

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 28-March-2010

Passion (Palm) Sunday

Jesus was tortured and humiliated by the pride and self-will of people. He accepted this fate so as to overcome human destructiveness. His humble attentiveness to God allows God's power to be active and recreative.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday marks the opening of Holy week 2010. This week is the summit of Christ's life. His previous years lead and prepared him for these events. Jesus spoke regularly about going to Jerusalem and his life was very much focused on getting there.

This year the account of the passion is from St. Luke's gospel. This passion account has several characters in central roles. There is Pirate who comes across as weak kneed, allowing an angry mob to seal the fate of an innocent person. The crowds are also presented in poor light, one moment they are on the streets giving Christ an ecstatic welcome, later on they are baying for his blood. Then Herod comes across in poor light. These characters are all important but the central character is Jesus. The people of His time found it difficult to understand Christ; they found it difficult to get to know Him. Some thought they knew Him but there was always more to Christ. I suggest that each of us would read the passion according to St. Luke this weekend and keep in mind that I am trying to get to know Christ a little more.

Holy week is about trying to relive the central events in the life of Christ. Spy Wednesday, Holy Thursday and Good Friday are important days in our calendar and the events of those days are at the core of our faith. We are at the beginning of Holy Week. This week let us try to share in some way in the passion of Christ. Help us Lord to bear the burdens of life with renewed courage and hope. Help us to realize that the bitterness and burden of our life give us a share in the destiny of all human beings. Christ's passion is an unique acceptance of the passion of humans which is accepted into the mystery of Christ.

George O'Mahony

The Week Ahead

Today's liturgy gives a foretaste of the great events which we celebrate in Holy Week - the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord. We celebrate the drama of the Lord's Passion, triumph through death and suffering. Please make a special effort to join in the Holy week ceremonies.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us present our needs before the Lord who loves us so much that he sent his only Son that we might be saved.

Reader

We pray for all those who spread the gospel; that they may lead people to seek the face of the God of Jacob.

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

We pray for justice; that all, especially those in positions of authority, may act according to the principles of fairness and equality.

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

We pray for those who work in our parish; that they may through their ministry help people to bear witness to the Lord.

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

We pray for ourselves; that we may be granted the grace to bear the crosses we have to carry.

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

We pray for those who are sick; that they may be comforted in their afflictions.

**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 with the Lord in paradise today.

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

Priest

Father in heaven, you sent your only Son in order that we may be saved. Look with favour on our petitions, which we make in the name of Jesus Christ who suffered, died and rose again. Amen.

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Visit Our Website: www.ballincolligparish.ie

BAPTISMS

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

Fionn Noel O'Connell, An Caislean.
 Daniel Harry Atkins, Fernway, Classes Lake.
 Rory James Whelan, Daffodill Fields.
 Katelyn Lucy Power, Friars Walk, Cork
 Samuel James Long, Fernway Classes Lake.
 Brianna Julia Dwyer, The Elms, Bridewood, Ovens.
 Emily Jennifer Clancy, Westcourt Heights.
 Denis Timothy O'Riordan, Ballyburden.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Dan O'Callaghan, Berrings.
 Eleanor Dewhurst, Westgate, Ballincollig.
 Mary O'Mahony, Bandon.
 Eileen O'Mahony, Model Farm Road & Bishopstown.
 Daniel Griffin, Gearhies, Bantry.
 Derry Murphy, Powdermills.
 Michael O'Donoghue, Shanakiel.

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

Frank Smith, Wyndham Downs.
 Ted & Bridie Brennan, Coon West, Kilkenny.
 Margaret Keating, Lee View.
 Fiona Buckley, Inniscarra.
 Catherine O'Sullivan, Tudor Grove.
 Tom Reck, Togher.
 Tadgh & Ellen O'Donovan, Kilmurray.
 John & Ann Hogan, Tipperary.
 Pat & Billy Coomey, Carriganarra.
 Donal O'Halloran, Castlepark.
 Paul Crowley, Riverstick.
 Geraldine O'Sullivan O'Brien, Timoleague & Wales.
 Michael John Sexton, Clash.
 Kitty Barry, Hodders Villas.
 Dan, Hannah & Ellen Dempsey, Leemount Cross.
 Vincent McLoughlin, Sligo.
 Ellie Sheehan.
 Frances O'Donovan, Cloyne.
 Eileen O'Donovan, Rosewood.
 Lena Gaffney, Carrigrohane.

