

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 19-April-2009

Second Sunday Of Easter
(Divine Mercy Sunday)

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

Low Sunday

The title of today is an effort to remind us that Easter Sunday is the highlight of the Christian year. The Sundays of the year are a continuous reminder of the events of Easter day, the empty tomb, the cloth left neatly by the grave once it had served its purpose, the chat Mary had with person she was did not recognise.

Some weeks ago I listened to the Sunday evening radio programme 'The Spirit Moves' as our present economic woes were discussed. The discussion spoke of the pain, worry, loss of jobs and earning power that so many people are experiencing at present. The fear and worry for those working as well as the anxiety for those trying to keep their businesses afloat during these difficult times were talked about. Peoples livelihoods have been undermined, our trust and confidence in one another has also been shattered.

The discussion moved on to look for possible ways forward. The panel were asked to identify sources of guidelines for society. The suggestion that impressed me was made by Prof. Kinsella who quoted John chapter 13 where Christ washed his disciples feet and gave them an example in service and Prof. Kinsella went on to suggest that this great passage could be our mission statement for a more caring, kinder and a society where the dignity of each individual is respected and acknowledged. This passage proposes that a more lasting way of finding fulfilment on this earth is by trying to be of service to one another. To go on this route would involve a massive mind change for us, but fresh from the Easter ceremonies may we take Christ as our model and inspiration.

I would add to this by suggesting that Acts 4. 32 be considered as a further passage to inspire us and indeed challenge to put our faith in the risen Lord into practice. This passage tells us that the members of the first Easter church lived as community. They lived as family where each is valued and respected. The members in need had a central part in this community. Risen Lord help me to try to live like that community and may your grace sustain me when I think only of myself.

Faith in the resurrection is great but what difference does it make in daily living. May the resurrection of Christ and the example of the early Christian Church be an inspiration in my daily living.

George O'Mahony

Thought for Today

Prayer is not a burden, but a gift; it is not a constraint, but a freedom;
it is not a millstone round our neck, but a source of joy.

Pope John Paul II

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

We gather this day as a community of faith. Let us now with one voice present our prayers to the Father.

Reader

We pray for Pope Benedict XVI; that he may continue to guide the Church along the right path and preach the gospel of truth.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for our political leaders; that they may govern wisely and for the best interests of all in this time of economic need.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for the gift of faith to overcome our times of doubt.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for peace: peace in our world, peace in our homes, peace in our hearts.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for couples who are preparing for marriage; that their time of preparation may be a time of grace.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for those who have died; that they may be raised to fullness of life in the Spirit.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest

Ever-loving Father, hear these prayers we make before you this day. Renew us in faith, hope and love. We make these and all our prayers in the name of Jesus, your Son risen from the dead, Lord forever and ever. 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 :

Matilda Mary Kate Stafford, Foxlodge Manor, Co. Meath.
Adam Patrick Ryan-Donovan, Glendower Court.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Kitty McCarthy, Candromeey, Kilnamartyra
Paul Crowley, Riverstick.
Kate Twomey, Macroom.
Barry Kelly, The Crescent.
Mary Dore, Newcastlewest.
Denis Walsh, Model Farm Road.

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

Christy & Kathleen Daly, Mayfield.
Con & Eileen Bradley, Leemount.
Jerry & Chris O'Sullivan, Clash Road.
Maurice & Laura Lynch, Douglas.
Michael Parker, Cloghroe.
Nellie Foley, Farran.
William Murphy, Blarney.
Tony O'Doherty, Coachford.
Eugene & Kitty O'Callaghan, West Village.
Claire McSwiney, Cloghroe.
Martin Moriarty, Blackpool & Ballincollig.
Margaret Leahy, Blackrock.
Billy Holmes, Clogheen.
Cornelius O'Regan, Carriganarra.
Mary Linehan, Inniscarra View.
Thomas & Mary O'Donoghue, Firies, Killarney.
Eileen Murphy, Muskerry Estate.
Hannah O'Leary, Inchigeela.
Margaret & Angelo Bernardi, Magazine Road.
Tony O'Sullivan, Station Road.
John Lucey, Coolroe.

'Mothers Prayers' Groups
Reminder

All Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers are welcome to come along on one of the following mornings to join in prayer for their children and the youth of our Parish:

Wednesdays 10.30 am
Meeting Room at Christ our Light Church
or
Thursdays 10.00 am - Annex of Parish Hall.

Muskerry Local History Society

April Lecture

Subject: **Seamus Murphy - 1907 to 1975**
Sculptor, Stone Cutter,
Author of "Stone Mad"
Celebration of Life and Work.

Speaker:- Aidan O'Shea - Historian
Venue:- Ballincollig Rugby Club Function Hall
Date & Time:- Tuesday 21st April @ 8 pm
Admission ;:- €2.00 for non members
Everyone most welcome.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Second Week Of Easter

19 Sunday Acts 4:32-35. Ps 117. 1 Jn 5:1-6. Jn 20:19-31. Lect I: 441

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

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

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

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

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

25 Saturday 1 Pet 5:5-14. Ps 88. Mk 16:15-20. Lect II: 1005

Next Sunday's Readings 26-April-2009
Acts 3:13-15, 17-19. Ps 4. 1 Jn 2:1-5. Lk 24:35-48. Lect I: 465

TRÓCAIRE

This second Sunday of Easter, we gather together as a believing community to celebrate Christ's resurrection. In today's Gospel, Jesus stands among his apostles and says 'Peace be with you'. Peace is something we pray in a special way for millions of our brothers and sisters around the world forced to flee their home as a result of conflict. This Lent we have stood in solidarity with these vulnerable and marginalised people. Trócaire thanks you most sincerely for bringing back your Trócaire box today or for making a donation in the envelopes provided. Your generosity brings new hope to our many millions of people around the world.

