

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 24-April-2022

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

## *Bishop-elect Fintan Gavin on his appointment to the Diocese of Cork & Ross*

A very good morning! It is difficult to express in words, the shock and surprise I felt when the Papal Nuncio Archbishop Okolo told me of Pope Francis' wish to appoint me as the next Bishop of Cork & Ross.

I was very happily serving the Church as an ordinary priest in the Archdiocese of Dublin during the last 27 years since I was ordained in various different ministries. And as a North Side Dubliner I would never have expected such trust to be placed in me by Pope Francis by asking me to serve as a humble servant leader, the People of God, the Body of Christ of the Diocese of Cork & Ross.

To be honest, it seems very daunting at this stage and I am very aware of my own human limitations but I have always answered God's call, each day, to serve in ways I would never have planned or expected. Thankfully God has always given me the grace and strength to do this, with the help of God's people and I am really excited by the challenge.

Setting out on this new ministry, I have a lot to learn from you the people, religious, deacons and priests of the Diocese of Cork and Ross. I look forward to listening to you and benefiting from your experience, from your wisdom and guidance.

I look forward to working with other Christian Church leaders to build on the work of dialogue and ecumenism already taking place. I look forward in this City, County and beyond as a good neighbour of engaging also with other faith communities and, on this occasion, I greet people of all faiths, traditions and all who serve the common good in every way.

*Today marks the third anniversary of the appointment of Fintan as bishop of Cork & Ross, as Covid coincided with his appointment we re-publish his message to the diocese*

*Fr. Fintan Gavin & Irish Catholic Bishops*

### *Invite Us Deeper*

Almighty and ever living God,  
you invite us deeper into your world,  
your people, your Lent.  
May this time be one of outward focus;  
seeking you in those we often ignore.  
Help us live a Lent focused on freedom,  
generosity, and encounter.  
Give us hearts hungry to serve you  
and those who need what we have to give.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Second Week Of Easter

24 Sunday Acts 5:12-16. Ps. 117. Apoc. 1:9-13, 17-19. Jn. 20: 19-31. Lect I: 444

25 Monday Acts 4:23-31 - Ps 2. Jn 3:1-8. Lect I: 447

26 Tuesday Acts 4:32-37. Ps. 92. Jn. 3:7-15. Lect I: 449

27 Wednesday Acts 5:17-26. Ps. 33. Jn. 3:16-21. Lect I: 452

28 Thursday Acts 5:27-33. Ps. 33. Jn. 3:31-36. Lect I: 454

29 Friday 1 Jn 1:5-2:2. Ps. 102. Mt. 11 :25-30. Lect II: 1009

30 Saturday Acts 6:1-7. Ps. 32. Jn. 6:16-21. Lect I: 459

*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 :  
 Michael Conway, Maglin House.  
 Donagh Corcoran, Church View.  
 Christine Roderick, Westgate/Crosshaven.  
 Mary Murray, Carrigrohane, Straight Road.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS OR OTHERWISE REMEMBERED:  
 Peter O'Neill, Powdermills.  
 Kathy McCarthy, Gloun, Dunmanway.  
 Jack Hegarty, Westcourt/Scoil Eoin.  
 John & Sheila, O'Donovan, Rochestown.  
 Jerry Moynihan, Inniscarra View.  
 Fr. George O'Mahony.  
 Mary Crewe, London.  
 Margaret & Michael Murray, Greenhills.  
 Fr. Michael Hourigan, Limerick/USA.  
 Ellen Ryan, Waterfall.  
 Jeremiah & Catherine Cunningham, Dillon's Cross.  
 Ester Tierney.  
 Martha Csakova.  
 Deceased Members Lakewood. Pitch & Putt Club.  
 Ceceila Eleanor Hurley & Family, Fair Hill.  
 Kitty Dunne & Cormac O'Donovan.

**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.

**Darkness into Light 2022.**

The Pieta House fundraiser 'Darkness into Light' will take place on the morning of Saturday 7th of May in Ballincollig Community School (BCS). This is a wonderful opportunity to raise funds for Pieta House which provides free counselling services to people all over Ireland. You can register for the event at [www.darknessintolight.ie](http://www.darknessintolight.ie) and all support is greatly appreciated.

*'A friend knows the song in my heart and sings it to me when my memory fails'*

**Bulletin Board**

**Easter collection for the Priests of the Parish**

The Priests of the parish Fr's Alan, Cian & Kamil would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generosity in the Easter collection. This is much appreciated.

**Spring Dues**

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

**First Holy Communion**

Please pray for the boys and girls in Our Lady of Good Counsel who will receive the sacrament of Holy Communion on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April. Sincere thanks to the parents and dedicated teachers who work diligently preparing young people for the sacrament.

**Trocaire Boxes**

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

**First Holy Communion Dates 2022**

<i>Our Lady of Good Counsel</i>	Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> April
<i>Scoil Eoin</i>	Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> May
<i>Gaelscoil Uí Riordáin</i>	Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> May
<i>Scoil Mhuire</i>	Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> May
<i>Gaelscoil an Chaisleáin</i>	Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> May
<i>Scoil Barra</i>	Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> May

Fr. Alan

**Meditation**

Meditation is on in Ballincollig Community Hall on Tuesday Mornings @10.00 in the ANNEXE. People are welcome to join any week. "Meditation is not a way of making your mind quiet. It is a way of entering into the quiet that is already there..."  
 "Be Still and Know that I am God"

**Candle of Atonement Prayer**

Lord, forgive us our many sins. We grieve and repent with all our hearts for having offended you, for our great failings and neglect of the young and vulnerable. We place all of those who have been hurt by the Church in any way into your loving hands and under the protection of Our Blessed Mother. Lord, bring peace to their broken lives and show us all the way out of darkness and into the light of your Word. May we as the people of God be more fully human, more fully Christ-like and more fully your people, that we may see the errors of the past and go forward with renewed hope and faith in Christ and in our Church. Amen.