First Friday

Friday April 2nd is the first Friday of the month. It is also Good Friday, The priests of the parish will be in contact with the sick and housebound in their local areas

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Palm Sunday of The Lord's Passion

28 Sunday Is. 50:4-7. Ps 22. Phil. 2:6- 11. Mt. 26:14-27,66. Lect I: 346
 29 Monday Is. 42:1-7. Ps. 26. Jn. 12:1-11 Lect I: 374
 30 Tuesday Is. 49: 1-6. Ps. 70. Jn. 13:21-33,36-38. Lect I: 376
 31 Wednesday Is. 50:4-9. Ps. 68. Mt. 26:14-25. Lect I: 379
 01 Thursday Ex. 12:1-8,11-14. Ps. 115.1 Cor. 11:23-26. Jn. 13:1-15. Lect I: 387
 02 Friday Is. 52: 13-53: 12. Ps. 30. Heb. 4: 14-16, 5:7-9. Jn. 18: 1-19:42. Lect I: 390
 03 Saturday

Next Sunday's Readings 04-April-2010
 Acts 10:34,37-43. Ps. 117. Col. 3:1-4 or 1 Cor. 5:6-9. In. 20:1-9. Lect I 417

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

Chrism Mass

Bishop Buckley invites you to the **Chrism Mass in the Cathedral on Holy Thursday, April 1st at 10.00 am.** It is an occasion of Special thanksgiving as the Oils for the Celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and the Anointing of the Sick are blessed.

Reconciliation Service

Penitential service in Christ Our Light church on Monday 29th March at 7.00 pm. This is an opportunity to gather as a faith community and acknowledge our need of God's forgiveness as we prepare for Easter.

Easter Vigil

Parishioners are reminded to bring candles to the Easter Vigil Ceremonies at 7.30 pm in Christ Our Light and 9.00 pm in St Mary & St John on Holy Saturday evening. *Please take special care to avoid dripping candle grease on the floor or on seats.*

Envelope Collection

Holy Places (Holy Land) - Good Friday

Spring Dues

Envelopes are currently being distributed to homes throughout the parish of Ballincollig, contribution of the dues is for the sup-port of the priests of the parish. Please return it by placing it in the basket at Mass.

Should your home be missed spare envelopes are available from the back of churches. **Fr. George**

TRÓCAIRE

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Psalm 21:8-9)

Today's psalm could be the caption to so many of the images we have been presented with by Trócaire this Lent. Indeed, we can, relate to this in asking "My God, My God, why have you forsaken *them*?" as we wonder, time and again, why there is so much suffering in the world, and particularly this Lent, why so many people are *still* hungry.

There are now one billion hungry people in the world - more than the combined populations of the European Union, United States and Canada. The bitter irony is that there is enough food in the world to feed the population just no political will to eradicate hunger. Trócaire is now calling on the government to outline its progress in those areas during the UN Millennium Summit in September, when world leaders will report on progress on the Millennium Development Goals to which they signed up ten years ago. The first goal set out to halve the number of people living in hunger by 2015.

Please support Trócaire's Lenten campaign this year in whatever way you can.

Holy Week Ceremonies 28th March to 3rd April

St. Mary & St. John		
Day	Event	Time
Sunday	Normal Masses	8:30 am, 10 am 12 noon
Monday	Normal Masses	9:30 am & 8 pm
Tuesday	Normal Masses	9:30 am & 8 pm
Wednesday	Normal Masses	9:30 am & 8 pm
Holy Thursday	No Morning Mass	
	Mass of the Last Supper followed by Adoration & Holy Hour	8:00 pm
	Confessions	12.00 to 1.00 pm
	Confessions	7.00 to 8.00 pm
Good Friday	Stations of the Cross	12.00 & 3.00 pm
	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	8.00 pm
	Confessions	After All Ceremonies
Holy Saturday	No Morning Mass	
	Confessions	11.30 am to 1.00 pm
		2 pm to 4.00 pm
	Evening Mass	6.00 pm
	Easter Vigil & Mass	9.00 pm
Christ Our Light		
Day	Event	Time
Sunday	Normal Masses	11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm
Monday	Normal Masses	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
	Reconciliation Service	7:00 pm
Tuesday	Normal Masses	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
Wednesday	Normal Masses	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
Holy Thursday	No Morning Mass	
	Mass of the Last Supper followed by Adoration & Holy Hour	6.30 pm
	Confessions	After 6:30 pm Mass
Good Friday	Stations of the Cross	12.00 (family) & 3 pm
	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	6.30 pm
	Confessions	After All Ceremonies
Holy Saturday	No Morning Mass	
	Confessions	11.30 am
	Easter Vigil & Mass	7.30 pm

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

The servant of the Lord was rebuffed but did not turn back; he was beaten and spat upon. The suffering one knew the Lord God was with him.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Christ was in the form of God but did not consider equality with God a thing to be grasped at. He emptied himself, took the form of a slave, and was obedient unto death! Therefore, God exalted him, and all proclaim him Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66

