

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

150 Years



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 12-April-2015

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

Community of Faith

In the Gospel story, the disciples are in hiding behind locked doors when Jesus appears among them. His first greeting to his frightened apostles is: 'Peace be with you'. As if to reassure them, he shows them the wounds in his hands and side. They are overcome with joy. They receive from Jesus the gift of the Holy Spirit. The mission that was given to Him by his Father, he now passes on to them. "As the Father sent me, so I am sending you." They are to bring others to share their own experience of knowing and loving Jesus and being loved by him. One of the apostles, Thomas, was not present. When the disciples tell him that they have seen the Risen Jesus, his reaction is one of disbelief. Thomas is not exactly the trusting type! He wants proof and to see with his own eyes. Eight days later when Jesus comes amongst them again, Thomas meets the risen Christ and expresses his belief in God saying: 'My Lord and my God'. Jesus says: "You believe because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen and yet believe". Perhaps during difficult times we too may doubt and question the presence of the Lord in our lives - yet Jesus has promised: I will be with you always to the end of time.

In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles we get a sense of what community and solidarity is all about. The first group of believers were united heart and soul, they were eager to share Jesus' love, supporting one another, and loving and caring for those around them. Everything they had was shared and all goods were held in common. Their spirit of sharing resulted in no one being in want.

Today we celebrate 'Divine Mercy Sunday'. Even though we profess our faith in the Risen Lord who died to take away our sins, we may at times doubt that God would really forgive us. God's love for us is far greater than any fault, failing or sin that we have. His mercy and forgiveness is his gift to us and he is just waiting for us to accept this gift and to fill us with his forgiveness, love and peace.

Sr. Colette

Thought for Today

Take a bucket and fill it with water.
Put your arms into it up to the wrists
Take them out and the hole that remains
Is the measure of how you'll be missed?
You may splash all you please when you enter;
You may stir up the water galore;
But stop and you'll find in a minute
That it looks just the same as before.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

As members of a believing and caring community, let us now bring our needs before God whose love has no end.

Reader

For the Church: that through its ministry people may experience the presence of Christ.

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

For those who are wounded emotionally or physically: that they may be delivered from pain and distress.

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

For those of weak faith or no faith.

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

For this community that we may be able to live in freedom, peace and joy.

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

For deceased relatives and friends: that the Lord may receive them into the kingdom of his glory.

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

For a moment, we remember in silence our own particular needs.

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

Priest

God of love and mercy, you give strength to the weary, and new courage to those who have lost heart. Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, so that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need. 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 :

Julia Pilch, An Caislean.
David Waszkiewicz, Heatherfield, Carrigaline.
Luke Patrick Cantillon Murphy, Uam Var Avenue, Bishopstown

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Rhea O’Hea, Cork / South Africa.
Declan Keenan, Castleblayney.
Anne Noonan, Ballingarry.
Janet Josher, West Jersey.
Marie Hegarty, Castle Ave, Muskerry Estate.
Noel Daly, Bantry.
Mary Prendiville, Lispole, Dingle.

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

Eileen Lynch, Carriganarra.
John & Ellen Thompson, Ovens.
Oliver Ford & Family, Tarelton
Hughie & Neil O’Leary, Farhill & Romford.
Daniel & Ita Murphy, Turner’s Cross.
Kevin Shields, Castlepark.
Sean Crotty, Coolroe.
Danjoe & Margaret O’Shea, The Crescent
John O’Mahony, Carriganarra.
Denis Mannix, Doneraile.
Eileen Hamberger (Nee Delaney), Model Farm Road.
Thomas O’Donoghue, Sweetbriar Lane.
Tony Allen, Inniscarra View.
Con Kelleher, Poulavone.
John Woods, Carriganarra.
Sr. Gemma O’Dwyer, Limerick.
Helen Coomey, Carriganarra.
Shelia O’Mahony, South Douglas Road.
Hannah Foy, Whitethorn Avenue.
Denis Kiely, Rosewood.

Soul Food

Informal information evening for men interested in a religious vocation, 6.30pm, Friday 17th April at Presentation Brothers, Mardyke House, Mardyke, Cork. Full details on www.PresentationBrothers.org
Contact Anthony at 086-0898120.

