

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 31-March-2013



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

Christ's Resurrection

They ran together, but the other disciple running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first.

In our Easter Vigil Liturgy and Masses you might notice the use many times of the word Alleluia. Alleluia denotes a sense of joy, a sense of praise, that allows the Church and all Christians the opportunity to proclaim and enjoy the truth of Christ's Resurrection.

This Mass is our Alleluia: our song of praise to the risen Christ who is our life and whose triumph over death we proclaim to all the world. When Mary of Magdala, Simon Peter and John came to the tomb, expecting to find the remains of the Crucified Jesus, they did not find him at all. Slowly it dawned on them at that moment that scripture was indeed being fulfilled "He must rise from the dead."

The life Jesus came to introduce into this world, the life of the Kingdom of God, did not really end upon the Hill of Calvary.

His resurrection is about to prove Jesus' authenticity, the in-breaking of the salvation and resurrection story. The empty tomb offers us a lesson. It's a lesson in the unpredictability of God and the Almighty power of God. In Jesus God conquers the destructive powers of sin, suffering, and death. God in Jesus is no longer in the tomb but eternally present in His children, in His church, in His word, in our Eucharist.

Perhaps all the running towards the empty tomb reveals the God of surprises. Jesus no longer in the tomb.

Though Jesus seems absent at times Jesus will draw close to His faithful at the appropriate moment and time.

The past is gone, the future is not certain, we have but today.

Easter Sunday morning is a joyous day and occasion because the tomb is empty; the earth which God created does not hold its Creator.

It is another age that has begun. The age of new life, of resurrection, of God's enduring presence.

In our own time we too are disciples. In our own way we too reflect upon the empty tomb. What next?

How am I to respond to the truth of the Resurrection?

Choose to believe. Choose to accept.

Let the Kingship of the Risen Lord and his light be our guiding principle in the moments of our days.

May I wish you and yours a Happy Easter.

Dave O'Connell

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Christ the Morning Star, has come back from the dead, and now sheds his peaceful light on the world. Let us pray to him for confidence for all our needs.

Reader

That the Lord's light may shine on all his followers, and renew their faith, and hope.

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

That his love may shine on world leaders, encouraging them in their search for justice and peace.

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

That his light may shine on the sad and lonely the sick and troubled.

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

That his light may shine on prisoners.

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

That his light may shine on our deceased relatives and friends.

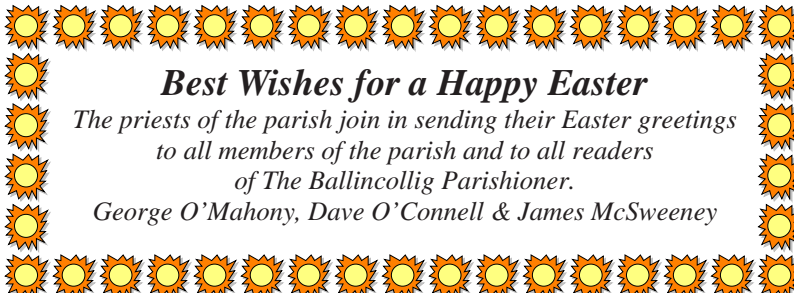
**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

That his light may shine on our own special needs.

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

Priest

God our Father, you raised your Son from the darkness of death, and brought him into the glorious light of your kingdom. Grant that we may follow his light faithfully and come to your kingdom where there are no more shattered hopes or broken dreams. We ask this through the same 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 & James McSweeney

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 :

- Holly Annabelle English, River View, Shanakiel.
- Dylan John Walsh, Cherry Walk, Muskerry Estate.
- Emily Mary Brunt, Sandhurst, Berkshire.
- Cillian Thomas Karel Schlede, Millers Court, Old Quarter.
- Eve Marguerite Elizabeth Thompson, Leeview.
- Emma Helen Barber, Glendower Court.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

- Dala Povilaityte, Willow Grove & Lithuania.
- Des McKeown, Carlow.
- Teresa Murphy, Douglas.
- Mary O’Riordan, Rathcoole.
- Des McKeown, Carlow.
- Jimmy Heffernan, Kilkenny.
- Nellie Bowen, Sunday’s Well.
- Micky Galvin, Dunmanway.
- Kitty McSweeney, Bandon.
- Eily Walsh, Mourneabbey.
- Joe Walsh, Mourneabbey.

