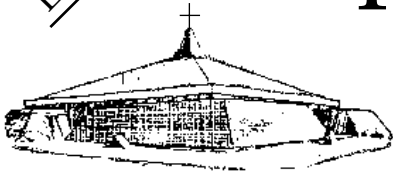


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# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



CHRIST OUR LIGHT  
INNISHMORE



ST. MARY & ST. JOHN  
STATION ROAD

**SUNDAY 15TH APRIL 2001**  
**EASTER SUNDAY**

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

## RESURRECTION

St. Paul had no doubts about the vital importance of the resurrection of Christ. "If Christ had not been raised then our preaching is useless and your believing it is useless".

In proof of the reality of the Resurrection Catholic writers have put forward several arguments. Their main points are, firstly, Christ himself said that he would rise from the dead. "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up". "The Son of Man will be in the heart of the earth for three days and three nights". "Tell the vision to no man, till the Son of Man be risen from the dead".

Secondly, Christ really died and was buried. All the Gospels say that Christ died on the Cross. The soldiers made sure he was dead by thrusting a lance into his side. Thirdly, the grave was found empty on the morning of the third day. He appeared to Mary Magdalen and other women. He appeared to the Apostles and spoke and ate with them. He was seen by more than five hundred people at once.

These positive arguments are reinforced by the very weakness of the theories of unbelievers. One of the earliest explanations of the Resurrection was that the Apostles were deceivers. The guards at the sepulchre said that while they slept, the disciples came and removed the body. But, if the soldiers were asleep how could they know who stole the body? Besides, the disciples stood to gain nothing by such a deception. In the event they lost everything, including their lives, by preaching the Resurrection.

A favourite modern explanation of the miracle is to say that the Apostles were deceived. The argument suggests that the Apostles were in a state of nervous excitement after the crucifixion: their passionate longing for Christ bodied forth the vision of a risen Saviour. That an individual might suffer from such an hallucination is possible; that all the Apostles and hundreds of disciples should suffer from it over a long period is hardly likely. Besides, there was no passionate longing for the Resurrection. The followers of Christ were not expecting it. The women brought spices to embalm the body. Magdalen's first thought at the empty tomb was that someone had stolen the body. The Apostles did not believe the women's report of seeing Jesus. Thomas laid down conditions on which he would believe.

Others promoted the Trance idea: that Jesus never really died, that he fell into a trance or fainted on the cross, recovered consciousness in the tomb, pushed aside the stone and rejoined his companions pretending that he had triumphed over death. Suppose for a moment it were true, could one so severely wounded have moved aside the great stone? Besides, could one who had led such a blameless life turn out to be a deceiver?

These points show that it is not unreasonable to believe in the Resurrection. In the end, however, what matters is the gift of Faith which comes to us with sanctifying grace. We live by Faith when the great truths which God has revealed to us are so frequently present in prayer that they influence our life and action.

*Leonard O'Brien*

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

### PRIEST

We bring our prayers to God, whose love for us has no end.

### READER

That those baptised this Easter, may imitate the strong faith of those already baptised.

Lord, hear us;

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

That young people preparing for First Communion and Confirmation may be filled with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Lord, hear us;

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

That the hopeless and the lost may find direction and courage, through the power of Jesus, our Saviour.

Lord, hear us;

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

That those in this community who suffer illness or anxiety may experience healing and peace.

Lord, hear us;

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

That those who have died recently and all who have died since last Easter may share the glory of Christ's resurrection.

Lord, hear us;

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

## THAT FIRST SIGN OF DAWN

At the Crucifixion, 'darkness covered the whole earth'. It seemed to symbolise the triumph of evil and brutality.

But 'light shone in the darkness and darkness could not overpower it' (Jn 1:5).

