

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 11-April-2010

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

## Resurrection

In this Sunday's reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we see the growth of the early church, as the believers met in public together. They were highly regarded as and everyone looked up to them even though many were afraid to be seen publically with them. From the beginning there was opposition, and nearly seventy years later John, the author of the Book of Revelation, was on the prison island of Patmos in punishment for preaching the name of Jesus, as we see in our second reading. John was writing to other Christians who themselves were suffering for the faith.

We too live in a time of darkness, when some people are reluctant to be associated with believers, when we have been shamed by shameful deeds done in our midst, when there has been a long failure to face up to the truth and faith has been shaken. We are asked to reflect on the awful crimes that have been committed, on the failures in the Church in Ireland and to acknowledge them. And like Thomas, we experience doubt.

Jesus' first word to his disciples is "peace." The disciples' joy is unbounded and we long for that joy in our lives. The purpose of the all preaching is set out in this gospel passage, that we will know that Jesus is the Christ, the anointed one, the Son of God, and that we will have life through his name. Jesus is the first and the last, the living one. He says "I am," the name of the eternal God, he is the one who was dead and lives forever. He sends the disciples, and sends us, on the same mission on which he was sent by the Father, "to make known to his people their salvation through forgiveness of all their sins, the loving kindness of the heart of our God who visits us like the dawn from on high." Like Jesus, on that mission we will experience both acceptance and rejection.

Our Lord says to us also, "receive the Holy Spirit," who gives us courage to acknowledge Christ and live the Gospel, to proclaim it by our lives. We encounter Jesus and the possibility of Easter joy every time we go to Mass, when we unite ourselves with him and he says "my peace I give you." And like Thomas we say "my Lord and my God."

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 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

We are an Easter people filled with hope. We present our needs to the Lord with confidence.

### Reader

We pray for the Church; that it may remain faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers.

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

We pray for those who run our country; that they may share the proceeds according to what every person needs.

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

We pray for peace; peace in our homes, peace in our world, peace in our hearts

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

We pray for the gift of faith; for the grace to be able to say with Thomas, 'My Lord and my God'.

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

We pray for all people who are being plagued by trials at this time; that they receive solace from the Lord.

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

We pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith; that they may be received into the salvation which has been prepared for them.

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

### Priest

Father in heaven, you raised Jesus from the dead. Grant us what we need today. We make these prayers as always in the name of Jesus, who is alive and has become the Lord of life. Amen.

*Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.*

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**MARRIAGES**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

Colm Barker, Kildare & Nicola Coady, Rosewood.  
Noel McLaughlan, Donegal & Karen Maher, The Maltings.  
Alan McGibney, Dublin Pike & Doireann O'Dwyer, Church View.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Eamonn Staunton, Carrigrohane.  
Ethna Benson, Limerick.

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

Mary Kelly, Dunmanway.  
Con & Eileen O'Leary, Kilnaglorry.  
Gillian Drinan, Church View.  
Deceased Members of the O'Mahony & Greene  
Kate Twomey, Macroom.  
Annie Kavanagh, Wicklow.  
Fran Manning, Blackrock.  
Mary Dore, Newcastlewest.  
Paddy & Crissie Twomey, Main Street.  
Kathleen Barreet, Beech Park.  
John & Bridget Lee, Inniscarra.  
Hannah O'Leary, Inchigeela.  
Tom, Eileen & Jim Madigan, East Gate.  
Tom O'Donoghue, Inniscarra View.  
Frank Moran, London.  
John O'Connell, Main Street.  
John O'Mahony, Carriganarra.  
Tony Allen, Inniscarra View.  
Angela O'Rourke, Greystones.  
Jan Szymanski, Poland.  
Brendan O'Mahony, Loretto Park.  
Jack, Essie & Ursula Lane, Blarney Street.  
John & Nora Barrett.  
John Woods, Carriganarra.  
Sr. Gemma O'Dwyer, Infant of Jesus.  
Eddie & Kathleen Duncan, Co Tyrone.

