

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

150 Years



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 19-April-2015

Third Sunday of Easter

It is difficult for us to accept suffering as part of God's plan. Today we are reminded that it was part of his plan for the Messiah. It was a suffering that he transformed by raising him from the dead. Jesus is this Risen Lord, in him our weakness and our sins are overcome.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Call to Witness and Repentance

In today's Gospel we hear of two Disciples telling the apostles of their encounter with the Risen Jesus on the road to Emmaus and how they had recognized him at the breaking of bread. As they are telling their story, Jesus appears among them and greets them saying: 'peace be with you'. They are frightened, as they are still unable to make sense of all that has been happening in the recent events in Jerusalem. Jesus shows them the wounds in his hands and his feet and tries to reassure them; as St Luke says, he then opened their minds to understand the significance of what was written about him in the Scriptures; saying that the Christ would suffer; on the third day He would rise from the dead, and that in his name, repentance and forgiveness of sins would be preached to all nations.

The disciples, who are witness to these events, now have a new mission which is to preach in the name of Jesus and to proclaim the kingdom of God. Just as Jesus was counting on His disciples to be his witnesses, so too He calls us to witness to Him through our lives, words, and actions. We may never know or be aware of how we have touched people's lives. Throughout our own lives our faith has been nurtured by people we have encountered on life's journey. As we walked through the Streets of Ballincollig on Good Friday for our Outdoor Stations of the Cross, it was edifying to see so many people, including families; youth; young parents pushing buggies; as together we prayed and reflected on Jesus' journey to Calvary. Looking back at Holy Week there were many instances of so many people giving witness to their Faith by their generosity and by their participation in the many events and Liturgies of that week. Throughout the year, as followers of Jesus, we are called to witness to Him in our daily lives.

Jesus paid the price for our sins by his passion and death on the Cross. St John tells us: "He is the sacrifice that takes our sins away and not only ours but the whole worlds". It is a reminder, that while we are all sinners, we have a loving and compassionate God who is always ready to forgive us and who journey's with us every day.

Sr. Colette

Thought for Today

Why was it necessary in today's Gospel for Christ to show his disciples his hands and his feet; to invite them to touch him, and for them to witness him actually eating a piece of fish? Precisely to show them that his risen body was a real body and not simply an apparition. Many Christians at that time could not accept that God really became human; they preferred to think that Christ was pure spirit. Likewise, many people today think only in terms of souls going to heaven -and not bodies. But that was not what happened to Christ. We need to re-discover the concept of the Resurrection of the Body.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us bring our prayers before him who has been raised from the dead and now intercedes for us with the Father.

Reader

For all Christians: that they may preach the Gospel by their words and deeds.

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

For the leaders of our country: that they may fulfil their responsibilities worthily and well.

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

For those who have suffered a bereavement or disappointment: that the Lord may turn their sorrow into joy.

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

For the sick: that God may renew their strength.

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

For those who have died that the radiance of Christ's risen glory may shine on them.

**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

Lord Jesus don't walk ahead of us, we may not follow; don't walk behind us, we may not lead; just walk beside us and be our friend. We make our prayers to the Father through you, Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

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BAPTISMS

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

Sienna Jane Kinsella, Beech Park.
 Luke Joseph McKenna, Chestnut Grove, Classes Lake.
 Libby Rose, Fernway, Classes Lake.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Agnes Hypolite, London.
 Madeleine Leonard, Wicklow.
 Michael O'Shea, Scoil Eoin, Ballincollig.
 Mary O'Connell, Main Street.
 Michael O'Keeffe, Crossbarry.
 Zita Smith, Dublin.
 Jeremiah Walsh, Mayfield.
 Pat Carroll, Innishmore.
 Margaret (Peg) O'Donoghue, Peter O'Donovan Crescent.
 Joy Lordan, Lisheen, Ovens.

