselves, our families, and our God.

Society of St. Vincent De Paul

Easter Collection
 This Weekend
 Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th of April 2008
PLEASE SUPPORT

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Third Week of Easter

06 Sunday Acts 2: 14, 22-33. Ps. 15. 1 Pet. 1: 17-21. Lk. 24: 13-35.
 Lect I: 461

07 Monday Acts 6:8-15. Ps. 118. Jn. 6:22-29. Lect I: 472

08 Tuesday Acts 7:51-8: 1. Ps. 30. Jn. 6:30-35. Lect I: 474

09 Wednesday Acts 8: 1-8. Ps. 65. Jn. 6:35-40. Lect I: 476

10 Thursday Acts 8:26-40. Ps. 65. Jn. 6:44-51 Lect I: 479

11 Friday Acts 9: 1-20. Ps. 116. Jn. 6:52-59. Lect I: 481

12 Saturday Acts 9:31-42. Ps. 115. Jn. 6:60-69. Lect I: 484

Next Sunday's Readings 13-April-2008
 Acts 2:14, 36-41. Ps. 22. 1 Pet. 2:20-25. Jn. 10:1-10. Lect I: 487

"Mothers' Prayers"

This is an invitation to Mothers, (including Grandmothers, Godmothers) to come together to pray for their children for half an hour approximately once a week in the Meeting Room of Christ our Light Church on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m.
 or
 The Annexe of the Parish Hall on Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m.

Car Boot Sale

in aid of Marymount Hospice
 Bishopstown, GAA Club, Cork
 Sunday 20 April 2008
 9.00 am to 4.00 pm
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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33
Peter proclaimed that Jesus came with miracles, wonders, and signs so that people could know of God's love.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21
The blood of Christ, as of the sinless, unblemished lamb, delivered believers.

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35
Despondent and discouraged, two of Jesus' apostles walked from Jerusalem to Emmaus. They talked on their way about the events that had occurred in the past several days. A stranger joined them, actually Jesus, but they didn't recognise him at first. Jesus asked the apostles what they had been discussing, and they responded with a summary of the events surrounding Jesus' death. The disciples still did not understand the resurrection, but Jesus questioned their resistance to believe what the prophets had foretold. Despite their hopelessness the apostles invited Jesus to stay with them. He accepted. It was that evening, when Jesus broke bread with them, that the disciples finally recognised the stranger to be Jesus. The next morning, the disciples returned to Jerusalem.

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Emmaus Retreat & Conference Centre

Lissenhall, Swords, Co Dublin
Pre-Pentecost Retreat Weekend
2nd – 4th May
Bishop Brendan Comiskey

Pentecost is such a splendid feast in the church that we sometimes forget that it came in the wake of defeat, failure and even betrayal. Mary, alone in the Upper Room, by her unwavering faith, "shamed" the disciples back into a Pentecost community.

All that God needed on that great day was an admission of powerlessness and broken hearts. That's all that's needed today. Nothing has changed as we gather to hope for the fullness of "a new Pentecost".

Cost: €200 Residential - €115 Non-Residential
For Bookings please contact Emmaus centre on 01-8700050
or email reservations@emmauscentre.ie

Annual Novena
in

Honour of Our Lady Mary Mother of Good Counsel

St. Augustines's Church
Washington Street, Cork
Starts Thursday April 17th
Three Sessions Daily
11 am, 4 pm and 8 pm

Bulletin Board

Baptism Preparation.

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday April 5th at 1.00 pm, and will be held in the Community Hall, Station Rd. 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? We recommend parents book baptisms a few weeks in advance in order to give ample time to take part in the preparation.

Priesthood in Cork & Ross

Information Day about becoming a priest in Cork & Ross

Date: Saturday April 12th, 2008
Venue: Ennismore Retreat Centre, Cork
Time: 11 am to 5 pm (Lunch Provided)

St Oliver's Cemetery

The new extension to St Oliver's Cemetery is now open. Cork County Council are now selling plots, anybody interested please contact Mr Lane the caretaker at St Oliver's phone 021 4873709.

Ballincollig Parish Confirmations 2008.

Scoil Mhuire	Thursday 17th April 2008
Scoil Eoin	Monday 7th April 2008
Scoil Barra	Monday 14th April 2008
Our Lady of Good Counsel	Monday 14th April 2008
Gaelscoil Uí Ríordáin	Monday 19th May 2008

Ballincollig Parish First Communions 2008.

Scoil Mhuire	Saturday 26th April 2008
Scoil Eoin	Saturday 24th May 2008
Scoil Barra	Saturday 17th May 2008
Our Lady of Good Counsel	Saturday 17th May 2008
Gaelscoil Uí Ríordáin	Saturday 10th May 2008

This Week's Calendar

Monday 7 – St John Baptist de la Salle, priest. John, 1651-1719, devoted his life to care and education of poor children and to the training of teachers. He formed his companions into the Brothers of the Christian Schools. He is the patron of teachers.

Tuesday 8 – Weekday (3rd Week of Easter)

Wednesday 9 – Easter Weekday

Thursday 10 – Easter Weekday

Friday 11 – St Stanislaus, bishop and martyr. Stanislaus became bishop of Krakow, Poland in 1072. His outspoken condemnation of corruption resulted in his murder in 1097.

Saturday 12 – Easter Weekday

Fr. George

**New Opportunity to Explore
Faith and Ministry**

Interested in exploring your faith?

Then come along to Connections' from 7.30 – 9.00 pm on Wednesday night for four weeks beginning on the 16th April in St Finbarr's College, Farranferris, Cork. Connections is a four night introductory course for exploring faith organised by the Diocesan Office of Adult Religious Education and All Hallows College, Dublin. The total cost of the course is €20 per person (€10 Students and Senior Citizens). To register or simply for more information call 021-4357765 or email are@corkandross.ie

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Apr-12 & Apr-13-2008

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Karen Sheehan
Padraig Graham
8:30 am
Susan Fennell
10:00 am
Tony Hegarty
William Green
12:00 Noon
Oliver O'Donovan

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Pauline Collins
11:00 am
Lisa Madden
12:30 pm
Lia Breathnach
Cathy Naughton
5:30 pm
Siobhan Kane

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	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

Priest on Duty 087-2479140

Fr. George O'Mahony P.P.	021-4871206
Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C.	021-4877161
Fr. Sean O'Driscoll C.C.	021-4870434
Fr. Ted Sheehan	021-4876171



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Apr-12 & Apr-13-2008

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

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

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

8:30 am Helen Kelly
Breeda Feehily
Mary O'Connor

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

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

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

5:30 pm Garreth Irish
Shelia Curran
Elizabeth O'Sullivan



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Wednesday 10.30 - 5.00 pm

Thursday 9.30 - 5.00 pm

Friday 9.30 - 5.00 pm

Saturday 9.30 - 12.30 pm



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Saturday 9.30 - 5.00 pm