

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 15-April-2007

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.*



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## Resurrection Experience In The Midst Of Chaos

I will always remember my first Holy Week in Peru, after ordination. It was my first time leading the Holy Week Ceremonies. Naturally I was excited and wanted to do everything well, with all my hard learned knowledge of liturgy and theology!

Palm Sunday got off to an exciting start when somebody arrived with a donkey before mass and as we gathered outside the church, an altar server called Angel got on the donkey ready to ride up the church as palm branches were waved. This was turning out to be a very biblical like re-enactment, I thought. What nobody counted on though, was that the doors of the church were not built for a donkey, fully loaded with rider, to be passing through the portals! Poor little Angel got clocked on the head by the lintel and was sent flying, saved from a nasty injury by the pressing crowd who broke the fall. Not to be undone the donkey was happy to proceed to the altar, where the excitement got too much for him and luckily I saw his tail rising in time to guess what was to happen next and duck out of the way!

On Good Friday, it was planned to carry a huge cross for the Stations, through the unpaved desert-dusty streets. It was hot, temperatures in the high 30's and a huge crowd gathered. Also gathering was a ferocious sandstorm and every corner we turned it was worse as the afternoon wind whipped up the dust and debris into a choking thick air. I was never so relieved to hit the shower after that and spent hours coughing and spluttering.

On Holy Saturday the Paschal fire was lit early on in a tar barrel in the schoolyard near the church. I went to vest and gather the crowd from the church. When we all arrived at the yard together we discovered that the fire was gone! The paschal fire stolen! Just unbelievable! (Later I was to discover that the tar barrel was valuable currency in the impoverished shanty town, and left unattended for a few minutes was a target for thieves, who dumped the fire, scattering ashes everywhere as they made off with the barrel) I was left begging for a match or a lighter to get the candle lit, while my blood pressure was rising by the minute. As the procession made its way back to the church a stampede began. They all wanted to get a seat and as the crowd surged I was knocked over and the paschal candle went flying, smashed to pieces. I brushed myself down and made for the sanctuary to restore order, only to discover that the microphone lead had been ripped out of the socket by the pushing crowd and it wasn't working! I felt so deflated. All my plans had fallen apart. I thought it was the most disastrous vigil ever. I just wanted to come home and cry. I expressed my upset to some parishioners and told them I was going back to Ireland that I just had enough.

In response a few days later I got a lovely letter from an old lady in the parish, who was barely literate. It contained several pages of apologies telling me that she was sorry for the way her country folk behaved and how they would be so sorry if I left and please don't go. It was just heart warming and moving to get this. It is something I will always remember. It was a resurrection moment. In the midst of chaos and disaster from my point; here was new hope and encouragement to begin again. I could see things in a different light, and even laugh at what had happened. I had received support and encouragement to press on ahead and not give up.

Let it be a lesson to all of us to bring hope, life, support and encouragement to those around us. Someone we know may need lifting up, a kind word, a card or a note, a hug? It can make all the difference to reach out in a positive caring way to those around us. We are so good at singing the praises of someone when they die. Why not value them when they are alive? Tell the people you care about that you love them; bring them joy and resurrection.

Sean O'Driscoll

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

### Priest

The God who raised Jesus from the dead is the same God who hears our petitions this day. We present our prayers with confidence.

### Reader

That world leaders and governments may work to bring about peace and justice and an end to war.

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

That individuals and families may treasure the gift of peace.

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

That all who struggle because of doubt or weakened faith may be strengthened during these Easter days.

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

That we may be inspired by the faith and courage of the saints.

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

That we may be willing to respond to the needs of our neighbour in a spirit of willing service.

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

That our beloved brothers and sisters who have gone before us may share in the risen life of Jesus. We remember especially our loved ones and all who have died within the past year

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

### Priest

Ever present and gracious God, your power raised Jesus from the tomb. Hear the prayers we present this day and fill us with the Spirit of your Son Jesus, who is Lord forever and ever.  
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 :**

Tadhg Eamonn Murphy, 36, Old Court Greenfields.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Eileen Cronin, Wesgate & Ballinhassig.  
Archie Taggart, Castle Park.  
Peggy O'Sullivan, Kilgarvan & Florida.