The light which had begun to shine when the women went to the tomb was the light of new creation

## *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 Ballincollig Parishioner

*Leonard O'Brien, Eugene Crowley, Pat O'Donovan, Paul O'Donoghue*

## BAPTISMS

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



Kate May Walsh, 60, Woodberry, Greenfields  
Jonathan Michael McGrath, 6, Greystones  
Jessica Eve Lucey, 18, Avoncourt  
Eoin Patrick Fehily, 7, Hawthorn Avenue  
Sean Joseph Gerard O'Hanlon-Lane, 65, Maple Lawn

## MARRIAGES



CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Anthony O'Grady, 200 Dalton Park, Mullingar &  
Ann Dwyer, 111, Shamrock Drive, Ballincollig



## IN SYMPATHY

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:

Nellie Mullally, Ballyphehane  
Patrick Forde, Curraheen, Bishopstown  
Patrick Kirsten, 3, Sweetbriar Lane  
Eileen Flannigan, Castle Park  
Nellie Crowley, Clash Road & Innishmore  
Donal Hurley, College Road

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

Con Cronin  
Maureen Callanan, West Village  
Mairead & Timothy O'Connell  
John & Catherine Buckley, Co. Offaly  
Deceased members of O'Shea Family, West Village  
Lena Dennehy, Castle View  
Mary Lee, Kilfinnane  
Michael & Agnes O'Connor, Limerick  
Margaret Murphy  
Mary Allen  
Clare McSweeney, Cloghroe  
Michael Hickey, Greenfield  
Marie & Tim Corcoran, Blackpool  
Alec & Kathleen Cahill, St. Lukes  
John O'Mahony, Carriganarra  
John Woods, Carriganarra  
Cornelius O'Regan, Carriganarra  
Margaret & Angela Bernardi  
Thomas O'Connell, Pouladuff Road  
Brendan O'Sullivan, Glendower  
Sr. Gemma Dwyer  
The Frolish Family  
Catherine & Batt Cronin, Ovens  
The Wilson Family, Carlow  
Tim Lucey, Industry Place  
Donors Intentions  
Rose O'Shea, Scotch Farm  
Joseph Daly, 67, Maple Lawn

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

15 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*

*The Gospel from the Easter Vigil* Lk. 24:1-12 may be used at the Day Mass  
"Christ is risen, alleluia!" This is the ancient Christian greeting on this day of great joy and happiness for all. "Easter is not simply one feast among others, but the 'Feast of feasts'. The mystery of the Resurrection, in which Christ crushed death, permeates with its powerful energy our old time, until all is subjected to him."  
*CCC, 1169*

*Evening Mass:* Gospel: Lk. 24:13-35 may be used. They recognised him of the breaking of bread. *Lect I:428.*

16 Monday Acts. 2:14, 22-32. Ps. 15. Mt. 28:8-15. *Lect I:423*

The women clasp the feet of the real body of the risen Lord who is thus identified with the earthly Jesus. But they are not to cling on in signs of love. His appearances are for the purpose of sending them on mission, to tell others.

17 Tuesday Acts. 2:36-41. Ps. 32. Jn. 20:11-18. *Lect I:425*

Mary Magdalen is told that the old relationship is now changed, she is not to cling on, for Jesus has to return to the Father, to fulfil what he had been sent to do.

18 Wednesday Acts. 3:1-10. Ps. 104. Lk. 24:13-35. *Lect I:427*

Two disillusioned followers who cannot understand are met by someone who opens their minds and hearts by showing how God's word can give meaning to their lives. Invited to share their table, he takes bread, blesses it, breaks it and gives it to them, and they know the Lord Jesus in that fourfold action. With joy they go back to tell the good news.

19 Thursday Acts. 3:11-26. Ps. 8. Lk. 24:35-48. *Lect I:430*

"Immediately they touched him, and through this contact with his flesh and spirit, they believed" (Ignatius of Antioch). And Jesus, though in his risen body he did not need food, shows them the courtesy of sharing their food.

20 Friday Acts. 4:1-12. Ps. 117. Jn. 21:1-14. *Lect I:432*

The appearance at the lakeside - perhaps on a Sunday morning after a Sabbath rest from work - has echoes of the meals that Jesus shared during his earthly life. It recalls the sign of the Eucharist in the multiplication of the loaves and fishes.

21 Saturday Acts. 4:13-21. Ps. 117. Mk. 16:9-15. *Lect I:435*

The news of the resurrection brings belief or incredulity. Jesus has to reproach his disciples for being so slow to believe. They are to go out with the Good News, and the response to their preaching will be again belief or unbelief. Only those who believe will be saved.

Next Sunday's Readings: Acts. 5:12-16. Ps. 117. Apoc. 1:9-13, 17-19.  
Jn. 20:19-31.

