

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 20-April-2003



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road



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,*



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

EASTER

The Orthodox Church has an interesting Easter custom. At the end of services on this Easter Sunday eggs are blessed and distributed to everyone in Church to show that all share in the blessings of this great feast. The members then greet one another and crack their eggs together. When one egg cracks, the owner cries: "Christ is risen!" The other person answers: "Truly He is risen!"

Cracking the egg represents the breaking open of the grave of Christ. The egg shows new life. Inside the egg is the material which will make a tiny, new chicken. That new life comes forth when the chick breaks out of the egg.

Christ's coming forth from the grave is something like that. Christ was really dead before He came to life again. The egg seems dead before it brings forth life. The egg reminds us of the tomb in which Jesus was buried. The chick breaking forth from the egg reminds us of Jesus breaking forth from the tomb.

We are happy at Easter because Jesus rose from the dead and because He promised that we will rise from the dead at some future date. But our happiness can be even greater when we realize that we can rise from the grave – TODAY. There are many kinds of tombs and many kinds of resurrections. Every one of us can rise from a tomb – TODAY, because every one of us can rise to a better and higher life – TODAY.

In today's Good News we read, "the stone was taken away." But God's power Christ's grave was opened. By God's power the stone that holds you and me buried can be taken away.

What are these stones that weigh us down? First, there is the stone of selfishness, being concerned only with our own good. The risen Christ will help us roll that stone away by becoming interested in doing what pleases God and what helps our neighbour.

There is the stone of greed, the stone of gluttony. How these weigh down both body and soul! The stone of indifference or lack of love keeps us from trying to please God, keeps us from trying to do good to our neighbour. On this glorious day of the resurrection when we re-live the story of God's love for us, we can break out of this indifference, this lukewarmness, with the strength of our risen Saviour.

What is the stone you would like to have taken away so that you can come forth with Christ, bright and powerful? Is it impurity, dishonesty, laziness, pride, anger, envy? With the help of Christ throw it off and Easter will be a much happier day for you.

The main reason for our joy today is that Jesus rose and that He promised we will rise. But there is special joy in each of the resurrections we talked about. May our heavenly Father "bring us – all of us – to the glory of the resurrection," as we will pray after Communion. The Blessed Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – are ready to share with us the happiness of having the stone rolled away. That is the kind of Happy Easter I wish to all of you.

John O'Donovan

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

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

Reader

That those becoming Christian through baptism this Easter may imitate the faith of those already baptised.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

That all the nations and people of the earth may learn to walk the way of peace and justice.

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, who defeated darkness.

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.

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

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

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

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest

O God, you lead your people from defeat to triumph. Hear and grant our prayers, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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, John O'Donovan, Michael O'Mahony & Paul O'Donoghue

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

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BAPTISMS

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

Sean Gerard Done, 20 The Meadows, Classis
 Molly Aideen Hickey, 12A Glincool Park
 Ross Daniel McAuliffe, 90 The Cloisters
 Matthew Patrick Donovan, 21 The Green, Coolroe Meadows

MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Niall Murphy, 4 Westbury Heights &
 Virginia Harrington, Westbury Heights

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Bridget Hunt, Clonakilty

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

Lena Dennehy, Castle View
 Eileen Burke, Whitechurch
 Pauline, Paddy & Jerry Sheehan, Curraheen
 Joan Lucey, Coolroe
 Joan McGroarty, Cobh
 Martin Staunton, Birmingham
 Fr. Maurice Brew
 Liam Barrett, Kileens
 Maureen Cuddihy, Coolroe
 John Lucey, Coolroe
 Billy Holmes, Kerry Pike
 Deceased Members of the O'Sullivan family
 Tom, Eileen & Jim Madigan
 Marcella Callanan, Muskerry Estate
 Tim Lucey, Industry Place
 Dec. Members of the Finnegan & Murphy Families
 Julia & Daniel Murphy, Curraheen
 Tim & Joan Murphy, Currabeg
 Sally O'Sullivan
 Tommy Carroll, Kilmichael
 Mary Linehan, Inniscarra View
 Eileen Murphy, Muskerry
 Patrick Hayes, Clonakilty