Catechesis for Adults and Youth

"This is my gift to you, a peace which the world cannot give you"(Jn.14:27)

COME and LISTEN

On many occasions and in different ways, Pope John Paul II highlighted the abundance of fruits the Neocatechumenal Way brings in the life of the faithful, of the families, of the parish communities, and the wealth of vocations which it inspires to the priestly and religious life, manifesting itself as "an itinerary of Catholic formation, valid for our society and for our times" (AAS 82 [1990j] 1513-1515)

The catechesis take place at 8 pm on Mondays and Thursdays, starting Monday 20th April, 2009, and continues for 6 weeks at St. Mark's Centre, (opposite Christ Our Light Church), Innishmore, Ballincollig.

Everyone Welcome

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts 4: 32-35

This is a description of life in the community of early Christians. Goods were shared but this sharing was always voluntary. The story of Ananias and Saphira makes it clear they were not bound to sell, and after they had the price was still theirs. However, the community of goods does not seem to have been very successful because we read elsewhere that rich and poor still existed in the community and Christians from other places had continually to send alms voluntarily to Jerusalem, 'each man according to his ability'.

Second Reading: 1 John 5: 1-6

There are three dispositions necessary to being a Christian: to love the children of God, to love God and to keep his commandments. Jesus came 'by water and by blood'. Water and blood are symbols and refer the one to the baptism of Christ, the other to his death.

Gospel: John 20: 19-31

The Church has perpetually understood the words of Jesus, "whose sins you forgive..." as the institution of the sacrament of Penance. The sacrament of pardon was instituted on the happiest day in the world's history. Ever since it has brought a personal joy to believers as they feel the load of guilt lifted from them. The act of faith made by Thomas is the fullest and most explicit of all the confessions of faith recorded in the Gospels.

Ballincollig Scouts

Camp log extract: We went to Millau on one of our day outing on camp. The plan was to visit the market and then go on to the bridge. We left the house at 9 am and travelled to the town of Millau. The town itself sits on the river Tarn and is an old Roman built town, it was the supplier of pottery to the Roman Empire for 150 years, and it is now dominated by the bridge. When we arrived the scouts broke into groups and went around in their patrols. The market was a huge open air market with everything for sale from jeans to Pate. It is interesting to see the scouts been able to buy goods and sweets without a word of French; all shyness vanishes when sweets are needed. The town itself has all these small narrow streets, with loads of small shops. The town felt very safe for the scouts. Having been shopped out, the plan was to have a picnic under the bridge, this was not possible, so we had to leave the bridge area and find a spot to have lunch. Not as easy as it sounds when you have 40 onboard a coach! But the Scout leaders have dealt with worse. After a very pleasant lunch we headed back to the bridge. The Millau viaduct (in French le viaduct de Millau) is the tallest cable stayed road bridge in the world. One of its masts summit is 343 m high slightly taller than the Eiffel Tower and 38m. Shorter, than the Empire State Building. It spans the valley of the river Tarn. It was amazing we saw how the bridge was built and saw working models of its construction, we then drove over it. We then returned to the house where the scouts went for a swim in the same river, further down the gorge, where the viaduct was built. *The best advice – don't give it.*

Prayer and Gospel Singing for Young Adults.

Join us and the Trinity Gospel Choir for an evening of prayer, singing, reflection and silence. Date: Friday 24th April. Venue: SMA Hall, Wilton, Cork.

Time: 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm.

For further information contact: Jean 087 9391669

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.

Confirmation 2009 - Christ Our Light

Scoil Barra

Thursday 23rd April 2009

Our Lady of Good Counsel

Thursday 23rd April 2009

Trocaire Boxes

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

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.

Catholic Paper

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

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

Presentation Sisters

Celebrating 225th Anniversary of the death of

NANO NAGLE

A Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving

St Finbarr's South Parish Church

3.00 pm April 26th 2009.

Chief Concelebrant: Bishop Buckley.

All are welcome.

Past Pupils Urged to Attend

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-25 & Apr-26-2009

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6:00 pm (Vigil)
Ailish O'Reilly
Daniel McAuliffe
8:30 am
Niamh Gallagher
10:00 am
Eileen O'Connell
12:00 Noon
Tony Lynch
Even Keating

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Fiona Feely
11:00 am
Meabh Nic Mheanmain
12:30 pm
Margaret Healy
5:30 pm
Siobhan Keane-
Hopcraft



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Apr-25 & Apr-26-2009

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Michael Maher
Ber Bell
Betty Casey
Frank Riordan
Siobhan Riordan
Sr. Martha

7:30 pm Geraldine Lynch
Charlie Vaughan
Joan Stephenson

11:00 am Neil Jeffers
Eileen O'Donoghue
Bridie O'Donnell
Bridie Hanrahan

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Theresa Lucey
Triona Collins

10:00 am Anne Cahill
Pat Lee
May Delaney
Cathy Horgan
John O'Donovan
Betty Flavin

12:30 pm Denis O' Mahony
Christine O'Mahony
Tom Murray
John O'Regan

12 Noon Joan Barrett
Sheila Carroll
Seamus O'Donovan
Joe Coghlan
Rose Moore
Catherine Greene

5:30 pm Bernard Curran
Clare Curran

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
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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