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

- Benny Carew, Glasheen.
- Paddy Keohane, Inniscarra.
- John & Hannah Haynes, Greenmount Buildings.
- Vincent McLoughlin, Sligo.
- Dan & Nellie Collins, Ovens/Westgate.
- Kevin Reck, Farran.
- Tom Reck, Togher.
- Donal O’Halloran, Castlepark.
- Kitty O’Sullivan, Tudor Grove.
- Francis O’Donovan, Cloyne.
- Tim & John Murphy, Currabeg.
- William Devereux, Clogheen, Co Tipperary.
- Kieran McNulty, Fr. Sexton Park.
- Bernie O’Connell, Kilnaglorry.
- James & Bridie Murphy, Dingle.
- Thomas & Sarah Hogan, Cappawhite.
- Connie O’Regan, Carriganarra.
- Jerry & Mary Dempsey, Inniscarra.
- Ellen O’Sullivan, Inniscarra.
- Patrick & Shelia O’Riordan, Castlepark.
- John Buckley, Nazerath House.
- John O’Doherty, Hartland Avenue.
- Dan Buckley.
- Oliver & Gina O’Sullivan, Boreenmana Road.
- Norah Barry, Redemption Road.
- Mary Creedon, Carriganarra Road.
- Aiden Lenihan, Muskerry Estate.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

The Easter Season

- 31 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
- 01 Monday Acts 2: 14, 22-32. Ps. 15. Mt. 28:8-15. Lect I: 423
- 02 Tuesday Acts 2:36-41. Ps. 32. Jn. 20: 11-18. Lect I: 425
- 03 Wednesday Acts 3: 1-10. Ps. 104. Lk. 24: 13-35. Lect I: 427
- 04 Thursday Acts 3: 11-26. Ps. 8. Lk. 24:35-48. Lect I: 430
- 05 Friday Acts 4:1-12. Ps. 117. Jn. 21 :1-14. Lect I:432
- 06 Saturday Acts 4: 13-21. Ps. 117. Mk. 16:9-15. Lect I: 435

Next Sunday’s Readings 07-April-2013

Acts 5:12-16. Ps. 117. Apoc. 1:9-13, 17-19. Jn. 20: 19-31. Lect I: 444

Trócaire

“So by our baptism into his death we were buried with him, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glorious power, we too should begin living a new life.” Romans 6:4.

On this Easter Sunday Trocaire thanks parishioners for their support of this year’s Lenten campaign. Thank you for taking action to support community organisations and local leaders who face restrictions to their work, daily threats and intimidation, criminalisation and even assassination around the world. Trocaire hopes you have a happy and peaceful Easter. For more information on the Lenten campaign visit www.trocaire.org/lent or call 1850 408 408

Alpha Course Ballincollig

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

Contact info:-

Gerard Dunne Telephone: 085 1555000 or 087 6293601

Email: AlphaBallincollig@gmail.com

For more info see www.alphacourse.ie.

Experienced Caregivers Required

Home Instead Senior Care is looking for reliable, flexible Caregivers for the elderly in their own homes in the Ballincollig area. Fetac level 5 (or in process of completing) is desirable and own transport is essential. Please call 021 500 2205
Email CV to cork@hisc.ie

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.

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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.

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.

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 Wednesday, March 20th. The first full moon after that was last Wednesday, March 27th. Thus, Easter Sunday is today, March 31st. The earliest Easter can be is March 22nd as it was last in 1818 and will be next in 2285. The latest Easter can be is April 25th as it was last in 1943 and will be next in 2038.

*Happy Easter to all parishioners and readers of
 The Ballincollig Parishioner.
 Have a safe and enjoyable weekend.*

**Ballincollig Parish
 Bereavement Support Group**

A Bereavement Support Programme will commence in Ballincollig on **Tuesday 9th April** and will continue each Tuesday night for 8 weeks (7.30 to 9.30 pm). It is held in a small group setting and is open to anyone who is experiencing the grief and loss of a loved one. It also provides the opportunity to share one's own personal grief and experience the support of others in a confidential setting. For further details please contact: **Sr Colette at 086.3557375**

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 1st, Morning Mass at 9.30 am only in Church of St Mary & St John.

