

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 13-March-2005

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

*Lazarus' resurrection is a figure and type of Jesus' resurrection, and of our resurrection, first to divine life in Baptism and to our definitive resurrection at the end of time. Today we open ourselves to Christ's life-giving Spirit. We pray too for those who are to be given the new life of the Spirit in baptism this Easter.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

### Come Forth

Robert Ingersoll was a rather famous agnostic who died about the turn of the last century in the United States. Over 100 years ago he travelled back and forth across America, attacking all religions, especially Christianity, maintaining that we could know nothing about God or an after life. In one of his lectures he tried to show that the story of Lazarus was a fake miracle, planned to build up the popularity of Jesus. "Lazarus," Ingersoll said, "as a great pretence took sick and 'made believe' he died. His sisters, Martha and Mary, pretended to bury him in a cave and then called Jesus. Lazarus was then to stay in the cave until Jesus called out 'Lazarus come forth.'"

To strengthen his story Ingersoll then asked, "Can anyone here tell me why Jesus said, 'Lazarus, come forth?' Why didn't he simply say 'Come forth?'" A man in the audience stood up and gave the answer. "Yes, Sir I can tell you. If Christ had not mentioned Lazarus by name then all the people buried there in that cemetery would have come forth – to meet their Saviour."

Ingersoll later admitted that the old man's statement really stumped him because it came from a deep faith which all of us as Christians share, that Christ died for all people and that all will rise at the call of Christ.

The raising of Lazarus from the dead is a sign, a proof, a promise, not merely that Christ can raise individuals to life, but that He will give heavenly life to all of us who die believing in Him and in His love for all of us.

We might complain, "Why doesn't Jesus raise my mother, my father, my child, my husband from the dead?" The point of the Lazarus story is not that Christ can raise this or that individual back to life, but that Christ can and will raise every dead person back to a life that will never end. This thought should give great consolation to all of us especially when we think of loved ones who have died. It is what we all pray for when we gather at funerals. It's what keeps us going ourselves. Knowing and believing that there is another life beyond death.

Let us continue to pray in this Lenten time that the spirit of God may dwell in us so that we all may look forward, in hope, to the time when Christ will call out to every one of us "Come Forth"

John O'Donovan

*Happy Saint Patrick's Day to all our readers and visitors to the parish.*

### Reflection for Parents

The healing power of Jesus brings new life to all of us. Are there some things in our lives that cause us to die to others? Perhaps we are impatient, ungrateful, critical, or quick to anger. Maybe we're proud, boastful, or envious. Jesus promises us new life if we trust in him and allow our actions to follow his ways.

### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

#### Priest

As we approach the Paschal season, we pray with confidence to our loving God.

#### Reader

For all who join us on this Lenten journey that they, and all who are preparing for Baptism at this time, may be renewed in spirit.

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

For all who are saddened by the death or illness of loved ones, that they may find consolation in their faith and in the support of good friends and neighbours.

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

For the terminally ill, that they may be spiritually strengthened, and for doctors, nurses, hospice care specialists and all who care for the sick and the dying, that they may be blessed with understanding, compassion and wisdom.

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

For all in the hospitality business, for hotel staff, travel agents, and those involved in transport, that they may know the importance of their daily generous service to people.

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

For all parents, that they may be gifted with wisdom, as they guide their children in the way of faith.

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

For all who have died, especially those in our thoughts today that they may enjoy the fullness of life with God.

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

#### Priest

God, our Father, you care for your people and hear their desires. We ask you to grant the requests we make to you in Jesus' name.

Amen.

*With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.*

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**BAPTISMS**

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

Ciara Isobelle Breen, 11 Chestnut Grove, Classis Lake.  
 Christopher Manahan, 26 Oaklands.  
 Ella Mary Margaret Kenna, 2 The Close, Coolroe Meadows.  
 Matthew Peter Moran, 11 Prospect Lawn, Coolroe.

**MARRIAGES**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

Kenneth William O'Leary, 24 Greenhills Court & Emma Patricia Cooney, 5 Bridgetown Drive, Castlemartyr.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Kieran McNulty, Fr. Sexton Park.  
 Patricia Egan, McCurtain Villas, College Road.  
 Ann Sexton, Ballyphehane.  
 Dan Curtin, Mallow.  
 Francis Russell, St. Lukes.  
 Nora Reynolds, Whites Cross.

