

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 16-March-2008

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.

Palm Sunday is the day of the long gospel; this year we will hear Matthew's account of the Passion of Christ. The beginning of this gospel is focused on Judas and his question what will you give me? Thirty pieces of silver was the deal, nice sum of money, as the job would not take too long. The task was to lead the Jewish guards to where Jesus was spending the night. I am confident that Judas reassured himself that he wasn't doing anything illegal. The law was on his side. Then if Jesus is as powerful as he claimed He would be able to look after himself. Besides the authorities would arrest him eventually so he might as well have the thirty pieces of silver as anybody else.

Judas reasoned you have to take your chances to get on in life. He would look after himself and let others do the same. There was a niggling doubt that betraying a man was wrong but Judas quickly smothered that thought. He made his choice. He probably did not foresee all the consequence of his actions as we read them in today's gospel. Many of us have Judas moments in our lives.

This year St. Patrick's day is the first day of Holy week, so the Irish bishops decided to celebrate our national feast day on Saturday March 15th, somewhat confusing but Easter has not been so early for almost a hundred years.

Palm Sunday also marks the first day of Holy week, a week that is at the heart of our Christian faith. During Holy week The Eucharist, Priesthood (Holy Thursday), the Agony and death of Christ (Good Friday) and finally the Resurrection of Christ (Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday) are celebrated and recalled. I want to encourage parishioners to please come to all or some of the ceremonies during Holy Week..

George O'Mahony

Reflection for Parents

There is much to reflect on in this reading. One interesting note, however, is the different responses Judas and Peter had when they came face to face with their rejection of Christ. After his three denials, Peter "wept bitterly." These tears of regret led the way to reconciliation when Peter first encountered the risen Christ. Judas, on the other hand, knew what he did was wrong, but he couldn't face the hopelessness his actions brought. To relieve the pain of what he had done, Judas took his own life. Some days it is difficult (even beyond measure) to be a parent. The lesson we learn today is that reconciliation and healing bring us long-term joy instead of living in the harsh bitterness of despair.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us present our concerns and prayers before our gracious God.

Reader

That all members of the Church will play their role in spreading the gospel.

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

That those who are persecuted for their faith may find the strength to remain steadfast.

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

That Christians everywhere may be strengthened in faith through the coming celebration of Holy Week.

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

That those who are far from God may return to God's loving embrace.

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

That all of us may walk with Jesus through death to new life.

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

That those who have gone before us may enter the fullness of eternal life.

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

Priest

God of our salvation, you sent your Son to save us from sin. Hear our prayers that we may enter the passion of Jesus and rise with him to new life. We make these and all our prayers through that same Jesus, our Lord.

Amen.

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 :

Seamus Patrick Ryan, Berryfield, Classes Lake.
 Fiona Sophie Rockl, Aylsbury Lawn.
 Cillian Sean O’Riordan, Castle Park.
 Kellie Joanna Nason, Shamrock Drive, Muskerry Estate.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Brendan O’Connell, Ballingulley.
 Ellen Thompson, Wyndham Downs.
 Ellen Claffey, The Maltings.
 Ann Noonan, Westgrove.
 Sylvia McNulty, Castle Park.
 Eileen Feeney, Beech Road.

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

Norah & Patrick Barry, Redemption Rd.
 Annie Cotter, Fr. Sexton Park.
 Robert Cuthbert, Douglas.
 Fr Joe Fitzgerald, Columban Fathers.
 Helen Kenneally, Beech Park.
 Owen O’Dwyer, Ballyshoneen.
 Bernie O’Connell, Kilnaglory.
 Eileen Walsh, Muskerry Estate.
 Pat McGrath, Glasheen Road.
 Mona Vaughan, Kilnamartyra.
 Deceased Members of Deasy & Walsh Families.
 John Doab, The Crescent.
 Fiona Buckley, Glenville.
 Ted Corkery, Aherla
 Bridget Punch, Glincool, Maglin.
 Joe Butler, Inniscarra View.
 Richard Murphy, Innishmore Park.
 Jerry & Kitty Hallahan, Kilmichael & Wales.
 John & Mary O’Connor.
 Michael & Mary Harrington, Douglas St.
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Holy Week

16 Sunday Is. 50:4-7. Ps 22. Phil. 2:6- 11. Mt. 26:14-27,66. Lect I: 346
 17 Monday Is. 42:1-7. Ps. 26. Jn. 12:1-11 Lect I: 374
 18 Tuesday Is. 49: 1-6. Ps. 70. Jn. 13:21-33,36-38. Lect I: 376
 19 Wednesday Is. 50:4-9. Ps. 68. Mt. 26:14-25. Lect I: 379
 20 Thursday Ex. 12:1-8,11-14. Ps. 115.1 Cor. 11:23-26. Jn. 13:1-15. Lect I: 387
 21 Friday Is. 52: 13-53: 12. Ps. 30. Heb. 4: 14-16, 5:7-9. Jn. 18: 1-19:42.
 22 Saturday

Next Sunday’s Readings 23-March-2008

Acts 10:34, 37-43. Ps. 117. Col. 3: 1-4 or 1 Cor. 5:6-9. Jn. 20: 1-9. Lect I:

Bulletin Board

A Time to Remember

Irish Stillbirth & Neonatal Death Society invite bereaved parents, families and friends, to remember children and loved ones in a special way at St. Joseph’s, S.M.A. Wilton Cork on 30th March, 2008 at 3 pm.