First Friday

Friday April 5th is the first Friday of the month. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St Mary & St John from 6.30pm to 7.45pm, you are invited to come and spend some time with the Lord. There is Mass in St Mary & St John on Friday evening at 8.00pm. 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.

Mass Diary

Diaries to book Mass intentions for April, May & June now open in both Churches. First Anniversaries Masses will be given priority.

Altar Servers

Volunteers are invited to serve as Altar Servers in both Churches. Please contact any priest, together with parents, or contact parish office Phone: 021 4871206.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on **Saturday April 13th at 12.00 noon** in the **Library Room, 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.

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 Christ Our Light on Monday March 25th.
Fr. George

Cork Cancer Support House

Cork Arc Cancer Support House is looking for Volunteers to help with their Annual Flag Day in Ballincollig on Friday 12th April, 2013. This Volunteer Fundraising will help them to continue to offer their vital cancer support free of charge to cancer patients and their families.

Please contact Hilary Sullivan, Head of Fundraising on 021 4274691 or email hilary@corkcancersupport.ie. For more information about the work we do please visit www.corkcancersupport.ie

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Apr-06 & Apr-07-2013

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Adrian Cotter
Alan Murphy
8:30 am
Triona Downey

10:00 am
Grace Buttimer
Orla Horgan
12:00 Noon
Miriam Mansell
Seamus Monahan

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Rosarie Cotter
Louise McGrath
11:00 am
Jacob Derham
Paul Donovan
12:30 pm
Margaret Buckley
James Nyagaya
5:30 pm
Emily Hardman / Liam 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	8:30 am	
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
Fr. George O'Mahony P.P.	021-4871206
Fr. Dave O'Connell C.C.	087-2479140
Fr. James McSweeney	021-4873308

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.

Knock

Legion of Mary Annual Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday 26th May 2013. Bus leaving village at 7.00 am sharp. Early booking advised. For details contact; Sally (021) 4870954 or Cathleen (021) 4874730.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Apr-06 & Apr-07-2013

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm	Eileen Murphy Ted Nelligan Eileen Corkery Maurice Bunyan Sheila Walshe Ann McCarthy	7:30 pm	John O'Donoghue Mary Dineen Kathleen Daly Mairead Keenan Kay O'Sullivan
8:30 am	Helen Kelly Mary O'Connor Michael Crowley	11:00 am	Mary Twomey Mona Bowen Billy Barry Mary Aylward Pauline Baston
10:00 am	Fionnuala McDonagh Mary Buckley Fiona Kelly Mary O'Regan Teresa O'Driscoll Martin O'Leary	12:30 pm	Mary O'Mahony Maura O'Driscoll Mary Lehane Dympna Byrne Suzanne Leech
12 Noon	Ann-Marie Cosgrove Phil Kennedy Ellen O'Sullivan Ursula McAuliffe Sally Crowley	5:30 pm	Shelia Curran Elizabeth O'Sullivan



Entente Florale 2013

Ballincollig has been nominated by The Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government to represent Ireland in the large town category of the 2013 European Entente Florale Competition.

This is huge honour for our town, on Friday July 26th we will have delegates from eleven European countries visit our town to judge and view the many aspects that has seen Ballincollig develop to the status we have today.

The overall aim of the Association is the social and cultural development and enhancement of the quality of life of residents. In pursuit of these aims, the Association encourages increased environmental awareness, improved environmental education and communication, sustainable development and environmentally sensitive landscape policies.

A lot of preparation is already underway to have Ballincollig ready for this very special day. To hear more about the Competition **YOU** are invited to attend a Public Information Meeting in The Oriel House Hotel on Monday 8th April at 8pm. This meeting is to advise people of what is required for Ballincollig to do well.

Entente Florale is a community initiative and it is critical everybody in the various committees, businesses, clubs, schools, shops, commercial premises, churches, homeowners and community organisations get involved to ensure that Ballincollig attains the highest accolade and achieve 'GOLD Medal' status.