Eight days later, Jesus came in.

## EASTER COLLECTION FOR THE 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.

## LEGION OF MARY

### ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Sunday May 27th Bus Fare £12  
Phone Sally 4870954 or Jim 4873924

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

### 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)

*E. Chandler*



### Saint Thérèse Visit to Ireland of the Relics Diocese of Cork & Ross

*Wednesday June 20th 2001 -  
Cathedral of St. Mary & St. Anne, Cork City  
Saturday June 23rd 2001 -  
SMA Church, Cork City  
Sunday June 24th 2001 -  
Carmelites, Kinsale, Co. Cork*

### CIRCLES OF LIVING ROSARY "PRAYER GROUP"

The next meeting of the prayer group will be held on Thursday April 19th 2001, in the Old Library, at Community Centre, at 7.30pm. Present members, and new members are all very welcome.

Lord, may all that I am today, all that I try to do today, may all my encounters, reflections, even my frustrations and failings, all place my life in your hands

### MINISTERS OF THE WORD 21ST/22ND APRIL

ST. MARY & ST. JOHN

CHRIST OUR LIGHT

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 6.00p.m. (Vigil) -<br>Karen Sheehan | 8.00p.m. (Vigil) -<br>Michael Greene |
| 8.30a.m. -<br>Martha Barry          | 11.00a.m. -<br>Fiona O'Connor        |
| 10.00a.m. -<br>Declan Chalmers      | 12.30p.m. -<br>Marie O'Brien         |
| 12 Noon -<br>Tony Hegarty           | 5.30p.m. -<br>Michelle Beamish       |

### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST 21st/22nd April 2001 ST. MARY'S & ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

#### SATURDAY 21ST

6p.m.  
Helen Kelly  
April Ryan  
Eileen Murphy  
Ted Nelligan  
Angela Murphy  
Ann O'Connell

#### SUNDAY 22ND

8.30a.m.  
Mary Buckley  
Josie Halligan

10a.m.  
Miriam Maunsell  
Mary McLean  
Breda Ring  
Jerry O'Connor

12.00 Noon  
Louie O'Leary  
Mary Buckley  
Will Casey  
Rose Doyle  
Anne O'Sullivan  
Ellen O'Sullivan



### CHRIST OUR LIGHT CHURCH

#### SATURDAY 21ST


8p.m.  
John O'Donoghue  
Eleanor O'Donoghue  
Kathleen Daly

#### SUNDAY 22ND

11a.m.  
Robert Wade  
Mary O'Mahony  
Margaret Brown  
Rose Cotter

12.30p.m.  
Brid Dolan  
Peggy Sheehan  
Pat Manning  
Terry O'Driscoll  
Bernie O'Driscoll

5.30p.m.  
Garreth Irish  
Sheila Curran  
Statia O'Callaghan


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| <p><b>ST. MARY &amp; ST. JOHN</b></p> <p><b>Masses</b></p> <p>Sunday: 8.30, 10.00, 12.00</p> <p>Mon-Fri: 9.30am</p> <p>Saturday: 10.00, 6pm,<br/>(Vigil)</p> |  | <p><b>CHRIST OUR LIGHT</b></p> <p><b>Masses</b></p> <p>Sunday: 11.00, 12.30, 5.30pm</p> <p>Mon-Fri: 8.30am</p> <p>Saturday: 10.00am, 8.00pm<br/>(Vigil)</p> |
| <p><b>Confessions</b></p> <p>Saturday: after 10am Mass<br/>before 6pm Mass</p>   |  | <p><b>Confessions</b></p> <p>Saturday: after 10am Mass</p>  |
| <p><b>Baptisms</b></p> <p>Saturday: 5.00pm</p> <p>Sunday: 12.45pm</p>  |  | <p><b>Baptisms</b></p> <p>Saturday: 7.15pm</p>  |

**PARISH CLERGY**

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Fr. E. Crowley C.C.  021-4870434

Fr. P. O'Donovan C.C.  021-4872808 Fax: 021-4872808

Fr. Paul O'Donoghue  021-4876055

**Ballincollig Lions Club**

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## SOME PARTICIPANTS REFLECTIONS ON THE "WEEK OF DIRECTED PRAYER"

During the week I found reassurance of God's love through His Word. I found the week to be exhilarating, challenging, uplifting, comforting and strengthening - I know I received God's grace.

