

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 02-April-2017

Fifth Sunday of Lent

*Jesus as a man like us, wept for Lazarus his friend, as eternal God he raised Lazarus from the dead, in his love for us all, Jesus gave us the sacraments to lift us up to everlasting life.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

## Lazarus Restored to Life

Jesus received a message, the message was urgent Lazarus is very sick, "The man you love is sick" Jesus announced "this sickness will bring Glory to God." Jesus stayed put for two more days and then said to his disciples "Let us go to Judaea". We can speculate on what might have been Mary's thoughts as Jesus stood by the grave of her brother Lazarus. Jesus called out in a loud voice "Lazarus come out." Four days is a long time, how could a person come back to life after that time. But come back Lazarus did, the likes of this was never heard of, this Jesus is someone very special, one that could be heard through any barrier including the wall of death.

Jesus has a message for us in this Gospel, he invites us to come out of our grave of selfishness. We may think we are too settled to change and leave the wall of sin and mediocrity to one side. Lazarus needed help to get out of the grave, he needed the power of God. It is this same power that enables us to break out of the fetters of fear or self-centeredness to serve our neighbour and our God. Today is the opportunity for us to hear the call of Jesus and receive His power to be changed to a better life.

Newsflash. Calling all former and present members of Folk groups in Ballincollig to get together on April 22nd. Register interest [www.iancallanan.com/fgr](http://www.iancallanan.com/fgr)

*George O'Mahony*

## Reflection for Parents

The healing power of Jesus brings new life to all of us. Are there some things in our lives that cause us to die to others? Perhaps we are impatient, ungrateful, critical, or quick to anger. Maybe we're proud, boastful, or envious. Jesus promises us new life if we trust in him and allow our actions to follow his ways.

**Belief:** Trust yourself, then you will know how to live. *Goethe*

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

### Priest

With confidence we raise up our prayers to the God with whom is mercy and fullness of redemption.

### Reader

For the Church: that it may proclaim to all the good news of eternal life won for us by Jesus Christ.

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

For political leaders: that they may facilitate the work of those engaged in caring for and in preserving life.

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

For those who care for the sick and the dying.

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

For all those who are grieving because of the death of a dear one and for ourselves: that we may treasure the beautiful but fragile gift of life.

**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, Mosul, Nigeria & Sudan.

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

For ourselves: that our own special needs may have a place within the presence of God.

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

### Priest

Lord God, through the resurrection of your Son, you have kindled in our hearts the hope of eternal life. Guard this hope with your grace, and bring it to fulfilment in the kingdom of heaven. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.*

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Christy Lucey, Beech Park.  
Margaret Dineen, Melbourne, Bishopstown.  
Tony O'Mahony, Ballinora.

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

Dan McCarthy, The Crescent.  
Willie & Mary Murphy, Kilmichael.  
Paddy Keohane, Inniscarra.  
Denis & Eileen Lynch, Carriganarra.  
Sid Barber, Parknamore Heights.  
Annie Kavanagh, Wicklow.  
Eddie, Kathleen & Mary, Duncan, Omagh.  
Patrick Kirstein, Inniscarra View.  
Aiden Lenihan, Muskerry Estate.  
Helen Lynch, Guaranes.  
James O'Mahony, Ballinora.  
Mary Raj, India.  
Paddy Twomey, Clash.  
Morgan O'Donovan, Classes Lake.  
Tom O'Leary, Maglin.  
Connie O'Regan, Carriganarra.  
Olivia Guzman, Chicago/Ballincollig.  
Ellen O'Sullivan, Inniscarra.  
John O'Regan, Bantry.  
Paddy Hegarty, Caheragh.  
Lena Gaffney, Carrigrohane.  
Mary Creedon, Carriganarra.

***Vacancy in Ballincollig Youth/Social Project***

We have a vacancy for a Caretaker in the Community Hall, Station Road, Ballincollig on our Community Employment Scheme. If you are interested in applying for this position and you are eligible for Community Employment (are over 25 years of age and in receipt of a Social Welfare payment for over 12 months) please contact Jo McGrath on 021-4874775 or email Jo at ballincolligsocialproject@gmail.com This position can be viewed on www.jobsireland.ie Job Index 2026614