Holy Land Pilgrimages

Do you dream of walking in Jesus “footsteps”? Visiting Bethlehem, and Jerusalem, Galilee by boat, swim in the Dead Sea, Baptism in River Jordan and more.
Pilgrimage October 2015
For further details contact Lar Cunningham 087 6823989
Or email cunningham46@gmail.com

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Second Week of Easter

12 Sunday Acts 4:32-35. Ps 117. 1 Jn 5:1-6. Jn 20:19-31. Lect I: 441
13 Monday Acts 4:23-31 - Ps 2. Jn 3:1-8. Lect I: 447
14 Tuesday Acts 4:32-37. Ps. 92. Jn. 3:7-15. Lect I: 449
15 Wednesday Acts 5:17-26. Ps 33. Jn 3:16-21. Lect I: 452
16 Thursday Acts 5:27-33. Ps 33. Jn 3:31-36. Lect I: 454
17 Friday Acts 5:34-42. Ps 26. Jn. 6:1-15. Lect I: 456
18 Saturday Acts 6:1-7. Ps. 32. In. 6:16-21. Lect I: 459

Next Sunday’s Readings 19/April/2015

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19. Ps 4. 1 Jn 2:1-5. Lk 24:35-48. Lect I: 465

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts 4: 32-35
This is a description of life in the community of early Christians. Goods were shared but this sharing was always voluntary. The story of Ananias and Saphira makes it clear they were not bound to sell, and after they had the price was still theirs. However, the community of goods does not seem to have been very successful because we read elsewhere that rich and poor still existed in the community and Christians from other places had continually to send alms voluntarily to Jerusalem, 'each man according to his ability'.

Second Reading: 1 John 5: 1-6
There are three dispositions necessary to being a Christian: to love the children of God, to love God and to keep his commandments. Jesus came 'by water and by blood'. Water and blood are symbols and refer the one to the baptism of Christ, the other to his death.

Gospel: John 20: 19-31
The Church has perpetually understood the words of Jesus, "whose sins you forgive..." as the institution of the sacrament of Penance. The sacrament of pardon was instituted on the happiest day in the world's history. Ever since it has brought a personal joy to believers as they feel the load of guilt lifted from them. The act of faith made by Thomas is the fullest and most explicit of all the confessions of faith recorded in the Gospels.

“Mothers’ Prayers”

Will recommence
Thursday 16th April - 10.00 am
At ‘Sonas’ House - Station Road
We welcome Mothers, Grandmothers,
Godmothers to join in prayer
for all our children and the youth of our parish.

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Inniscarra/Ballincollig I.C.A

The 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 the Church Of Christ Our Light Innishmore, at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 14th April, and afterwards for refreshments in the White Horse Inn. We will be celebrating the 80th birthday of the Guild.

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

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

A Prayer for those who suffer from Depression

Dear Jesus, I walk in the valley of darkness for I suffer from depression. I feel unloved, rejected, useless to myself and useless to others. I feel lost in a world I no longer understand. At times, I want to sleep and never wake up again. Lord, I believe that your love is a transforming love. Jesus, Son of David have pity on me.

Out of the depths, I cry to you. Lord, even though I feel nothing, I still praise you for the wonder of my being. You have formed me in my mother's womb and watched over me to this moment. I am precious in your eyes and you love me. On the Cross, you shed your blood for me. You have carved me on the palm of your hand. For all this I give you thanks and praise. May your precious blood give new life to me and to all those who suffer as I do. Take each one of us and hug us to your sacred and loving heart. Through your glorious wounds may we be healed.

Dear Jesus, when you fed the crowd in the desert, you wished to gather up the fragments lest anything be lost. As I wander through a desert and darkness of my own, I ask you to gather up the fragments of this shattered being, lest anything be lost. Through the prophet, Joel, you promise to restore the years that the locusts have eaten. I ask you, lay your hands gently on my weary head and restore me. Let your face shine upon me and give me back the peace, the joy that has been lost.

