

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 01-May-2022

Third Sunday of Easter

Peter, who denied the Lord three times, three times, affirms his love. He learns that his share in the Lord's care for his people will one day bring him to the martyrdom of death - the early Church was founded on those who joyfully bore witness with their lives.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Good and Faithful Servant

There are two types of people – those who make profitable use of what has been entrusted to them and those who do not. All have been entrusted with natural abilities (talents) that can be improved upon; and all will be judged on how profitably they have used them.

The spiritual meaning of the parable of the talents is that we have been entrusted with spiritual gifts and graces and must give an account of what we have done with them. Since these gifts and graces have been given according to our ability, we need make no comparisons between others and ourselves. What are these gifts and graces? We have received the gift of faith to believe in Christ, together with the grace to pray, read the scriptures with understanding, and receive in faith Christ's life-giving Body and Blood in the Eucharist. These are the spiritual talents entrusted to us.

The gift of faith grows as we exercise it. We exercise our faith by turning to the Lord for help, strength, courage, perseverance and wisdom. As we turn to him in faith he gives us these things in abundance – and we grow. We grow both in our faith and in our relationship with the Lord by exercising the gift of faith given to us. If we are not exercising our faith, it will quietly wither away.

Similarly the life of grace develops within us as we practice it. We have been given gifts of grace so that we can pray, read God's Word with understanding, and celebrate the sacraments with faith. As we exercise these gifts of grace, we receive the life of the Spirit and gradually, by the action of the Holy Spirit, we become more conformed to the likeness of Christ. Through our perseverance and continual recourse to these spiritual and sacramental graces we are gradually, almost imperceptibly, being changed. Only by looking back shall we see how we have grown.

The talents entrusted to us grow because we use them. Jesus' saying 'For to every one who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away.' (Matt. 25:29) tells us this. We need to take one step at a time in order to reach the end of our spiritual journey. Our growth is progressive – we are either moving forward by exercising our faith and letting our spiritual gifts and graces remain unused.

'Lord, thank you for the talents you have given me.
Make me bear an abundant harvest so that I may be your "good and faithful servant".'

The Parishioner

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

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† IN SYMPATHY †
 PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :
 Breda Burke, Avoncourt.
 Gerald O'Regan.
 John O'Donoghue, Elm Lawn.
 Peggy Murphy, Mayfield.
 Bernadette Carroll, Macroom.
 Nora O'Leary, The Lough.
 Felino Berru Cordova, Peru.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS OR OTHERWISE REMEMBERED:
 John Meehan, Cork/Glasgow.
 Annie & John Kavanagh, Wicklow.
 Phil Collins, West Village.
 Tony Allen, Inniscarra View.
 Frank Brennan, Ovens.
 Maurice Hennigan, Woodbine Lawn.
 Catherine (Kitty) Murphy, Powdermills/Rossa Ave.
 Mary & Sheila Quinlan, Glanworth.
 Thomas & Catherine O'Donnell, Drimoleague.
 May & Raymond Monahan, Kinvarra.
 Essie Buttimer, Macroom.
 Noel Murphy, Model Farm Road.
 Mike Cullinane, Coolroe.
 Bill O'Connell.

Reflection for Parents

As parents we know a great deal about caring for sheep in the flock. We work long, hard, and diligently to make sure that our children receive the physical, emotional, and spiritual care they require. We are challenged by this Gospel reading to move outside our immediate "flock" and care for all of God's children. Our own children will learn the essence of this Gospel when they see us reconcile with others and go outside our small worlds to help others. Today, as we continue to celebrate Easter, we praise the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus. We worship the lamb who deserves praise, honour, glory and power for ever and ever.

Darkness into Light 2022.

The Pieta House fundraiser 'Darkness into Light' will take place on the morning of Saturday 7th of May in Ballincollig Community School (BCS). This is a wonderful opportunity to raise funds for Pieta House which provides free counselling services to people all over Ireland. You can register for the event at www.darknessintolight.ie and all support is greatly appreciated.

'A friend knows the song in my heart and sings it to me when my memory fails'

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Third Week Of Easter

- 01 Sunday Acts 5:21-32,40-41. Ps. 29. Apoc. 5:11-14. In. 21: 1-19. Lect I: 468
- 02 Monday Acts 6:8-15. Ps. 118. In. 6:22-29. Lect I: 472
- 03 Tuesday 1 Cor 15:1-8. Ps 18. In 14:6-14. Lect II: 1017
- 04 Wednesday Acts 8:1-8. Ps. 65. Jn. 6:35-40. Lect I:476
- 05 Thursday Acts 8:26-40. Ps. 65. Jn. 6:44-51. Lect 1:479
- 06 Friday Acts 9: 1-20. Ps. 116. In. 6:52-59. Lect I: 481
- 07 Saturday Acts 9:31-42. Ps. 115. In. 6:60-69. Lect I: 484

Bulletin Board

Bank Holiday Monday

Monday May 2nd Morning Mass at 9.30am in Church of St Mary & St John.

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the boys and girls Our Lady of Good Counsel who received the sacrament of Holy Communion on the 30th April. Please pray for the boys in Scoil Eoin who will receive the sacrament of Holy Communion on Saturday 7th May. Sincere thanks to the parents and dedicated teachers who work diligently preparing young people for the sacrament.

Envelope Collection

The collection for Holy Places which was taken up on Good Friday, amounted to €2,450. This collection for the Holy Land reminds us of an "ancient" duty, which the history of recent years has made more urgent, but no less a source of joy that comes from helping our brothers. We appreciate your generosity.

Annual Diocesan Pastoral Development

Envelope collection

The Annual Envelope Collection for the Diocesan Pastoral Development Office which was taken up at all Masses last weekend amounted to €1,995.00.

Trocaire Boxes

Please return Trocaire Boxes to the schools or to the church; when returned the money will be lodged in the Trocaire Account.

First Holy Communion Dates 2022

Scoil Eoin	Saturday 7 th May
Gaelscoil Uí Riordáin	Saturday 14 th May
Scoil Mhuire	Saturday 21 st May
Gaelscoil an Chaisleáin	Saturday 21 st May
Scoil Barra	Saturday 28 th May

Fr. Alan

St. Vincent de Paul

The monthly collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend 30th April/1st May. We appreciate your continued generosity.