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

Nan Kavanagh, Leemount.
 Patrick Keohane, Leevue, Inniscarra.
 Dec. members Lakewood Pitch & Putt Club.
 John & Hannah Haynes, Greenmount Buildings.
 Tom Bluett, Westcourt.
 Tony O'Sullivan, Station Road.
 Matt Jennings, Ballincollig.
 Paddy Deasy, Model Farm Road.
 John Lucey, Coolroe.
 John McGroarty, Cobh.
 Tom O'Leary, Maglin.
 Tadgh Creed, Inniscarra View.
 Ellen O'Sullivan, Inniscarra.
 Richard Walsh, Ballinlough.
 Jeremiah & John O'Leary, Sunningdale/Cloghroe.
 Rennie & Elmer Layman, Boston U.S.A.
 Jeremy Lynch, Limeworth.
 Peg Collar, Manor Hill.
 Bridie Sexton, Hillsboro.
 Mary Linehan, Inniscarra View.
 Catherine (Kitty) Murphy, Bishopstown/Powdermills.
 Pauline Sheehan, Curraheen.

"Mothers' Prayers"

Continue every Thursday @ 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.

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

Third Week Of Easter

19 Sunday Acts 3:13-15, 17-19. Ps 4. 1 Jn 2:1-5. Lk 24:35-48. Lect I: 465
 20 Monday Acts 6:8-15. Ps 118. Jn 6:22-29. Lect I: 472
 21 Tuesday Acts 7:51-8:1. Ps30. Jn 6:30-35. Lect I: 474
 22 Wednesday Acts 8:1-8. Ps. 65. Jn. 6:35-40. Lect I: 476
 23 Thursday Acts 8:26-40. Ps 65. Jn 6:44-51. Lect I: 479
 24 Friday Acts 9:1-20. Ps 116. Jn 6:52-59. Lect I: 481
 25 Saturday 1 Pet 5:5-14. Ps 88. Mk 16:15-20. Lect II: 1005

Next Sunday's Readings 26/April/2015

Acts 4:8-12. Ps 117. 1 in 3:1-2. Jn 10:11-18. Lect I: 490

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19
 In this speech to the Jews, St. Peter aims primarily that Our Lord is the Messiah whose sufferings were foretold by the Prophet Messiah. He wishes to prove that Jesus, in spite of his crucifixion was the Messiah. Peter consoles the Jews with the thought that they had no idea as to whom they were putting to death. Now, however, they are being told so the time has come for them to ask forgiveness for their sins.

Second Reading: 1 John 2: 1-5
 The Apostle urges his readers to be very careful to avoid sin; yet he knows the weakness of human nature and holds out the hope of pardon to the sinner because we have an advocate with the Father, one who intercedes for us and for the whole world. Christ exercises this office of advocate for sinners by continually offering the merits of his passion and death on their behalf.

Gospel: Luke 24: 35-48
 When Luke set out to write his Gospel he said that he would put all things 'in order'. With these last words of Jesus he welds together what was foretold in Scripture with the mission of the Apostles in the future. Christ had to suffer for the sins of men but as the Messiah he had to rise again and give to the Apostles the power to forgive sins and bring liberation to mankind.

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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

Mind Our Men

This campaign is calling on the women and men of Ireland to look out for the men in their lives. Together we can help reduce the rate of male suicide. For every 10 suicides in Ireland, 8 of them are men - we want you to reach out and look out for the men closest to you.

Spot the signs. Save a life.

Pieta House

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150th Anniversary Celebrations of the Church of St. Mary & St. John.

Flower Festival in the church will take place on 8th 9th & 10th May, 2015. Opening Ceremony Friday 8th May at 7.30pm. All Welcome.

Celebrating and praying for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life

Pope Francis has designated this year – the Year for Consecrated Life – so we invite the priests, religious and people of the Diocese to join together to give thanks for the vocations of the past, to celebrate the vocations in our diocese today and to pray in hope for vocations of the future in our Diocesan liturgy on Friday 24th April at 7:30pm at Saint Michael's Church, Blackrock, Cork.