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

Kate O'Leary-Keating, Cloghroe.  
William Kavanagh, East Gate.  
Frank Manning, Blackrock.  
Edmond & Frances O'Donovan, Cloyne.  
Clare McSwiney, Cloghroe.  
Jerry Ring, Carriganarra & Ballyvourney.  
Michael O'Regan, Shamrock Drive, Ovens.  
Tom O'Leary, Maglin View.  
Con Kelleher, Poulavone.  
John Woods, Carriganarra.  
Tony Allen, Inniscarra View.  
Michael O'Donovan, Kinsale Road.  
Myles & Peggy Troy, Thurles.  
Bridie Herlihy, Magazine Road.  
Kathleen & Patrick Halpin, Co. Meath.  
Ellen Cronin, Mary St.,  
Ellen Murphy, Muskerry Estate.  
Ellen & John Ryan.  
May Murphy, Blarney.  
Maureen Cremin, Glasheen Road.  
Denis O'Regan (Snr), Farran.  
Denis O'Regan (Jnr), Farran.  
Stephen Horgan, Newcestown.  
Kathleen Nolan, London.  
Agnes Handley, Dublin & Mayo.  
Eileen Moore, Dublin.

*"To Our Lady"*

Lovely Lady dressed in Blue,  
Teach me how to pray!  
God was just your little Boy,  
Tell me what to say!  
Did you lift Him up, sometimes,  
Gently, on your knee?  
Did you sing to Him the way  
Mother does to me?  
Did you hold His hand at night?  
Did you ever try  
Telling stories of the world?  
O! And did He cry?  
Do you really think He cares  
If I tell Him things -  
Little things that happen?  
And Do the angel's wings  
Make a noise? And can He hear  
Me if I speak low?  
Does He understand me now?  
Tell me- for you know?  
Lovely Lady dressed in blue,  
Teach me how to pray!  
God was just your little Boy,  
And you know the way.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Second Week Of Easter

15 Sunday Acts 5:12-16. Ps. 117. Apoc. 1:9-13, 17-19. Jn. 20: 19-31. Lect I: 444

16 Monday Acts 4:23-31. Ps. 2. Jln. 3: 1-8. Lect I: 447

17 Tuesday Acts 4:32-37. Ps. 92. Jn. 3:7-15. Lect I: 449

18 Wednesday Acts 5:17-26. Ps. 33. Jn. 3:16-21. Lect I: 452

19 Thursday Acts 5:27-33. Ps. 33. Jn. 3:31-36. Lect I: 454

20 Friday Acts 5:34-42. Ps. 26. Jn. 6:1-15. Lect I: 456

21 Saturday Acts 6:1-7. Ps. 32. Jn. 6:16-21. Lect I: 459

**Next Sunday's Readings 22-April-2007**  
Acts 5:21-32,40-41. Ps. 29. Apoc. 5:11-14. In. 21: 1-19. Lect I: 468

**Reflection for Parents**

Parents are often the source of hope and encouragement for their children. When a child falls repeatedly while learning to walk or ride a bike, it is a parent who coaxes, encourages, and praises the child. Parents provide hope and comfort when a child falls short of a goal whether in academics, relationships, sports, or the arts. Parents can relate to the role of Jesus with his disciples. They were frightened and discouraged but they found hope and relief with the peace and presence of Jesus.

**Muskerry Local History Society**

**April 2007 Lecture**

**Subject:** "Wonderful Archaeology of Ballincollig"  
An illustrated talk on the "hidden treasures" of Ballincollig and its environs with up date facts on recent excavations on new county fire station headquarter site on link road.

**Speaker:** Catherine Power  
Archaeologist Cork County Council.

**Venue:** Ballincollig Rugby Club Function Hall

**Date & Time:** Tuesday April 17<sup>th</sup> 2007 @ 8 pm

**Admission:** €2.00 for non members

Everyone most welcome.

