

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 12-April-2009



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Easter Sunday

Today we face the greatest mystery of our faith, the mystery of how God works among us, bringing new life where before there 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 Sunday 2009

The gospel this morning is an account of a journey that many families make on a regular basis; going to the grave of their loved one. This Easter our graveyards will give silent witness to many sad tears shed by parents, wives and husbands, sons and daughters and friends. Memories will be rekindled of hopes and dreams now shattered by death, memories that keep a loved one present to family and friends. We notice every detail of the grave of loved ones, any changes to grass or weeds, flowers left by family and friends.

The gospel this morning speaks of Mary coming to the tomb of her friend Jesus. She rushes to Peter to report that the grave has been interfered with. Life was difficult enough with the death of their friend Jesus and their big hope for the future and a better life for them and their friends. The news that the tomb was ransacked must have been the last straw for them, the dead weren't even allowed to rest.

The drama really developed quickly for them once Peter and the other disciple got to the tomb. The other disciple finally entered the tomb, he saw and he believed. What did he believe, not only was Jesus missing from the tomb but He was risen from the dead, " that he must rise from the dead". Easter then is a new beginning for Peter, Mary and the other disciple. They continued to live in fear but the shoots of a new life were already appearing.

May Easter be a time of new hope for each of us, may it be a time when the Risen Lord will bring some light, joy and the courage to enable us to live our lives knowing that Jesus is with us. May we in the words of today's second reading know that Christ is our life.

Happy Easter to everybody and to your families. Give us the strength to look out for one another and support each other.

George O'Mahony

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

On this Easter Day we pray with confidence to Almighty God who raised Jesus from the dead.

Reader

That all members of the Christian family may boldly proclaim in word and deed the risen Lord.

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

That all those who have been baptised this Easter may grow strong in faith.

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

That peace may reign on earth, especially in those countries which have suffered the most as a result of war.

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

We pray for families, that their homes may be places where love and respect are promoted.

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

We pray for those who are struggling to make ends meet in these difficult times, that they may receive support in their time of need.

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

For the dead, that they may be received into the heavenly kingdom.

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

Priest

God of our salvation, hear the prayers we make to you on this day of the Lord's resurrection. Renew our hearts in joy and grant us what we need. We ask in the name of the risen Jesus, your Son, who is Lord forever and ever.

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, Michael O'Mahony,
Billy O'Sullivan & James McSweeney.*

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 :

Ella Murphy O'Brien, Castlepark.
 Joe Neill Miskella, Old Court, Greenfields.
 Leah Marie Hannigan, Berryfield, Classes Lake.
 Erin Angela Jones, Highfield Park.
 Laura Bridget Lyncy, Ballyshoneen, Waterfall.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Eileen Doyle, Wexford.
 Dan McCarthy, The Crescent.
 Nora Moynihan, Barradubh.
 Aidan Connolly, Rathcooney.
 Kate Twomey, Macroom.

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

Mary Brennan, Kilkenny.
 Maureen Callanan, West Village.
 Pat O'Connor, Inniscarra.
 Jerry & Chris O'Sullivan, Clash Road.
 John O'Mahony, Carriganarra.
 Rose O'Shea, South Farm.
 Tom, Eileen & Jim Madigan, East Gate.
 Brendan O'Mahony, South Douglas Road.
 Tom O'Donoghue, Inniscarra View.
 Tom O'Leary, Maglin.
 Sr. Gemma O'Dwyer, Parish Sr.
 John Woods, Carrigrohane.
 Michael O'Regan, Shamrock Drive.
 Tony Allen, Inniscarra View.
 Sonny, Joan & Nora McDonnell, Coolroe.
 Con O'Driscoll, Carriganarra .
 Deceased relatives of the McCarthy Family, The Crescent.
 The Harrington Family, The Square.
 The Hopkins Family, Rosewood.
 Eileen Moore, Dublin.
 Tommy & Eileen Lane, Crosshaven.
 Mary McAvoy, Ballincollig.

Alpha

The Ballincollig Parish *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 Wednesday April 15th, and continues in Colaiste Colm on each Wednesday evening from 7.30 pm to 9.30 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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

The Easter Season

12 Sunday Acts 10:34, 37-43. Ps. 117. Col. 3: 1-4 or 1 Cor. 5:6-9. Jn. 20: 1-9. Lect I: 417
 13 Monday Acts 2: 14, 22-32. Ps. 15. Mt. 28:8-15. Lect I: 423
 14 Tuesday Acts 2:36-41. Ps. 32. Jn. 20: 11-18. Lect I: 425
 15 Wednesday Acts 3: 1-10. Ps. 104. Lk. 24: 13-35. Lect I: 427
 16 Thursday Acts 3: 11-26. Ps. 8. Lk. 24:35-48. Lect I: 430
 17 Friday Acts 4:1-12. Ps. 117. Jn. 21 :1-14. Lect I:432
 18 Saturday Acts 4: 13-21. Ps. 117. Mk. 16:9-15. Lect I: 435

Next Sunday's Readings 19-April-2009
 Acts 4:32-35. Ps 117. 1 Jn 5:1-6. Jn 20:19-31. Lect I: 441

TROCAIRE

Jesus is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia! Our Lenten journey is ended. As Christians around the world celebrate Christ's resurrection we remember in a special way our brothers and sisters who are displaced from their homes as a result of conflict. All during this Lent we have stood in solidarity with them. Trocaire asks that if you have not already done so, you return your Trocaire box or donation to the Parish this coming Sunday, 19th April. In doing so, you will help bring new life and new hope to those in our world who are most in need of our compassion and care. Trocaire thanks you for your generosity this Lent.

