

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 30-March-2008

## Second Sunday of Easter

*We are all a bit like Thomas: unless we see we find it difficult to believe. However, faith is a way of seeing, seeing beyond the apparent problems of life to the hope given by the Resurrection of Jesus, the hope of sharing heaven with Him.*



Christ Our Light  
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Selfish and self-righteous bargaining, is a strong strand in our human condition. It often shows itself in the "unless" syndrome. This can start early in our lives. The young owner of a football will not let others play unless he is centre forward. He maintains this attitude even though he is dependant on others for a game. Sometimes this leads to everybody losing out.

The unless syndrome often strengthens with age and becomes an attitude that permeates family relationships under the pretext of protecting future harmony. "I will not unless you.. "can sound so reasonable but it usually displays an inability or unwillingness to trust another.. Often this view can be justified but in other situations the "unless" approach is no substitute for trust.

Today's gospel has the story of one such situation. Having missed the visit of the Risen Lord, Thomas rants that he will not believe unless certain conditions are met. In his great love the Risen Lord meets these conditions to enable the doubting Thomas to believe. But more is promised to those who believe and trust unconditionally, who trust God and others..

To be able to trust is a marvellous gift to be prayed for constantly. To be willing to trust is a decision that one can choose to make or not. Our decisions gradually make us what we become. Only the Holy Spirit can ensure that the "unless" syndrome does not wreck our relationships with one another and with God..

George O'Mahony

## New Opportunity to Explore Faith and Ministry

### Interested in exploring your faith?

Then come along to Connections' from 7.30 – 9.00 pm on Wednesday night for four weeks beginning on the 16th April in St Finbarr's College, Farranferris, Cork.

Connections is a four night introductory course for exploring faith organised by the Diocesan Office of Adult Religious Education and All Hallows College, Dublin. The total cost of the course is €20 per person (€10 Students and Senior Citizens). To register or simply for more information call 021-4357765 or email are@corkandross.ie

## Reflection for Parents

Parents are often the source of hope and encouragement for their children. When a child falls repeatedly while learning to walk or ride a bike, it is a parent who coaxes, encourages and praises the child. Parents provide hope and comfort when a child falls short of a goal in academics, relationships, sports, or whatever. Parents can relate to the role of Jesus with his disciples.

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

### Priest

We gather this day as a community of faith. Let us now with one voice present our prayers to the Father.

### Reader

We pray for the Church that it may remain faithful to the traditions of the apostles and continue to seek Jesus in the scriptures and in the breaking of the bread.

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

For those who are struggling through a crisis of faith, that the Lord may give them strength.

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

We pray for the poor and those who struggle to make ends meet. We think especially of those who do not have food to put on their table.

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

We pray for peace: peace in our world, peace in our homes, peace in our hearts.

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

We pray for couples who are preparing for marriage, that their time of preparation may be a time of grace.

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

That all who struggle because of doubt or weakened faith may be strengthened during these Easter days.

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

### Priest

Ever-loving Father, hear these prayers we make before you this morning. Renew us in faith, hope and love. We make these and all our prayers in the name of Jesus, your Son risen from the dead, Lord forever and ever. Amen.

*Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.*

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**MARRIAGES**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

Alan O'Connor, Bishopstown & Laura Young, 43, The Meadows, Classes Lake.

Willie Sheehan, Carrignavar & Julie Holland, Greenfields.

**BAPTISMS**

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

Eibhlis Teresa O'Donoghue-Alvarez, Rosewood.

Finn Michael Murphy, Fernwalk, Greenfields.

Sophia Mary Lynn Yelverton, Westcourt.

Kelly Smith, Rylane.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Mary O'Mahony, Dripsey.

Jerry Dempsey, Glanmire.

Bridie Sheehan, Bishopstown.

Fachtna Keohane, Rosscarbery .

Michael Hennigan, Woodbine Lawn, Bishopstown.

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

Jim Spencer, West Village.

Laura & Maurice Lynch, Douglas.

Benny Carew, Glasheen.

Paddy Keohane, Inniscarra.

John Corkery, Aherla.

Tony Murphy, Silversprings.

Kevin Shields, Castleknock.

Vincent McLoughlin, Sligo.

Deceased Members of O'Shea family, West Village.

Denis O'Sullivan, West Village.

Kitty O'Sullivan, Tudor Grove.

May Murphy, Blarney.

Patrick McNamara, Inniscarra View.

Deceased members of Dan & Peggy McCarthy's family, The Crescent.

Nancy Hogan, The Crescent.

Josephine O'Shea, Castle White.

Geraldine O'Sullivan-O'Brien, Timoleague & Wales.

Billy & Pat Coomey, Carriganarra.

Lena Gaffney, Carrigrohane.

Margaret Keating.

Kitty Barry, Hodder's Villas.

