THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John

Station Road

Sunday 01-May-2011

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.

Sunday Mass

The new English translation of the Missal will be introduced later this year, and beginning in September we will have slight changes of wordings of the Mass responses. Sunday Mass is our great Easter memorial, our Paschal Sacrifice. This is perhaps a good time to reflect on the deeper meaning of the Mass, and the place of the Sunday Eucharist in our lives as Christians; to reflect on what happens at Mass, what we do at Mass and what God does at our Mass. The command "do this in memory of me" has been honoured from the earliest times. In our first reading this Sunday we see that the first community of believers in Christ remained "faithful to the teaching of the Apostles, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers." Over the Sundays of May we will reflect on the place of that same Eucharist in our lives today.

When we use terms such as "Blessed Sacrament" and "Holy Communion," we recall the sacred character of the Eucharist. God calls his people to union with him and with each other, union with Christ and union with the Body of Christ. As we receive Holy Communion we are united with Christ, who gives us life and causes us to experience the Holy Spirit within us as we are invited to share the inner life of God the Blessed Trinity. Holy Communion nourishes us as members of the mystical body of Christ leading to closer union with Our Lord and thereby with each other also. The Christian community lives and grows by the Eucharist, and Eucharist presupposes community.

At Mass we gather together as God's people, listen to the Word of God, we give thanks and praise to God, make the offering of the body and blood of his Son and receive life and nourishment before being sent out to live the gospel of Christ in our day-to-day lives. And we share in the mission of Christ: "as the Father sent me, so am I sending you." (John 20:21). Our Eucharist is an encounter, a celebration of Christ together with his body, the Church. By our baptism we share the sacrificial priesthood of Christ and all present, priest and people together, celebrate the Eucharist. The liturgy is the prayer of God's people and at our Sunday Mass we thank God who so loved the world that he gave his only Son, as we celebrate, make present and participate intimately in the action by which Christ redeems all mankind.

Billy O'Sullivan

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.



Christ Our Light Innishmore

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

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

Reader

For Christians: that like Thomas we may acknowledge Jesus as our Lord and God, and show by our lives that our 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 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 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 we may bring our own special needs to the Lord. 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 you 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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BAPTISMS

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

Ellie Josephine O'Callaghan, Mill Range, Powdermills. Zac Thomas Stafford, Foxlodge Manor, Rathoat, Co Meath. Weronika Wecek, Oak Ave., Classes Lake. Charles John Curtin, Chestnut Grove, Classes Lake. Jorge Santana Margues, Aylsbury Downs. Paul Anthony Moynihan; Berrings, Dripsey. Magdalena Stewa, Lower Friars Walk. Thomas Paul Cantillon-Murphy Uam Var Ave., Bishopstown.

Congratulations also to our four parish Catechumens who received the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil Ceremonies in the Parish Church. Linsey Marie Wade McShera, Rosewood. Jeffery Benjamin Ogbomo, Willowfields. Neil Anthony Wyllie, Coopers Grange, Old Quarter. Altin John Rexha, The Heathers, Classes Lake. They were Baptised, Confirmed and received their First Holy Communion.

† IN SYMPATHY † PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :

Dolores Ryan, Leesdale & Kerry. Kathleen Murray, Carrigrohane Road. Thomas Bleutt, Westcourt & Farranree. Catherine Hayes, Clonmult. Padraig McSweeney, Lissarda. Con O'Connor, Freemount.

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

Dan & Nora Murray, Doonisky & Mallow. Frank Manning, Blackrock. Noel Murphy, Model Farm Road Con & Eileen O'Leary, Kilnaglory. Kitty McCarthy, Kilbrittian. Mike Cullinane, Coolroe. Jame Murphy, Knocknagree. Michael Linehan, Inniscarra Sally O'Sullivan, Carriganarra Albert & Maureen Donovan, Clonakilty Jack Hurley, Hawthorn Avenue. Maurice Hennessy, Oaklands. Jeremiah Lucy. Noreen Attridge, Schull. Trevor Kelleher, Rosewood. Val & Finbarr Riordan, Friars Walk. Lil O'Connell, Turners Cross. Murray Family, The Square. Jim & Maureen Curran, Cahirciveen. Sheila Quinlan, Glanworth.