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

Kathleen Dorgan, Powdermills.  
 Fr. Con (Sunny) Sexton, Alabama, USA.  
 Helen Kenneally, Beech Park.  
 Ned Keating, West Village.  
 Nora Healy, Glasheen.  
 Teresa Stranhan, Dublin.  
 Eleanor O'Mahony, East Gate & Castletownbere.  
 Kitty Barry, Hodders Villas.  
 Richard Krauss, Aisling Close.  
 Fr. Carthach McCarthy, Ballincollig & Skibbereen.  
 Eoin O'Dwyer, Ballyshoneen.  
 Bridie Finlay.  
 Eileen & Thomas Egan, Evergreen Road.  
 John Desmond, Garryhesta, Ovens.  
 Nora Hegarty, Whitechurch.  
 Nora Vaughan, Kilnamartyra.  
 Bridie O'Sullivan, Ballingearry.  
 Christine McCarthy, Hazel Grove.  
 Margaret Kearney, Macroom.  
 Nancy Hogan, The Crescent.  
 May Murphy, Blarney.  
 James McSweeney, Classis, Ovens.  
 John O'Connell, Main Street.  
 Eileen Coveny, Cogh.  
 Noreen & Eddy DaSilva, Beech Park.  
 Anne Kavanagh O'Rourke.  
 Norah & Patrick Barry, Redemption Road.  
 Tom & Kate Staunton, Roscommon.  
 Donal & Nancy McCarthy, Coachford.  
 Michael & Mary Murphy, Waterfall.  
 Julia & Dick Healy, Blarney.  
 Mary Herlihy, Rosscarbery.  
 Curly & Eileen O'Donovan, Drimoleague.  
 Fiona Buckley, Glenville.  
 Denis Hegarty, Poulavone.  
 John & Elizabeth Forde, Model Farm Road.  
 Jerry Desmond, Ovens.  
 Bruce Downie, Australia.  
 Kathleen Casey, Curraheen.  
 Tom & Joe Heaton.  
 Denis Mannix, Doneraile.  
 Alan O'Callaghan, Aherla.  
 Eileen Noonan, Cathedral Avenue.  
 Joe Butler, Inniscarra View.  
 Jim Spencer, West Village.  
 Mary Murray.  
 Ellen & Denise O'Leary.  
 Jerry & Kitty Hallahan, Kilmichael.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Fifth Week Of Lent**

13 Sunday Ez. 37: 12-14. Ps. 129. Rom. 8:8-11. Jn. 11: 1-45. Lect I: 305  
 14 Monday Dan. 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62. Ps. 22. Jn. 8: 1-11. Lect I: 319  
 15 Tuesday Num. 21:4-9. Ps. 101. Jn. 8:21-30. Lect I: 326  
 16 Wednesday Dan. 3: 14-20, 24-25, 28. Ps. Dan. 3:52-56. Jn. 8:31-42. Lect I: 328  
 17 Thursday Jer. 1 :4-9. Ps. 116. Acts 13:46-49. Lk. 1 0: 1-12, 17-20. Lect I: 1015  
 18 Friday Jer. 20:10-13. Ps. 17. In. 10:31-42. Lect I: 333  
 19 Saturday 2 Sam 7:4-5, 12-14, 16. Ps. 88. Rom. 4: 13, 16-18, 22. Mt. 1:16, 18-21 or Lk. 2:41-51 Lect I: 970 or II: 980

**Next Sunday's Readings 20-March-2005**

Is. 50:4-7. Ps 22. Phil. 2:6- 11. Mt. 26:14-27,66. Lect I: 346

**Information Day**

The diocese of Cork and Ross will hold an information day on the ministerial priesthood and religious life on Saturday March 19th in Ennismore 10.30 am. - 4.30 p.m. The first call to priesthood and ministry is given to each of us at Baptism. Thankfully in Ballincollig parish many are answering this call i.e. as Christian parents handing on their faith; teachers and catechists; ministers of the Word and Eucharist various other ministries in the parish. So anyone considering the ministerial priesthood or religious life is encouraged to come along on Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup>

**During Lent**

Can you give a little more time to the Lord?

**"Let my People Go".**

Continues every Wednesday at 8 pm,  
 Community Hall Annex  
 and will finish with Passover Meal on March 23<sup>rd</sup>  
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**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14  
 The Lord God told the people that soon the graves of the dead would open and they would rise. "I will put my spirit in you that you may live . . . says the Lord."

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11  
 "Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him." God, who raised Jesus from the dead, will raise also those in whom the Spirit dwells.

Gospel: John 11:1-45  
 In this Gospel, John tells the story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. The story is significant because it is likely that his action was his last miracle before Jesus began the journey toward his own death. Jesus was called to Bethany to save his friend, but instead waited several days to return. This action confused Lazarus' sisters, Mary and Martha, because they knew that Jesus could have healed their brother. Jesus used the incident to strengthen the faith of Mary, Martha, and all who believed. He made sure that Lazarus was raised from death so that the people could witness God's glory.



