

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 23-April-2017

Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday

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

Doubting Thomas

Thomas seems to have been overwhelmed by grief and from Good Friday he had gone his separate way. Thomas was in deep grief and very often when we are grieving we tend to isolate ourselves. Isolating oneself is understandable but is not very helpful. Thomas it seems was cut off from the other disciples and this made life more difficult for him. However his little contact would have helped him to notice the change in mood of the others, he may even have heard about the empty tomb.

Some of his companions had claimed they saw Jesus, Thomas needed more than words (once bitten twice shy) Thomas wanted to be sure. He is echoing the human condition for certainty. Here on earth there is no such thing as certainty about spiritual matters. We depend on faith. Thomas had renewed contact with the community and this helped him to discover faith again. Here with the community he met the risen Christ and came to faith.

Being a believer today can be lonely. It is with the help of community that we can resolve our doubts and sustain our faith. We see the kind of community the early Christians enjoyed. They supported one another, prayed and worshipped together. They also gave material support to those in need. They listened and learnt from one another.

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 in academics, relationships, sports, or whatever. Parents can relate to the role of Jesus with his disciples.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

As people who have not seen and yet believe, we turn in prayer to the God of life.

Reader

For Christians: that like Thomas they may acknowledge Jesus as their Lord and God, and show by their lives that their faith is real.

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

For government leaders: that they may have more faith and trust in one another, and so spread understanding among peoples.

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

For those who right now are finding it hard to believe.

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

For those who are grieving the loss of a loved one: that the Lord, may console them and restore them to full fellowship with their friends and the community.

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

For each other: that we may be able to see Christ in the signs that he left us: giving us life in Baptism, forgiving us in the sacrament of Reconciliation, and nourishing us in the Eucharist.

**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.

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 :

Paddy O'Sullivan, Kilcorney.

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

- Frank & Nan Kavanagh, Leemount.
- Theresa Cahill, Macroom.
- Jeremiah & Nellie Crowley, Kilmichael.
- Ellen Murphy, Muskerry Estate.
- Catherine O'Sullivan, Adrigole.
- Vera Walsh, The Maltings.
- Breed Lynch, Model Farm Road.
- Thomas O'Donnell, Drimoleague.
- Abina Casey Coughlan, "The Park" Killeens.
- Michael McAdoo, Rosewood.
- Johanna Morrissey, Doneraile.
- Peg Collar, Manor Hill.
- Miah O'Sullivan, Station Road.
- Dec. Members of the O'Sullivan & Fitton Families.
- Mary Delaney, Maglin.
- John Woods, Carriganarra.
- Helen Coomey, Carriganarra/New Hampshire.
- Fr. Michael Hourigan, Limerick.
- William & Marie Kavanagh, East Gate.
- Margaret & Michael Murray, Greenhills Estate.
- Mary Linehan, Inniscarra View.

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

Music Morning

Monthly Music Morning will take place in the Ballincollig Library on Tuesday April 25th at 11am. It will be presented by Gerard O'Leary. All are welcome. A cuppa will be served.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Second Week Of Easter

- 23 Sunday Acts 2:42-47. Ps. 117. 1 Pet. 1:3-9. Jn. 20:19-31. Lect I: 438
- 24 Monday Acts 4:23-31 - Ps 2. Jn 3:1-8. Lect I: 447
- 25 Tuesday 1 Pet 5:5-14. Ps 88. Mk 16:15-20. Lect II: 1005
- 26 Wednesday Acts 5:17-26. Ps 33. Jn 3:16-21. Lect I: 452
- 27 Thursday Acts 5:27-33. Ps 33. Jn 3:31-36. Lect I: 454
- 28 Friday Acts 5:34-42. Ps 26. Jn. 6:1-15. Lect I: 456
- 29 Saturday 1 Jn 1:5-2:2. Ps. 102. Mt. 11 :25-30. Lect II: 1009

Next Sunday's Readings 30-April-2017

Acts 2: 14, 22-33. Ps. 15. 1 Pet. 1: 17-21. Lk. 24: 13-35. Lect I: 461

BAPTISMS

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

Cúan John O'Donovan, Ovens
 Timothy Paul Edwards, Main Road.

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

Early Christians adhered to apostolic teaching, centering their lives on prayer, the breaking of the bread, the common life, and charity.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Through God's great mercy, Christians have new life in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The goal of faith is salvation.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Following Jesus' crucifixion the disciples were still uncertain of his message. They lost hope and in fear 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 week later, Jesus appeared in a similar way when 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.

