

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 11-April-2004

Easter Sunday



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road



Today we face the greatest mystery of our faith, the mystery of how God works among us, bringing new life where before 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 2004

Holy Week is a very different week in the Churches calendar. Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week are each given their individual title; times and schedules in each church are changed and this leads to some confusion for many people trying to attend the various ceremonies. During Sunday evening April 4th I went to see the film 'The Passion of the Christ'; the film is well worth seeing and is a powerful presentation of Christ's passion and some occasions in His life by the use of 'flashbacks'. However the film ends with Christ's death on the cross and if that were the complete event HIS life would have been an utter waste of time.

Today we celebrate Easter Sunday, the empty tomb is the big news and the initial disappointment gradually fades away when the various accounts of sightings and some words of reassurance are heard - then a thrilling joy breaks out. Christ has gone down into the valley of death and has trampled death underfoot. Christ has risen on the third day -- -- 'we look for the Resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come', this is the core of our faith. The various accounts of the apparitions of the risen Christ all end with an exhortation to reject disbelief and announce that Jesus is beyond the power of death.

The Easter faith, born of doubt resolved, is a continuing act of freedom which says; 'It is really he, he is alive! '. This is the challenge of Easter to us the body of Christ, risen and exalted at the right hand of the Father.

George O'Mahony

Reflection for Parents

Most parents have discovered by now that things aren't always, as they seem. A poured out bottle of laundry detergent wasn't really mischievous behaviour, but rather an attempt to surprise you with a generous gift of service. Or secret whispers are not an attempt to hide some wrongdoing but rather an effort to plan a surprise for you. Things weren't, as they seemed to Mary Magdalene either that first Easter morning. Our errors in perception often work to remind us that God's plan is not always obvious, but that we are challenged to trust in the promise of the resurrection.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

On this Easter Day we pray in trust...

Reader

That the entire Church may be renewed in spirit.

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

That we may appreciate our baptism and its significance, and support the newly baptised.

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

That joy may be evident in our lives.

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

That our parish community may reach out to those who feel excluded or rejected.

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

That our young people may be encouraged and supported in all that is good.

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

That those who have died may share in the glory of the Resurrection, we remember especially those in thoughts today.

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

Priest

O God, whose power raised Jesus from death, whose love is beyond our comprehension, hear our prayer in the name of your Son, our Risen 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 Ballincollig Parishioner.

George O'Mahony, John O'Donovan, Michael O'Mahony & Paul O'Donoghue

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

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BAPTISMS

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

James Thomas Dwyer, Greenfields.
 Níamh Denise O'Shea, Knockburden, Ovens.
 Faye Ellen Herlihy, 4 Fernwalk, Greenfields.
 David Edward Manning, 14 Chestnut Grove, Classis Lake.
 Aiobhin Margaret O'Flynn, 4 Fr. Sexton Park.
 Gill Denise McCarthy, 7 Long Range, Powdermills.

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

Tom O'Leary, Maglin.
 Fiona Buckley, Greenville.
 Timmy Hourihan, Waterfall & London.

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

Bob Delaney, Mylane, Ovens.
 Sean O'Leary, Dublin Hill.
 Billy Holmes, Kerry Pike.
 Alvhild Toffegaard, Bergen, Norway.
 Con Kelleher, Poulavone.
 Pauline, Paddy & Jenny Sheehan, Curraheen.
 John Flynn, Durrus.
 Tony Allen, Inniscarra View Estate.
 Tommy Carroll, Kilmichael
 John Woods, Carriganarra.
 Sr. Gemma O'Dwyer, Willow Drive & Co. Limerick.
 Jeremiah & John O'Leary, Sunningdale & Cloghroe.
 John Quin.
 Frank Carew.
 Connie Linehan, Kilcorney.
 Jerry O'Shea, Dripsey.
 Marie & Tim Corcoran, Blackpool.
 Patrick & John Burns, Leemount.
 Dan Cronin, Coolroe Heights.
 Sean Daly, Coolroe.
 Nora Tyrell, Kilmichael.

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Day Trip To Knock

Friday 16th April 2004
 Feast of St. Bernadette
 €30.00 Return

Further Details Telephone (086) 1939 225

Ballincollig Secular Franciscan Order

The monthly Mass and meeting will be held on Thursday 15th April at 11.00 am in St. Mary & St. John Church
 Rosary will be recited at 10.40 am (Sharp)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

The Easter Season

11 Sunday Acts 10:34,37-43. Ps. 117. Col. 3:1-4 or 1 Cor. 5:6-9. In. 20:1-9. Lect I: 417

12 Monday Acts 2: 14, 22-32. Ps. 15. Mt. 28:8-1 S. Lect I: 423

13 Tuesday Acts 2:36-41. Ps. 32. In. 20: 11-18. Lect I: 425

14 Wednesday Acts 3: 1-10. Ps. 104. Lk. 24: 13-35. Lect I: 427

15 Thursday Acts 3: 11-26. Ps. 8. Lk. 24:35-48. Lect I: 430

16 Friday Acts 4:1-12. Ps. 117. In. 21:1-14. Lect I: 432

17 Saturday Acts 4:13-21. Ps. 117. Mk. 16:9-15. Lect I:435

Next Sunday's Readings 18-April-2004
 Acts 5:12-16. Ps. 117. Apoc. 1:9-13, 17-19. In. 20: 19-31. Lect I: 444

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.