Reconciliation Service

Penitential service in St Mary and St John's church on Tuesday 19th March at 7.00 pm. This is an opportunity to gather as a faith community and acknowledge our need of God's forgiveness as we prepare for Easter.

Priesthood in Cork & Ross

Information Day about becoming a priest in Cork & Ross
Date: Saturday April 12th, 2008
Venue: Ennismore Retreat Centre, Cork
Time: 11 am to 5 pm (Lunch Provided)

Chrism Mass

Bishop Buckley invites you to the Chrism Mass in the Cathedral on Holy Thursday, March 20th at 10 am. It is an occasion of Special thanksgiving as the Oils for the Celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and the Anointing of the Sick are blessed.

Pilgrimage to Knock

Legion of Mary Annual Pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday 11th May. Bus leaves village at 7.00 am. Bus Fare €20, to be paid as soon as possible.
 Phone Sally - 4870954, Kathleen - 4874730.

Spring Dues

Envelopes are currently being distributed to homes throughout the parish of Ballincollig; contribution of the dues is for the support of the priests of the parish. Please return it by placing it in the basket at Mass. Should your home be missed spare envelopes are available from the back of the church.

This Week’s Calendar

Monday 17	Monday in Holy Week
Tuesday 18	Tuesday in Holy Week
Wednesday 19	Wednesday in Holy Week
Thursday 20	Holy Thursday
Friday 21	Good Friday
Saturday 22	Holy Saturday

Fr. George

Ballincollig Parish Bereavement Support

The next Parish Bereavement Programme will commence on Tuesday, 1 April. This eight week programme is open to all who are bereaved. It is held in a small group setting one night each week. If you have experienced loss and would like further information, please contact Sr. Colette O’Leary: 086 3557375 or the Parish Office: 4871206.

Ballincollig Church Services Holy Week

16th to 22nd March 2008

St. Mary & St. John		
Day	Event	Time
Sunday	Normal Masses	8:30 am, 10 am 12 noon
Monday	Normal Mass	9:30 am
Tuesday	Normal Mass	9:30 am
	Reconciliation Service	7.00 pm
Wednesday	Normal Mass	9:30 am
Holy Thursday	No Morning Mass	
	Mass of the Last Supper followed by Adoration & Holy Hour	8:00 pm
	Confessions	12.00 to 1.00 pm
	Confessions	7.00 to 8.00 pm
Good Friday	Stations of the Cross	12.00 & 3.00 pm
	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	8.00 pm
	Confessions	AFTER ALL CEREMONIES
Holy Saturday	No Morning Mass	
	Confessions	11.30 am to 1.00 pm
		2 pm to 4.00 pm
	Evening Mass	6.00 pm
	Easter Vigil & Mass	9.00 pm
Christ Our Light		
Day	Event	Time
Sunday	Normal Masses	11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm
Monday	Afternoon & Evening Mass	12:30 pm & 8:00 pm
Tuesday	Normal Masses	8:30 am & 8:00 pm
Wednesday	Normal Masses	8:30 am & 8:00 pm
Holy Thursday	No Morning Mass	
	Mass of the Last Supper followed by Adoration & Holy Hour	6.30 pm
	Confessions	After 6:30 pm Mass
Good Friday	Stations of the Cross	12.00 (for children) & 3 pm
	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	6.30 pm
	Confessions	AFTER ALL CEREMONIES
Holy Saturday	No Morning Mass	
	Confessions	11.30 am
	Easter Vigil & Mass	7.30 pm

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

The servant of the Lord was rebuffed but did not turn back; he was beaten and spat upon. The suffering one knew the Lord God was with him.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Christ was in the form of God but did not consider equality with God a thing to be grasped at. He emptied himself, took the form of a slave, and was obedient unto death! Therefore, God exalted him, and all proclaim him Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66

Each year on this Sunday we follow the events of Jesus' life from the time he entered Jerusalem until the point where he was laid in the tomb after his crucifixion. Jesus first entered Jerusalem riding a donkey amid waving palm leaves. It was in Jerusalem that he foretold Judas' betrayal, Peter's denial, and established the Eucharist at the Passover meal. Jesus took his disciples into Gethsemane to pray, but they could not stay awake with him. In the garden, Jesus was turned over to the authorities, tried before the Sanhedrin, brought to Pilate, and sentenced to death. When offered a choice during the festival to release a prisoner, the people chose the release of Barabbas. Their choice was beyond Pilate's comprehension, so he symbolically washed his hands of the whole deal. Jesus was turned over to the Roman authorities for crucifixion and mocked by them. Finally, Jesus died on the cross. The earth darkened and quaked. He was prepared quickly for burial and laid in the tomb.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Mar-22 & Mar-23-2008

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Carmel Keane
8:30 am
Pat Fennell
10:00 am
Margot Twomey
Jordan Crowley
12:00 Noon
Sean Hennessy
Shane Lehane

7:30 pm (Vigil)
11:00 am
12:30 pm
5:30 pm



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Mar-22 & Mar-23-2008

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

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

7:30 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

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

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

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

5:30 pm Noelle Buckley
Mary Breen
Siobhan Burke

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	12:30 pm & 8 pm
9:30 am	Tuesday	8:30 am & 8 pm
9:30 am	Wednesday	8:30 am & 8 pm
8 pm	Thursday	6:30 pm
8 pm	Friday	6:30 pm
6 pm & 9 pm (Easter Vigil)	Saturday	7:30 pm (Easter 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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Friday 9.30 - 5.00 pm

Saturday 9.30 - 12.30 pm



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Saturday 9.30 - 5.00 pm