**Annual Novena**

**To Mother of Good Counsel 2010**

St Augustine's Church, Washington St, Cork.  
April 17<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>. At 11.00 am, 4.00 pm. 8.00 pm.  
Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> Anointing of the sick at 11.00 am & 4.00 pm  
Sun. 25<sup>th</sup> Day of Prayer for all preparing for Examinations.  
Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Feast Day.  
All sessions will be broadcast on the Internet:  
[www.staugustinescork.ie](http://www.staugustinescork.ie)

**Knock**

Legion of Mary Annual Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday May 30<sup>th</sup>.  
Bus leaving village at 7 am sharp.  
Early booking advised

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Second Week Of Easter**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Next Sunday's Readings 18-April-2010**

Acts 5:21-32,40-41. Ps. 29. Apoc. 5:11-14. In. 21: 1-19. Lect I: 468

**'Mothers Prayers' Groups**

Recommence on

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April, 10.30 am**

*Meeting Room at Christ our Light Church*

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April, at 10.00 am**

*Annex of Parish 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 coins. This support will allow the agency to continue its work with the world's poorest people.

*Catherine Ginty  
Communications Coordinator  
Trocaire*

**The Pyke Theatre  
Ballincollig**

Are holding their monthly social on the 13th April 2010 in Tanner Park.

Music is by Jim Calnan and starts at 9 pm .  
As its Easter the theme for the night is the annual Easter Bonnet competition.  
All are welcome

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**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Acts 5:12-16

The earliest days of the Christian community existed in a period of harmony and success in preaching the Gospel. Like Jesus, the followers are able to heal the sick and those possessed by demons. They continue to gather for prayer near the temple of Jerusalem.

Second Reading: Apoc. 1:9-13. 17-19

The vision of Christ is a source of joy; he brings us divine mercy in person. Like John the Apostle, we welcome the sight of the Lord. Jesus Christ is risen, our light and our life.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

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

**Ballincollig Community Fun Day**

Today, Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April from 2 to 6 pm

In Ballincollig GAA club

Admission €5 per family or €2 per person

The day is being organised

by "Ballincollig Youth 'N' Action"

which is made up of community minded young people supported by youth and family organisations.

**CURA**

**Need to Talk?**

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Unplanned pregnancy can be hard to take. Also when baby is born coping can be difficult. We are there to listen and support you.

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**Miscarriage Association of Ireland, Cork**

A voluntary organisation offering support and information to people who have experienced loss of a baby through miscarriage. This Group meets on 2nd Monday of every month in the Bon Secours Hospital from 8-9.30 pm.

**Ballincollig Parish  
Bereavement Support**

There will be a Bereavement Support Programme commencing in Ballincollig on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April. It will continue each Tuesday night for 8 weeks (7.30-9.30 pm). Anyone who is experiencing the grief and loss of a loved one, is very welcome to attend. For further information, please contact:

**Sr Colette O'Leary: 086.3557375**

or Parish Office: **4871206.**



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**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, The Parishioner, Parish Council and Parish Council Sub Groups. People who distributed dues envelopes and the various flyers, the Sacristans in both Churches - Geraldine and Siobhan. Thanks also to the many people who attended and participated in the Easter Ceremonies.

**Easter Collection**

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. Your generosity is much appreciated.

**Franciscan Missionaries of Mary**

Franciscan Missionaries of Mary will be visiting the parish next weekend the 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2010. There will be a special collection for the Missions at the church doors after each Mass.

**Confirmation**

Scoil Eoin Wednesday, 21st April 2010

**Trocaire Boxes**

Thanks to all who have returned their Trocaire Boxes. Please return any outstanding boxes.