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Fifth Week Of Lent

02 Sunday Ez. 37: 12-14. Ps. 129. Rom. 8:8-11. Jn. 11: 1-45. Lect I: 305

03 Monday Dan. 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62. Ps. 22. Jn. 8: 1-11. Lect I: 319

04 Tuesday Num. 21:4-9. Ps. 101. Jn. 8:21-30. Lect I: 326

05 Wednesday Dan. 3: 14-20, 24-25, 28. Ps. Dan. 3:52-56. Jn. 8:31-42. Lect I: 328

06 Thursday Gen. 17:3-9. Ps. 104. In. 8:51-59. Lect I: 331

07 Friday Jer. 20:10-13. Ps. 17. In. 10:31-42. Lect I: 333

08 Saturday Ex 37:21-28. Ps Jer 31:10-13. Jn 11:45-56. Lect I: 336

**Next Sunday's Readings 09-April-2017**

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

**BAPTISMS**

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

Hannah Dymkowska, Old Quarter.  
Orlaigh Marie Campbell, Manchester.  
Kara Grace Whelan, The Maltings.

**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

The Lord God told the people that soon the graves of the dead would open and they would rise. "I will put my spirit in you that you may live says the Lord."

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11

"Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him." God, who raised Jesus from the dead, will raise also those in whom the Spirit dwells.

Gospel: John 11:1-45

In this Gospel, John tells the story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. The story is significant because it is likely that his action was his last miracle before Jesus began the journey toward his own death. Jesus was called to Bethany to save his friend, but instead waited several days to return. This action confused Lazarus' sisters, Mary and Martha, because they knew that Jesus could have healed their brother. Jesus used the incident to strengthen the faith of Mary, Martha, and all who believed. He made sure that Lazarus was raised from death so that the people could witness God's glory.

**Transition from Primary to Secondary School**

Scoil Barra's Parents and Friends Association are hosting a talk "Moving Upwards and Onwards", dealing with the different challenges involved in the move from Primary to Secondary School. Pauline Baston, a Parent and Relationship Mentor will present this topic on Monday 3rd April in the school at 7.30pm followed by Q&A.

**All are welcome**

**Way of The Cross with Trocaire this Lent**

**9th Station: Jesus falls for the third time**

**Scripture:** ‘Upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.’ (Isaiah53:5)

**Reflection:** How can Jesus recover from a third fall? How can farmers suffering a prolonged drought rise up year after year and carry on? Every year, life gets more difficult for Matthew Sibanda. This 66 year old farmer has lived all his life in the Matobo region of southern Zimbabwe, but he says he has never experienced a climate as difficult as in recent years. ‘As far as I remember, I have never experienced such hot temperatures,’ he says. ‘For a long time, my piece of land was considered a fertile wetland which always gave me good yield to feed my family but this is now history.’ (By Nelly Maonde, Zimbabwe Livelihoods & Humanitarian Programme Officer)

**10th Station: Jesus is stripped of his garments**

**Scripture:** ‘They divide my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.’ (Psalms 22:18)

**Reflection:** Jesus suffered the added indignity of being stripped of his garments before the world. The ongoing war in Syria – a war whose root causes are tied to prolonged drought has created 3 million refugees. After losing home, livelihood and land, they are forced to pick up and leave everything. They sometimes suffer the added indignity of being met with hostility and mistrust when they try to find a new country of refuge.

**11th Station: Jesus is nailed to the cross**

**Scripture:** ‘When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus.’ (Luke 23:33)

**Reflection:** So utterly wasted through whipping and bearing the heavy cross, Jesus must still endure the searing pain of being nailed to the cross. What are the physical pains that people endure today that are due to climate change? Around the world there have been many deaths due to extreme heat. The elderly, very young and the sick are those who suffer most. It is estimated that climate change will contribute to two hundred and fifty thousand additional deaths per year.

**Traumatic events of War of Independence**

Muskerry Local History Society are organising a lecture on some of the traumatic events in the War of Independence era. Tim O'Brien, through a slide show and commentary, will recall the deaths of republican hunger strikers Joe Murphy, Pouladuff, and Michael Fitzgerald, Fermoy, in Cork Jail in 1920; the shooting of the Delany brothers at the family home in Kilbarry, Blackpool on the night of the 'Burning of Cork' and the equally tragic loss of six young Irish lives in an ambush by British armed forces at Ballycannon in the Kerry Pike/Clogheen area. The show will conclude with some photographic coverage of the repatriation from the United States in 1958 of the bodies of Capuchin friars Fr Albert and Fr Dominic who were closely associated with the War of Independence struggle. The lecture will be held in Ballincollig Rugby Club at 8 p.m. on Monday 10 April. Proceeds in aid of Marymount.