**Cork Marriage Counselling Centre
 Marriage Preparation Courses**

If you are engaged and planning your wedding, why not book your pre marriage course at CMCC? Our courses book in advance so early booking is essential.

Contact us on 021 4272277.

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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 Kiely 021 4537603

Fr Tom Deenihan 021 4301717

Canon Bertie O'Mahony 021 4346940

Fr Aidan O'Driscoll 023 8833165

**Ballincollig Community School
Recycling Collection**

A clothing recycling collection is being held in BCS on tomorrow 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.

The ISPCC in Cork is looking for Volunteers

The ISPCC is now recruiting for Cork-based volunteers for its ChildLine and/or Mentoring services. We are looking for volunteers to provide one to one support through a mentoring relationship to children and/or parents who experience a wide range of issues. We are also looking for volunteers to provide a non-judgemental, confidential listening service via ChildLine.

If you have good communications skills, & are a good listener; then volunteering with the ISPCC could be for you!

We are looking for volunteers to give 2-4 hours of their time a week, for a minimum of two years; in return the ISPCC will provide comprehensive training, support and supervision.

To book your place on one of our information evenings (April 25th and June 1st) please contact Ann Marie on amspillane@ispcc.ie or Christina on ckelly@ispcc.ie or on 021-450 9588 no later than 48 hrs before the information evening.

World Meeting of Families

All parishioners are invited to attend one of two gatherings with Fr Timothy Bartlett, the General Secretary for the World Meeting of Families in Ireland will tell us more about this international event to be hosted in Ireland next year at the request of Pope Francis. At these sessions we will also launch our Diocesan programme of preparation towards the World Meeting. The two sessions are on Thursday 4th May

From 2:30pm to 4:00pm in Clonakilty Parish Centre and from 7:30pm to 9:00pm in Blackrock Parish Centre.

For more details contact 021 4537601

Scout Mass

The Annual Mass for current and deceased members of the Scout Organisation in Cork will be held on Thursday next April 27th, at the SMA church Blackrock Road, at 8.00pm. All present and past members, as well as their relatives and friends are welcome to attend.

Bulletin Board

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 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.

Spring Dues

The priests of the Parish would like to thank you for returning the Spring Dues Envelopes. Your continued support is much appreciated.

Confirmation Dates 2017

Friday 28th April Scoil Barra

Monday 8th May Gaelscoil Uí Ríordáin

First Holy Communion Dates 2017

Saturday 6th May Scoil Eoin

Saturday 13th May Scoil Mhuire

Saturday 20th May Scoil Barra

Saturday 27th May Gaelscoil Uí Ríordáin

Diocesan Collection

The quarterly collection in aid of the Diocesan Funds will be taken up next week end at all Masses 29th & 30th April.

Confirmation – Scoil Barra

Please pray for the boys and girls in Scoil Barra who will receive the sacrament of Confirmation on Friday 28th April. Sincere thanks to the parents and dedicated teachers who work diligently preparing young people for the sacrament.

Fr. George

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-29 & Apr-30-2017

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Karen Sheehan
Darragh Lankford
8:30 am

Eadaoin O'Leary
Gerard O'Leary
10:00 am
Shannan O'Brien
Erin Holmes
12:00 Noon
Emer Wiseman
Oliver O'Donovan

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Pauline Collins
Dylan Ebili
11:00 am
Jack Dorgan
Joseph Buckley
12:30 pm
Michelle McCarthy
Gretta Fleming
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



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Apr-29 & Apr-30-2017

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Eileen Murphy
Ted Nelligan
Maurice Bunyan
Sheila Walshe
Katie Collins
Aisling Leahy

8:30 am Helen Kelly
Michael Crowley
Eileen Corkery

10:00 am Fionnuala McDonagh
Mary Buckley
Fiona Kelly
Martin O'Leary
Andrej Janukowicz

12 Noon Ann-Marie Cosgrove
Phil Kennedy
Ellen O'Sullivan
Ursula McAuliffe
Sally Crowley
Helen Plunkett

7:30 pm John O'Donoghue
Mary Dineen
Mairead Keenan
Kay O'Sullivan

11:00 am Mona Bowen
Billy Barry
Mary Aylward / Pauline
Baston
Diarmuid Horgan
Sylvia Manley

12:30 pm Maura O'Driscoll
Mary Lehane
Dympna Byrne
Suzanne Leech

5:30 pm Shelia Curran
Elizabeth O'Sullivan

Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

24-Apr-2017 to 30-Apr-2017
Brid Dunne

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