

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

150 Years



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 03-April-2016

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
Innishmore

Low Sunday 2016

The celebrations to mark the centenary of 1916 rising continue to dominate our conversations and are receiving lots of media space in print, radio and TV. The idealism of the people of 1916 shines through in their actions and words. They set a very high standard for all of us in trying to build a society that treasures each and every individual. The language of profit, consumerism and economy are notably absent from the language of the 1916 proclamation. May we be inspired by the ideals of the proclamation and be humble enough to admit that there is a long road to be travelled to fulfil its' ideals and ambitions.

This weekend the reading from the Acts of the Apostles tell us "that the faithful used to meet by common consent at the portico of Solomon, the number of men and women who came to believe in the Lord continued to grow." The disciples brought hope; people wanted their shadow to fall on them. "The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord." He said "As the father sent me so I am sending you, receive the Holy Spirit." This is indeed the first Pentecost. Lord may we welcome the Holy Spirit today and every day, may the gift of the Holy Spirit be our treasure, our strength and our sure hope.

The wounds of Christ are an inspiration to Thomas in the gospel. May the wounds of Christ be a source of consolation, courage and hope to us. May they help us to come to terms with our wounds. May they help us not to be selfish. By His wounds may we be healed of self pity and the sense of victimhood.

George O'Mahony

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 whether in academics, relationships, sports, or the arts. Parents can relate to the role of Jesus with his disciples. They were frightened and discouraged but they found hope and relief with the peace and presence of Jesus. Today, on the Second Sunday of Easter, we continue our celebration of the risen Lord. Like the disciples, we too are filled with joy in seeing the risen Jesus.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

As people who have not seen yet believe, we bring our needs to the God who conquers death.

Reader

For the Church: that the Holy Spirit may deepen the faith of its members.

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

For all those in high positions: that they may show special concern for the poorer and more disadvantaged members of our society.

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

For those whose faith is weak or non-existent: that the Lord may touch their mind and hearts through the lives of committed Christians.

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

For all gathered here that our faith in Christ and in his love for us may continue to grow in spite of doubt and difficulties.

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

For those who are suffering the effects of war, famine and persecution in particular the people of Aleppo.

**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, give us the certainty that beyond death there is a life where broken things are mended and lost things are found; where there is rest for the weary and joy for the sad; where all that we have loved and willed of good exists, and where we will meet again our loved ones. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Etienne Kinfack, Cameroon.
 Nora Cotter, Togher.
 Fiona Dineen, Grenagh.
 Catherine (Kitty) McSweeney, Cathedral Road.
 Gillian O'Donoghue, Grange Manor.
 Fr. Terry Twohig, Dalgan Park.
 Patryk Szydlowski, The Crescent, Old Fort Road.

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

Dan McCarthy, The Crescent.
 Paddy Keohane, Inniscarra.
 Mary O'Riordan, Rathcoole.
 Tadgh Murphy, Coolroe.
 John & Hannah Haynes, Greemount.
 Dec. Members Kelleher family, Bandon.
 William O'Brien, Cathedral Road.
 O'Brien Family, Cathedral Road.
 Mary Murphy, Blarney.
 Eily Hamberter, Model Farm Road.
 Barry Kelly, The Crescent.
 Sr. Gemma O'Dwyer, Parish Sister.
 Tadgh Kearney, Westcourt.
 Sid Barber, Parknamore Heights.
 Ellen O'Sullivan, Inniscarra.
 Dot Kelly, Dublin.
 Marie Hegarty, Castle Avenue.
 Connie O'Regan, Carriganarra.
 Pat & Billy Coomey, Carriganarra.
 Tom Madigan, East Gate.
 Noel Madigan, East Gate.
 Dec. members Linehan family, Inniscarra.
 Edmund & Francis O'Donovan, Cloyne.
 Bernadette Condon, Cobh.