**MARRIAGES**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

Sarena Hanlon, Wyndham Lawn & Rory Brown, Douglas who were married recently in the parish.

**Bulletin Board**

**Masses During Lent**

Church of Christ Our Light  
8.30am & 6:30pm Weekdays  
Church of St. Mary & John  
9.30am Weekdays

**Stations of The Cross**

Outdoor Stations of the Cross will take place on Good Friday, 14th April starting at St. Mary & St. John’s Church at 12 noon

**Family Mass (formerly Children’s Mass)**

The next Children’s Mass for children in second class preparing for their first Holy Communion will take place on Sunday 2nd April at 11.00am in Church of Christ Our Light. The Parents of children who are seven and eight are asked to bring them to this Mass. Preparation with these children commences in the main body of the church at 10.45am. Small children preschool/infants/1st class retire to the crying room where they celebrate the Liturgy of the Word in a child friendly fashion. They will return to the main church at the start of the offertory procession.

**Ceolias Hosts**

Low gluten hosts are available that are suitable for Ceolias. Please inform the priest prior to Mass if possible if you require it.

Fr. George

**Cork Marriage Counselling Centre  
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The first to APOLOGISE is the Bravest.  
The first to FORGIVE is the Strongest.  
The first to FORGET is the Happiest.

**Anam Cara**

The organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its next monthly Parent Evening on Wednesday 5th of April from 19:30 to 21:00 in the Clayton Hotel, Silver Springs, Tivoli, Cork. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether the death was recent or not.

**St. Vincent de Paul**

The SVP in Cork are urgently looking for volunteers for their shops in Cork City and also at their Clothing Recycling Centre in Little Island. If you can give an hour or two a week then please contact:  
Mark Hussey at mark.hussey@svp.ie or 086 049 5712 or  
Noel O’Leary at ofcsouthwest@gmail.com or 086 805 7751

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Apr-08 & Apr-09-2017

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**

Aine Sheehan  
Michael Collins  
**8:30 am**  
Triona Downey  
Riain Brennan / Miriam Healy

**10:00 am**

Lauree Hegarty  
Mary O'Driscoll  
**12:00 Noon**  
Sean Hennessy  
Shane Lehane

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**

Pauline Collins  
Dylan Ebili  
**11:00 am**  
Tomás Buckley  
Michael Buckley  
**12:30 pm**  
Joseph Manning  
Louis Herdman  
**5:30 pm**  
Marlyn O'Connor

**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 & 6:30 pm

9:30 am

**Tuesday**

8:30 am & 6:30 pm

9:30 am

**Wednesday**

8:30 am & 6:30 pm

9:30 am

**Thursday**

8:30 am & 6:30 pm

9:30 am

**Friday**

8:30 am & 6:30 pm

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  
Except First Saturday of  
Month

**Saturday**

4:30 pm  
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**

03-Apr-2017 to 09-Apr-2017

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.



**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Apr-08 & Apr-09-2017

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6.00 pm** Steve Wills  
Bernadette Bell  
Danny Farrell  
Jim Walsh  
Frances O'Brien  
Eileen Coughlan

**8:30 am** Mary Buckley  
Denis Healy  
Tom Butler

**10:00 am** Christy Roche  
Mary O'Regan  
Elaine Crowley  
Anna Buckley  
Claire Creedon  
Jim Lordan

**12 Noon** Oliver O'Donovan  
Sean Hennessy  
Mary McLean  
Eleanor Seymour  
Nora Hennessy  
Christina Walshe

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

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

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

**5:30 pm** Noelle Buckley  
Mary Breen  
Valerie Barry

**Celebration of Passover- 2017**

The Passover is a commemoration of the Exodus (flight of the Israelites) out of Egypt as recorded in the Old Testament. It recalls the story of the Israelites being freed from slavery and having to leave Israel in such haste that they did not have time for their dough to leaven and had to eat unleavened bread.

The celebration of the Passover Meal (Sedar) takes place at Eastertime. It is a ritual of 15 parts where symbolic foods are on the table. It is filled with many customs culminating in a prayer that the holiday will be celebrated the following year in Jerusalem.

Here in Ballincollig parish this commemoration is now an annual event. This year it will take place in the old Library section of the Community Hall on Station Road at 7.30pm on Tuesday the 11th April. It takes 1hour approx.

Parishioners are welcome to attend and are required to make prior booking with Miriam in the Parish Office (021 4871206) before Sunday 9th April.