

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 26-March-2023

Fifth Sunday of Lent

*Jesus as a man like us, wept for Lazarus his friend,
as eternal God he raised Lazarus from the dead, in
his love for us all, Jesus gave us the sacraments to
lift us up to everlasting life.*



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Fifth Sunday of Lent - Martha and Mary

Fifty years ago, when choosing a name for the overseas aid agency of the Catholic Church in Ireland, the Irish bishops chose the Gaelic word for mercy and compassion - Trocaire. Compassion is an active word that asks that we see the suffering of others and respond with solidarity and action. In today's Gospel we hear about Lazarus' resurrection. It points towards Jesus own resurrection and indeed yours and mine. We entered into the Divine life in baptism and to our resurrection at the end of time. As we pray in the Creed every week, "He (Jesus) will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead." Another look at the Gospel story reminds us there are people in this Gospel too other than Jesus and Lazarus. There are his disciples, many of whom fear for Jesus' and their own lives by going back to Bethany, the place close to Jerusalem, where Jesus was close to being arrested before. Thomas, the disciple that spoke up and encouraged everyone to follow Jesus even if that meant to die with him.

There are the Jews that mourned Lazarus death with the siblings Martha and Mary. I wonder how they felt about Jesus, being the Son of God. Were they followers or were they those that wanted to stone Jesus to death? We have Martha and Mary. The sisters of Lazarus. Mary, the one that works hard and even gets angry with Martha that she was just sitting there when Jesus had visited them before. Mary might have seen her role in serving while Martha seems to be contemplative. She sat with Jesus and anointed his feet while listening to his words. Who can you relate to more? Mary or Martha. There is little bit of both in each and every one of us. A time to rest and a time to act.

What Martha, Mary and Lazarus all have in common is that they were all interested in Jesus' ministry. And now Martha and Mary are faced with the pain of losing their brother. They had called for Jesus on time but he decided to delay his arrival by two further days. No doubt Jesus had a plan to show that even death has no power over us if we believe in the Lord. Jesus saw the devastation Lazarus death had caused. He himself cried. The human side of Jesus very obvious, visible for everyone there to see. He showed his compassion and mercy by calling Lazarus out of the grave. We are invited to show that compassion and mercy to those who need it the most. We cannot walk away. We cannot delay our response. We have to act now. Maybe we have been crying seeing those pictures from around the world. Compassion and mercy is needed from each and every one of us.

Last advent Trocaire had a wonderful poem that shows why Trocaire's work in the past fifty years has been important. It's not just that the rains don't come.

It's not just that Sami's home was destroyed.

It's not just that Mya's daughter is denied an education because she's a girl.

In our world today, millions of people live are denied food, safety and a future. They are living in fear and it's not just.

This Easter, your love can make all the difference. Your donation — no matter how small — will provide water, food, shelter and a future for people living in poverty. People like Sarah, Sami and Mya know the future they want. They just need your help to secure it. For them, your kindness is not just an expression of love and kindness. It is a helping hand to a better future.

Christina Malone - Trocaire

Taizè Prayer

Will be held in Christ our Light Church 7.30pm during March: Friday March 31st. All are welcome to come and pray for these four Fridays in Lent. The prayer format consists of Taizè Chants, one psalm, one scripture reading, Silence and Prayers of Intercession. If you play a musical instrument, you are very welcome. It would be lovely if the various languages could be used in the chants. Then it would be a truly Taizè Prayer.

Cork Inter Diocesan Marriage Tribunal

Any parishioner is enquiring about applying for annulment, you can now direct them to our website, www.tribunal.ie where they can find information, apply online, contact us with any questions. Alternatively, the Tribunal can still be contacted by phone on 021 4963653 or to my direct email aileen@tribunal.ie

Please note new Emergency/Priest on Duty in Parish Number is: 087 4021357

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

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† IN SYMPATHY †
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :

Margaret (Peg) Cotter, Ballyburden, Ballincollig.
Bernard Leach, Ballincollig.
Jerry O'Leary, Inniscarra View.
Eddie Mc Garry, Gurranabraher.