Each year on this Sunday we follow the events of Jesus' life from the time he entered Jerusalem until the point where he was laid in the tomb after his crucifixion. Jesus first entered Jerusalem riding a donkey amid waving palm leaves. It was in Jerusalem that he foretold Judas' betrayal, Peter's denial, and established the Eucharist at the Passover meal. Jesus took his disciples into Gethsemane to pray, but they could not stay awake with him. In the garden, Jesus was turned over to the authorities, tried before the Sanhedrin, brought to Pilate, and sentenced to death. When offered a choice during the festival to release a prisoner, the people chose the release of Barabbas. Their choice was beyond Pilate's comprehension, so he symbolically washed his hands of the whole deal. Jesus was turned over to the Roman authorities for crucifixion and mocked by them. Finally, Jesus died on the cross. The earth darkened and quaked. He was prepared quickly for burial and laid in the tomb.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Apr-03 & Apr-04-2010

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Ailish O'Reilly
Daniel McAuliffe
8:30 am
Jim Healy
10:00 am
Hannah Bunyan
Stephen Bunyan
12:00 Noon
Miriam Maunsell
Christine Coakley

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Rosarie Cotter
Louise McGrath
11:00 am
Jacob Derham
Paul Donovan
12:30 pm
Brian O'Donoghue
Chide Ebili
5:30 pm
Tom Reck



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Apr-03 & Apr-04-2010

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Patsie Murphy
Joan Barrett
Mary Walsh
Marie Healy
Margaret Kearney
Nora Barry

8:30 am Theresa Lucey
Rita Murphy
Mona Holland

10:00 am Tadgh Murphy
Mary Murphy
Joan Tobin
Eileen O'Connell
Niamh Nic Gerailt
Seamus O'Shea

12 Noon Marie Bowen
Breda Lenihan
Noel Hennessey
Jacinta Jeffers
Rena O'Connor
Sean Farrell

7:30 pm Sheila O'Connor
John Canty
Brid Healy-Harris
Kit Cahill

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

12:30 pm Eileen Garvey
Sally Power
Breda Callanan
Catherine Freehill
Attracta McKiernan

5:30 pm Maire McCullagh
Olan O'Mahony

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 & 8 pm	Monday	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	Tuesday	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	Wednesday	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
8 pm	Thursday	6:30 pm
6 pm & 9 pm (Easter Vigil)	Friday	7:30 pm (Easter Vigil)
10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)	Saturday	7:30 pm (Vigil)

CONFESSIONS

See inside page

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
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Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C.	021-4877161
Fr. Billy O'Sullivan C.C.	021-4876171
Fr. James McSweeney	021-4873308

Pieta House Darkness into Light 5k Event

Pieta House "Darkness into Light 5k Event" will take place this year on Saturday 8th May 2010 in two venues. The Phoenix Park Dublin 7 and University of Limerick. Participants will be invited to walk or run the 5k route, starting whilst it is still dark and completing the circuit as dawn is breaking. This will be a symbolic event to give hope to those affected by Suicide and Self-Harm. On line registration is now available at www.pieta.ie Postal registration will also be available. For any enquiries contact Marie Freeman at 01 6010000 or marie@pieta.ie

Ballincollig Parish Bereavement Support

There will be a Bereavement Support Programme commencing in Ballincollig on Tuesday 13th 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:

Nursing Homes Support Scheme

A new scheme of financial support for long-term nursing home care has recently been introduced by the HSE. If you or a loved one is in need of nursing home care, or if you would simply like to find out more about you new scheme, please call the HSE Infoline on 1850 24 1850 and ask for information on the Nursing Homes Support Scheme, A Fair Deal, Alternatively, log on to www.dohc.ie/issues/fair deal.
Sender: owner-clergy 2@corkandross.org
Reply To: secretary@corkandross.org

Reflection for Parents

There is much to reflect on in this reading. One interesting note, however, is the different responses Judas and Peter had when they came face to face with their rejection of Christ. After his three denials, Peter "wept bitterly." These tears of regret led the way to reconciliation when Peter first encountered the risen Christ. Judas, on the other hand, knew what he did was wrong, but he couldn't face the hopelessness his actions brought. To relieve the pain of what he had done, Judas took his own life. Some days it is difficult (even beyond measure) to be a parent. The lesson we learn today is that reconciliation and healing bring us long-term joy instead of living in the harsh bitterness of despair.

St. Vincent de Paul Monthly Collection

The April collection will take place on next weekend, 3rd/ 4th March (Easter weekend).
Thank you for your support."