Mary O'Riordan, Bishopstown.

Connie O'Regan, Carriganarra.

Thomas & Mary O'Donoghue, Killarney.

Hannah & John Haynes.

John O'Mahony, Carriganarra.

Dr. Carthach MacCarthy.

Margaret O'Mahony.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Seventh Week of Easter**

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

31 Monday Is. 7: 10-14, 8: 1 O. Ps. 39. Heb. 10:4-10. Lk. 1 :26-38. Lect II: 985

01 Tuesday Acts 4:32-37. Ps. 92. Jn. 3:7-15. Lect I: 449

02 Wednesday Acts 5:17-26. Ps. 33. Jn. 3:16-21. Lect I: 452

03 Thursday Acts 5:27-33. Ps. 33. Jn. 3:31-36. Lect I: 454

04 Friday Acts 5:34-42. Ps. 26. Jn. 6: 1-15. Lect I: 456

05 Saturday Acts 6:1-7. Ps. 32. Jn. 6:16-21. Lect I: 459

**Next Sunday's Readings 06-April-2008**  
Acts 2: 14, 22-33. Ps. 15. 1 Pet. 1: 17-21. Lk. 24: 13-35. Lect I: 461

**'Mothers Prayers'**

Groups recommence on:

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 10:30 am

Meeting Room at Christ our Light Church

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, at 10:00 am

Annex of Parish Hall

*All Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers are welcome to come along and pray for their children and the youth of our Parish. (for approximately 30 minutes)*

**Easter Collection For Priests Of The Parish**

Thank you for your wonderful support & generosity

George, Michael & Sean.

**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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**Venue: Holy Trinity, Fr Mathew Quay, Cork**

**(Gathering in Third Order Chapel)**

April 5<sup>th</sup> 10.45 am - 2.00 pm

May 10<sup>th</sup> 10.45 am - 2.00 pm

Further information - *Sr. Bridge!* 0874167126

*Br Pat Lynch OFM 0871346267*

**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

Early Christians adhered to apostolic teaching, centering their lives on prayer, the breaking of the bread, the common life, and charity.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Through God's great mercy, Christians have new life in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The goal of faith is salvation.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Following Jesus' crucifixion the disciples were still uncertain of his message. They lost hope and in fear locked themselves in a room. Without entering through the door, Jesus appeared before them with a greeting of peace and a mission to spread the Good News. The disciple, Thomas, was not in the room. When he learned of Jesus' visit, he would not believe it. But about week later, Jesus appeared in a similar way when Thomas was with the others. Jesus invited Thomas to touch the wounds in his hands and side. Thomas knew immediately that it was Jesus and believed in him.

**Junior Chamber International seek New Members**

Are you in your twenties or thirties? Would like to meet new people, participate in community projects, public speaking & debating, travel, weekends away, training & networking with people of similar interests? Why not come along to this month's meeting of Junior Chamber International (JCI) Ballincollig, in the Oriel House Hotel on Tuesday April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7.30 pm. For further information contact 087 2971338 or cork@jci-ireland.org

**Scout news**

If like me you are getting on in years, you still might remember when you sat in the wide – eyed silence that the camp fire and the night brings, staring into the flames, feeling very special. Not long before you were an ordinary boy. Then one day, you stood up before your peers and a lot of very envious grown – ups and made a promise, --- On my honour, with the with the help of God, I promise to do my best to love honour and serve Jesus my Lord, His Church and Mary his mother, and to help my neighbour at all times, and to live the scout Law.

You said that and suddenly you were special. You were Trustworthy, loyal, Helpful, Friendly and to excited to sleep. You were Courteous, kind, Obedient, Cheerful and proud of yourself. You were Thrifty, Brave, pure, reverent and twice the boy you were before. You were ready for anything. You were a Scout.

The world changed for the better too. It became full of forest fires waiting for you to put out along with many other adventures. When you sat in the glow of the Campfire, Fionn Mac Cumhaill was there, Tom Crean as well and B.P. And the rest of the heroes, explorers and pioneers. You knew what made these guys tick- they were scouts to. Eventually you grew older. And you had to admit maybe you could not always find the right trail. Maybe you were not always helpful, courteous, kind or cheerful, as you wanted to be. But a lot of the time you were – some of it had stuck. A bit of the boy that you thought you were, as you sat dreaming into the fire had found its way into the man you are today.

There are countless thousands of young people who set out to be good scouts and some of it has stuck, look back with pride on your Scouting days.

*Good intentions die unless they are executed.*

**Bulletin Board**

**Baptism Preparation.**

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup> at 1.00 pm, and will be held in the Community Hall, Station Rd. 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? We recommend parents book baptisms a few weeks in advance in order to give ample time to take part in the preparation.

**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 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2008 at 3 pm.

