

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 10-April-2016

Third Sunday of Easter

Peter, who denied the Lord three times, three times, affirms his love. He learns that his share in the Lord's care for his people will one day bring him to the martyrdom of death - the early Church was founded on those who joyfully bore witness with their lives.



**Christ Our Light
Innishmore**

150 Years



**St. Mary & St. John
Station Road**

Follow Me

This morning the reading from the Acts of the Apostles gives an insight into the struggles and risks that were part of life for the early believers. "The High priest demanded an explanation; we gave you a formal warning not to preach in His name and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with this teaching; You seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us." However Peter and his friends stood their ground and said "obedience to God comes first." Peter and the disciples had a conviction that it was the God of their ancestors that raised Jesus from the dead. They went further and announced that they were glad to have the opportunity to suffer humiliation for the sake of Christ. Following Christ and living the gospel is always demanding. Give us some of the courage of Peter to walk with the Lord. May the Holy Spirit give us strength and wisdom to be witnesses to the presence of the love of God in our world.

The gospel passage is one of the great conversations between Christ and Peter. It is said of Stalin that if you were to make one mistake it was like mishandling a detonator – it was the last one you made. Sometimes we too can write people off because of one negative experience. Peter had a bad day when Christ needed the support of all his friends. Peter the leader of the group was cowardly, told lies and abandoned the Christ when he needed some support. Some days after the resurrection Jesus took the initiative; after breakfast he asked Peter "Do you love me" Peter replied "Lord you know I love you." Then Jesus went on to say to Peter "feed my lambs and feed my sheep." Jesus saw beyond the public failings of Peter and acknowledged his goodness. Peter is called to love and serve his brothers and sisters in the Christian community. Like Peter each of us is called to love and care for one another. We are also called to look beyond the stumbles of others and try to see their goodness.

George O'Mahony

Reflection for Parents

As parents we know a great deal about caring for sheep in the flock. We work long, hard, and diligently to make sure that our children receive the physical, emotional, and spiritual care they require. We are challenged by this Gospel reading to move outside our immediate "flock" and care for all of God's children. Our own children will learn the essence of this Gospel when they see us reconcile with others and go outside our small worlds to help others. Today, as we continue to celebrate Easter, we praise the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus. We worship the lamb who deserves praise, honour, glory and power for ever and ever.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us pray to God, who through the resurrection of his Son, strengthens us in hope and love.

Reader

That Church leaders may be devoted to the welfare of their brothers and sisters in the community.

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

That the Lord may direct and bless the work of his disciples today just as, under the direction of Jesus, disciples made a great catch of fish.

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

That the Lord may direct and bless the work of our political and civil leaders.

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

That we may find joy in serving others, remembering that the lord prepared food for his disciples.

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

That we may be kind and forgiving toward all those who disappoint or fail us, just as the Lord has been kind to us.

**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.**

Priest

Father, our source of life, you know our weakness. May we reach out with joy to grasp the hand you extend to us in Christ, so that we may walk more readily in your ways. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Fr. Terry Twohig, Dalgan.
 Michael Murray, Beech Park.
 Kathleen O’Connell, Beaufort.
 Eileen Roche, Mayfield.
 Michael Murray, Bishopstown.
 Mary Hynes, Ennis.
 Finbarr Crowley, Ballincollig/Waterfall.

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

Oliver Forde & family members, Kilmichael.
 Ellen Bowen, Sunday’s Well.
 Peggy Mitchell, Sandymount / Glasheen.
 Maureen Calnan, West Village.
 Davy Downing, Bandon.
 Dan & Alan O’Callaghan, Aherla.
 Teresa McSweeney, Carrigrohane.
 Tom O’Donoghue, Inniscarra View.
 Donnacha Gleeson, Ovens.
 John O’Mahony, Carriganarra.
 Thomas & Mary O’Donoghue, Furies.
 Brendan O’Mahony, South Douglas Road.
 Tony Allen, Inniscarra View.
 Abina Murphy, The Lough.
 John Woods, Carriganarra.
 Mary Brennan, Kilkenny.
 Mary Creedon, Carriganarra.
 Morgan O’Donovan, Classis Lake.
 Aiden Lenihan, Muskerry Estate.
 Denis Kiely, Rosewood.
 Kevin Kiely, North Mall.

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

Third Week Of Easter

- 10 Sunday Acts 5:21-32,40-41. Ps. 29. Apoc. 5:11-14. In. 21: 1-19. Lect I: 468
- 11 Monday Acts 6:8-15. Ps. 118. In. 6:22-29. Lect I: 472
- 12 Tuesday Acts 7:51-8: 1 a. Ps. 30. In. 6:30-35. Lect I: 474
- 13 Wednesday Acts 8:1-8. Ps. 65. Jn. 6:35-40. Lect I:476
- 14 Thursday Acts 8:26-40. Ps. 65. Jn. 6:44-51. Lect 1:479
- 15 Friday Acts 9: 1-20. Ps. 116. In. 6:52-59. Lect I: 481
- 16 Saturday Acts 9:31-42. Ps. 115. In. 6:60-69. Lect I: 484

Next Sunday’s Readings 17-April-2016

Acts 13:14,43-52. Ps. 99. Apoc. 1:9, 14-1,. In. 10:21-30. Lect I: 493

BAPTISMS

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

Anna Maria Austin, The Cloisters.
 Daniel Tavares, Kenley Road, Model Farm Road.
 Maia Mary Claire McNamara, The Cedars, Classes Lake.
 Elsa Elizabeth Duoba, Disterelly Court.
 Lyla Christine Martin, Innishmore Square.
 Clara Lily Ryan, Castle Avenue, Muskerry Estate.
 Sophie Joan O’Mahony, Ballyshoneen.