**Fr. George**



A inter-church **Alpha** course begins after Easter. This is an opportunity to explore the meaning of life in an informal, fun and friendly environment. The course starts on Thursday April 8<sup>th</sup>, and continues in the Carrigrohane Parish Centre on each Thursday evening from 8.00 pm to 10.00 pm for ten weeks. The course explores some of the basic truths of the Christian faith – "Who is Jesus?" "Why Did Jesus Die?" "How does God guide us" and "What about the Church?" During the programme there is an option of a day away to explore the work of the Holy Spirit. This course is relaxed, non-threatening, low key and friendly. We meet weekly and listen to a talk lasting 40 minutes, followed by a tea/coffee break and small group discussion to discuss the talk and questions arising from it. **Alpha** is for everyone; no question is out of bounds and you are free to discuss as much or as little as you wish. Carrigrohane Parish Centre is on Church Hill: come off the Model Farm Road at Nangles Garden Centre and the Parish Centre is about 500 yards down the hill, on the right. Further information from Rev Ian Jonas (021 4871106, office: 4877260) or Fr Billy O'Sullivan (086 8235291).

**Family Fun Day Fundraiser**

Dripsey Sunday 9th of May  
Lee Valley Vintage Rally and Auto Jumble at Kilblafer Dripsey  
All proceeds raised in aid for  
Children's Leukemia Unit Mercy Hospital Cork  
and  
Our Ladys Children's Hospital Crumlin Dublin  
Motor Bike run on day finishing at Ralley  
Contact Denis Dineen (087)7460807 or (021)7334421

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Apr-17 & Apr-18-2010

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**  
Karen Sheehan  
Padraig Graham  
**8:30 am**  
Pat Fennell  
Susan Fennell  
**10:00 am**  
Tony Hegarty  
William Green  
**12:00 Noon**  
Sean Hennessy  
Shane Lehane

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**  
Fiona Feely  
  
**11:00 am**  
Sorcha Nic Mheanmain  
Maire Buckley  
**12:30 pm**  
Cathy Naughton  
Una Lynch  
**5:30 pm**  
Christine O'Brien

**MASS TIMES**

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

|                          |                  |                           |
|--------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| 8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon | <b>Sunday</b>    | 11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm |
| 9:30 am                  | <b>Monday</b>    | 8:30 am                   |
| 9:30 am                  | <b>Tuesday</b>   | 8:30 am                   |
| 9:30 am                  | <b>Wednesday</b> | 8:30 am                   |
| 9:30 am                  | <b>Thursday</b>  | 8:30 am                   |
| 9:30 am                  | <b>Friday</b>    | 8:30 am                   |
| 10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)  | <b>Saturday</b>  | 7:30 pm (Vigil)           |

**CONFESSIONS**

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

**BAPTISMS**

|                                |                 |                         |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| 4:30 pm                        | <b>Saturday</b> | 4:30 pm                 |
| Except First Saturday of Month |                 | First Saturday of Month |
| 12:45 pm                       | <b>Sunday</b>   |                         |



**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Apr-17 & Apr-18-2010

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6.00 pm** Steve Wills  
Margaret O'Sullivan  
Rita Aherne  
Danny Farrell  
Jim Walsh  
Frances O'Brien

**7:30 pm** Anne O'Regan  
Mairead Murphy  
Finbarr Murray  
Lettie Kelly

**8:30 am** Mary Buckley  
Rita Murphy  
Denis Healy

**11:00 am** Seamus O'Connell  
Mary O'Connell  
Alan O'Riordan  
Geraldine Keohane  
Gerard Murray

**10:00 am** Christina Walsh  
Peter Reilly  
Mary Collins  
Christy Roche  
Katie O'Shea  
Claire Creedon

**12:30 pm** Lucy O'Callaghan  
Jackie Sheehan  
Mary Green  
Michael O'Leary  
J.P.O'Leary

**12 Noon** Oliver O'Donovan  
Barbara Kelly  
Sean Hennessy  
Mary McLean  
Ellen Seymour  
Nora Hennessy

**5:30 pm** Noelle Buckley  
Mary Breen

**PARISH CLERGY**

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