

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 20-April-2014

Easter Sunday

Today we face the greatest mystery of our faith, the mystery of how God works among us, bringing new life where before there 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 Sunday

This is the day that the Lord has made! We have good reason to rejoice and be glad. Jesus has triumphed over sin and death; He is risen!

The Easter Vigil begins in darkness. This darkness may be symbolic of all the suffering and pain in our lives - the pain of sickness, grief, loss, rejection, loneliness, abandonment, addiction, hopelessness. We wait in hope and expectation for our Gethsemane to end. Into this darkness a light shines when the Paschal Candle is carried in procession through the darkened Church. The Paschal Candle represents Christ who is the Light of the world and who rekindles his light in us by entering into the darkness of our lives bringing hope, joy and peace.

In the Gospel for Easter Sunday, we hear of Mary Magdalen going early in the morning to the tomb of Jesus, only to see that the stone had been moved from the tomb. She goes running back to tell Simon Peter and John: 'they have taken the Lord out of the tomb and we don't know where they have put him'. Having returned to the tomb and seeing for themselves, they understood and they believed. Up to that moment, the Gospel says, "they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture that Jesus must rise from the dead".

The first Reading from the Acts of the Apostles tells us the story of the first believers. In the first Reading Peter is speaking after the baptism of Cornelius and his family. Because of his conviction that Jesus, who died on the Cross, is now alive, Peter is so filled with joy that he simply must share that joy and hope with the listening crowds. The celebration of Easter reminds us that we have the same mission as Mary Magdalene, Peter and the other disciples of Jesus. We renew our baptismal promises as a community of faith. Just as the resurrection of Jesus brought new hope in the disciples, the renewing of our baptismal promises is an invitation to us to proclaim the good news and continue to be witnesses to the risen Lord by the way we live our daily lives. Let us thank God for the gift of the Risen Jesus.

Sr. Colette

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us pray to God who rescued his beloved Son from the darkness of death and brought him into the life of glory.

Reader

For all Christians: that they may experience the joy of Christ's victory over death.

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

For all government leaders: that Christ's victory over evil may encourage them in their work for justice and peace.

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

For those who have no faith in an after-life: that the joy of this great day may be felt by them too.

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

For each other: that we be able to overcome our fear of death, since Christ underwent it and overcame it for us.

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

For our deceased relatives and friends, and all the faithful departed: that they may share in the risen life of Christ.

**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 our Father, the power of this day drives away all evil, washes away all guilt, restores lost innocence, brings joy to those who mourn, casts out hatred, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride. May we experience its power in our lives and in our world. We ask this 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 The Ballincollig Parishioner.

George O'Mahony, Dave O'Connell

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

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

John Holland, Carrigrohane.
 Eileen Murphy, Muskerry Estate.
 Thomas & Catherine O'Donnell, Drimoleague.
 Jeremy Lynch, Limeworth.
 Billy Holmes, Kerry Pyke.
 Lucy Barrett, Leo Murphy Terrace.
 Sid Carmody, Leo Murphy Terrace.
 Tom O'Donoghue, Inniscarra View.
 Breda Murphy, Inniscarra View.
 Lena Dennehy, Castlevew.
 Eamonn Staunton, Clash.
 Peg Collar, Manor Hill.
 Helen Coomey, Carriganarra/Boston.
 Mary Linehan, Inniscarra View.
 Maureen Cuddihy, Coolroe.

An Easter Prayer

Of all of God's gifts
 Easter shows us our fate
 Forgiven we will rise
 And pass through Heaven's gate

This Easter remember
 The sacrifice of a Son
 And through His resurrection
 Eternal life we have won

This Easter I pray
 That the love of God
 Is resurrected
 Reborn, renewed
 Inside your heart
 God Bless You!

~anonymous

Reflection for Parents

Most parents have discovered by now that things aren't always as they seem. A poured out bottle of laundry detergent wasn't really mischievous behaviour, but rather an attempt to surprise you with a generous gift of service. Or secret whispers are not an attempt to hide some wrongdoing but rather an effort to plan a surprise for you. Things weren't as they seemed to Mary Magdalene either that first Easter morning. Our errors in perception often work to remind us that God's plan is not always obvious, but that we are challenged to trust in the promise of the resurrection.

Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind

Fun family event
 Easter Egg Hunt at Irish Guide Dogs
 Location: Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind, Model Farm Road, Cork
 Monday 21st April From 12noon to 2pm
 €5 per Child Contact: Anne 1850 506 300

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

The Easter Octave

20 Sunday Acts 10:34, 37-43. Ps. 117. Col. 3: 1-4 or 1 Cor. 5:6-9. Jn. 20: 1-9.
 Lect I: 417
 21 Monday Acts 2: 14, 22-32. Ps. 15. Mt. 28:8-15. Lect I: 423
 22 Tuesday Acts 2:36-41. Ps. 32. Jn. 20: 11-18. Lect I: 425
 23 Wednesday Acts 3: 1-10. Ps. 104. Lk. 24: 13-35. Lect I: 427
 24 Thursday Acts 3: 11-26. Ps. 8. Lk. 24:35-48. Lect I: 430
 25 Friday Acts 4:1-12. Ps. 117. Jn. 21 :1-14. Lect I:432
 26 Saturday Acts 4: 13-21. Ps. 117. Mk. 16:9-15. Lect I: 435

Next Sunday's Readings 27-April-2014

Acts 2:42-47. Ps. 117. 1 Pet. 1:3-9. Jn. 20:19-31. Lect I: 438

Alzheimers National Tea Day

HomeCare Medical Supplies Cork Shop hosts National Alzheimer's Tea Morning

Date: 1st May 2014

Time: 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Venue: SMA Centre, Wilton, Cork

Admission Fee: €3 donated straight to Alzheimer's Society Raffle on the day and all funds raised donated to Alzheimer's Society Guest Speaker: Noeleen Cronin of Home Instead Cork Light refreshments served on the day, all welcome to support such a worthy cause.

Cork College of Commerce

Do you need to up-skill? From September 2014 Cork College of Commerce will be running Morning-Only Courses for Mature Students (9.30-2.00) in areas with real prospects for employment such as Business, Computers & Childcare. Call us on 021-4270777 or visit us online at www.corkcollegeofcommerce.ie

Briery Gap Theatre, Macroom.

"The Sound of Music"

Join us for what promises to be a fun filled show with Maria and Von Trapp family, singing all the classics from a much loved story.

Performances take place on the following dates:
 Evening shows at 8.00pm, 25th, 26th & 27th April and
 2nd, 3rd & 4th May.

Matinee show at 3.00pm, 4th May.

All tickets are priced €16.00 & special child rate for the matinee show, €12.00.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34, 37-43
 Peter preached about Jesus' baptism, the anointing with the Holy Spirit, works of kindness and healing, and his crucifixion and resurrection from the dead. All who believe in him are forgiven.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4
 Think about what is above. When Christ appears, then you shall appear with him in glory.

Gospel: John 20:1-9
 On Friday afternoon when Jesus died, the women had not been able to finish the customary preparation for burial. The Sabbath began at sundown on Friday, so Mary of Magdala hurried to the tomb Sunday morning to complete her task. She found the tomb empty. Certain that Jesus' body had been stolen, she ran back to get the other disciples. Peter and the other disciple also found an empty tomb but with Jesus' clothing rolled neatly and placed where his body had been. The disciples still didn't understand about the resurrection and Mary wept. As she cried, two angels appeared asking why she was crying. She then saw a gardener and asked him where the body might be. When he called her by name, Mary immediately recognised Jesus.

“Mothers’ Prayers”

will recommence

Wednesday 30th April 10.30 a.m

at Meeting Room at Christ our Light Church

Thursday 1st May 10.00 a.m

At Parish house - ‘Sonas’ - Station Road

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

Trocaire

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you most sincerely for your support for Trocaire’s Lenten Campaign this year. We here in Trocaire are all aware that your support is absolutely vital to the success of our Campaign.

Each year, we take encouragement from the wonderful efforts made throughout the country - in distributing the Lenten boxes, in encouraging support amongst parishioners and also in collecting and counting the coin. It is these concrete efforts, at parish level, that enable us to continue our long-term work with the poorest communities in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Please remember to return your Trocaire boxes and thanks to the families who have already returned them.

Death Has No Power over Him

The certainty of death hangs over every human life. In every human heart lies the fundamental question about what life means and where it leads. Today we celebrate our faith that God's eternal Son has died, as we must do, to show us that death with him is the gateway to a world in which our deepest questions are answered and our deepest longings fulfilled.