Society A.G.M. will be held after this Lecture.

Your participation is urgently needed for continuation of society.

**Annual Novena**

Novena in Honour of Our Lady of Good Counsel  
St Augustine's Church Washington St. Cork  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April to Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April  
Three sessions daily - 11 am - 4 pm - 8 pm  
Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April - Anointing of the Sick at 4 pm

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**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Acts 5:12-16

The earliest days of the Christian community existed in a period of harmony and success in preaching the Gospel. Like Jesus, the followers are able to heal the sick and those possessed by demons. They continue to gather for prayer near the temple of Jerusalem.

Second Reading: Apoc. 1:9-13. 17-19

The vision of Christ is a source of joy; he brings us divine mercy in person. Like John the Apostle, we welcome the sight of the Lord. Jesus Christ is risen, our light and our life.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Following Jesus' crucifixion the disciples were still uncertain of his message. They lost hope, were filled with fear, and locked themselves in a room. Without entering through the door, Jesus appeared before them with a greeting of peace and a mission to spread the Good News. The disciple, Thomas, was not in the room. When he learned of Jesus' visit, he would not believe it. But about a week later, Jesus appeared in a similar way and Thomas was with the others. Jesus invited Thomas to touch the wounds in his hands and side. Thomas knew immediately that it was Jesus and believed in him.

**Bulletin Board**

**First Holy Communion**

Scoil Mhuire

Saturday 28th April 2007

**Holy Week**

Thanks to the many parishioners who planned and took part in the ceremonies during Holy Week. The Liturgy group, ministers of the Eucharist and Word; the Choir and Folk groups. The Altar societies in both churches work tirelessly to ensure the churches are well decorated. The Altar servers give dedicated service along with the collectors. The scouts give tremendous help and support also. Finally sincere thanks to Siobhan and Geraldine our sacristans, their dedication, hard work and commitment is much appreciated. Special word of thanks to the Ballincollig Parishioner team and all parishioners who attended and took part in the various ceremonies during Holy week. This year it was a special Easter Vigil when two adults Eneken Fleming and Frank McKenna were received into the Catholic Church and received the Sacrament of confirmation during the Easter Vigil. Thanks to the many people who helped Enaken and Frank. In particular all those involved in the R. C. I. A. programme.

**Spring Dues**

Many parishioners have returned their spring dues envelopes - sincere-thanks to each of you. Thanks also for your generosity to the collection on Easter Sunday; this collection increased on the previous year by more than the rate of inflation. The priests of the parish income is mainly derived from the Spring and Autumn dues, plus the Easter and Christmas collection.

**Confirmation**

The sacrament of Confirmation will be received by the pupils of Gaelscoil Ui Riordan on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> of April. The pupils of Scoil Barra & Our Lady of Good Counsel will receive the sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>. Both will ceremonies take place in Christ Our Light church at 10.30 am.

Please note there will be no 08:30 am Mass on respective mornings.

Fr. George

**49<sup>th</sup> Cork Ballincollig Scout Group**

On Monday last the Scouts travelled to the Paps, which are part of the Derrynasaggart mountain range; they are on the Cork Kerry border. We'd planned to climb the East pap. The Paps are called after the Goddess Dana, who was the God of the Tuatha De Danann (the people of the goddess Dana) who occupied Ireland from about 1500BC. They were believed to have great powers, which in time faded and they were eventually defeated and driven underground to become the fairies of Irish folklore. The three Scouts in charge of getting us to the top were Padraic, Owen and Alan, having studied the map they had narrowed it down to two routes, one which took us up through the fire break on the eastern side of the mountain, the second a longer hike, but a less steep climb on the northern side, We started hiking on the old track, soon coming to where the fire break in the trees was, here we had to make the decision, looking at the steepness of the fire break we decided to hike on, to the lake and go up the northern side, we got around the lake and they then had to find a safe gully to climb up to the shoulder. This they did and we started up, at the top of the shoulder they found a route to the top. We took many breaks to look at the view, or so the leaders said (in reality it was for them catch their breath and rest their aching bones). At the top is a Cairn, which are said to be burial mound of the high priests or the chieftains of the Tuatha De Danann they are about 3500 years old.

