

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 22-April-2012



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Third Sunday Of Easter

It is difficult for us to accept suffering as part of God's plan. Today we are reminded that it was part of his plan for the Messiah. It was a suffering that he transformed by raising him from the dead. Jesus is this Risen Lord, in him our weakness and our sins are overcome.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Call to Witness and Repentance

Today's Gospel begins with the two Disciples returning to Jerusalem to tell the good news to the others disciples, of their encounter with the Risen Jesus on the road to Emmaus and how they had only recognized him at the breaking of bread. As they speak, Jesus appears among them saying "Peace be with you!" The disciples could not believe it and think they are seeing a ghost. But it is Jesus who reassures them, telling them not to doubt or be afraid and he shows them the wounds in his hands and his feet. Then He teaches them about the meaning of his suffering and death, how all that had been written about him in the Prophets and Psalms had been fulfilled. As St Luke says, he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, saying that the Christ would suffer, on the third day would rise from the dead, and that in his name, repentance and forgiveness of sins would be preached to all nations.

The disciples, who are witness to these events, now have a new mission which is to preach in the name of Jesus and to proclaim the kingdom of God. The commission of Jesus to his disciples, his sending them out as missionaries into our world, applies to us just as much as it applied to them. As the first disciples shared the 'good news' of Jesus and generations of followers have done so over the years, so too we are called to be his witnesses through our lives, words, and actions.

In the First Reading, we again hear that 'God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer'. St Peter calls the people of Israel to repentance: 'now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out'. Jesus paid the price for our sins by his passion and death on the cross. The forgiveness of Jesus flows to us from the cross. In the second reading St John tells us: 'My children, I am writing this to you to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ who is just. He is the sacrifice that takes our sins away and not only ours but the whole world's'.

It is a reminder, that while we are all sinners, we have a loving and compassionate God who is always waiting to forgive and heal our broken relationship with Him.

Sr. Colette

Thought for Today

When people called for Barabbas rather than Jesus to be released, they had 'no idea what they were really doing'. Now in the light of his rising from the dead they should see the truth clearly. Easter can lead us to see our lives differently. Having celebrated the powerful, merciful love of God at Easter, perhaps we are ready to receive the sacrament of Penance.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us bring our prayers before him who has been raised from the dead and now intercedes for us with the Father.

Reader

For all Christians: that they may preach the Gospel by their words and deeds.

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

For the leaders of our country: that they may fulfil their responsibilities worthily and well.

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

For those who have suffered a bereavement or disappointment: that the Lord may turn their sorrow into joy.

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

For the sick: that God may renew their strength.

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

For those who have died: that the radiance of Christ's risen glory may shine on them;

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

For a moment, we remember in silence our own particular needs.

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

Priest

Lord Jesus, don't walk ahead of us, we may not follow; don't walk behind us, we may not lead; just walk beside us and be our friend. We make all our prayers to the Father through you, Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

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BAPTISMS

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

Olivia Rachel Ryan, Castle Ave., Muskerry Estate.
 Davin Cullen Fitzgerald, Old Court, Greenfields.
 Aoibhinn Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Old Court Greenfields.
 Katie Barry Murphy, Ballyburden.
 Niamh Louise Leahy, Mossgrove, Classes Lake.
 Neasa Maeve Randles, Ballyshoneen, Waterfall.
 Tilda Czabai, Old Fort Road, Old Quarter.
 Ella Maria McCarthy, Rosewood.
 Beibhinn Josefina O'Donoghue Alvarez, Rosewood.
 Elizabeth Agnes Moynihan, South Berrings, Dripsey.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Sr. Julia O'Gorman, (Mercy Sister), Dromcollogher, Co Limerick.
 Carrie Keane, Bishopstown.

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

Timothy O'Leary, Togher.
 Eileen Murphy, Muskerry Estate.
 Clare McSwiney, Cloghroe
 Margaret (Peg) Collar, Manor Hill.
 Christy Daly, Mayfield.
 Maureen Cuddihy, Coolroe
 Tony O'Sullivan, Station Road.
 Jeremiah & Catherine Cunningham, Dillion's Cross.
 Thomas Mathew Jennings, Rosewood.
 Eamon Staunton, Carriganarra.
 Con, Bridie & Brian Murphy, Beara.
 Thomas & Mary O'Donoghue, Killarney.
 Breda Murphy, Inniscarra View.
 William & Kitty Murphy, Powdermills & Bishopstown.
 Tommy Carroll, Kilmichael.
 Mary Linehan, Inniscarra View.
 John & Mary Boyd, Main Street.
 Jeremiah & John O'Leary, Sunningdale & Cloghroe.
 William Kavanagh, East Gate.
 Mary O'Driscoll, Ballydehob.
 Eamon Staunton, Clash.
 Mary Delaney, Maglin.

