

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 24-March-2013

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

## The Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem

Like many of you who got the chance I watched, prayed and reflected with great interest the inaugural Mass of Pope Francis. I thought I might insert some observations around his presence and his inspirational words. His inauguration coincided with the great feast of St Joseph. Pope Francis put forward in simple language his understanding of His role as Pope as that of guardian, custodian and intentional service to all creation and all persons, especially the most vulnerable. He offered hope and insight into the giftedness of creation of which we in our humanity are part of. Like Joseph he suggested we be attentive to God's plans not just for ourselves but for all. Looking at things realistically and to be guided by the Spirit of Wisdom that resides in our hearts, minds, spirits. To guard our feelings and emotions and yet not to be afraid when the opportunity presents itself for goodness, sensitivity and tenderness. And giving a sense of the realistic approach Francis makes to today's world and for us God's people he says "Today too, amid so much darkness, we need to see the light of hope and to be men and women who bring hope to others. To protect creation, to protect every man and every woman, to look upon them with tenderness and love, is to open up a horizon of hope; it is to let a shaft of light break through the heavy clouds; it is to bring the warmth of hope! – That message of hope was echoed in our recent Lenten Retreat by Fr. J.P O'Riordan.

This week we enter the Holy of Holy Weeks. The One who assumed our deepest nature of humanity. Emptying Himself of His divinity in order to share our humanity. By virtue of sharing our humanity we are offered a share in his divine, eternal nature. In the offering at Mass as the water is mixed with the wine to be blessed and offered as Christ's Body and Blood the prayer the following words are used "by the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled Himself to share in our humanity."

The second reading in today's Mass is a marvelous depiction by St Paul to the Philippians of this self-emptying.

My dear friends I think and believe that the Holy of Holy Weeks challenges us to empty ourselves unto Him.

To surrender or let go that which our humanity needs His touch. It isn't particularly sin I'm talking about but the areas that Christ touched in His humanity that offered compassion, healing, new relationship, non condemnation, the call to Prayer, the letting of me féin or ego stuff in order to serve Him. All that needs change, renewal, transformation in order to reflect that we are in our humanity alto Christos – other Christ's. It might run risk of suffering, misunderstanding, ridicule, humiliation.

*Dave O'Connell*

## 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**

This week we celebrate the love that God has shown us in Christ. Let us now turn to God and bring our many needs before him with confidence.

**Reader**

For Christians: that they may learn from the example of Jesus' disciples on the first Palm Sunday not to be afraid to show loyalty to Christ in front of unbelievers and cynics.

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

For those who administer our justice system: that they may strive to ensure in all cases the truth is told and justice is done.

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

For those who are unjustly deprived of liberty and life.

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

For all gathered here: that we may be aware of those who suffer so that they need not carry their cross alone.

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

For each other and ourselves: that meditating on the Passion may help us to bear our own sufferings in a Christ like way.

**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 God, your Son showed his love for us in suffering and dying for us. Help us to return is love by loving one another. We ask this through the same Christ, 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 :**

Maeve Annie O’Sullivan, The Avenue, Highfield Park.  
 Robert Adomas Lynch, Elm Lawn, Muskerry Estate.  
 Ruby Olive Corcoran, Innishmore Park.  
 Olivia Antoinette Brady, Limeworth.

**† IN SYMPATHY †**

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

Kate Noonan, Innishmore.  
 Stephen Murphy, Ballinlough.  
 Mary Murphy, Kilmichael.

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

Edward & Kathleen Duncan, Omagh.  
 Peggy Duggan, Coachford.  
 John Emperor, Rockchapel.  
 Frances, John & Diarmuid Cashman, Glounthane.  
 Con & Eileen Bradley, Leemount.  
 Kitty O’Mahony, Kilcrohane.  
 Patrick Kirstein, Inniscarra View.  
 Eileen O’Donovan , Rosewood.  
 Wayne Thomas Jennings, Bishopstown.  
 Michael Hennigan, Woodbine Lawn.  
 Neil Mc Groarty, Beech Park.  
 Eoin Dwyer, Ballyshoneen.  
 Pat & Billy Coomey, Carriganarra.  
 Frank Rea, Ovens.  
 Tom McAuliffe, The Square.  
 Kitty Barry, Marble Hall Park.  
 Michael John Sexton, Clash.  
 Mary & Batty O’Leary, Blarney.  
 Ann & John Hogan, Co Tipperary.  
 Geraldine O’Brien, Wales/Timoleague.  
 Declan Butler, Inniscarra View.  
 Lena Gaffney, Carrigrohane.

**Stations of the Cross**

Preparations are in progress for the out door Stations to be held again this year in Ballincollig. It is proposed that the 14 Stations will be held out of doors, with the Stations in various positions in Ballincollig. The aim of having the stations out of doors is to bring the stations to the community which will enable the people of Ballincollig to follow the cross, and become actively involved. Last year many people found it a moving event and we look forward to as many as possible taking part. **Please join us at the church of St Mary & St John on Good Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at noon.**

**Children’s Mass**

The “DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME MASS” will take place this Sunday March 24<sup>th</sup> in Christ Our Light at 11 a. m. This Mass, is especially for children in second class preparing for their first Holy Communion, is organised by the parents. Please bring your child to this Mass on Sunday and to a Mass of your choice at other weekends.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Holy Week**