We headed back down, taking the Eastern side the mountain; on the way the scouts took the easy way down and rolled their way down most of the hill. We returned to Ballincollig very tired.

*No mans advice is entirely worthless. Even a broken watch is right twice a day.*

**TRÓCAIRE**

Thank you for your generous Lenten donations. Trócaire boxes and envelopes can still be returned to the parish and your support this year will change the lives of some of the world's poorest people. All of our efforts are appreciated and all of them, no matter how large or small, make a great difference.

This piece from Trócaire is one example of how our support can continue to change lives in some of the poorest countries of the world.

There are high levels of hunger in Zomba, Malawi and a wide-spread food crisis. This is due to crop failure and continuing unpredictable rainfall. The main crop planted in Zomba is maize and when this fails many people have nothing else to fall back on. This project provides people with enough food and also enough seeds to plant. Many of the farmers are women. By working with farmers to help them improve their land, their practises and how they manage water, the project seeks to provide more food for families. It also provides better seeds and some livestock.

The cost of this work for poor farmers is € 7,314



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**From 3:00 – 5:00 & 7:00 – 9:00 pm**

**Msza św. Mass in Polish**

w języku polskim w Ballincollig

21 kwietnia - 21 April

sobota – 19:15 - Saturday 19:15

Zapraszamy Powiadom znajomych

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Apr-21 & Apr-22-2007

**St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**  
Sandra Walsh  
**8:30 am**  
Niamh Gallagher  
**10:00 am**  
Margot Twomey  
**12:00 Noon**  
Tony Lynch

**8:00 pm (Vigil)**  
Rebecca Feely  
Jessica Lingard  
**11:00 am**  
Joseph Manning  
**12:30 pm**  
Tadhg Buckley  
**5:30 pm**  
Marlyn O'Connor

**MASS TIMES**

<b>St. Mary &amp; St. John</b>		<b>Christ Our Light</b>	
8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon	<b>Sunday</b>	11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm	
9:30 am	<b>Monday</b>	8:30 am	
9:30 am	<b>Tuesday</b>	8:30 am	
9:30 am	<b>Wednesday</b>		
9:30 am	<b>Thursday</b>		
9:30 am	<b>Friday</b>	8:30 am	
10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)	<b>Saturday</b>	8 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**

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**Fr. Anthony O'Mahony**



**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Apr-21 & Apr-22-2007

**St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light**

**6.00 pm** Steve Wills  
Margaret O'Sullivan  
Rita Aherne  
Danny Farrell  
Jim Walsh  
Frances O'Brien

**8:00 pm** Anne O'Regan  
Mairead Murphy  
Finbarr Murray  
Lettie Kelly  
**11:00 am** Seamus O'Connell  
Mary O'Connell  
Alan O'Riordan  
Geraldine Keohane  
Gerard Murray

**8:30 am** Mary Buckley  
Rita Murphy  
Mary O'Keefe

**12:30 pm** Lucy O'Callaghan  
Jackie Sheehan  
Mary Green  
Michael O'Leary

**10:00 am** Christina Walsh  
Peter Reilly  
Mary Collins  
Christy Roche  
Katie O'Shea  
Claire Creedon

**12 Noon** Oliver O'Donovan  
Barbara Kelly  
Sean Hennessy  
Mary McLean  
Ellen Seymour  
Nora Hennessy

**5:30 pm** Noelle Buckley  
Mary Breen  
Siobhan Burke



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<b>Monday</b>	<b>Closed</b>
Tuesday	9.30 – 5.00 pm
Wednesday	10.30 – 5.00 pm
Thursday	9.30 – 5.00 pm
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9.30 – 5.00 pm</b>
Saturday	9.30 – 12.30 pm

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Friday	9.30 – 7.30 pm
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