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

THE EASTER SEASON

20 Sunday Acts. 10:34,37-43. Ps. 117. Col. 3:1-4 or 1 Cor. 5:6-9. In. 20: 1-9. Lect 1:417
 21 Monday Acts 2:14,22-32. Ps. 15. Mt. 28:8-15. Lect 1:423
 22 Tuesday Acts 2:36-41. Ps. 32. In. 20:11-18 Lect 1:425
 23 Wednesday Acts 3:1-10. Ps. 104. Lk. 24:13-35. Lect 1:427
 24 Thursday Acts 3: 11-26. Ps. 8. Lk. 24:35-48. Lect 1:429
 25 Friday Acts 4: 1-12. Ps. 117. In. 21: 1-14. Lect 1:432
 26 Saturday Acts 4: 13-21. Ps. 117. Mk. 16:9-15. Lect 1:435

The Cork Simon Community Overseas Trek

The Cork Simon Community's most exciting fundraising event of the year, a trip to Mozambique takes place from the 7th to the 18th of September. The Mozambique Work Project involves trekking between villages where we will undertake work with the local community such as painting schools and clearing playing fields. Participants must raise a minimum of €4,000 to cover all costs of the event and provide much-needed funds for Cork Simon. If you would like more information, please contact Rachel or Mairéad on 021 4321166 or e-mail fundraising@corksioncommunity.ie.

BALLINCOLLIG LIONS CLUB

EASTER BAZAAR

Sunday 27th April 2003

We are looking for unwanted /surplus Quality Goods
 Check your garage/attic.

Drop to Community Hall or contact for collection:
 Statia @ 4870204 / Elizabeth @ 4870354 /
 Chris @ 70 Beech Park

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.

CROWLEY

FUNERAL DIRECTORS

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING: Acts 10: 34, 37-43.

At a time when racism is one of the topics of discussion it is important to note the teaching of the Apostles. God chooses his elect no matter what their nationality. The whole tenor of St. Peter's speech shows that the Gentiles were included in the command of Jesus to preach to the whole world. Salvation is not a matter of race. Faith in Jesus is alone required.

SECOND READING: Colossians 3: 1-4.

At Baptism Christians have died a mystical death when they went down into the cleansing waters, but they died only to be raised to a new life in Christ. This is more understandable when speaking of adult baptism. The adult who accepts baptism into Christianity dies to his old pagan way of life and comes out of the water a new person. To live a new life means to think, to love, to act in a new way.

GOSPEL: John 20: 1-9

One of the proofs of the Resurrection is the fact of the empty tomb. First Mary Magdalen, then Peter and John discover that there is no body in the tomb. The details show that body snatchers had not been at work. They would have never carefully divested the body of its linen bands before taking it away. The bandages were not in a confused heap, but were lying on the ledge. And the napkin that had been over his head was lying apart and carefully rolled up. John perceived the truth at once.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Mark 25-April-2003

Even though Mark is one of the four Evangelists very little is known for certain about his life.

His name crops up frequently in the Acts of the Apostles. He was the son of a lady named Mary to whose house Peter came when he escaped from prison. The house was a meeting place for the Christians. It is probable that with other members of the household he had been baptized by Peter. Mark was a cousin of Barnabas, the missionary companion of St. Paul. There is mention of Mark travelling with Paul and later we find him in Rome with Peter. When Paul wrote to Timothy from captivity in Rome he instructed him to bring Mark 'for he is useful to me for the ministry'.

In his Gospel Mark puts the teachings of St. Peter into writing. He wrote especially for non-Jews, those newly converted from paganism. Scholars agree that his Gospel was written for the early Christians in Rome.

**BALLINCOLLIG PARISH
CONFIRMATIONS 2003**

Scoil Barra - Wednesday 7th May 2003

Gaelscoil Uí Ríordáin - Wednesday 21st May 2003

Legion of Mary

Annual Pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday 25th May

Bus leaving village at 7 am sharp.

Fare €18.00 Deposit €10.00

Phone Sally 4870954

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On the 9th of November 2002 Mick O'Connell set out with the Dolphin Senior Team for a Charity Cup match in Clonakilty.

Spirits were high; as Dolphin had won their first two AIL games, their best start in years. Little did we know that a freak accident was about to happen and Mick would suffer serious spinal injuries that would change his life and that of his family forever?

Mick was taken to the Cork University Hospital where he was operated on that evening, but his condition deteriorated within a week, due to internal bleeding and pneumonia, which left him fighting for his life for the next two months.

He lost nearly 6 stone in weight during that time, thankfully by the 22nd of January Mick's condition had improved significantly to allow him to be transferred to the National Rehabilitation Centre in Dun Laoghaire where intensive remedial treatment began and he is gradually putting on weight and getting stronger day by day.

There is nothing we can do in respect to Mick's injuries except for our prayers but we can help in removing the financial challenges to ensure that he can have a future where his long-term needs are catered for, whatever they may be.