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

Come and See

Priesthood in the Diocese of Cork and Ross

An open invitation is extended to men over 18 who are interested in knowing more about being a priest in our Diocese to come to an afternoon information session on this Sunday 19th April from 2:30pm to 5:30pm Ennismore Retreat Centre, Montenotte, Cork.

Bulletin Board

Special Collection for Diocesan Needs.

Second collection for Diocesan Needs will be taken up at all Masses this week end. The success of these collections has greatly assisted the operations of the Diocesan Central account. The collections initially amounted to approximately €78,000 per quarter, with the continuing quarterly collections now being maintained at approximately €60,000 or €240,000 annually. This amounts to a significant contribution, 20% to the overall Income of the Central Fund of the Diocese, which pays the running costs of the Diocese. The generosity of people of the Diocese and the resulting success of quarterly collection is evident in its effect in contribution to the running costs of the Diocesan Central Account.

Children's Mass

The next Children's Mass for children in second class preparing for their first Holy Communion will take place this Sunday April 19th at 11.00am 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 the children commences in the main body of the church at 10.45am. 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.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday May 2nd at 12.00 noon in the Annex, 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.

Trocaire Boxes

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

Confirmation

Congratulations boys & girls who received the sacrament of Confirmation in Scoil Barra. Sincere thanks to the parents and dedicated teachers who work diligently preparing young people for the sacrament.

Confirmation Dates 2015

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| Monday 20th April | Scoil Mhuire |
| Thursday 30th April | Gael Scoil |
| Friday 8th May | Scoil Eoin |

First Holy Communion Dates 2015

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| 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

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Apr/25 & Apr/26/2015

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)

Aine Sheehan
Michael Collins

8:30 am

Pat Fennell
Kate Healy

10:00 am

Tony Hegarty
Daithi O'Floinn

12:00 Noon

Oliver O'Donovan
Niamh Heelan

7:30 pm (Vigil)

Fiona Feely

11:00 am

Jack Dorgan
Harry O'Brien

12:30 pm

Adaugu Ebili
Caterina Nugent

5:30 pm

Christine O'Brien

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

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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

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Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

Week 20th Apr to 26th Apr

Brid Dunne

Sr. Colette O'Leary

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/25 & Apr/26/2015

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm

Patsie Murphy

Pat Moore

Mary Walsh

Marie Healy

Margaret Kearney

Nora Barry

7:30 pm

Sheila O'Connor

Martin O'Regan

Brid Healy-Harris

Kit Cahill

Andrzej Janukowicz

11:00 am

Carmel Ryan

Eileen Byrne

Bernadett Spillane

Laurence / Angela Cunn-

ningham

David Mahony

8:30 am

Theresa Lucey

Tom Butler

Triona Collins

10:00 am

Margaret Bunyan

Mary Murphy

Joan Tobin

Breda Monaghan

Niamh Nic Gearailt

Mary Hennigan

12:30 pm

Eileen Garvey

Breda Callanan

Catherine Freehill

Betty Walsh

12 Noon

Marie Bowen

Breda Lenihan

Jacinta Jeffers

Rena O'Connor

Sean Farrell

5:30 pm

Olan O'Mahony

Noel Kelleher

Children's Corner

A Prayer to say...

Dear Father in heaven, thank you for loving us. Thank you for sending Jesus and giving us your peace. Help us to bring peace to our world too. Amen.

In the Gospel today...

After his death and resurrection Jesus came to see his friends. He said, "Peace be with you" Jesus' disciples were frightened, though, because they thought Jesus might be a ghost. Jesus proved it was really him by eating a meal of fish with them.

Ballincollig Community Network

Invitation to an Information Morning

What is it about? – Information on the new Child & Family Agency (Tuslá) including Local Area Pathways/ Meitheal / Networks

Why and what is this about? – Find out the relevance of working under these structures for your organisation and the families you work with.

Who will be delivering the information ?

Ger Phillips Project Leader – Child & Family Agency, Tuslá

When ? – 10am – 12pm Wednesday 22nd April 2015

Where ? – SHEP offices (above Ballincollig Library)

RSVP – frc.ballincollig@gmail.com

Be There – Be Involved