

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

150 Years



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 29-March-2015

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

Palm Sunday

The idea of Jesus going to Jerusalem takes on a fuller meaning when we realise that this famous holy city is 3000 feet above sea level, on a par with Ireland's highest peaks.

This is a majestic setting for a fortified city that is the focus of Jewish belief that God will be always with them to protect them. It is a city of history that is permeated by hope. The dormant hope was that a leader, a prophet, a man of God, a messiah would come among the Jews to bring new freedom. His coming to Jerusalem was to be a key moment in establishing the new era of God's presence among his people. Such was the deepest longing of the Jewish people.

It was with an atmosphere tinged with such longing that Jesus entered Jerusalem on that first Palm Sunday. The welcome, though fickle and short lived, was sincere at the time. The people longed so much for a Messiah, a Saviour. The miracle worker from Nazareth seemed to be the best hope of a better future. They looked for an instant panacea. The plan for Christ did not correspond with their short term ones. Within a week they were easily wooed to reject him, switching their allegiance to Barabbas, leading to the crucifixion of Christ.

Palm Sunday is an opportunity to come in contact with the power of the Passion and to be transformed from competitiveness to compassion, from fickleness to fidelity, from anxiety about the future to awe about the present with the security of God's unconditional love.

I invite you to come and take part in the various ceremonies of Holy Week, may your faith be renewed by them. Happy Easter to all.

George O'Mahony

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

God the Father did not spare his own Son but gave him up for death on our behalf. Therefore, we can place our needs before him with great confidence.

Reader

For the Christian Community: that Christ may heal the wounds caused by sin and division.

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

For world leaders: that they may exercise their office in a way that promotes justice and peace.

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

For those who are suffering: that they may draw strength from the passion of Christ.

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

For those who see their loved ones suffer but can't do anything about it: that they may draw strength from the example of Mary standing at the foot of her Son's cross on Calvary.

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

That all of us may walk with Jesus through death to new life.

**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

Heavenly Father, we see your love for us in the sufferings and death of your Son. Help us to respond to your love by loving one another. We ask this through 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 :

Jack Brian Murphy, Rosewood Estate.
Cian Jonathan Sullivan, The Avenue, Coolroe Heights.
Layla Teresa Manning, Cherry Walk, Muskerry Estate.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Con O'Callaghan. Ovens.
Sean Lehane, Midleton.
Paddy O'Carroll, Bishopstown.
T. Brendan Murphy, N.C.R Limerick.
Nora Connolly, Bantry.

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

Carmel Shanahan, East Gate.
Frank Shanahan.
Margaret Shanahan.
Ellen Bowen, Sunday's Well.
Paddy Keohane, Inniscarra.
Eileen Lynch, Carriganarra.
Tadgh Reck, Togher
Karen Duggan, Aylsbury
John O'Sullivan, London
Michael John Sexton, Clash
Tadgh & Ellen O'Donovan, Lissarda
Tadgh Kearney, Westcourt Heights
Paddy Hegarty, Caheragh
Sean O'Sullivan, Togher
Kitty Barry, Hodders Villas
Briege Crilly, Douglas
Thomas & Mary O'Donoghue, Firies
Teresa McSweeney, Church Hill
Kitty O'Sullivan, Tudor Grove
Mary Mullane, Castle Ave, Muskerry Estate.

Stations of the Cross

Preparations are in progress for the outdoor 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, April 3rd at noon.

Easter Vigil

Parishioners are reminded to bring candles to the Easter Vigil Ceremonies at 7.30 pm in Christ Our Light and 9pm in St Mary & St John on Holy Saturday evening. Please take special care to avoid dripping candle grease on the floor or on the seats.

Tax Rebate

The Parish received a total of €10,793.26 tax rebate for the tax year 2013 from the Department of Finance. Many thanks to all who returned their Annual Certificate for Tax relief for Donations to eligible Charities. Thank you for your contribution and I look forward to your continued support.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Palm Sunday Of The Lord's Passion

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

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

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

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

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

03 Friday Is. 52: 13-53: 12. Ps. 30. Heb. 4: 14-16, 5:7-9. Jn. 18: 1-19:42. Lect I: 390

04 Saturday

Next Sunday's Readings 05/April/2015

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, April 2nd 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 Church of Christ Our Light on Monday 30th 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.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday April 11th 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.