Diocese of Cork and Ross

Year of consecrated life praying for and celebrating vocations to the priesthood
&
Religious life "planting and nurturing the seed of vocations"
Friday 24th April, 7.30pm
Saint Michael's Parish Church, Blackrock
Cork

Bulletin Board

Thank You

Sincere thanks to the many people who gave their time throughout the Easter period, Ministers of the Word, Ministers of the Eucharist, Altar Society, Altar Servers, Choirs, Cantors, Folk Group, Collectors, Cleaners, Parish Council and Parish Council Sub Groups, the Sacristans in both Churches, People who distributed dues envelopes and the various flyers. Thanks also to the many people who attended and participated in the Easter Ceremonies.

Easter Collection

The Priests of the parish Fr George & Fr. Dave would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generosity in the Easter collection. This is much appreciated.

Special collection for Diocesan Needs.

The collection for Diocesan needs will be taken up at all Masses next week end week end Sat/Sun 18/19 April .

Trocaire Boxes

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

Confirmation Dates 2015

Wednesday 15th April	Scoil Barra
Wednesday 15th April	Our Lady of Good Counsel
Monday 20th April	Scoil Mhuire
Thursday 30th April	Gael Scoil
Friday 8th May	Scoil Eoin

First Holy Communion Dates 2015

Saturday 25th April	Scoil Eoin
Saturday 9th May	Scoil Barra
Saturday 9th May	Our Lady of Good Counsel
Saturday 16th May	Scoil Mhuire
Saturday 23rd May	Gael Scoil

Fr. George

Creative Writing

A 4-week Workshop starts on Tuesday 21st April, 7.30 - 9.30 p.m. in Bru Columbanus, Wilton. Fee €55.

Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can read
Mark Twain

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/18 & Apr/19/2015

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Sandra Walsh / Brayden Peck
Emma O'Connor
8:30 am
Tom McDonagh
Sean Casey
10:00 am
David O'Brien
Debra Daly
12:00 Noon
John Dorgan / Roisin Crewe
Noella Ngenwie

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Pauline Collins
Morgan Smith
11:00 am
Kristian Calvert
12:30 pm
James Nyagaya
Laura O'Leary
5:30 pm
Liam Tuohy

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 Except First Saturday of Month	Saturday	4:30 pm First Saturday of Month
12:45 pm	Sunday	

PARISH CLERGY

Priest on Duty	087-2479140
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Fr. Dave O'Connell C.C.	021-4876171 or frdaveoconnell@gmail.com
Fr. James McSweeney	021-4873308

Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

Week 13th Apr to 19th Apr

Michael O'Leary
Kay O'Sullivan

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/18 & Apr/19/2015

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Michael Maher
Bernadette Bell
Betty Casey
Frank Riordan
Siobhan Riordan
Pauline Quane

7:30 pm Geraldine Lynch
Charlie Vaughan
Joan Stephenson
Bernie Bowen

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Theresa Lucey
Mary B. Murphy

11:00 am Neil Jeffers
Eileen O'Donoghue
Bridie Hanrahan
Padraig Fleming /
Imelda Power
Hugh & Catherine Moran

10:00 am Cathy Horgan
Claudine Tiendioh
Betty Flavin
Anne Spillane
Betty Sheehan

12:30 pm Denis O' Mahony
Christine O'Mahony
Tom Murray
John O'Regan
Gerard Dunne

12 Noon Seamus O'Donovan
Eleanor Knowles
Catherine Greene
Joan Barrett
Frances Hogan

5:30 pm Bernard Curran
John Canty

Children's Corner

A Prayer to say...

Jesus, I believe in you. I know your words are true. Help me to see you in other people and to treat them with love. Amen..

In the Gospel today...

Jesus appears to his friends again. Today he speaks to Thomas, who did not believe that Jesus was alive. Thomas believes once he has seen Jesus. Jesus says that those who believe in him without even seeing him are blessed and happy.

I Feel It in the air

I know its Easter time again, I feel it in the air,
The breath of Spring with a woody tang, and new life everywhere,
And Spring glides on with magic touch, over mountainside and glen,
And wakens all the sleeping plants, for Easter time again.
The brooklets leap from rock to rock, as if in joyful play,
The flowers peep from darkened tombs to welcome Easter,
The birds are swinging on the boughs, and trill in ecstasy
They seem to show the world's great joy, of Easter mystery.
Why should we dread this thing called death? It's just an open door
Where all within is love and peace, and joy forever more.
"Because I live, you too shall live", we hear the Saviour say.
Lets consecrate our lives anew during this Easter time.