

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 09-April-2006

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

As we start Holy Week we hear the story of the Passion and Death of Jesus. We hear a description of Jesus as one who went to his death quietly, without resistance to the soldiers. He really offered himself to his captors. And all this only a few short days after being welcomed into Jerusalem as a hero by the crowds.

Jesus submitted to the very worst of cruelties. He, as the Reading of St. Paul to the Philippians tells us "emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave", and "was humbler... even to accepting death... on a cross". The completeness of the sacrifice of Jesus has given us all the benefits of his ultimate act of love.

Perhaps this story of a totally different attitude for others will help us to understand a little more of the great love that has been given to us.

The life and sacrifice of Jesus was copied by Joseph Dutton. For the first twenty years or so of his life, in the 1840's, he was fairly miserable. He hated school, joined the army, and hated that too. He became a heavy drinker, and appeared to be drinking his life away. This went on for many years, until he became disgusted with what he was doing, and changed. When he was forty he became a Catholic, and not long afterwards read about Father Damien.

Father Damien was a Belgian priest who had gone some years before to Molokai, an island not far from Hawaii. It was an island full of lepers, indeed really a dumping ground for lepers. Father Damien had gone willingly to the island to minister to these unfortunate people. Joseph became determined to go out to Molokai and help Father Damien in his work. He arrived in 1886, and then began to help Father Damien in his work. Father Damien had already contracted the leprosy that was to kill him within a couple of years. Joseph Dutton stayed on in Molokai for the rest of his life, until he died forty years later.

Jesus rode into Jerusalem knowing full well that he would be taken to his death. He thought, not of himself but of us. We are the lepers that he came to help, we with the leprosy of sin. Through his sacrifice, our disease has been taken away. Without the events of Holy Week, we would not be saved, and the love of God would not have been shown to us in the perfect form that Christ gave us.

John O'Donovan

Thought for Today

The story of Calvary is one of cruelty, horror and injustice. But from another point of view it is the high point of humanity's journey to God. Jesus, the perfect Man, gives himself without reserve and with total love into the hands of his Father. The goal of every human journey is to share in that self-giving and so to share in the glory of the risen Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

God has the power to heal and forgive and to answer our prayers. So we pray with full confidence as we approach Holy Week.

Reader

We pray that all of us taking part in the Holy Week Ceremonies receive strength to grow daily in the Christian life.

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

We pray for those preparing to celebrate Baptism this Easter. May they have new life in Christ.

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

We pray for the Bishop, Priests, Religious and all who take part in the Chrism Mass on Holy Thursday.

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

We pray that those among us from other parts of the world may experience Christian kindness and hospitality.

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

For those who do not believe, that we who know Jesus as Lord may be a living sign of the love God has shown for us.

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

For all who mourn the death of those who are close to them; that they may know Jesus, the Risen Lord as their brother and share his triumph.

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

Priest

Father, our lives are in your hands. Turn our hearts towards you in living confidence, and as we speak our needs to you, show us once more that you are the God of the living.

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 :

Rory William How, Daffodil Fields.
 Luke Michael O'Connell, West End, Ballincollig.
 Abbie Amanda Barry, Hazelgrove.
 Katie Marie Butler, Coolroe Meadows.
 Aislinn Olive Henchy, Ballyburden.
 Ben Harry John O'Regan, Greenfields.
 Cara Lynn Whibley, Coolroe Meadows.
 Niamh Maureen Nolan, Coolroe Meadows.

MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Donal Patrick Guerin, 46 Park Road, Muskerry Estate & Josephine Anna Buckley, 32 The Willows, Classis Lake.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Kitty Barry-Murphy R.I.P., Farnanes.
 Mourned by her son Barry Barry-Murphy, Farnanes
 Ted Moylan R.I.P., The Lough.
 Mourned by his daughter Rose O'Mahony, Westcourt Heights, his sons Gerard Moylan, Westcourt Heights and Tadj Moylan, Avoncourt.
 Anne Duggan R.I.P., Co. Donegal.
 Mourned by her sister Frances Calnan, West Village.
 Bernard Houlihan R.I.P., Greenmount.
 Mourned by his brother Mr Houlihan, Muskerry Estate.
 Jer Woolly R.I.P., Kealkil.
 Mourned by his niece Anne O'Connell, Ballyburden.
 Josie O'Shea R.I.P., Castlewhite, Ballinora.