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 29th March to 4th April

St. Mary & St. John		
Day	Event	Time
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 Tenebrae, A Service of Shadows	9:30 am & 8 pm 8:45 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
Christ Our Light		
Day	Event	Time
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: Mark 14:1-15:47

The acts of love described in today's Gospel are framed in contrast with the humiliation, betrayal and brutality to come. The contrast lies somewhere between the love that Jesus brought into the world and the brutality that still exists. Those who hailed his entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday singing 'Hosanna' will now call for his crucifixion. The disciples who followed him will abandon him, betray him and deny him. The Gospel challenges us to reflect on our own commitment to the Christian value of love and our capacity to follow Christ wherever he may lead us.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Apr/04 & Apr/05/2015

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Sean Collins

8:30 am
John Healy
Kerry O'Leary

10:00 am
Maria Bunyan
Amy O'Driscoll

12:00 Noon
Sean Hennessy
Shane Lehane

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Nonyi Ebili
Jennifer Nyagaya
11:00 am
Jacob Derham

12:30 pm
Cathy Naughton
Una Lynch

5:30 pm
Kevin 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 & 8 pm

Monday

8:30 am & 6:30 pm

9:30 am & 8 pm

Tuesday

8:30 am & 6:30 pm

9:30 am & 8 pm

Wednesday

8:30 am & 6:30 pm

8 pm

Thursday

6:30 pm

8 pm

Friday

6:30 pm

6 pm & 9 pm (Easter 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 30th Mar to 5th Apr

Laurence Cunningham

Virginia Harrington

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.

Trocaire Lenten Campaign 2015

Did you know?

In Ethiopia there is a saying that 'A farmer without a donkey is a donkey himself.' Ethiopia has almost five million donkeys, the second highest amount of donkeys in the world after China. They are a valuable part of Ethiopian life, carrying water, food, people, hay, materials for building houses as well as many other items to and from markets and villages.

*'Let us protect Christ in our lives,
so that we can protect others,
so that we can protect creation!'*
(Pope Francis)

Children's Corner

A Prayer to say...

Dear Jesus, thank you for loving us so much. Help us to stand up for you and always love you. Amen.

In the Gospel today...

Jesus shared a special meal with his disciples. He blessed bread and wine and said it was his body and blood. Jesus knew that Judas would turn against him. He also knew that his friend Peter would let him down. Peter didn't believe him and said he would always stand up for Jesus. After supper Jesus and his friends went to the garden of Gethsemane to pray. Soldiers carrying weapons came and arrested Jesus. The chief priests questioned Jesus and decided that he deserved to die. Peter was waiting in the courtyard outside. He told people three times that he didn't know who Jesus was. When Peter heard a cock crow for the second time he realised that Jesus had been right and felt sad. Jesus was whipped and beaten. He had a crown made of thorns put on his head and was led away to be crucified.



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Apr/04 & Apr/05/2015

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Eileen Murphy
Ted Nelligan
Maurice Bunyan
Sheila Walshe
Katie Collins
Aisling Leahy

7:30 pm John O'Donoghue
Mary Dineen
Mairead Keenan
Kay O'Sullivan

8:30 am Helen Kelly
Michael Crowley
Eileen Corkery

11:00 am Mary Twomey
Mona Bowen
Billy Barry / Diarmuid Horgan
Mary Aylward
Pauline Barton

10:00 am Fionnuala McDonagh
Mary Buckley
Fiona Kelly
Mary O'Regan
Martin O'Leary

12:30 pm Maura O'Driscoll
Mary Lehane
Dympna Byrne
Suzanne Leech

12 Noon Ann-Marie Cosgrove
Phil Kennedy
Ellen O'Sullivan
Ursula McAuliffe
Sally Crowley
Jim Lordan

5:30 pm Shelia Curran
Elizabeth O'Sullivan