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32. 40-41
 Peter and the apostles continue to preach Jesus, even though the High Priest challenges them.

Second Reading: Apoc. 5:11-14
 The risen Jesus is portrayed as Lamb of God enthroned in heaven.

Gospel: John 21:1-19.
 For the third time since his resurrection, Jesus appeared to the disciples. It seems that the disciples had returned to their former lives--those they had lived before they left to follow Jesus--because they were fishing in the Sea of Galilee. Jesus stood on the shore and called out to the men in the boat asking if they had caught anything. The disciples replied that they had caught nothing. Jesus then instructed them to cast their net on the right side of the boat. When they did, they had a huge catch of 153 fish. They knew from this sign that it was Jesus on the shore. When they came ashore, Jesus cooked their breakfast of fish. When they finished eating, Jesus asked Peter three times if Peter loved him. This was a great example of reconciliation because the opportunities for Peter to affirm his love of Jesus matched the same number of times he denied knowing him. It was then that Jesus commissioned Peter to care for the sheep in Jesus' flock.

“Mothers’ Prayers” Group

Recommence on Thursday next 14th April at 10 a.m.
 At ‘SONAS’, Station Road
 Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers all welcome!

Follow the SunSmart Code

Getting too much sun can be harmful whatever your age. You probably protect your skin when on holidays abroad or on really hot sunny days at home. But that isn't enough. Get into the habit of protecting your skin every day from April to September, whatever the weather. The 5 steps of the Irish Cancer Society's SunSmart code is an effective way to protect you from UV damage:

1. Slop on sunscreen. The best sunscreens protect against UV-B rays and UV-A rays. The Irish Cancer Society advises that adults use sunscreen with SPF 15 or higher (SPF 30 or higher for children). What to think about when choosing and using sunscreen

- Apply to dry skin 20-30 mins before going outside.
- Be extra careful of those areas that do not get much exposure as they tend to burn more easily.
- Reapply every two hours
- Choose a water resistant type if sweating or you are involved in water sports

2. Slip on sun protective clothing and slap on a hat. One of the simplest things you can do to protect your skin from UV rays is to cover it with clothes. Choose clothes that cover as much skin as possible and ensure hats gives shade to the face, neck, head and ears.

3. Seek shade. UV rays are usually at their strongest between 11am and 3pm. Plan your day so that you know you will be able to go into the shade as much as possible between those times.

4. Wear sunglasses and check the label to ensure they give UV protection.

5. Check the UV index. When the UV Index is 3 or more you are at greater risk of skin damage that can lead to skin cancer. Get into the habit of checking the UV Index as a reminder of the need to be SunSmart. Check out the UV index at: <http://www.cancer.ie/reduceyour-risk/sunsmart/uv-index>. Further information on SunSmart can be found on www.cancer.ie

Come and See

Information Day for Priesthood in the Diocese of Cork & Ross. The Annual Cork and Ross Vocations Information Day will be held on next Sunday April 17th at The Pastoral Development Office, The Parochial House, Ballyphehane (Telephone 021-4537603) from 2.30pm to 5.30pm. The afternoon allows prospective students to explore the possibility of a vocation and make enquiries in an informal setting. Seminararians for the Diocese will also attend. Further information from: Fr. Tom Deenihan (021) 4301717, Fr Charlie Kiely (021) 4537603 or Canon Bertie O'Mahony (021) 4371684.

Youth 2000 Munster

Youth 2000 will be hosting a Catholic youth retreat in St. Brendan's College, Killarney, Co. Kerry from 15th-17th April for ages 16-35. The weekend will consist of inspiring talks, music, prayer, workshops & time to chill out & meet new people. Please bring a sleeping bag if staying on site. Donation only event. For more info contact Marie 0879361812 or check out www.youth2000.ie

Bulletin Board

Special Collection for Diocesan Needs

The collection for Diocesan needs will be taken up at all Masses next week end Sat/Sun 16/17 April .

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday May 7th 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.

Trocaire Boxes

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

Confirmation

Congratulations to the Boy & Girls who received the sacrament of Confirmation in Scoil Barra and Our Lady of Good Counsel and the boys of Scoil Eoin. Sincere thanks to the parents and dedicated teachers who work diligently preparing young people for the sacrament.

Confirmation Dates 2016

Monday 9th May	Scoil Mhuire
Friday 20th May	Gaelscoil Ui Riordan

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
Gael Scoil Ui Riordan	Saturday May 28th

Coeliac Hosts

The Coeliac Association of Ireland have advised that the low gluten hosts are suitable for Coeliacs.

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.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Apr-16 & Apr-17-2016

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Adrian Cotter
Alan Murphy
8:30 am
Eadaoin O'Leary
Gerard O'Leary
10:00 am
Jordan Crowley
Fergal Monahan
12:00 Noon
Chloe Dalton O'Connor
katie Tobin / Kate Sheehy

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Fiona Feely
11:00 am
Jacob Derham
Ciara Healy
12:30 pm
Adaugu Ebili
Caterina Nugent
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	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 11th Apr to 17th 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.

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A thought for today

Perhaps the most radical statement Jesus ever made is "Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate".

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