

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 23-March-2008



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 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

Many people have stood by a grave and wondered whether that is the end of it all. Is everything over for the deceased? Certainly when Jesus died the disciples's thought it was all over for him and their own future looked fairly bleak also. They had seen the miracles and everything else he had done. Indeed they were so impressed by his achievements they failed to glimpse the person behind them, the one who was loved so fully by the Father from all eternity and for eternity. It was only after the resurrection that the disciples came to recognise the person of Jesus who would live among us forever.

This is the core of our faith that we are more than our accomplishments or our possessions. The essence is that we are unique individuals loved by God. When God loves, it must be forever; in him there is no change. So whenever death comes our identity remains the same, we are God's chosen ones.

On the first Easter day, the same Jesus who was crucified returned to his mother and to his disciples to show them and us that he would live forever and that the same destiny awaits us. The Easter gift is to believe in the transforming power of the Holy Spirit, that each one of us will live forever and that we are created for resurrection and life forever with the Father.

Happy Easter to everybody and also to your families and friends..

George O'Mahony

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.

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.

George O'Mahony, Michael O'Mahony, Sean O'Driscoll & Ted Sheehan.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

On this Easter Day we pray with confidence to Almighty God who raised Jesus from the dead.

Reader

That all members of the Christian family may boldly proclaim in word and deed the risen Lord.

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

That all those who have been baptised this Easter may grow strong in faith.

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

That all those who accompanied others on the road to baptism this Lent may receive a special blessing.

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

We pray for families, that their homes may be places where love and respect are promoted.

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

We pause to pray for our own needs.

**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

God of our salvation, hear the prayers we make to you on this day of the Lord's resurrection. Renew our hearts in joy and grant us what we need. We ask in the name of the risen Jesus, your Son, who is Lord forever and ever.

Amen.

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 :

Ruby May Cheesman, An Casilean View.
Philip Brian Minihane, Mossgrove, Classis Lake.
Wotjek Gulakowska-Lenk, Willow Grove.
Mark Jan Deasy, Chapel Gate.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Sylvia McNulty, Castle Park.
Ann Noonan, Westgrove.
Eileen Feeney, Muskerry Estate.
Donie O'Mahony, Wyndham Downs.
Breid Dolan, Classis Lake.
Angela O'Rourke, Greystones.
Peg Kavanagh, Powdermills.
Tim O'Leary, Sunningdale.
Maureen Denieffe, Curraheen.
Joan Kerrisk, Co Kerry.

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

Con & Eileen Bradley, Leemount.
Patrick & Mary Kelly, Tipperary.
Jeremiah O'Regan, Poulavone.
Maureen Callanan, West Village.
Deceased members of the Hopkins family, Rosewood.
Rose O'Leary, Scotsman.
Eva O'Shea, Innishannon.
Deceased members of the Kavanagh family, Powdermills.
Deceased members of the O'Connell family, Kilnamartyra.
Nellie Murray, Ballingearry.
Richard Krauss, Aisling Close.
Daniel McSweeney, Cathedral Road.
Patrick McSweeney, Inniscarra View.
Tom McAuliffe, The Square.
John Emperor, Rockchapel.
Patrica Kearney, Glincool.
Margaret O'Connor, Carrigrohane.
Mary & William Murphy, Blarney.
Ann Hogan, Co. Tipperary.
Deceased members Harrington family, The Square..
William & Christine Carroll, Dripsey.
William Murphy, Bishopstown.
James Joseph O'Brien.
Rita Kinsale, Carrigrohane.
Eileen O'Donovan, Rosewood.
Eileen & Tony Long, Crosshaven.

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

The Easter Octave

23 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

24 Monday Acts 2: 14, 22-32. Ps. 15. Mt. 28:8-15. Lect I: 423

25 Tuesday Acts 2:36-41. Ps. 32. Jn. 20: 11-18. Lect I: 425

26 Wednesday Acts 3: 1-10. Ps. 104. Lk. 24: 13-35. Lect I: 427

27 Thursday Acts 3: 11-26. Ps. 8. Lk. 24:35-48. Lect I: 430

28 Friday Acts 4:1-12. Ps. 117. Jn. 21 :1-14. Lect I:432

29 Saturday Acts 4: 13-21. Ps. 117. Mk. 16:9-15. Lect I: 435

Next Sunday's Readings 30-March-2008
Acts 2:42-47. Ps. 117. 1 Pet. 1:3-9. Jn. 20:19-31. Lect I: 438

St Dominic's Retreat Centre Ennismore

Supporting Home Caregivers
Saturday 5th April
10.00 am – 5.00 pm
Supporting Home Caregivers
Heartache News
Love and Responsibility
Heartbreak Commitment
Role Reversal/Parent Child
Bodily Needs
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Director: Dermot Brennan OP
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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 coins. 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.

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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.

How is Easter Sunday Determined?