**Belarussian Orphanage Project
 Bake Sale**

The Belarussian Orphanage Project is a voluntary registered Irish charity working to meet the needs of differently-abled children and adults in orphanages and institutions in Minsk, Belarus.

Sorcha Mac Manamon of Ballincollig, who is in fourth year in Gaelcholáiste Choilm, is travelling to Minsk along with 15 other volunteers in June for a week to work with the children and adults in Minsk. To do so, each volunteer must raise a minimum of €1,100.

As part of her fundraising, Sorcha is holding a bake sale after each of the Sunday masses this weekend in Christ Our Light church. Any support you can give Sorcha, or the charity itself would be very much appreciated.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Third Week Of Easter

22 Sunday Acts 3:13-15, 17-19. Ps 4. 1 Jn 2:1-5. Lk 24:35-48. Lect I: 465
 23 Monday Acts 6:8-15. Ps 118. Jn 6:22-29. Lect I: 472
 24 Tuesday Acts 7:51-8:1. Ps30. Jn 6:30-35. Lect I: 474
 25 Wednesday 1 Pet 5:5-14. Ps 88. Mk 16:15-20. Lect II: 1005
 26 Thursday Acts 8:26-40. Ps 65. Jn 6:44-51. Lect I: 479
 27 Friday Acts 9:1-20. Ps 116. Jn 6:52-59. Lect I: 481
 28 Saturday Acts 9:31-42. Ps 115. Jn. 6:60-69. Lect I: 484

Next Sunday's Readings 29-April-2012

Acts 4:8-12. Ps 117. 1 in 3:1-2. Jn 10:11-18. Lect I: 490

"Mothers' Prayers"

Continue

Every Wednesday at 10.30 am
Meeting Room at Christ our Light Church

Every Thursday at 10.00 am
Library Room, Parish Community Hall
 We welcome Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers to join us in prayer for our children and the youth of our parish on one of these mornings.

Lecture

Fr. Bernard Barrett- (born in Dublin) lecturer at Oscott Seminary and Maryvale Institute Birmingham
**"The Eucharist and the call for a new evangelisation"
 what we do on earth echoes for all eternity.**
 Sacred Heart Church, Western Rd., Cork
 Thurs. April 26th 2012
 7. 30 pm - 9 pm



**The Coeliac Society of Ireland
 Cork Support Group**

Date: Tuesday 1st May 2012
 Venue: SMA Centre Wilton, Cork
 Time: 8 pm
 Topic: Summer Party (Bring along) & AGM
 We ask all to bring a dish/party bites (gluten Free) to share with other and to eat and talk.
 All Welcome, €4 entrance fee, refreshment will be provided

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19

In this speech to the Jews, St. Peter aims primarily that Our Lord is the Messiah whose sufferings were foretold by the Prophet Messiah. He wishes to prove that Jesus, in spite of his crucifixion was the Messiah. Peter consoles the Jews with the thought that they had no idea as to whom they were putting to death. Now, however, they are being told so the time has come for them to ask forgiveness for their sins.

Second Reading: 1 John 2: 1-5

The Apostle urges his readers to be very careful to avoid sin; yet he knows the weakness of human nature and holds out the hope of pardon to the sinner because we have an advocate with the Father, one who intercedes for us and for the whole world. Christ exercises this office of advocate for sinners by continually offering the merits of his passion and death on their behalf.

Gospel: Luke 24: 35-48

When Luke set out to write his Gospel he said that he would put all things 'in order'. With these last words of Jesus he welds together what was foretold in Scripture with the mission of the Apostles in the future. Christ had to suffer for the sins of men but as the Messiah he had to rise again and give to the Apostles the power to forgive sins and bring liberation to mankind.

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. It is these concrete efforts, at parish level, that enable us to continue our long-term work with the poorest communities in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Please remember to return your Trocaire boxes and thanks to the families who have already returned them.



50th INTERNATIONAL
EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS
DUBLIN
June 2012

At the Last Supper and in the Mass Jesus offers himself: "take and eat, this is my body which will be given for you."

We too may offer ourselves as a living sacrifice.