Knock

Legion of Mary Annual Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday 29th May 2011. Bus leaving village at 7.00 am sharp. Early booking advised. For details contact Sally (021) 4870954 or Cathleen (021) 4874730.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Second Week Of Easter

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

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

03 Tuesday 1 Cor. 15:1-8. Ps. 18. Jln. 14:6-14. Lect II: 1017

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

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

06 Friday Acts 5:34-42. Ps. 26. Jn. 6: 1-15. Lect l: 456

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

Next Sunday's Readings 08-May-2011 Acts 2: 14, 22-33. Ps. 15. 1 Pet. 1: 17-21. Lk. 24: 13-35. Lect I: 461

The Coeliac Society of Ireland

Cork Support Group, Meeting Notice						
Date:	Tuesday 3 rd May 2011					
Venue:	SMA Centre Wilton, Cork					
Time:	8 pm					
Topic:	Review of the AGM, & Summer Party					
Please bring Gluten free tasty bites for the party						
and refreshments will be provided.						
All Welcome - €4 entrance fee						

A Hint of Summer at Ennismore (June/July)

Exploring Faith in challenging times June 6/7th

Modern Culture and Seeing Beyond John Waters

June 8th The Spirit of Feminist Theology Ann Francis

June 9th/10th Contemporary Irish Artists Fr Enda McDonagh

17th - 23rd July Seeing Anew A gentle journey towards healing Martina Lehane Sheehan

24th -30th July Invisible Mystery - Sacredness enfolding us here and now. Monica Brown & Hilary Musgrave

> For further information and bookings Phone 021 4502520 E-mail: ennismore@eircom.net

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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.

Evangelisation - May '11

What does it mean to evangelise in today's Ireland? Jesus said 'go and make disciples of all nations,' but it can be something we feel unsure about in our own parish.

The next Synod of bishops in Rome will take the theme of Evangelisation and all dioceses are asked to participate in a consultation. The results of our conversations will be included by Bishop Buckley in the response of the Irish Bishops' Conference. This theme will help to focus on how we share the Good News of Jesus with one another and others in our communities, and call us to the heart of the mission of the Church.

Two discussion meetings on this theme will take place as follows:

Monday 16th May 8.00-9.30 pm The Crypt, Dennehy's Cross (to the rear of the church).

Monday 23rd May 8.00-9.30 pm Clonakilty Parish Centre.

All are welcome – and no previous experience or expertise is required. For further details please contact Anne Francis, abfrancis@eircom.net, or 087-228-2134.

Young Social Innovators' Local Showcase

St. Colman's Community College Youghal Road, Midleton, Co. Cork. Wednesday 4th May 1.30 pm – 4.00 pm

The Showcase will exhibit work from Transition Year and fifth Year Students from Midleton, Clonakilty and Fermoy. Projects are based on social issues the teenagers themselves have chosen to investigate.

We would love if you could attend and look forward to seeing you there.

Yours sincerely, Trish Carlos TY Coordinator Tel: (021) 4631696 or E-mail: stcolman@midletonvec.ie

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Bulletin Board

First Friday

Friday May 6th is the first Friday of the month. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St Mary & St John from 6.30 pm to 7.45 pm, you are invited to come and spend some time with the Lord. There is Mass in St Mary & St John on Friday evening at 8.00 pm. The priests of the parish visit the sick of the parish on the first Friday of each month; please let us know if you have a family member or neighbour who is sick or housebound.

Easter collection for the Priests of the Parish

The Priests of the parish Fr George, Fr Michael, Fr Billy would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generosity in the Easter collection. This is much appreciated.

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, the Scouts, Cleaners, the Sacristans in both Churches, Parish Council and Parish Council Sub Groups. People who distributed dues envelopes and the various flyers. Thanks also to the many people who attended and participated in the Easter Ceremonies.

Bank Holiday Monday

Monday 2nd May one morning Mass only in Church of St Mary & St John at 9.30 am .

Communion Dates Scoil Eoin

Saturday 7th May, 2011

Confirmation Scoil Eoin

Monday 9th May, 2011

Envelope Collection

Envelope collection for Parish Pastoral Services next weekend 7^{th} & 8^{th} May

Fr. George

'Mothers Prayers' Groups

Recommence on: Wednesday 4th May at 10.30 am - *Meeting Room at Christ our Light Church* Thursday 5th May at 10.00 am - *Library Room*, *Parish Community Hall*

All Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers are welcome to come along one of these mornings to pray for their children and the youth of our Parish

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.

