

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 16-April-2017

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

Easter – The Resurrection

Many people have stood by a grave with lots of difficult questions coming to the fore. Questions ranging from what will my friend discover beyond the grave? How will I cope with the death, loss and grief? The future can look pretty bleak.

Mary and the disciples were full of grief, sadness and their hearts were broken as they prepared to visit the grave of a son, a friend and someone they loved and respected. Quickly their lives were filled with confusion as Mary and the women brought word, the grave is empty and they passed on the message “He is not here, He is risen”. The news was confirmed by others and gradually the news spread through the circle of family and friends. They remembered the words of Jesus, “I am the resurrection and the life”. Slowly it dawned on them there is more than his miracles, reputation and good deeds to Jesus.

We believe and it is the essence of our faith that we are more than our possessions, our accomplishments and our reputations. The essence of who I am is that I am unique and loved by God. We are God’s chosen ones. That first Easter morning Jesus was transformed and restored to his mother and friends. The Easter gift is to believe that we are the beloved of God who will love us forever in a way that is totally beyond our understanding.

George O’Mahony

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us pray to God who rescued his beloved son from the darkness of death and brought him into the light of glory.

Reader

For all Christians: that they may experience the joy of Christ’s victory over death.

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

For all government leaders: that Christ’s victory over evil may encourage them in their work for justice and peace.

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

For all those who have no faith in an after-life: that the joy of this great day may be felt by them too.

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

For each other: that we may be able to overcome our fear of death, since Christ underwent it and overcame it for us.

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

For our deceased relatives and friends, and all faithful departed: that they may share in the risen life Christ.

**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

God our Father, the power of this day drives away all evil, washes away all guilt, restores lost innocence, brings joy to those who mourn, casts out hatred, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride. We ask this through 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, Cian O’Sullivan

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Eileen Dennehy, Dillons Cross.
 Cáit Twomey, Cul Aodha.
 Donal McDonnell, Mayfield.
 Kathleen Denny, Blarney.
 Mary Ann Curran, Glenbeigh.

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

Rose Ebili, Nigeria.
 Frank Manning, Blackrock.
 Peggy Mitchell, Sandymount / Glasheen.
 Liam Walsh, Youghal.
 John Meehan, Cork & Glasgow.
 William Walsh, Carrigrohane.
 Angelo & Margaret Bernardi, Magazine Road.
 Donal O'Connor, Coolroe.
 Lucy Barrett, Leo Murphy Terrace.
 Sid Carmody, Leo Murphy Terrace.
 Hannah Foy, Inniscarra View.
 Gertrude Davis.
 Michéal O'Shea, Scoil Eoin/Farran.
 Nellie-Mai & Seán Jack Murphy.
 Edel Murphy.
 Breda Murphy, Inniscarra View.
 Fr. Terry Twohig, Dalgan Park
 Gretta Lester, Prosperity Square
 Eily Hamburger, London/Model Farm Road
 Matthew O'Leary, Carriganarra Estate.
 Liam Gleeson, Rochestown.
 Maurice, Margaret, Dan & Charles O'Connor, Castlegregory.
 John & Bridget Lee, Inniscarra.
 Pat Lee, Inniscarra.

Reflection

Last night we heard the words, 'What good would life have been to us had Christ not come as our Redeemer?' This is not to denigrate the gift of life which we have been given. Rather it directs us where to search if we want to find a meaning to life. It is God who gives us life. It is Christ who gives life its primary significance namely, the opportunity to embrace discipleship of the Father. Today we celebrate God's vindication of the choice Jesus made. The same choice is also ours.

Vocations to Priesthood

The Diocese will host its annual come and see afternoon for those who are interested in knowing more about being a priest in the diocese and the formation and training involved on Sunday 7th May from 2.30pm to 5.00pm at the Pastoral Development Office in Ballyphehane. Further details from Fr Charlie 021 4537603

Fr Tom Deenihan 021 4301717
 Fr Bertie O'Mahony 021 4346940
 Fr Aidan O'Driscoll 023 8833165

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

The Easter Season

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

Next Sunday's Readings 23-April-2017

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

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 Monday, March 20th. The first full moon after that was last Tuesday, April 11th. Thus, Easter Sunday is today, April 16th. 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.

A Thought for Today

The Greatest Man in history is Jesus. He had no servants, yet they called Him Master. He had No degree, yet they called Him Teacher. He had no medicines, yet they called Him Healer. He had no, army, yet kings feared Him. He won no military battles, yet He conquered the world. He committed no crime, yet they crucified him. He was buried in a tomb, yet He lives today.