**Priesthood in Cork & Ross**

Information Day about becoming a priest in Cork & Ross

**Date:** Saturday April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008

**Venue:** Ennismore Retreat Centre, Cork

**Time:** 11 am to 5 pm (Lunch Provided)

**First Friday**

Friday April 4<sup>th</sup> is the first Friday of the month. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St Mary & St John from 10.00 am to 7.30 pm, you are invited to come and spent some time with the Lord on that day. There is

Mass in St Mary & St John on Friday Evening at 8.00 pm. The priests of the parish visit the sick of the parish on the first Friday of each month; please let us know if you have a family member or neighbour who is sick or housebound

**Thank You**

Sincere thanks to the many people who gave their time throughout the Easter period, Ministers of the Word, Ministers of the Eucharist, Altar Society, Altar Servers, Choir, Cantors, Folk Group, Collectors, Cleaners, Parish Council, The Parishioner and Parish Council Sub Groups. People who distributed dues envelopes and the various flyers. The Sacristans in both Churches - Geraldine and Siobhan.

**Ballincollig Parish Confirmations 2008.**

Scoil Mhuire	Thursday 17th April 2008
Scoil Eoin	Monday 7th April 2008
Scoil Barra	Monday 14th April 2008
Our Lady of Good Counsel	Monday 14th April 2008
Gaelscoil Uí Riórdáin	Monday 19th May 2008

**Ballincollig Parish First Communions 2008.**

Scoil Mhuire	Saturday 26th April 2008
Scoil Eoin	Saturday 24th May 2008
Scoil Barra	Saturday 17th May 2008
Our Lady of Good Counsel	Saturday 17th May 2008
Gaelscoil Uí Riórdáin	Saturday 10th May 2008

**This Week's Calendar**

**Monday 31** – The Annunciation of the Lord (transferred from Tuesday 25 this year). Today we celebrate the great moment when Mary's 'Yes' to the angel's invitation brought about the Incarnation of the Son of God.

**Tuesday, April 1** – Weekday (2nd Week of Easter)

**Wednesday 2** – St Francis of Paola, hermit. Francis was born in Calabria in 1416. He was a hermit and attracted others to his way of life. He died at Tours in France in 1507.

Today is the anniversary of the death of Pope John Paul II (2005).

**Thursday 3** – Easter Weekday

**Friday 4** – St Isidore, bishop and doctor of the Church. Isidore became bishop of Seville in the year 600 and died there in 636.

**Saturday 5** – St Vincent Ferrer, 1350-1419, was a Dominican priest who preached missions throughout his native Spain, France and Italy. He helped bring unity to the Church during the Great Schism between the Avignon and Roman claimants to the papacy.

**Fr. George**

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Apr-05 & Apr-06-2008

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**  
Sandra Walsh  
**8:30 am**  
Niamh Gallagher  
**10:00 am**  
Hannah Bunyan  
Stephen Bunyan  
**12:00 Noon**  
John Dorgan  
Fergal Monahan

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**  
Murigen Ni Mhathuna  
Niamh Murray  
**11:00 am**  
Cormac Manning  
Marie Ni Niada  
**12:30 pm**  
Brian O'Donoghue  
**5:30 pm**  
Tom Reck

**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**

8:30 am

9:30 am

**Tuesday**

8:30 am

9:30 am

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**Thursday**

8:30 am

9:30 am & 8 pm

**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**

**Fr. George O'Mahony P.P.**

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**Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C.**

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**Fr. Sean O'Driscoll C.C.**

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**Fr. Ted Sheehan**

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**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Apr-05 & Apr-06-2008

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

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

**7:30 pm** Jim Cahill  
Kit Cahill  
Sheila O'Connor  
John Canty

**8:30 am** Theresa Lucey  
Rita Murphy  
Mona Holland

**11:00 am** Carmel Ryan  
Angela Cunningham  
Laurence Cunningham  
Eileen Byrne

**10:00 am** Tadgh Murphy  
Mary Murphy  
Joan Tobin  
Tony O'Leary  
Phil Kennedy  
Denis Healy

**12:30 pm** Eileen Garvey  
Sally Power  
Breda Callanan  
Olan O'Mahony

**12 Noon** Michael Crowley  
Breda Lenihan  
Noel Hennessey  
Jacinta Jeffers  
Rena O'Connor  
Sean Farrell

**5:30 pm** Neil O'Donoghue  
Phil O'Connell  
Maire McCullagh



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**Monday**

**Closed**

Tuesday 9.30 - 5.00 pm

Wednesday 10.30 - 5.00 pm

Thursday 9.30 - 5.00 pm

**Friday 9.30 - 5.00 pm**

Saturday 9.30 - 12.30 pm



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Thursday 9.30 - 7.30 pm

Friday 9.30 - 7.30 pm

Saturday 9.30 - 5.00 pm