

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 08-April-2018

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

Divine Mercy Sunday

Selfish and self-righteous bargaining is a strong strand in our human condition. It often shows itself in the "unless" syndrome. This can start early in our lives. The young owner of a football will not let others play unless he is centre forward. He maintains this attitude even though he is dependent on others for a game. Sometimes this leads to everybody losing out.

The unless syndrome often strengthens with age and becomes an attitude that permeates family relationships under the pretext of protecting future harmony. "I will not unless you.. "can sound so reasonable but it usually displays an inability or unwillingness to trust another.. Often this view can be justified but in other situations the "unless" approach is no substitute for trust.

Today's gospel has the story of one such situation. Having missed the visit of the Risen Lord, Thomas rants that he will not believe unless certain conditions are met. In his great love the Risen Lord meets these conditions to enable the doubting Thomas to believe. But more is promised to those who believe and trust unconditionally, who trust God and others..

To be able to trust is a marvellous gift to be prayed for constantly. To be willing to trust is a decision that one can choose to make or not. Our decisions gradually make us what we become. Only the Holy Spirit can ensure that the "unless" syndrome does not wreck our relationships with one another and with God..

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 and yet believe, we turn in prayer to the God of life.

Reader

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 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.**

We pray for those who have died; that the Lord may bring them to paradise.

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

We pray for the intentions of all here present.

**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.

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 :

Rita Murphy, Fr. Sexton Park.
 Patsy O'Connell, Rosewood.
 John Cotter, Ballincollig.
 Elizabeth Desmond, Ovens.
 Fr. Gerry O'Neill, Collins Barracks.
 Anna Feely, Dublin.
 Elizabeth Sugrue, Tralee.

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

John & Hannah Haynes, Greenmount Buildings.
 Denis & Eileen Lynch, Carriganarra.
 Tadgh Kearney, Westcourt Heights.
 Tadgh Murphy, Coolroe.
 Tim Coakley, Castlehaven.
 Denis & Eileen Lynch, Carriganarra.
 Catherine Murphy, Bishopstown & Powdermills.
 Barry Kelly, The Crescent.
 Connie O'Regan, Carriganarra.
 Tom O'Leary, Maglin View.
 Maurice, Margaret, Dan & Charles O'Connor, Castlegregory.
 Michael Murray, Carriganarra Est. & Beech Pk.
 Breige Crilly, Douglas.
 Tom & Mary O'Donoghue, Firies, Killarney
 Gretta Lester, Prosperity Square.
 Tony Allen, Inniscarra View.
 Pat Sheehan, Kilmurray.
 Tom Madigan, Eastgate.
 John, Frances & Diarmuid Cashman, Glounthaune.
 John O'Mahony, Carriganarra.
 Jerry Buckley, Meelin/Newmarket.
 Donnacha Gleeson, Ovens/London.
 Christy O'Donovan, Castleview House.
 Mary O'Driscoll, Ballydehob.
 Tadgh Kearney, Westcourt Heights/Inchigeela.
 Paddy Deasy, Model Farm Road

First Holy Communion Dates 2018

Saturday 28th April	Scoil Mhuire
Saturday 12th May	Scoil Barra/Our Lady of Good Counsel
Saturday 19th May	Gaelscoil Uí Riordáin
Saturday 26th May	Scoil Eoin

Confirmation Dates 2018

Friday 20th April	Scoil Eoin
Friday 27th April	Gaelscoil Ui Riordan

Prayer is not a burden, but a gift; it is not a constraint, but a freedom; it is not a millstone round our neck, but a source of joy.
 Pope John Paul II

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Second Week Of Lent

08 Sunday Acts 4:32-35. Ps. 117. 1 Jn. 5: 1-6. Jn. 20: 19-31. Lect 1:441
 09 Monday Is. 7: 10-14, 8: 1 O. Ps. 39. Heb. 10:4-10. Lk. 1 :26-38. Lect II: 985
 10 Tuesday Acts 4:32-37. Ps. 92. Jn. 3:7-15. Lect I: 449
 11 Wednesday Acts 5:17-26. Ps. 33. Jn. 3:16-21. Lect I: 452
 12 Thursday Acts 5:27-33. Ps. 33. Jn. 3:31-36. Lect I: 454
 13 Friday Acts 5:34-42. Ps. 26. Jn. 6: 1-15. Lect I: 456
 14 Saturday Acts 6:1-7. Ps. 32. Jn. 6:16-21. Lect I: 459

Next Sunday's Readings 15-April-2018

Acts 3:13-15,17-19. Ps. 4. 1 In. 2:1-5. Lk. 24:35- 48. Lect I:465

BAPTISMS

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

Claire Taylor Deasy, California, U.S.A.
 Katie Marie Mason, Greenfields

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts 4: 32-35
 This is a description of life in the community of early Christians. Goods were shared but this sharing was always voluntary. The story of Ananias and Saphira makes it clear they were not bound to sell, and after they had the price was still theirs. However, the community of goods does not seem to have been very successful because we read elsewhere that rich and poor still existed in the community and Christians from other places had continually to send alms voluntarily to Jerusalem, 'each man according to his ability'.

