

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 15-April-2012

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.



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Community of Faith

The readings of today certainly present a challenge. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles we hear what it means to be a community of faith. 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 - an example for all of us today. Jesus calls us to build unity and peace in a society so often divided. In the second reading St. John reminds us of the importance of mutual love, faithfulness to God's commandments and belief in Jesus' saving death on the Cross.

In the Gospel story, the disciples are gathered behind closed doors when suddenly Jesus comes amongst them and greets them saying: Peace be with you. As if to reassure them, he shows them the wounds in his hands and side. The disciples are overcome with joy. Jesus is still with them. The mission that was given to Him by his Father, he now passes on to them - He "confirms" them in their mission, saying: "Receive the Holy Spirit. Those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; those whose sins you retain, they are retained.- As the Father sent me, so I am sending you." They are to draw 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 inform him that they have seen the Risen Jesus, his reaction is one of disbelief. He wants proof and to see with his own eyes. Thomas was a faithful follower of Jesus and earlier was even ready to give his life for him. Eight days later when Jesus comes amongst them again, Thomas is present. He encounters the risen Christ and expresses his belief in the living God saying: 'My Lord and my God'. Jesus responds: "You believe because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen and yet believe." Thomas' story is a common experience: believing always in the power of God does not come easy if we are going through difficulties in our everyday lives. All of us have a bit of Thomas in us! But Jesus wants us to have faith, to believe in God. We may struggle and question at times, yet because of our faith in God, we believe that behind the dark clouds of suffering, pain, and problems, there is a God who watches over us and who only asks us to place our trust in him. As St John reminds us in our second reading: 'the victory that conquers the world is our faith'. We thank God for the gift of faith and we pray that in times of doubt, of burdens and trials that we continue to place our trust in Him.

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 govern our country: that they may exercise their office with justice and compassion.

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

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

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

**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. We ask this through Christ our Lord. 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 :

Zara Victoria Heffernan, Old Court, Greenfields.
Dylan John Twomey, Glincool Grove, Maglin.
Evan James Sullivan, Leslies Arch, Old Quarter.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Tadgh Kearney, Westcourt Heights.
Morgan O'Donovan, Classes Lake.
Con O'Driscoll, Ballincollig & Youghal.
John Kiely, Westcourt.
Kitty Dunne, Oakpark, Tralee.
Joan Flood, Chester & Greenfields.

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

Catherine Hayes, Clonmult.
Bernie McNamara, Carrigrohane.
Peter & Frances Moran, Ballintemple.
Jack O'Farrell, Ballydehob.
Bridie Herlihy, Magazine Road.
Neil & Mary Prenderville, Lower Road.
Jimmy Langan, Donegal.
William Walsh, Galway.
Tim Cagney, Gardiners Hill.
Tom O'Donoghue, Inniscarra View.
Sr Gemma O'Dwyer, Infant Jesus Sisters.
John Woods, Carriganarra.
Connie O'Regan, Carriganarra.
Helen Coomey, Carriganarra / Boston.
Dr Sean Crotty, Coolroe.
Patrick & Sheila O'Riordan, Castlepark.
Daisy Downing, Bandon.
Frank Moran, London.
Denis Kiely, Rosewood.
William O'Brien, Fairhill.
Margaret Keanneally, Curraheen.
Thomas Mathew Jennings, Rosewood.
John & Bridget Lee, Inniscarra.

***The Joy and Hope of Ballinora Parish
Past and Present***

Flower Festival in St. James Church
Official Opening by Charlie Wilkins

Friday April 20th 7 30 pm
Saturday 21st 12 noon to 9 pm.
Sunday 22nd 12 noon to 6 pm.

Admission €10 including refreshments.
Proceeds for The Church Restoration Fund

Muskerry Local History Society

The Cork Butter Market - April 17th 2012 (Tuesday)
The National and International Importance and Ultimate Demise of this Innovative Enterprise, presented by Dr. Liam Downey. The lecture will take place in the Ballincollig Rugby Club (Tanner Park) Clubhouse at 8.00 pm.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Second Week Of Easter

15 Sunday Acts 4:32-35. Ps 117. 1 Jn 5:1-6. Jn 20:19-31. Lect I: 441
16 Monday Acts 4:23-31 - Ps 2. Jn 3:1-8. Lect I: 447
17 Tuesday Acts 4:32-37. Ps. 92. In. 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. In. 6:16-21. Lect I: 459

Next Sunday's Readings 22-April-2012

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

"Mothers' Prayers"

Recommence

Wednesday 18th April 10.30 am at Meeting Room at

Christ our Light Church

Thursday 19th April 10.00 am at Library Room,

Parish Community Hall

We welcome Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers to join us in prayer for our children and the youth of our parish on one of these mornings.

Week Of Directed Prayer

The Week of Directed Prayer organised by the Faith Development Group of the Parish Council went off very well for the twenty seven participants who availed of it. Thanks to all those who prayed for them.

Many of the participants expressed a desire to continue to read Scripture and to pray with Scripture and also their need of help in order to do this. There are already a number of Scripture groups operating in the parish e.g. Scripture talks, Lectio Divina (Sacred Reading) groups and others, but there is room for more. Anyone who is remotely interested in forming/joining a prayer group or interested in continuing with Scripture in some form, is invited to attend an Information Meeting on Wednesday 18th April at 7.30 p.m. in the Annex to the Community Centre.