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MINISTERS OF THE WORD May-07 & May-08-2011			MASS TIMES			
			St. Mary & St. John		Christ Our Light	
St. Ma	ary & St. John	Chri	st 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
	pm (Vigil) h O'Reilly	7:30 pm Rebecca		9:30 am	Tuesday	8:30 am
8:30		Jessica I 11:00 a	Lingard	9:30 am	Wednesday	8:30 am
Trio	na Downey	Sorcha M	Nic Mheanmain	9:30 am	Thursday	8:30 am
Hannah Bunyan 12:3		Maire B 12:30 pr	n	9:30 am	Friday	8:30 am
	hen Bunyan 0 Noon	Kay Car Jane O'L	leary	10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)	Saturday	7:30 pm (Vigil)
	Tony Lynch5:30 pmEVan Keating / Shane TullyTom Reck			CONFESSIONS		
				After 10:00 am Mass & before 6:00 pm Mass	Saturday	
(D) MINISTERS OF THE			BAPTISMS			
EUCHARIST May-07 & May-08-2011		4:30 pm Except First Saturday of Month	Saturday	4:30 pm First Saturday of Month		
		12:45 pm	Sunday			
St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light			PARISH CLERGY			
6.00 pm	Eileen Murphy Ted Nelligan Eileen Corkery Ann O'Connell Sheila Walshe Ann McCarthy	7:30 pm 11:00 am	John O'Donoghue Mary Dineen Kathleen Daly Mairead Keenan Kay O'Sullivan Mary O'Mahony	Priest on Duty Fr. George O'Mahony P.P. Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C Fr. Billy O'Sullivan C.C. Fr. James McSweeney		087-2479140 021-4871206 021-4877161 021-4876171 021-4873308
8:30 am 10:00 am	Helen Kelly Mary O'Connor Michael Crowley Fionnuala McDonagh		Mona Bowen Billy Barry Mary Aylward Pauline Baston	Family Fun Day Fundraiser Dripsey Sunday 8th of May Lee Valley Vintage Rally and Auto Jumble at Kilblafer, Dripsey All proceeds raised in aid for Children's Leukaemia Unit, Mercy Hospital, Cork.		
	Mary Buckley Breda Ring Mary O'Regan John Henchy Martin O'Leary	12:30 pm	Mary Twomey Maura O'Driscoll Mary Lehane Dympna Byrne Suzanne Leetch			
12 Noon	Ann-Marie Cosgrove Phil Kennedy Ellen O'Sullivan Ursala McAuliffe Sally Crowley	5:30 pm	Shelia Curran Elizabeth O'Sullivan	Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin, Dublin. Motor Bike run on day Start at Viaduct onto Dunmanway and back to Dripsey. Contact Denis Dineen (087)7460807 or (021)7334421		

Parish Office, The Presbytery, Ballincollig is open Mon - Wed from 9 am - 1 pm & 2 pm - 3 pm. Sat 10:30 am - 12 Noon. Phone No. (021) 4871206, Office Secretary Catherine Crowley.

How Is the Date of Easter Calculated?

Easter is a moveable feast, which means that it does not occur on the same date every year.

The Council of Nicaea (A.D. 325) set the date of Easter as the Sunday following the paschal full moon, which is the full moon that falls on or after the vernal (spring) equinox.

We know that Easter must always occur on a Sunday, because Sunday was the day of Christ's Resurrection. But why the paschal full moon? Because that was the date of Passover in the Jewish calendar, and the Last Supper (Holy Thursday) occurred on the Passover. Therefore, Easter was the Sunday after Passover.

The Church does not use the exact date of the paschal full moon but an approximation, because the paschal full moon can fall on different days in different time zones, which would mean that the date of Easter would be different depending on which time zone you live in. For calculation purposes, the full moon is always set at the 14th day of the lunar month (the lunar month begins with the new moon). Likewise, the Church sets the date of the vernal equinox at March 21, even though it can occur on March 20. Both approximations allow the Church to set a universal date for Easter. Still, Easter isn't celebrated universally on that date. While Western Christians use the Gregorian calendar (the calendar that's used throughout the West today, in both the secular and religious worlds) to calculate the date of Easter, the Eastern Orthodox continue to use the older, astronomically inaccurate Julian calendar. Currently, March 21 on the Julian calendar falls on April 3 in the Gregorian calendar. Therefore, for the Orthodox, the Sunday following the 14th day of the paschal full moon has to fall after April 3, hence the discrepancy in the date of Easter.