24 Sunday Is. 50:4-7. Ps 22. Phil. 2:6- 11. Mt. 26:14-27,66. Lect I: 346

25 Monday Is. 42:1-7. Ps. 26. Jn. 12:1-11 Lect I: 374

26 Tuesday Is. 49: 1-6. Ps. 70. Jn. 13:21-33,36-38. Lect I: 376

27 Wednesday Is. 50:4-9. Ps. 68. Mt. 26:14-25. Lect I: 379

28 Thursday Ex. 12:1-8,11-14. Ps. 115.1 Cor. 11:23-26. Jn. 13:1-15. Lect I: 387

29 Friday Is. 52: 13-53: 12. Ps. 30. Heb. 4: 14-16, 5:7-9. Jn. 18: 1-19:42.

30 Saturday

**Next Sunday’s Readings 31-March-2013**

Acts 10:34, 37-43. Ps. 117. Col. 3: 1-4 or 1 Cor. 5:6-9. Jn. 20: 1-9. Lect I: 417

**Bulletin Board**

**Easter collection for Priests of the Parish**

According to the Diocesan custom, the collection at Easter Masses is one of two collections during the year when the offertory collection goes to the priests of the parish

**Chrism Mass**

Bishop Buckley invites you to the Chrism Mass in the Cathedral on Holy Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 10.00 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.

**Reconciliation Service**

Penitential service in Christ Our Light church on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Easter Vigil**

Parishioners are reminded to bring candles to the Easter Vigil Ceremonies at 7.30 pm in Christ Our Light and 9.00 pm in St Mary & St John on Holy Saturday evening. Please take special care to avoid dripping candle grease on the floor or on seats.

**Envelope Collection**

Holy Places (Holy Land) - Good Friday

**Holy Week**

Is a central week in the Church's year. This week recalls and re-enacts the highpoint in God's love and Jesus revealing Him to us. The most important part of Holy Week for me is when Christ stoops to wash the feet of his friends. The washing of the feet had an unsuspecting depth of meaning. When inspired by love, the least service rendered to one's neighbour takes on an extraordinary dimension; it foreshadows that total sacrifice for which everyone should be prepared. To be truly Christian is a constant effort to become like Jesus. I hope you will be able to join us this year to recall and celebrate Holy Week in our lead in to Easter and the Resurrection.

**Fr. George**

*Holy Week Ceremonies 24th March to 30th March*

<i>St. Mary &amp; St. John</i>		
<i>Day</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>
Sunday	Normal Masses	8:30 am, 10 am 12 noon
Monday	Normal Masses	9:30 am & 8 pm
Tuesday	Normal Masses	9:30 am & 8 pm
Wednesday	Normal Masses	9:30 am & 8 pm
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 Outdoor & 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
<i>Christ Our Light</i>		
<i>Day</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>
Sunday	Normal Masses	11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm
Monday	Normal Masses	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
	Reconciliation Service	7:00 pm
Tuesday	Normal Masses	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
Wednesday	Normal Masses	8:30 am & 6:30 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 (Outdoor ) & 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-30 & Mar-31-2013

**St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**  
Muireann Nelligan  
Padraig McAuliffe  
**8:30 am**  
John Healy  
Kerry O'Leary  
**10:00 am**  
Eileen O'Connell  
Diandra Buckley  
**12:00 Noon**  
Oliver O'Donovan  
David Drohan

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**  
Rosarie Cotter  
Louise McGrath  
**11:00 am**  
Maebh Nic Mheanmain  
Lisa Aylward  
**12:30 pm**  
Joseph Manning  
Niamh Murray  
**5:30 pm**  
Brian O'Donoghue

**MASS TIMES**

<b>St. Mary &amp; St. John</b>		<b>Christ Our Light</b>
8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon	<b>Sunday</b>	11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	<b>Monday</b>	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	<b>Tuesday</b>	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
8 pm	<b>Thursday</b>	6:30 pm
8 pm	<b>Friday</b>	6:30 pm
6 pm & 9 pm (Easter Vigil)	<b>Saturday</b>	7:30 pm (Easter Vigil)

**CONFESSIONS**

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

**BAPTISMS**

4:30 pm	<b>Saturday</b>	4:30 pm
Except First Saturday of Month		First Saturday of Month
12:45 pm	<b>Sunday</b>	

**PARISH CLERGY**

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<b>Fr. James McSweeney</b>	<b>021-4873308</b>

**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.

**Trócaire**

This Palm Sunday, Trócaire is asking us to pray for the many brave human rights defenders, community organisations and local leaders who face persecution around the world for trying to improve the lives of their neighbours. Trócaire asks us to continue to speak out on global injustices and to act in solidarity with vulnerable communities overseas. [www.trocaire.org/lent](http://www.trocaire.org/lent)

**Naomi Pre-Marriage Courses**

For information on: established Pre-Marriage Courses  
One full day on Saturday's 10 am – 5 pm  
Cost: €90 per couple. (The lowest around)  
Pre-Marriage Course 2013 will be held as follows:  
**Saturday 27th April.**  
Also counselling to achieve/postpone a pregnancy  
**Contact: NAOMI, 119 Patrick Street, Cork**  
**Tel: 021-4272213**  
**Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9.30 am – 1 pm**

**Music Morning**

Music morning in the Ballincollig Library from 11am on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March. This month's musical choice is presented by Eileen Brennan. Admission free. All are welcome.



**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Mar-30 & Mar-31-2013

**St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light**

**6.00 pm** Patsie Murphy  
Pat Moore  
Mary Walsh  
Marie Healy  
Margaret Kearney  
Nora Barry

**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  
Katie Collins

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

**7:30 pm** Sheila O'Connor  
Martin O'Regan  
Brid Healy-Harris  
Kit Cahill

**11:00 am** Carmel Ryan  
Eileen Byrne  
Bernadett Spillane  
Noel Kelleher  
Laurence / Angela Cunningham

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

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

**Alpha Course Ballincollig**

Colaiste Choilm (Wooden Cabin)  
Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2013 at 7.15pm – 9.00pm.  
(continuing every Wednesday for 10 weeks)  
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