Second Reading: 1 John 5: 1-6
 There are three dispositions necessary to being a Christian: to love the children of God, to love God and to keep his commandments. Jesus came 'by water and by blood'. Water and blood are symbols and refer, the one to the baptism of Christ, the other to his death.

Gospel: John 20: 19-31
 The Church has perpetually understood the words of Jesus, "whose sins you forgive..." as the institution of the sacrament of Penance. The sacrament of pardon was instituted on the happiest day in the world's history. Ever since it has brought a personal joy to believers as they feel the load of guilt lifted from them. The act of faith made by Thomas is the fullest and most explicit of all the confessions of faith recorded in the Gospels.

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Tax Rebate

Sincere thanks to the Parishioners who returned their CHY4 Cert. The parish, being a registered charity, is entitled to claim tax back paid by its donors. The parishioners who have not returned forms can drop them into the Parish Office this week. Thank you again and I look forward to your continued support.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday 14th April 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.

Defibrillator

DEFIBRILLATOR NOW AVAILABLE IN BOTH CHURCHES
 Trained Personnel, please identify yourself to Parish Office / Sacristan
 Also required Personnel willing to be trained...
 Certified training will be organised and provided in the Parish.
 Please give name if interested to Parish Office / Sacristan.
 PARISH OFFICE 021 4871206

Clothing Recycling Collection

Clothing recycling collection in Ballincollig Community School on Monday 16th April. Clean clothes, paired shoes, linen, curtains, handbags, belts are all welcome. No duvets or pillows please. Contact: Mary Daly, Chairperson of the Parents Association in BCS.

Thank You from 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.

St. Vincent de Paul Collections

Please note Church Gate Collection dates for May 2018 are as follows:
 SATURDAY 5th & SUNDAY 6th May

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.

Coeliac Hosts

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

Communion for the Sick

Remembering and praying by the family of believers is part of every worship especially the Mass. Ministers of the Eucharist or a priest go from the praying community to the sick with Holy Communion. Please let the celebrant of Mass know when you wish communion to be taken to the sick. Bringing Holy Communion to the sick is both a privilege and a responsibility.

Family Mass

The next Family Mass for parents with children in second class preparing for their first Holy Communion will take place on Sunday 15th 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.

Envelope Collection

The collection for Holy Places which was taken up on Good Friday, 30th March amounted to €1,105. This collection for the Holy Land reminds us of an "ancient" duty, which the history of recent years has made more urgent, but no less a source of joy that comes from helping our brothers. We appreciate your generosity.

Spring Dues

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

Fr. George

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Apr-14 & Apr-15-2018

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Niamh O'Riordan

8:30 am
Eadaoin O'Leary
Gerard O'Leary

10:00 am
Grace Buttimer
Orla Horgan

12:00 Noon
Emer Wiseman
Oliver O'Donovan

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Rebecca Feely
Josh Nyagaya

11:00 am
Ciara Healy
Yago Greaux

12:30 pm
Aisling Dore
Sarah O'Connell

5:30 pm
Liam 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

09-Apr-2018 to 15-Apr-2018
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 and know people from our community.



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Apr-14 & Apr-15-2018

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Bernadette Bell
Betty Casey
Frank Riordan
Siobhan Riordan
Pauline Quane
Aisling Leahy

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Mary B. Murphy

10:00 am Betty Flavin
Anne Spillane
Betty Sheehan
Anne O'Connell

12 Noon Seamus O'Donovan
Eleanor Knowles
Catherine Greene
Joan Barrett
Frances Hogan
Mary O'Leary

7:30 pm Geraldine Lynch
Charlie Vaughan
Joan Stephenson
Bernie Bowen

11:00 am Neil Jeffers
Eileen O'Donoghue
Padraig Fleming
Hugh / Catherine Moran
Imelda Power / Martina Woods

12:30 pm Tom Murray
John O'Regan
Gerard Dunne
Brid Dunne

5:30 pm Bernard Curran
John Canty

A Prayer for those who suffer from Depression

Dear Jesus, I walk in the valley of darkness for I suffer from depression. I feel unloved, rejected, useless to myself and useless to others. I feel lost in a world I no longer understand. At times, I want to sleep and never wake up again. Lord, I believe that your love is a transforming love. Jesus, Son of David have pity on me.

Out of the depths, I cry to you. Lord, even though I feel nothing, I still praise you for the wonder of my being. You have formed me in my mother's womb and watched over me to this moment. I am precious in your eyes and you love me. On the Cross, you shed your blood for me. You have carved me on the palm of your hand. For all this I give you thanks and praise. May your precious blood give new life to me and to all those who suffer as I do. Take each one of us and hug us to your sacred and loving heart. Through your glorious wounds may we be healed.

Dear Jesus, when you fed the crowd in the desert, you wished to gather up the fragments lest anything be lost. As I wander through a desert and darkness of my own, I ask you to gather up the fragments of this shattered being, lest anything be lost. Through the prophet, Joel, you promise to restore the years that the locusts have eaten. I ask you, lay your hands gently on my weary head and restore me. Let your face shine upon me and give me back the peace, the joy that has been lost.