Mass Notice

The Annual Parkinson's Mass for People With Parkinson's, their families and friends will take place at St. Patricks Church, Rochestown Road, Cork on Thursday 13th April at 7.00 pm.
 All Welcome

Annual Pilgrimage to Knock

The annual pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Sunday May 29th 2016.
 Bus leaving at 7am at the bus stop outside Garda station.
 Early booking advised.
 For details contact: Sally 0214870954 or Cathleen 0214874730

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Second Week Of Easter

03 Sunday Acts 5:12-16. Ps. 117. Apoc. 1:9-13, 17-19. Jn. 20: 19-31. Lect I: 444
 04 Monday Is. 7: 10-14, 8: 1 O. Ps. 39. Heb. 10:4-10. Lk. 1 :26-38. Lect II: 985
 05 Tuesday Acts 4:32-37. Ps. 92. Jn. 3:7-15. Lect I: 449
 06 Wednesday Acts 5:17-26. Ps. 33. Jn. 3:16-21. Lect I: 452
 07 Thursday Acts 5:27-33. Ps. 33. Jn. 3:31-36. Lect I: 454
 08 Friday Acts 5:34-42. Ps. 26. Jn. 6:1-15. Lect I: 456
 09 Saturday Acts 6:1-7. Ps. 32. Jn. 6:16-21. Lect I: 459

Next Sunday's Readings 10-April-2016

Acts 5:21-32,40-41. Ps. 29. Apoc. 5:11-14. In. 21: 1-19. Lect I: 468

BAPTISMS

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

Antonia Ewa Pelkam, Old Quarter.
 Leo Sihab Mansour, Church Court, Douglas.
 Katie Mae O'Regan, Aylsbury.
 Grace Eileen Carmody, Leesdale Drive.
 Lydia Grace Collins, Ballyvolane.
 Matthias Charlie Jones Harte, Keal, Bantry.
 Rachel Deasy Rubio, Carrigdenne.
 Aizeyosabo Monarita Ogbomo, Macroom.

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts 5:12-16
 The earliest days of the Christian community existed in a period of harmony and success in preaching the Gospel. Like Jesus, the followers are able to heal the sick and those possessed by demons. They continue to gather for prayer near the temple of Jerusalem.

Second Reading: Apoc. 1:9-13. 17-19
 The vision of Christ is a source of joy; he brings us divine mercy in person. Like John the Apostle, we welcome the sight of the Lord. Jesus Christ is risen, our light and our life.

Gospel: John 20:19-31
 Following Jesus' crucifixion the disciples were still uncertain of his message. They lost hope, were filled with fear, and 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 a week later, Jesus appeared in a similar way and 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.

**Organ Donor Awareness Week
2nd to 9th April 2016**

The focus of Organ Donor Awareness Week is to raise awareness about the ongoing and ever increasing demand for organ transplantation which relies on the public for organ donation. Its key message is that families need to talk and keep the reminders of their willingness to donate visible by carrying the organ donor card, downloading the Smartphone App and permitting Code 115 to be included on their driver's license.

The Irish Kidney Association is the national organisation charged with the promotion and distribution of the organ donor card in Ireland, on behalf of Organ Donation Transplant Ireland.

Free information fact files, which accompany organ donor cards, are obtainable from the Irish Kidney Association and are available nationwide from pharmacies, GP surgeries and Citizen Information Offices etc.

Organ Donor Cards can also be obtained by phoning the Irish Kidney Association LoCall 1890 543639 or Freetext the word DONOR to 50050. Visit website www.ika.ie It is now possible to store an organ donor card, the 'ecard' on Smart mobile phones. Simply search for 'Donor ECard' at the iPhone Store or Android Market Place.

Parent Evening

An evening with parents and students on Coping with stress at exam time.

In 2016 we celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the consecration of our parish church, the Church of the Incarnation, Frankfield/Grange.

During the year we have planned a series of events each month to mark the occasion.

Conscious of the stresses on young people at this time we ask for your help in promoting our next series of talks during April.

To this end, Frankfield parish, are hosting Mr. Colum Layton, for An evening with parents and students on Coping with stress at exam time. Colum is a former Guidance counselor and has also worked with the Department of Education as an Inspector of Guidance. The talk will take place on Wednesday 6th April at 8pm in the Parish Centre, which is behind the Church. All are welcome and admission is free.

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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, Choirs, Cantors, Folk Group, Collectors, Cleaners, Parish Council, The Parishioner and Parish Council Sub Groups, the Sacristans in both Churches, People who distributed dues envelopes and the various flyers. Thanks also to the many people who attended and participated in the Easter Ceremonies.

Easter Collection

The Priests of the parish Fr George & Fr. Cian would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generosity in the Easter collection. This is much appreciated.