Bulletin Board

Easter collection for the Priests of the Parish

According to the Diocesan custom, the collection at Easter Masses is one of two occasions in the year when the offertory collection goes to the priests of the parish. Your generosity and support is very much appreciated.

Bank Holiday Monday

Monday April 21st Morning Mass at 9.30am in Church of St Mary & St John.

Trocaire Boxes

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

Diocesan Collection

Second collection next week-end at all masses for Diocesan needs

New Ministers of the Eucharist

Presently in Ballincollig Parish we are inviting parishioners to volunteer to become Ministers of the Eucharist. You are invited to minister in either Christ Our Light Church or St Mary & St John Church, approximately once a month at a week end Mass (rota will be provided).

The requirements are that you are:

- A person 18 years or over
- A person with faith in the Eucharist and are anxious to deepen own faith through ministry
- A person willing to serve and minister to others.

You are also invited to nominate a friend or neighbour as a Minister of the Eucharist. (please give full name, address and contact no to Parish Office or Sacristy .) There will be a preparation for all those interested in becoming ministers.

I wish all our readers a very happy Easter. Spring is a special time of year; it brings new life in the animal world as well as the world of nature. The longer and brighter days help to lift the spirits of many. Easter is also a very special time for Christian family. Holy week celebrates the major Christian truths. We have a saviour who died for us and is risen from the dead, giving us a promise and hope that we too will triumph over darkness and death. May we enjoy the Easter time and be refreshed by the promise of life and light from the Saviour Jesus.

Fr. George

Ballincollig Annual Pilgrimage to Knock

Sunday May 25th

Bus leaving Village at 7.30am sharp

Contact: Sally 021 4870954 or Cathleen 021 4874730

He has Risen

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.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Apr-26 & Apr-27-2014

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Karen Sheehan
Padraig Graham
8:30 am
Tom McDonagh

10:00 am
Maria Bunyan
Amy O'Driscoll
12:00 Noon
Chloe Dalton O'Connor
Katie Tobin

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Fiona Feely

11:00 am
Tomás Buckley
Michael Buckley
12:30 pm
Bernard Vallely
Colm Walsh
5:30 pm
Colm Tuohy

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

No Mass

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

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Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

Week 21st April to 27th April

Tim Murphy
Siobhan Glavin

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-26 & Apr-27-2014

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

11:00 am Carmel Ryan
Eileen Byrne
Bernadett Spillane
Angela Cunningham
Laurence Cunningham

8:30 am Theresa Lucey
Rita Murphy / Tom
Butler
Mona Holland

10:00 am Margaret Bunyan
Mary Murphy
Joan Tobin
Breda Monaghan
Niamh Nic Gearailt
Ann McCarthy

12:30 pm Eileen Garvey
Sally Power
Breda Callanan
Catherine Freehill
Betty Walsh / Liam
Buckley

12 Noon Marie Bowen
Breda Lenihan
Jacinta Jeffers
Rena O'Connor
Sean Farrell
Mary Hennigan

5:30 pm Olan O'Mahony
Ann-Marie Whelan
Noel Kelleher

Common Sense about Prayer

In a big or a small way, most of us have had the experience of not being properly dressed for an occasion. You know the kind of situation. You haven't had your hair done for ages, and you have an appointment with the hairdresser for tomorrow. But today the doorbell rings. You take off the soiled apron and throw it on a chair and you answer the bell. There standing at the door is a cousin you haven't seen for years. And she is done up to the nines! You feel like something the cat carried in after dark. You invite her in, trying to hide the apron before she sees it, and you long for just a minute or two to straighten yourself out. Meantime you can hardly take in a word she is saying. Of course it could be worse. You could turn up to a classy party in an off-the-peg little number, and discover too late that everyone else is wearing the latest in designer elegance. It is a moment for the ground to open and swallow you up. It is a question of being dressed up properly for an occasion and of feeling like a misfit or a fool if we are not. We sense that the only way to respond to quality is with quality, To elegance is with elegance. And to holiness is with...

Coming before God to celebrate the Eucharist we are likewise conscious of 'the state I am in'. In his holy company we have an overwhelming sense of our own sinfulness. We want a moment to put on a bit of spiritual make-up, to tidy ourselves up spiritually. This is what we do at the beginning of Mass when we acknowledge our sins and beg the Lord for his mercy. We are trying to get ourselves presentable, trying to lessen the dreadful confusion and embarrassment of being sinners in God's awesome presence.