**SAINT OF THE WEEK**

**St. Patrick 17-March-2005**

The kidnapping of St. Patrick and subsequent years of slavery in Ireland form the story of a personal tragedy in a young man's life. Historians agree that Patrick was born in Britain though the exact location will never be known for certain. Most probably he was born in Candida Casa, 25 miles to the east of the Mull of Galloway which lies no more than 20 miles from the coast of Down. The date was probably 385 A.D. His family would have been reasonably well off officials of the Roman Empire in Britain. Irish attacks on the Roman province of Britain can be traced back to about 350. The Emperor Theodosius erected fortifications against the marauders in Britain in 368. At this time there are references to a naval demonstration by the Romans in the Irish Sea, when the Irish "were driven back to their bogs". In 399 Claudian writes that the sea was full of Irish ships interested in plunder. Irish tradition confirms the Roman sources. Niall of the Nine Hostages met his death near the Isle of Wight. Patrick himself describes the raid, which led to his capture. He refers to thousands of prisoners being taken. The ships engaged must have constituted quite a fleet and the place attacked must have been rich and well populated. The attack would have been sudden, ferocious and quickly executed. Patrick, a lad of sixteen, found himself a slave of the lowest category - minding pigs - without friends or family, not even understanding the language. Years later the day came for his escape. The 200 Roman miles which he said he travelled, would be about the distance from Slemish to Gorey, Arklow or Wexford. As a penniless slave he must have offered to work his passage to the Continent on the first ship he found in the harbour. Some, if not all, of the cargo was dogs, obviously Irish wolfhounds, - those gentle grey giants, largest dogs in the world -, bred for the chase and therefore valuable in France where the great aristocrats were devoted to this sport. We can imagine Patrick feeding and watering the dogs on the three-day voyage and cleaning out their basket-work cages as he calmed their fear of the rolling ship. Nantes, at the mouth of the Loire, would have been a likely landing place. From there the crew would have had to take the dogs to a market place inland. But here they met "a desert" through which they wandered for 28 days. This devastation would have been a consequence of a German raid on Gaul in 407. The raiding tribes marched down the Rhine, swung left to the Channel and then turned south and west along the coast of France, devastating as they went. Eventually the market was reached and Patrick was a free man at last. But even as Patrick enjoyed his good fortune he heard the voices of the Irish calling him back to Ireland. His missionary vocation revealed the hand of God in all his extraordinary trials and his willing "yes" to God's invitation revealed the greatness of his character.

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**Mass Times St. Patrick's Day**

Masses same as Sunday, except the 5.30 pm in Christ our Light moves to 6.30 pm and an extra Mass in St. Mary & St. John at 8.00 pm. Note! 12 Noon Mass St. Mary & St. John will be in Irish. Music and singing will be lead by Martin Power with his musicians and singers

**Spring Dues**

Envelopes are now being distributed to each household. Please return it by placing it in the Basket at Mass. Contributions in the Spring dues is to help with the income of the priests of the parish and your generosity is much appreciated. Envelopes are also available from the back of the Church.

**Community Games – Thank You**

The local Ballincollig Community Games Committee wish to express its gratitude to the Ballincollig Community for their outstanding generosity at the Annual Church Gate Collection, a fortnight ago. The collection puts the local organisation on a firm financial footing as it begins preparations for the forthcoming events. As the range of events is quite considerable, adult help is always greatly appreciated, and the committee appeals for adult support to ensure the season ahead runs smoothly. People interested in getting involved should contact the Chairman Rick O'Mahony at 086-8193019.

**The Wounded Healer**

A time to reflect and heal the wounds and weakness we carry.  
 Martina Lehane Weekend Retreat  
 March 18th - 20th Fri. 8.00pm - 9.00pm  
 Sat. 10.00am - 5.30pm Sun. 10.00am - 12.30  
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 Place: St. Dominic's Retreat Centre, Montenotte, Cork.  
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**Mass Book**

The Mass Book in both churches is now open for the Months of April, May and June 2005. Perhaps parishioners who can attend daily Mass might consider booking a weekday Mass to give an opportunity to those who cannot attend daily Mass.

**Parish Office**

The recent parish council meeting discussed the setting up of parish office. The main function of the office would be to provide a service to parishioners with regard to parish activities, dealing with various queries and provide information. Perhaps parishioners would be good enough to think about the function of a parish office and possible times of opening etc suggestions very welcome.

**Muskerry Local History Society—March Lecture**

**Subject:** - Development of Irish Landscape Painting during the Great House period, particularly the Richard Wood collection at Fota House.  
**Speaker:** Mr. Richard Wood.  
**Venue:** Ballincollig Rugby Club Function Hall.  
**Date & Time:** 15th March 2005 @ 8 pm.  
**Admission:** €2.00. All non members welcome. Please also note that the Society's A.G.M will also take place after this lecture. All are invited to stay and contribute.

**Eucharistic Adoration**

Church of St. Mary and St. John  
 One hour per week, every Thursday during Lent. after 8.00 pm Mass, finishing at 9.30 pm.

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Mar-19 & Mar-20-2005

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

6:00 pm (Vigil)  
Sandra Walsh  
8:30 am  
Annette Collins  
10:00 am  
Dave Murphy  
12:00 Noon  
Tony Lynch

8:00 pm (Vigil)  
Rebecca Feely  
11:00 am  
Maura McNamara  
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	<b>Sunday</b>	11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	<b>Monday</b>	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	<b>Tuesday</b>	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am & 6 pm (Vigil)	<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30 am & 8 pm (Vigil)
8:30 am, 10 am, 12 noon & 8 pm	<b>Thursday</b>	11 am, 12:30 pm & 6:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	<b>Friday</b>	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)	<b>Saturday</b>	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**

Mar-19 & Mar-20-2005

**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 Murphy	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

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