Trocaire Boxes

Please return Trocaire Boxes to the schools or to the church; when returned the money will be lodged in the Trocaire Account

First Holy Communion Dates 2016

Scoil Mhuire	Saturday April 23rd
Scoil Barra	Saturday May 14th
Our Lady of Good Counsel	Saturday May 14th
Scoil Eoin	Saturday May 21st
Gaelscoil Ui Riordan	Saturday May 28th i

Confirmation Dates 2016

Wednesday 6th April	Scoil Barra
Wednesday 6th April	Our Lady of Good Counsel
Thursday 7th April	Scoil Eoin
Monday 9th May	Scoil Mhuire
Friday 20th May	Gaelscoil Ui Riordan

Fr. George

**Easter 1916 in Cork
Order, Counter-Order and Disorder**

Most of the action in relation to the 1916 Rising occurred in Dublin. What happened in Cork at this time? Did the Irish Volunteers in Cork contribute to the Easter Rising? What roles did Terence MacSwiney and Tomás MacCurtain play in Cork? Gerry White, co-author of *Baptised in Blood*, the story of the Cork Brigade of the Irish Volunteers, will answer these and other questions in a lecture on 'Easter 1916 in Cork - Order, Counter-Order and Disorder'. The lecture, organised by Muskerry Local History Society, will be held in Ballincollig Rugby Club on Monday, 18 April, at 8.00 pm.

*Make all the friends you can.
Keep all the friends you make.
And when you meet a stranger,
give his hand a hearty shake.
For all the countless treasures
which in time may come your way,
there'll be nothing quite as precious
as the friends you make today.*

Ernest Sidwell

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Apr-09 & Apr-10-2016

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Muireann Nelligan
Padraig McAuliffe
8:30 am
Pat Fennell
Kate Healy
10:00 am
Grace Buttimer
Orla Horgan
12:00 Noon
Tony Lynch
Shane Lehane

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Nonyi Ebili
Jennifer Nyagaya
11:00 am
Maebh Nic Mheanmain
12:30 pm
Kay Carew
Jane O'Leary
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	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. Cian O'Sullivan C.C.	021-4876171

Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

Week 4th Apr to 10th Apr

Joan Barrett
Margot Twomey

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.



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Apr-09 & Apr-10-2016

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Steve Wills
Margaret O'Sullivan
Danny Farrell
Jim Walsh
Frances O'Brien
Eileen Coughlan

7:30 pm Anne O'Regan
Mairead Murphy
Finbarr Murray
Lettie Kelly
Mary Murphy

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Tom Butler
Denis Healy

11:00 am Seamus & Mary O'Connell
Ciaran Kelleher
Alan O'Riordan
Geraldine Keohane
Gerard Murray

10:00 am Christy Roche
Katie O'Shea
Elaine Crowley
Anna Buckley
Claire Creedon
Jim Lordan

12:30 pm Lucy O'Callaghan
Jackie Sheehan
Michael O'Leary
J.P.O'Leary

12 Noon Oliver O'Donovan
Sean Hennessy
Mary McLean
Eleanor Seymour
Nora Hennessy
Chris Walsh

5:30 pm Noelle Buckley
Mary Breen
Valerie Barry

I Feel It in the air

I know its Easter time again, I feel it in the air,
The breath of Spring with a woody tang, and new life everywhere,
And Spring glides on with magic touch, over mountainside and glen,
And wakens all the sleeping plants, for Easter time again.
The brooklets leap from rock to rock, as if in joyful play,
The flowers peep from darkened tombs to welcome Easter,
The birds are swinging on the boughs, and trill in ecstasy
They seem to show the world's great joy, of Easter mystery.
Why should we dread this thing called death? It's just an open door
Where all within is love and peace, and joy forever more.
"Because I live, you too shall live", we hear the Saviour say.
Lets consecrate our lives anew during this Easter time.

Marriage Encounter

Is a worldwide Catholic voluntary organization that presents the Marriage Encounter Weekend in more than 90 countries. Presented by three married couples and a priest, the weekend is a residential workshop that offers married couples with a good relationship the opportunity to explore, renew and enrich what they already have going for them in a way that completely respects their privacy.
It is very much about spouses being in a unique sacramental relationship that involves not only them but also God, their family and the wider community of the Church. In his Wednesday catechesis of 2nd April 2014, Pope Francis said: Marriage is the icon of God's love for us.
Our next Marriage Encounter Weekend will be from 15th -17th April 2016 (8:00 pm Friday to 4:30 pm Sunday) at the Cork International Hotel. Details of our weekends and lots more information is provided on our website www.marriageencounter.ie or phone Ph.086-8334382 / 087-2162436