Rom 12: 1

I urge you, then, remembering the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, dedicated and acceptable to God; that is the kind of worship for you, as sensible people.

Bulletin Board

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place **Saturday 28th April, 2012 at 12.00 noon** 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.

Special Collection for Diocesan Needs

The next collection for Diocesan needs will be taken up at all Masses next weekend **Saturday / Sunday 28 /29th April**.

Coeliac Host

Coeliac Host available at all Masses in both churches. Generally the Priest celebrating the Mass has the Coeliac Host. To help the Celebrant you might please let him know before the Mass.

Confirmation Dates 2012

Scoil Mhuire	Fri, May 11 th
Scoil Eoin	Wed, May 16 th
Gaelscoil Ui Riordain	Mon, April 23 rd

First Holy Communion Dates 2012

Scoil Eoin	Sat, April 28 th
Scoil Barra	Sat, May 12 th
Our Lady of Good Counsel	Sat, May 12 th
Gael Scoil	Sat, May 19 th
Scoil Mhuire	Sat, May 26 th

Trocaire Boxes

Thanks to all who returned their Trocaire Boxes to the schools and to the church. Please return any outstanding boxes as soon as possible, when returned the money will be lodged in the Trocaire Account.

Fr. George

Music Morning

Musical morning in the Ballincollig Library from 11 am on **Tuesday 24th April, 2012**. This month's musical choice is presented by John O'Gorman. Admission free.

All are welcome.

**Dyslexia Association of Ireland
Cork Branch**

Information meeting
on

Access and Support in C.I.T. for Third Level Students
with dyslexia

Venue: Bishopstown Community School

Date: Monday 23rd April 2012 Time: 7.45pm

Guest Speaker – Ms Laura O'Rourke

Disability Support Officer C.I.T.

Teachers, Parents, Students – all welcome

Admission €10.00

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Apr-28 & Apr-29-2012

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Adrian Cotter
Alan Murphy
8:30 am
Tom McDonagh

10:00 am
Jordan Crowley
Fearghal Monahan
12:00 Noon
Miriam Maunsell
Seamus Monahan

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Rebecca Feely
Jessica Lingard
11:00 am
Jacob Derham
Paul Donovan
12:30 pm
Adaugu Ebili
Caterina Nugent
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
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**

PARISH CLERGY

Priest on Duty	087-2479140
Fr. George O'Mahony P.P.	021-4871206
Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C.	021-4877161
Fr. Billy O'Sullivan C.C.	021-4876171
Fr. James McSweeney	021-4873308

The Church I Believe in?

An opportunity to explore the Church of today.

Prof Mary T. Malone.

Sacred Heart Hall Western Road.

- Professor Mary T. Malone (author and historian)
Saturday 28th April, 10.30 am-1.00 pm (registration 10.00 am).
Anne Francis 087-228-2134 abfrancis@eircom.net
Suggested contribution €5.

Troubled by someone else's drinking?

Try Al-anon. Local Meetings S V de P Centre Station Road
Thursdays 8.30 pm. Phone: 021 4311899.



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Apr-28 & Apr-29-2012

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Patsie Murphy
Pat Moore
Mary Walsh
Marie Healy
Margaret Kearney
Nora Barry

8:30 am Theresa Lucey
Rita Murphy
Mona Holland

10:00 am Margaret Bunyan
Mary Murphy
Joan Tobin
Eileen O'Connell
Niamh Nic Gerailt
Breda Monaghan

12 Noon Marie Bowen
Breda Lenihan
Jacinta Jeffers
Rena O'Connor
Sean Farrell
Mary Hennigan

7:30 pm Sheila O'Connor
Martin O'Regan
Brid Healy-Harris
Kit Cahill

11:00 am Bernadette Spillane
Angela Cunningham
Laurence Cunningham
Eileen Byrne
Carmel Ryan

12:30 pm Eileen Garvey
Sally Power
Breda Callanan
Catherine Freehill
Betty Walsh

5:30 pm Olan O'Mahony
Ann-Marie Whelan



***For Families of Children Preparing for First Holy Communion
Learning About the Mass with Kath and Qumen***

Fasting before Communion

We are asked not to eat before receiving communion. This is called 'fasting'. This rule has changed over time. In the past people were required to fast for twelve hours before Mass. Nowadays it is just one hour. We are asked to fast from all food except water in this hour before we receive the Bread of Life. We do this to help us to be more aware of the gift that we are about to receive.