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

Maurice & Margaret O'Connor, Castlegregory.
Dan & Charles O'Connor, Castlegregory.
Ellen Bowen, Sunday's Well.
Sean McKechnie, Ballincollig.
Noreen Murphy, Toames.
Johnny, Pat & Billy Coomey, Carriganarra.
Vicente Atilano, Philippines.
Fr. Michael, Paddy & Richard Hourigan, Limerick.
Patrick McNamara, Inniscarra View.
Nancy Hogan, The Crescent.
Kitty Mc Sweeney, Cathedral Road.
Imelda Horgan (nee Lyons), Inniscarra/Conna.
Rita & Denis Murphy, Fr. Sexton Park.
John & Mary Boyd, Main Street.
Pat O'Connell, Rosewood.
Michael Hannigan, Inniscarra View.
Jerry O'Connor, Sunningdale.
Joan Nelligan, Castleisland.
Vincent Mc Loughlin, Bishopstown.
John & Lucy Barrett, Leo Murphy Terrace & Frances Barrett,
Lisa McKane & Odran McKane, Leo Murphy Terrace.
Lena Gaffney, Carrigrohane.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Fifth Week Of Lent

26 Sunday Ez. 37: 12-14. Ps. 129. Rom. 8:8-11. Jn. 11: 1-45. Lect I: 305
27 Monday Dan. 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62. Ps. 22. Jn. 8: 1-11. Lect I: 319
28 Tuesday Num. 21:4-9. Ps. 101. Jn. 8:21-30. Lect I: 326
29 Wednesday Dan. 3: 14-20, 24-25, 28. Ps. Dan. 3:52-56. Jn. 8:31-42. Lect I: 328
30 Thursday Gen. 17:3-9. Ps. 104. In. 8:51-59. Lect I: 331
31 Friday Jer. 20:10-13. Ps. 17. In. 10:31-42. Lect I: 333
01 Saturday Ex 37:21-28. Ps Jer 31:10-13. Jn 11:45-56. Lect I: 336
02-April-2023 Is. 50:4-7. Ps 22. Phil. 2:6- 11. Mt. 26:14-27,66. Lect I: 346

Mass Times for week ahead

St. Mary & St. John		Christ Our Light
8:30 am & 10 am	Sunday	11 am & 12:30 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
6 pm (Vigil)	Saturday	7:30 pm (Vigil)

Bulletin Board

Coeliac Hosts

Low gluten hosts are available that are suitable for Coeliac. Please inform the priest prior to Mass if possible if you require it.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 3 p.m. until 4 p.m. In St. Mary & St. John's Church every Friday.

Meditation

Meditation continues every Tuesday in Ballincollig Community Hall after 9.30am Mass. Please feel free to join any Tuesday.

Rosary

Family Rosary is on every Sunday at 9.15am in St. Mary & St. John Church.

Music Morning

The Music Morning in the Ballincollig Library will take place next Tuesday, 28th March at 11.00am and will be presented by Tom Liston. Everyone is welcome and a cuppa will be served.

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.

LECTIO DIVINA

God is real and alive and active in our lives.

To deepen our awareness of the Divine Presence in our daily lives come along to pray with the Scriptures on Tuesday nights at 7.30 in Sonas house. Beginning first Tuesday in March.

All welcome.

Contact Goretti at 0861611615 if you have any questions

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.

Part-Time Bus/Taxi Escort

Wanted in Scoil Mhuire, Ballincollig. One hour before school and one hour at 1.45pm. For further information, contact the school at 0214870809 or principal@scoilmhuireballincollig.ie

Ballincollig Church Cantor

Tony O'Brien available with accompanist
To sing at funerals and weddings in Ballincollig.
Tel. No.: 085 706 7564