Flower Festival

Church of the Immaculate Conception Enniskeane
 in aid of Church Restoration Fund.
 Friday 17th April: Cheese & Wine Reception
 at 7.30 pm in local school
 Saturday 18th April: 10.00 am to 6.00 pm.
 Sunday 19th April: 10.00 am to 6.00 pm.
 Programme €10 including refreshments.

Colulmban Missionaries

We wish to express our thanks to the parishioners of Ballincollig for the very warm welcome extended to Fr. Bernard Steed on his recent visit to the parish, and also for the way you answered our request for support of our missionary projects. Without such support many of the projects we undertake to help the poor and needy could not be attempted. Please keep us in your prayers and so lead others to do likewise. All our supporters will be remembered in our special Masses each month.

Rev. Donal Hogan Regional Director

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34, 37-43
Peter preached about Jesus' baptism, the anointing with the Holy Spirit, works of kindness and healing, and his crucifixion and resurrection from the dead. All who believe in him are forgiven.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4
Think about what is above. When Christ appears, then you shall appear with him in 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.

Ballincollig Scouts

Last Sunday both Maccoimh groups went to Farran Woods, as part of the County Orienteering day. The sections were divided into teams and after an explanation of the map and how to find the controls. The teams were given a start time and off they went, each team were given a different time, the teams had a leader or a parent with them. There were 13 controls all over Farran Woods. The teams had to collect all the letters at each control and get back in the shortest time possible. As the teams arrived back their start time was subtracted from their finish time. The Friday night Maccoimh came out winners. All the groups were rewarded with crisps and juice and all went home happy after a good day out. Preparations are well on track for our summer camp in Cappanalea Co. Kerry and in doing so reminded me of a letter which was sent from camp.

Dear Mom,
Having a smashing time at camp. Weather great, food lush and you get second helpings of deserts. Have bought a load of comics and new batteries for my walkman. Hope you will be able to get through on Wednesday for visitors day. Love John.
P.S. I am in hospital with measles.
Scouting is not a station you arrive at, but rather a manner of travelling.

Talent Competition

The Semi-Final of the Over 60's Talent Competition will take place next Sunday, April 19th at the City Hall at 8 pm.
Special Guest on the night is Tony Hegarty.
Proceeds in aid of the Irish Heart Foundation.
Tickets available from Promusica, Oliver Plunkett St. & the Reception Desk in Blackpool Shopping Centre.
For more details contact 086-8105585.

Bulletin Board

Easter collection for Priests of the Parish

According to the Diocesan custom, the collection at Easter Masses is one of two collections during the year when the offertory collection goes to the priests of the parish

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place **Saturday 18th April 2009 at 1.00 pm** 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.

Easter Monday

Please note there will be NO 08:30 am Mass in Christ Our Light.

Penitential Service

Thanks to everybody who came to take part in the Penitential Service in Christ Our Light Monday 6th March.

Bogus Callers

During the past week a number unwelcome phone call were made to the Presbytery. They were suggesting the cleaning of downpours, guttering and checking the alarm system. They were determined to pursue their schemes and had to be told clearly they were not welcome. People living on their own need to be on their guard and on no account allow access to their homes.

Catholic Paper

Copies of the Catholic Paper -The Universe - are available in both Churches every week.

Spring Dues

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

Children's Mass

The Children's Mass is on **Sundays at 11.00 am in Christ Our Light**. The Children of 2nd class retire to the crying room at the beginning of Mass where they celebrate The Liturgy of the Word in child friendly fashion – word searches, colouring and maze search are some of the methods used. Volunteers are welcome and needed to help, training and practice will be given. Parents are welcome to join their Children for the celebration of the Word of God. We invite Parents of First Communion children to please try and bring Children to this Mass. Bringing your Child to the Sunday Mass is an important preparation for your Child's First Holy Communion.

Fr. George

Cork Simon Community

The Cork City Marathon takes place on Bank Holiday Monday, the 1st of June 2009. Please consider taking part in the Marathon to raise funds for Cork Simon Community. One of the exciting aspects of the Cork City Marathon is the Team Relay, which really made it the marathon for everyone! The relay offers teams of 2 to 5 people the opportunity to take part in the marathon without having to complete the full 26.2 miles. If you are interested in taking part in the Cork City Marathon for Cork Simon Community, please contact Mairéad on 021 4929401 or email mairéad@corksmoncommunity.ie and we will send you out your sponsorship pack which will include a Cork Simon running vest to be worn on the day of the marathon.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Apr-18 & Apr-19-2009

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Carmel Keane
8:30 am
Elizabeth Daly
10:00 am
Tony Hegarty
William Green
12:00 Noon
Sean Hennessy
Shane Lehane

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Rosarie Cotter
Louise McGrath
11:00 am
Chide Ebili
Karen Flavin
12:30 pm
Cathy Naughton
Una Lynch
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	
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**

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Fr. James McSweeney 021-4873308



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Apr-18 & Apr-19-2009

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 Siobhan Burke



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