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

Francis O'Donovan, Cloyne.
 Deceased Relatives and Friends of Dan & Peggy McCarthy, The Crescent.
 Deceased Members of the Harrington Family, The Square.
 Vincent McLoughlin, Sligo.
 John Woods, Carriganarra.
 Eily Murphy, Church View.
 Paddy Deasy, Kilronan, Model Farm Road.
 John O'Mahony, Carriganarra.
 Bridget & Henry Clifford, Co. Meath.
 Pauline, Paddy & Jerry Sheehan, Curaheen.
 Tony Allen, Inniscarra View.
 Eddie & Kathleen Duncan, Omagh, Co. Tyrone.
 Tom, Eileen & Jim Madigan, East Gate.
 Mary & Denis Lucey, Ballingearry.
 Richard Krauss, Aisling Close.
 William O'Brien, Fair Hill.
 Maureen Cremin, Glasheen Road.
 Deceased Members of the O'Shea Family, West Village.
 Denis O'Sullivan, West Village.
 John O'Sullivan, Dingle.
 Patrick Hayes, Clonakilty.
 Bridget Hunt, Clonakilty.
 John Ross, Innishmore Park.
 Noelle Wrenne, Parknamore.
 Mary Kelly, Dunmanway.
 Brid Lonigan.
 Ellen Buckley.
 Ellen Ryan, Waterfall.
 Mary Crowley, Bandon.
 Kate O'Leary-Keating.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Holy Week

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

Next Sunday's Readings 16-April-2006
 Acts 10:34,37-43. Ps. 117. Col. 3:1-4 or 1 Cor. 5:6-9. In. 20:1-9. Lect I: 417

TROCAIRE

In this weeks gospel we hear about Simeon helping Christ to carry his cross. In so many places today the poor carry the cross of poverty and injustice. We are called during Lent to be today's Simeons. But to do more than he was allowed to do. We are called to take away the burden caused by poverty. Every time we relieve the plight of others, we send out a tiny ripple of hope. We should let Easter be a resurrection for others by offering them hope through Trócaire.

***Society of St. Vincent de Paul,
 Station Road, Ballincollig.
 Tel: 021-4874626***

We would like to appeal to the community to donate good quality clothes and bric-a-brac to our charity shop. During recent times there has been an influx of door-to-door collections, which have greatly affected our Charity Shop. In supporting your local Charity shop you are supporting your community

Cork Association for the Deaf

Would like to sincerely thank the community of Ballincollig who contributed to their recent Church Gate Collection. The total sum collected was €1,048.

The Pallottine Fathers

Wish to express sincere thanks to the community of Ballincollig who supported their collection on 1st/2nd April last. The sum of €1,687.00 was raised and the entire proceeds will go towards helping the Pallottine Fathers Missions in East Africa and South America.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-7
 The prophet's mission to Israel is marked by suffering and persecution. The whole passage foretells the sufferings of Jesus. It was in obedience to the Father's will that Christ voluntarily submitted to the scourging, the spittle, and the insults of his passion.

Second Reading: Philippians 2: 6-11
 St. Paul stresses that Christ is Divine. It was the Divine person that assumed human nature. As Christ has suffered in his human nature so he will be glorified in that humanity. Every tongue is to confess that Christ is Lord.

Gospel: Mark 14: 1-47
 The reading of the Passion sets the scene for all the ceremonies of Holy Week.

Race Night

In aid of Irish guide dogs for the blind
 Oriel House Hotel Ballincollig
 Cork (Leslie Suite)
 On Wednesday April 26th at 8 pm
 10 Races including an auction Race
 Raffle with lots of prizes
 Sponsored by :Ballincollig Credit Union

**Cork Marriage Counselling Centre
 Marriage Improvement Seminar**

A professionally presented seminar for individuals and couples who would like to learn what psychological research suggests is good for the emotional and spiritual well-being of marriage.
 Saturday May 6th from 9.00 am – 1.00 pm
 Professional Staff at the Cork Marriage Counselling Centre
 CMCC, 34, Paul Street, Cork.
 Contact 021 4275678 to register and for further details

AL-ANON

Are you concerned about someone else's drinking?
 You are not alone.
 Help is available at the Al-Anon family group
Thursday nights at 8.30 pm
 Upstairs at St. Vincent DePaul Room,
 Ballincollig Community Hall, Station Road.