A Sponsored 5K Run/Walk will take place on Sunday the 11th of May, 2003 where each participant will be asked to raise a **minimum** sponsorship of €100.00. There is of course no maximum to what you can collect or donate.

We would like your assistance and we are requesting that you inform your parishioners of this event so that as many people as possible will take part and raise sponsorship.

What happened to Mick O'Connell is every parent's worst nightmare and we are asking every one to support this worthy cause.

**Yours sincerely
Paul Mitchell, Chairman.**

FAST FOOD FOR THE SOUL

ONE DAY RETREATS

May: 3,4,5,7,10,11,12,14,17, 18, 19,21,24,25,26,27

August: 20,23,24,25,26,27,30,31

September: 2,3,6,8,9,13,14,15,16,20,21

Cost: €20 inc. boat fare, coffee & light lunch.

Reservations essential for the One Day Retreats

QUIET DAYS

"where you can be all by yourself and rest for a while"

6 May, 1 & 17 September

Arrival 10am - Departure 4pm

Cost: €15 inc. boat fare & refreshments.

To ensure space & atmosphere, numbers are limited.

Reservations essential for Quiet Days.

THREE DAY PILGRIMAGE

You may commence your pilgrimage on any day from Friday 30th May to Wednesday 13th August

Cost: €35 inc. boat fare and accommodation.

No reservation required for Three Day Pilgrimages

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Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co Donegal**

LOUGH DERG

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Apr-26 & Apr-27-2003

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Karen Sheehan
8:30 am
Elizabeth Daly
10:00 am
Elaine Murphy
12:00 Noon
Tony Hegarty

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Joy O'Driscoll
11:00 am
Fiona O'Connor
12:30 pm
Pat McGeough
5:30 pm
Brian O'Donoghue

MASS TIMES

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

8:30am, 10am & 12 noon	Sunday	11am, 12:30pm & 5:30pm
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	9:00 am & 8 pm (Vigil)

CONFESSIONS

After 10:00 am Mass & before 6:00 pm Mass **Saturday** After 9:00 am Mass

BAPTISMS

5:00 pm **Saturday** 7:15 pm
12:45 pm **Sunday**

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Apr-26 & Apr-27-2003

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Mary O'Donoghue
Steve Wills
Margaret O'Sullivan
Rita Aherne
Betty Sheehan
Jim Walsh
8:30 am Mary Buckley
Rita Murphy
10:00 am Maureen Roche
Christina Walsh
Peter Reilly
Mary Collins
Christy Roche
12 Noon Oliver O'Donovan
Barbara Kelly
John Jeffers
Mary McLean
Ellen Seymour
Ita Walshe

8:00 pm Anne O'Regan
Marion O'Sullivan
Finbarr Murray
11:00 am Seamus O'Connell
Mary O'Connell
Pat Manning
Alan O'Riordan
Geraldine Keohane
12:30 pm Maura Lombard
Jackie Sheehan
Mary Green
Michael O'Leary
Lelia O'Brien
5:30 pm Catherine Green
Mary Breen
Siobhan Burke

PARISH CLERGY

Priest on Duty 087-2479140

Fr. Leonard. O'Brien P.P 021-4871206
Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C. 021-4877161
Fr. Paul O'Donoghue 021-4876055
Fr. John O'Donovan C.C. 021-4870434

Emmanuel House of Providence
Clonfert, Ballinasloe

Healing Day (with Fr. Noel & Mr. Eddie Stones)
Saturday 26th April 2003

Begins in Clonfert at 10.00am and finishes with Holy Mass at 4.00pm (Bring a Packed Lunch)
Bus leaves Cork Opera House at 6.30am sharp, Saturday 26th April 2003 (Bus Fare €19 return)
Deposits €10 (non-refundable)

For further details contact Kay Madden at (021) 4822821

Cork

Divine Mercy Apostolate

Feast of Divine Mercy
Sunday April 27th 2003

St. Augustine's Church
Washington Street Cork
2.00 pm to 5.00 pm

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

He has risen (Gospel, Vigil Mass)

Lord Jesus, by rising from the dead, you broke the power of death and opened the way for us to a life beyond all limitations, weaknesses, failures and evil. Stretch our minds and our hearts to understand the wonder of what we celebrate and fill us with the hope of risen life in the new creation.

The Grove Leisure Centre, Bandon

Swimming 8 Week Courses
Beginning Week of May 5th

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Morning and Night

Children - Beginners and Improvers -
Evenings

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