*(Robert)*

I found the whole experience enlightening and uplifting. Reading the various passages each day and the half-hour spent each evening with my Guide gave me a better insight into the meaning of the scriptures, how to interpret them and how to put them into practice in my daily life.

*(Dympna)*

I had not opened a Bible for some time and this week helped me to look into myself and to see where I was going in life and also where I was coming from. It showed me with the help of my Guide that praying the Scriptures is indeed a very active and living way of getting to know yourself and communicating in a meaningful way with the Lord.

*(Michael)*

Recently, I hadn't bothered too much but now, Jesus was asking me to get my act together, so that I can regain peace of heart and mind in Him and a director once again in my life.

*(David)*

For me the week opened amidst doubts and fears but Jesus took over control and He continued to do so until I learnt to trust Him more and more and He enlightened me as to the path to walk.

*(Angela)*

### CHARITY AUCTION

*In aid of Church  
Renovation Fund*

**WEDNESDAY 30TH MAY 2001**

**IN THE COMMUNITY HALL**

**DONATIONS OF GOOD QUALITY  
ITEMS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED**

### CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

Following discussions at the recent Parish Pastoral Council, it has been decided to hold this year's procession on Saturday 9th June following 6.00p.m. Mass at the Church of St. Mary and St. John

***THE ROUTE WILL BE TO THE  
EAST GATE AND BACK.***

**BALLINCOLLIG BASKETBALL CLUB  
NOTES AND FIXTURES**

Many congratulations to the Junior 1 Ladies team and their coach Greg Twomey on their magnificent performance against Blackpool last Saturday night in Parochial Hall when they won the Championship Cup in style. In what was a very tough and physical game, the Ballincollig Ladies showed why they are now the holders of two titles. Ballincollig took the lead in the first half and, despite some strong play from Blackpool, our ladies were too strong for them on the day and stormed home to a great victory. Next up for the team could be the treble when the top four teams in the league meet up for a play off and Ballincollig will be hoping to continue their winning streak.

Both our Un-14 and 16's faced tough opposition in their respective matches against two very strong Mallow sides last Saturday in B.C.S. Both Ballincollig teams put in very good performances and were disappointed not to win but Mallow's experience paid off on the day. There will not be any training on Easter Sunday.

**EASTER BASKETBALL CAMP**

Due to demand it has been necessary for the club to hire extra halls for the Easter camp in order to facilitate the numbers.

Transport will be provided from Ballincollig Community School to the other locations and back again by the club. The times of 9.30am for Wednesday 18th and 10am on Thursday 19th remain the same. We would ask that all monies be paid by no later than next Saturday 14th to either Dermot Lucey, 1, Aylsbury Lawn, Ballincollig or the attending coaches in Ballincollig Community School on Saturday morning between 11 and 12 o'clock. The final meeting of coaches and co-ordinators will be held on Tuesday 17th at 8.00pm in Ballincollig Community School.

**FIXTURES - MEN**

Friday 13 April - Parochial Hall

**BILLY KELLY UN-17 TOURNAMENT**

Friday 13 April - B.C.S.

6.00pm Ballincollig v Blue Demons Un-11

7.15pm Ballincollig v Shamrocks Div 2

Saturday 14 April - B.C.S.

3pm Ballincollig v Middleton Un-11

*REJOICE*

Let me rejoice always in the Lord,

To show in my face the happiness

That comes from serving Him.

Let all the earth rejoice!

That the Lord is their God

And they are his people.

His goodness and justice are

The foundations of his creation.

To be joyful where there is so much sorrow,  
is not easy, Lord.

Deepen my faith,

Gift me with a sense of humour.

Grant me patience, to see.....

That you, Lord are present,

In the tenderness of your love,

In the fullness of your sovereignty,

In the pity of your compassion,

Through all trials and sufferings.

Thank you, Lord,

That I have brought a smile to others.

That I was the dawn of gladness

For honest hearts.

'May all who are godly be happy in the Lord.

*Reflection from Psalm 97*

**ROSARY FOR THE  
MONTH OF MAY**

The Rosary will be recited  
each evening, Monday to Friday  
in the Church of St. Mary & St. John  
at 6.30p.m.