BAPTISMS

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

Zane Donal Kelleher, Coolroe Meadows.
 Katie Lynn O'Keeffe, An Caisleán.
 Eleonora Grace Begala, Westcourt.
 Charlotte Aoibhe Cullinane-Cooney, Highfield Park.
 Sophie Brigid Sexton, Leevew.
 Aibhín Grace Murphy, Manor Hill.
 Kate Margaret O'Neill, Leesdale.
 Ryan Oliver O'Sullivan, Macroom.

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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.

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 coin. 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.
Please remember to return your Trocaire boxes and thanks to the families who have already returned them.

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.

Death Has No Power over Him

The certainty of death hangs over every human life. In every human heart lies the fundamental question about what life means and where it leads. Today we celebrate our faith that God's eternal Son has died, as we must do, to show us that death with him is the gateway to a world in which our deepest questions are answered and our deepest longings fulfilled.

Cork Association for Autism

Volunteers needed! The Cork Association for Autism needs your help on Friday 24th April & May 5th for our Flag Day collections across Cork City & County. Please call 021 543 3642 or email fundraising@corkautism.ie

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.

Easter Greetings

We wish all our parishioners a very happy Easter. Spring is a special time of year; it brings new life in the animal world as well as the world of nature. The longer and brighter days help to lift the spirits of many. Easter is also a very special time for the Christian family. Holy week celebrates the major Christian truths. We have a saviour who died for us and is risen from the dead, giving us a promise and hope that we too will triumph over darkness and death. May we enjoy the Easter time and be refreshed by the promise of life and light from the Saviour Jesus.

Bank Holiday Monday

Monday April 17th Morning Mass at 9.30am in Church of St Mary & St John.

Trocaire Boxes

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

Family Mass

The next Family Mass for children in second class preparing for their first Holy Communion will take place on Sunday 16th 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.

Fr. George

Cork Arc Cancer Support House

"Cork ARC Cancer Support House is looking for Volunteers to help with their Annual Flag Day in Ballincollig on Friday 21st April, 2017. This Volunteer Fundraising will help Cork ARC to continue to offer their vital cancer support services free of charge to cancer patients and their families. Please contact Hilary on (021) 4275050 or email hilary@corkcancersupport.ie. For more information about the work we do please visit www.corkcancersupport.ie"

Ballincollig Community School Recycling Collection

A clothing recycling collection is being held in BCS on Monday, 24th April. Clean clothes, paired shoes, handbags and bed clothes welcome. No pillows or duvets please. The proceeds from this collection will go towards school talks etc.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Apr-22 & Apr-23-2017

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)

Sean Collins

Ben Purcell

8:30 am

Pat Fennell

Kate Healy

10:00 am

Marie Bunyan

Amy O'Driscoll

12:00 Noon

Katie Tobin

Kate Sheehy

7:30 pm (Vigil)

Rebecca Feely / Siobhan Keane

Josh Nyagaya

11:00 am

Kristian Calvert

Amy Ni Chearbhaill

12:30 pm

Aisling Dore

Clara Herdman

5:30 pm

Colm 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

No Morning Mass

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

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Fr. Cian O'Sullivan C.C.

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MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Apr-22 & Apr-23-2017

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Patsie Murphy
Pat Moore
Mary Walsh
Marie Healy
Margaret Kearney
Nora Barry

7:30 pm Sheila O'Connor
Martin O'Regan
Brid Healy-Harris
Kit Cahill

11:00 am Carmel Ryan
Eileen Byrne
Laurence/ Angela Cunningham
Bernadett Spillane
David Mahony / Stella McVeigh

8:30 am Theresa Lucey
Tom Butler
Triona Collins

10:00 am Mags Bunyan
Mary Murphy
Joan Tobin
Breda Monaghan
Niamh Nic Gearailt
Mary Hennigan

12:30 pm Eileen Garvey
Breda Callanan
Catherine Freehill
Betty Walsh

12 Noon Marie Bohan
Breda Lenihan
Jacinta Jeffers
Rena O'Connor
Sean Farrell

5:30 pm Olan O'Mahony
Noel Kelleher

Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

17-Apr-2017 to 23-Apr-2017

Michael O'Leary

Kay O'Sullivan

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

St Dominic's Retreat Centre Ennismore

A day of reflection will take place with Lectio Divina on Sunday 30th April at 10.30am to 4.30pm

Fr. Joseph Ralph O.P. – Cost: €60.00