The time of Easter is based on the cycles of the moon, the equinox, and seasons and things in nature. In simple (?) terms Easter occurs on the first Sunday following the first full moon that occurs on or after the day of the vernal equinox (the first day of spring). This year the vernal equinox was last Thursday, March 20. The first full moon after that was Good Friday, March 21. Thus, Easter will be on Sunday, March 23.
 The earliest Easter can be is March 22 as it was last in 1818 and will be next in 2285. The latest Easter can be is April 25 as it was last in 1943 and will be next in 2038.

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.

Scout news

Over the last few weeks all the sections have been very busy, the Tue. Night Macoimh hiked up Torc Mountain, the Fri. Night Macoimh went on a hike to Mullinhassig, and the Scouts climbed Mangerton.
 The Tue. Night Macoimh set off at 10am last Sunday morning to climb Torc Mountain; the weather forecast was for wind and rain in the afternoon so they knew that they could not hang around. When they arrived it was straight on with the rain gear, and off they trekked with their maps and compass in hand, as they started up the path it started to rain, (reminding them that the scout motto of be prepared mean's having rain gear etc and been ready for everything). As they got higher the rain stopped and the sun shone for a while and looking across at Mangerton, they could see the mist rolling in, and one minute, you could see it and the next it was gone covered in mist. The further up they travelled the colder it got and then it started to snow, as it happened they were in a spot where they had to climb into it, which made it difficult to see where they were going as well as it been very cold, the top was reached at last and all sat down to eat a hurried lunch and back down again. A tough day's climb.
 The Scouts climbed Mangerton on the same day the going was very tough and as they neared the top there was a foot of snow, the wind picked up and brought with it more snow. At the top after the Scouts had lunch, they got their second wind and started a snowball fight where the leaders came off the worst of it. On the way down the leaders had the last laugh, as all the snow throwers gloves were soaking wet and their hands were very cold.
Have you noticed? Tolerance is sometimes the uncomfortable feeling that your fellow Scouter's may be right after all.

Bulletin Board

Easter Vigil

Light is an important part of the Easter Vigil. Please bring a candle with you to the Easter Vigil. Please be careful with candle and take care with candle grease

Easter Collection for 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.

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.

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)

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

The Priests of the Parish would like to thank you for returning the Spring Dues Envelopes. Your continued support is much appreciated.

Penitential Service

Thanks to everybody who came to take part in the Penitential Service in St Mary's & St. John's on March 18th

Easter Monday

Please note there will be no 08:30 am Mass in Christ Our Light.

Gate Collection

Church Gate Collection next weekend 29th & 30th March at both Churches in aid of Cork Deaf Association.

This Week's Calendar

Monday 24	Easter Monday
Tuesday 25	Easter Tuesday
Wednesday 26	Easter Wednesday
Thursday 27	Easter Thursday
Friday 28	Easter Friday
Saturday 29	Easter Saturday

Fr. George

***Tuskar Rock Air Disaster
 40th Anniversary***

On March 24th 1968, the Aer Lingus Viscount 'St. Phelim' crashed into the Irish Sea near Tuskar Rock, off County Wexford. All 57 passengers (including some parishioners from Ballypnehane and curate Fr. Edward Hegarty) and four crew on board flying from Cork to London were killed.

On the 40th anniversary of this tragic event, the 12 noon Mass on Easter Sunday (23rd March) will be celebrated at the Church of the Assumption, Ballypnehane, for those who died and for those who suffered because of this tragic event. Bishop John Buckley will preside.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Mar-29 & Mar-30-2008

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Ailish O'Reilly
Daniel McAuliffe
8:30 am
Elizabeth Daly
10:00 am
Louise McCarthy
Robert Noonan
12:00 Noon
Tony Lynch
Even Keating

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Fiona Feely
11:00 am
Jack Dorgan
12:30 pm
Bernard Vallely
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	
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. Sean O'Driscoll C.C. 021-4870434
Fr. Ted Sheehan 021-4876171



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Mar-29 & Mar-30-2008

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm	Michael Maher Ber Bell Betty Casey Frank Riordan Siobhan Riordan Sr. Martha	7:30 pm	Geraldine Lynch Charlie Vaughan Joan Stephenson Brid Healy-Harris
8:30 am	Mary Buckley Theresa Lucey Triona Collins	11:00 am	Marie Ui Chrualaof Neil Jeffers Eileen O'Donoghue Bridie O'Donnell Bridie Hanrahan
10:00 am	Anne Cahill Pat Lee May Delaney Cathy Horgan John O'Donovan Betty Flavin	12:30 pm	Con O'Connell Denis O' Mahony Christine O'Mahony Tom Murray John O'Regan
12 Noon	Joan Barrett Sheila Carroll Seamus O'Donovan Joe Coghlan Geraldine Graham Catherine Greene	5:30 pm	Patsy Galvin Bernard Curran Clare Curran



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