Holy Week

Is the critical week in the Church's year. This week recalls and re-enacts the highpoint of God's love and Jesus revealing Him to us. The most important part of Holy Week for us is when Christ stoops to wash the feet of his friends. The washing of the feet had an unsuspected depth of meaning. When inspired by love, the least service rendered to one's neighbour takes on an extraordinary dimension; it foreshadows that total sacrifice for which everyone should be prepared. To be truly Christian is a constant effort to become like Jesus.

I hope you will be able to join us this year to recall and celebrate Holy Week in our lead in to Easter and the Resurrection.

George O'Mahony

Good Friday Collection

This collection is for the upkeep of Holy Places in the Holy Land. For those using the envelopes, there is a spare one in the box. Otherwise you can add to the basket.

Flowers For The Altar Of Repose

Donations of flowers for altars of repose at St. Mary & St. John's and Christ Our Light gratefully received in the sacristies of both church's before Holy Thursday.

Easter Collection For Priests Of The Parish

According to the Diocesan custom, the collection at Easter Sunday Masses is one of the two occasions during the year when the offertory collection goes to the priests of the Parish.

Penitential/Reconciliation Service

The Penitential Service on Monday 10th April (Holy Week) is a call to each of us to come as a community and a family of believers to celebrate the mercy and forgiveness of God. We are called to acknowledge our need for healing and growth in the life of Christ. This is an opportunity also to pray for the grace and courage to forgive one another; and a time also to remember one another.

Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass will be held in the Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne on Thursday 13th April at 10.00 am. During this Mass the oils used in the Sacraments of the Sick, Baptism and Holy Orders are blessed. The priests of the Diocese also renew their Ordination promises.
 This is the only morning Mass on Holy Thursday in the Diocese
All are welcome.

Easter Egg Hunt & Charity Auction

JCI Cork will hold an Easter Egg Hunt & Charity Auction on Easter Saturday, April 15th in Fota House and Gardens. The Egg Hunt will begin at 2 pm, with the Auction kicking off at 3.30 pm All are welcome to attend.
 The Hunt costs 5 Euro per child, but group rates are available. All monies will be donated to the Children's Ward of the Cork University Hospital and to Fota Trust.
 Junior Chamber is an international organization open to individuals from all walks of life.
 Further info from cork@jci-ireland.org or 087.2971338

No Mass on Monday Evening 10th April, 2006

Due to the Easter Reconciliation Services on Monday night there will be no evening Mass in Christ Our Light and St. Mary & St. John

Spring Dues Envelopes

The Priests of the Parish would like to thank you for returning the Spring Dues Envelopes. Your continued support is much appreciated.

Ballincollig Tidy Towns

A General Meeting will be held in the White Horse Inn on Wednesday 12th April.
 Time 8:30 pm
 We welcome your support and ideas to promote and develop a cleaner environment for all of us to live in

BALLINCOLLIG PARISH

*Holy Week Ceremonies
9th April, 2006 to 16th April, 2006*

ST. MARY & ST. JOHN		CHRIST OUR LIGHT	
Event	Time	Event	Time
Normal Masses	8.30am, 10.00am & 12.00noon	Normal Masses	11.00am, 12.30pm, 5.30pm
Morning Mass	9.30am	Morning Mass	8.30am
Normal Masses	9.30am & 8.00pm	Normal Masses	8.30am & 6.30pm
Normal Masses	9.30am & 8.00pm	Normal Masses	8.30am & 6.30pm
No Morning Mass		No Morning Mass	
Evening Mass	6.00pm 8.00pm	Mass of the Last Supper followed by Adoration & Holy Hour	6.30pm
Stations of the Cross	12.00 noon & 3.00pm	Stations of the Cross	12.00 (for children) & 3.00pm
Celebration of the Lord's Passion	8.00pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	6.30pm
No morning Mass		No morning Mass	
Evening Mass	6.00pm 9.00pm	Easter Ceremony & Children's Mass	8.00pm
Easter Ceremony & Mass			
Monday 10 th at 8.00pm		Monday 10 th at 6.30pm	
Holy Thursday	12.00noon-1.00pm & 7.00pm-8.00pm	Holy Thursday	After 6.30 Mass
Good Friday	After all ceremonies	Good Friday	After All Ceremonies
Holy Saturday	11.30am-1.00pm & 2.00pm-4.00pm	Holy Saturday	11.30am
RECONCILIATION SERVICE		RECONCILIATION SERVICE	
CONFESSIONS		CONFESSIONS	

BALLINCOLLIG PARISH

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.