Others in the parish who wish to join a prayer group are also invited to attend. Feel free to come along to the meeting for information only. There will be no obligation to join a group. Your own ideas and suggestions will be very welcome.

Sr. Elizabeth

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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.

Ballincollig Parish Pilgrimage - To The Holy Land

"and now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem"

An INFORMATION MEETING for those who may be interested in coming on our pilgrimage to the Holy Land in October will be held in the Annexe to the Community Centre at 8.00 pm on Thursday April 19th.

The 2012 Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land will depart from Cork Airport on a direct flight to Tel Aviv on Friday October 12th and will return from Tel Aviv on Friday October 19th.

The cost of the eight day pilgrimage will be € 1,250 including half-board accommodation and all taxes.

For the first four days we will be based in Tiberias on the Sea of Galilee and we will be based in Bethlehem from October 16th. Lar Cunningham will be the Pilgrimage Leader and Fr Billy O'Sullivan the Spiritual Director.

The Tour Operator is Celebration Travel Ireland Limited.

For further information contact Lar Cunningham at 4873364..

Bulletin Board

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place **Saturday 28th April, 2012 at 12.00 noon** in the **Library Room, Community Hall, Station Road**. 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? Parents might book the baptism a few weeks in advance to give ample time to take part in the preparation.

Children's Mass

The next Children's Mass for children in second class preparing for their first Holy Communion will take place on Sunday 22nd April, 2012, at 11.00 am in Church of Christ Our Light. The Parents of children who are seven and eight are asked to bring them to this Mass. Preparation with children commences in the main body of the church at 10.45 am. The Children retire to the crying room where they celebrate the Liturgy of the Word in a child friendly fashion. They will return to the main church at the start of the offertory procession

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, the Scouts, Cleaners, the Sacristans in both Churches, The Parishioner, Parish Council and Parish Council Sub Groups. 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 Michael, Fr Billy 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 next collection for Diocesan needs will be taken up at all Masses on Sat/Sun 28 /29th April.

Coeliac Host

Coeliac Host available at all Masses in both churches. Generally the Priest celebrating the Mass has the Coeliac Host. To help the Celebrant you might please let him know before the Mass.

Fr. George

50th INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS DUBLIN

June 2012



The new covenant is established at the Last Supper. This is a "family making meal" to ratify the covenant by which we become daughters and sons of God, co-heirs with Christ.

Jesus' words over the chalice recall Moses' words when he sprinkled the blood of the old covenant sacrifice at Mount Sinai.

The Eucharist is both the family meal and the solemn sacrifice of the New Covenant.

Munster Survivors Support Services

Concelebrated Mass of Remembrance and Reconciliation for Deceased and Living Survivors of Institutional and Child Abuse In Ireland.

Celebration will take place on Saturday 21st April at 2 pm In Holy Cross Church, Mahon, Cork.

Main Concelebrants are Bishop John Buckley Cork and Ross and Bishop (William) Bill Murphy (Bishop Of Kerry).

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Apr-21 & Apr-22-2012

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Muireann Nelligan
Padraig McAuliffe
8:30 am
Triona Downey

10:00 am
Sean Collins
Kate Collins
12:00 Noon
Oliver O'Donovan
David Drohan

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Pauline Collins
Niall Cronin
11:00 am
Maebh Nic Mheanmain

12:30 pm
Cathy Naughton
Una Lynch
5:30 pm
Marlyn O'Connor

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
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Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C.	021-4877161
Fr. Billy O'Sullivan C.C.	021-4876171
Fr. James McSweeney	021-4873308

The Church I Believe in?

An opportunity to explore the Church of today.

Prof Mary T. Malone.

Sacred Heart Hall Western Road.

- Professor Mary T. Malone (author and historian)
Saturday 28th April, 10.30 am-1.00 pm (registration 10.00 am).
Anne Francis 087-228-2134 abfrancis@eircom.net
Suggested contribution €5.

Troubled by someone else's drinking?

Try Al-anon. Local Meetings S V de P Centre Station Road
Thursdays 8.30 pm. Phone: 021 4311899.



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Apr-21 & Apr-22-2012

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

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

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Theresa Lucey
Triona Collins

10:00 am Anne Cahill
Pat Lee
Cathy Horgan
Claudine Tiendioh
Betty Flavin
Anne Spillane

12 Noon Helen Plunkett
Seamus O'Donovan
Eleanor Knowles
Catherine Greene
Joan Barrett
Dymphna Canny

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

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

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

5:30 pm Bernard Curran
John Canty



***For Families of Children Preparing for First Holy Communion
Learning About the Mass with Kath and Qumen***

Holy Communion

The priest breaks the Bread of Life before it is shared with everybody. This reminds us of what Jesus did at the Last Supper, 'He broke the bread and gave it to his friends.' While the bread is being broken, we pray the Lamb of God together.

The priest prepares to receive the Body and Blood of Christ by saying a prayer quietly. He then takes the Bread of Life, holds it over the chalice and shows it to the assembly. We respond to this invitation: *Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.* The priest and Minister of the Eucharist receive the Bread of Life. They also receive from the chalice. We go to the Table of the Lord in procession to receive the Bread of Life.