Irish Guide Dogs For The Blind

'The Ballincollig Fun Dog Show' will take place on Sunday, the 18th of April at the GAA field, Gun Powder Mills, in aid of **Irish Dogs for the Blind**. Entries for the Show will be taken at 1 pm and judging commences at 2 pm sharp. For information on classes etc. please contact Philippa Mockler on 021-7338177.

A great day should be had by all!

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts 10:34. 37-43
 Peter preaches to some of the early converts and tells them of Christ's death and Resurrection. That message is still preached today, within the Church. We yearn to hear the truth, the Gospel, the Word of life.

Second Reading: 1 Cor. 5:6-9
 Paul speaks of union with Christ. If we stay united with Christ, in his human nature, we will someday share his 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



SAINT OF THE WEEK
Saint Bernadette 16-April-2004

In 1858 Our Lady appeared in Lourdes to a poor fourteen-year-old girl named Bernadette. Eighteen apparitions in all took place, the last on the sixteenth of July in the same year. On one of these occasions "the beautiful Lady" told the child to tell the priests she wished a chapel to be built on the spot and processions to be made to the grotto. Soon Lourdes became one of the most popular places of pilgrimage in the world bringing cures to many sick people and hope to all afflicted with infirmity. Bernadette herself became a nun and her name has been given to many girls in Baptism and many more take the name Bernadette for their Confirmation.

Easter Collection For Priests Of The Parish

According to the Diocesan custom, the collection at Easter Sunday Masses is one of the two occasions during the year when the offertory collection goes to the priests of the Parish.

Pallottine Fathers' Collection

On Saturday 3rd April 2004, the annual Flag Day collection in aid of the **Pallottine Fathers' Foreign Missions** was held in Ballincollig. The sum of **€1,169.00** was collected. The Pallottine Fathers' wish to thank all those from the Ballincollig area who contributed to the collection and a special thank you to the volunteers who gave of their free time to help. Be assured that you are remembered daily in the prayers and Masses of the Pallottine Family at home and abroad.

Naomi National Seminar

Gresham Metropole Hotel, MacCurtain St., Cork

Public Lectures

Friday 16th April, 2004

8.00p.m. The Menopause - Your Questions Answered
Dr. Jennifer Daly, MB. MICGP Lic.Ac.
Dp. Reflexology L.S.Hom.

Mary Looney, R. G.N.B.A. in Counselling
 Introduced by Dr. Jack Conway, M.B.DPH.FRCOG,
 (President NAOMI)

Saturday 17th April

10:15 am. The Ethics of Embryo and Stem Cells Research
Dr. Mairead MacConaill

11:30 am. Causes of Infertility
Mary McCaffrey,
MB. MRCOG Consultant Obstetrician Gynaecologist

NAOMI, 36, Washington St, Cork.
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New York City Marathon

Are you ready to take on a challenge? If you are, Cork Simon Community wants you on our team. We have a limited number of places on our most exciting Fundraising event yet – the New York City Marathon which takes place on Sunday 7th November 2004.

This event is a unique opportunity to combine raising money for homeless people here in Cork with the challenge of the world's premier Marathon and a six-day visit to a vibrant, exciting city. The fundraising target is €3,500, which covers all costs of the trip. This Marathon is suitable for both seasoned runners and first timers, as there is no time limit on completing the race. For further information contact Mairéad O'Sullivan on 021 4321166 or email fundraising@corksioncommunity.ie

LOURDES

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MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Apr-17 & Apr-18-2004

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Karen Sheehan
8:30 am
Elizabeth Daly
10:00 am
Declan Chalmers
12:00 Noon
Tony Hegarty

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Fiona Feely
11:00 am
Ciara O'Neill
12:30 pm
Con O'Connell
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

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Friday

8:30 am

10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)

Saturday

9:00 am & 8 pm (Vigil)

CONFESSIONS

After 10:00 am Mass & before 6:00 pm Mass

Saturday

After 9:00 am Mass

BAPTISMS

5:00 pm

Saturday

7:15 pm

12:45 pm

Sunday

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Apr-17 & Apr-18-2004

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Aisling Kelly
Eileen Murphy
Ted Nelligan
Angela Murphy
Ann O'Connell
Sheila Walshe

8:00 pm John O'Donoghue
Eleanor O'Donoghue
Kathleen Daly

8:30 am Helen Kelly
Annette Collins

11:00 am Mary O'Mahony
Margaret Brown
Mona Bowen
Billy Barry

10:00 am Miriam Maunsell
Mary Buckley
Breda Ring
Jerry O'Connor
Mary O'Regan

12:30 pm Mary Twomey
Terry O'Driscoll
Bernie O'Driscoll
Maura O'Driscoll

12 Noon Louie O'Leary
John Walshe
Pat Kelleher
Irene O'Brien
Ellen O'Sullivan
Chris Cotter

5:30 pm Garreth Irish
Shelia Curran
Bridie O'Donnell

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