St Mary and St. John



Christ Our Light

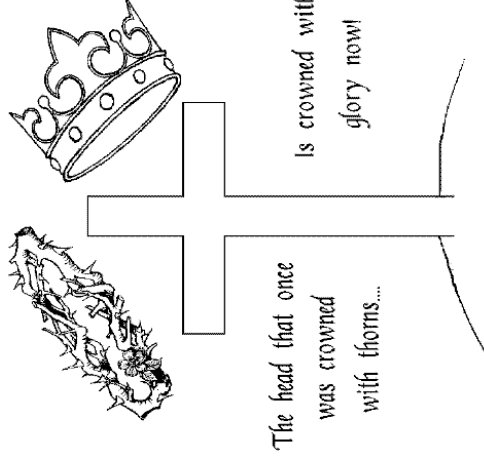
Happy Easter

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HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES



2006

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Apr-15 & Apr-16-2006

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Ailish O'Reilly
8:30 am
Elizabeth Daly
10:00 am
Tony Hegarty
12:00 Noon
Tomas Miller
Niall Hartnett

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Fiona Feely
11:00 am
Alex Hatsigrigoriou
Alison Henchion
12:30 pm
Bernard Vallely
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
9:30 am & 8 pm	Tuesday	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	Wednesday	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
6 pm & 8 pm	Thursday	6:30 pm
8 pm	Friday	6:30 pm
6 pm & 9 pm	Saturday	8 pm

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**

PARISH CLERGY

Priest on Duty 087-2479140

Fr. George O'Mahony P.P. 021-4871206
Fr. John O'Donovan C.C. 021-4870434
Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C. 021-4877161
Fr. Paul O'Donoghue 021-4876055



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MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Apr-15 & Apr-16-2006

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm	Eileen Murphy Ted Nelligan Angela Murphy Ann O'Connell Sheila Walshe Betty Sheehan	8:00 pm	John O'Donoghue Eleanor O'Donoghue Kathleen Daly
8:30 am	Helen Kelly Annette Murphy Mary O'Connor	11:00 am	Mary O'Mahony Mona Bowen Billy Barry Mary Aylward
10:00 am	Miriam Maunsell Mary Buckley Breda Ring Mary O'Regan John Henchy Martin O'Leary	12:30 pm	Mary Twomey Terry O'Driscoll Bernie O'Driscoll Maura O'Driscoll Mary Lehane
12 Noon	John Walshe Pat Kelleher Irene O'Brien Ellen O'Sullivan Chris Cotter Sally Crowley	5:30 pm	Garreth Irish Sheia Curran

**Parish Office, The Presbytery, Ballincollig is open Monday - Thursday from 9 am - 3 pm.
Saturday 10:30 am - 12 Noon. Phone No. (021) 4871206**

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Monday	Closed
Tuesday	9.30 - 5.00 pm
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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Monday	9.30 - 5.00 pm
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Wednesday	10.30 - 5.00 pm
Thursday	9.30 - 7.30 pm
Friday	9.30 - 7.30 pm
Saturday	9.30 - 5.00 pm

Ministers of the Eucharist - Easter 2006

Church of St. Mary & St. John		
Holy Thursday 6.00pm Mass	Holy Thursday 8.00pm Mass	Holy Thursday 8.00pm Mass WINE
Bernadette Bell	John Henchy	Mary Collins
Margaret O'Sullivan	Patsy Murphy	Michael Crowley
Mary Walsh	Vera Allen	Mona Holland
Jim Walsh	Seamus O'Shea	Oliver O'Donovan
Margaret Kearney	Betty Casey	John O'Donovan
Chris Cotter	Will Casey	Geraldine Graham
	Priest On Duty	Sean Farrell
Good Friday 8.00pm Liturgy	Holy Saturday 9.00pm Mass	
Noel Hennessy	Theresa Lucey	
Nora Hennessy	Barbara Kelly	
Phil Kennedy	Eleanor Seymour	
Christy Roche	Frances O'Brien	
Tony O'Leary	Rita Murphy	
Mary Buckley	Breda Linehan	

Christ Our Light Church	
Holy Thursday 6.30pm Mass	Good Friday 6.30pm Liturgy
Maire Uí Chrualaí	Phil O'Connell
Bridie O'Donnell	Maura O'Driscoll
Angela Cunningham	Anne O'Regan
Laurence Cunningham	Geraldine Keohane
Bridie Hanrahan	
Sally Power	
Maire McCullagh	
Mary Greene	
Finbarr Murray	Holy Saturday 8.00pm Mass
	John O'Donoghue
	Eleanor O'Donoghue
	Kathleen Daly