

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 02-April-2023

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

Today we are celebrating Palm Sunday. Jesus' glories and triumphal arrival in Jerusalem. We also hear the Lord's Passion. The view forward to the Holy week and with that the death and resurrection of our Lord. Today also marks the end of Lent. For the past forty days we journeyed with Trocaire. We celebrated the fiftieth anniversary. We learnt about the Mahat family, the parents Ambiyo and Mahat and their families and how they have been given new hope and new life through the work of Trocaire.

With the knowledge about the work Trocaire has been providing I can't stop wondering what is next for me and you. How are we going to respond to the injustices in our world? Are we happy to sit back and let others do the work? Let us look at the Gospel to find answers. There are many people named in the Lord's Passion. There are various bystanders. Those curious to see what might happen. Those who are glad that Jesus is being crucified and maybe some that are there afraid for their own lives.

There is Peter. The disciple that followed Jesus' invitation to follow him. He was there with him throughout Jesus' ministry. Peter, the fisherman that walked with Jesus the same roads, the one that knew Jesus was Christ. Peter, the one Jesus entrusted in becoming the leader of his followers, the first Pope. At the same time, we just heard, the same Peter, was the one that denied the Lord three times. There is Judas, who betrayed Jesus. Like Peter he was one of the disciples. He journeyed with Jesus, saw the healing power Jesus had and still he betrayed him for money. Some might find it easy to pick Judas as the one "bad" one in this however others might argue, without Judas, there would be no crucifixion and therefore no resurrection. He too plays an important part in our history.

We also have Simon of Cyrene. Would you say he happened to be in the wrong place at the right time or the other way around? Either way he happened to be there and helped Jesus carrying the cross. No option to walk away. We also have Mary, the mother of our Lord. Mary, who said YES whole-heartedly when the Angel asked her to become the mother of the Son of God. Little did she know, that only would witness her son's death but would also have to suffer the agony of losing her child? It still goes against nature. Mothers are not supposed to bury their children and still it happens so often in this world. And of course, we have Jesus.

The Son of God. As we know from the Prophet Isaiah, Jesus is called "Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, knowledge and Prince of Peace." His life came to an end while many watched him dying. The pain he must have endured in those final hours of his life - but nevertheless, he kept going, one step at a time to the final moment when he cried out "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!"

Looking at those characters who are you in this? Would you speak up? Or would you just standby in fear? Would you risk your own life to speak up for what you think is right? Many humanitarian workers risk their life every day to work on our behalf to help those most in need. Many have given their lives to charities like Trocaire to bring the church social teaching alive in the many countries around the world. After journeying with Trocaire this lent what are you going to do moving forward? Are you Simon of Cyrene that was forced to help? Are you Peter that would like to help and be there but also fall short when asked? I hope you have the strength of Mary, the one that said YES to the Lord all her life. The one that told her son to perform his first miracle. The one, that journeyed with the Son of God all those years and at the end stood at the cross in despair but with the knowledge she had played her part in God's plan to make the world a better place. Will you do the same?

Christina Malone - Trocaire

Taizé Prayer

On Good Friday Taizé prayer will include Veneration of the Cross at 7.30pm in Christ our Light Church.

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

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

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

Denis O’Driscoll, Ballintemple/Ballincollig/Kilbrittain.
Ger Glavin, Parknamore.
Patricia Cotter, Parknamore.
Claire Pidgeon, Montenotte.

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

Peter, Bridie & Marion Heaton, Pearse Place.
Tom & Joe Heaton, Pearse Road.
Paddy Keohane, Inniscarra.
Tadgh Kearney, Westcourt Heights.
Kitty O’ Sullivan, Tudor Grove.
Kathleen Mc Gillicuddy, Ros Muc/Boston.
Danny McCarthy, The Crescent.
Michael Crowley, Rathmore/Inniscarra View.
Bill Devereux, Clogheen/Tipperary.
Donal Lyons.
Mary Raj, India.
Annie & John Kavanagh, Wicklow.
Ellen O’Sullivan, Inniscarra.
Barry & Carmel Kelly, The Crescent.
Peter Carmody, Ennis.

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 Fintan Gavin invites you to the Chrism Mass in the Cathedral on Holy Thursday, April 14th 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 Church of Christ Our Light on Monday 3rd April at 7:30 pm. This is an opportunity to gather as a faith community and acknowledge our need of God’s forgiveness as we prepare for Easter.

Envelope Collection

Holy Places (Holy Land) - Good Friday
The 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.

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.

Bulletin Board (continued)

Holy Week

Is a central week in the Church's year. This week recalls and re-enacts the highpoint in God's love and Jesus revealing Him to us. The most important part of Holy Week for me is when Christ stoops to wash the feet of his friends. The washing of the feet had an unsuspecting depth of meaning. When inspired by love, the least service rendered to one's neighbour takes on an extraordinary dimension; it foreshadows that total sacrifice for which everyone should be prepared. To be truly Christian is a constant effort to become like Jesus. I hope you will be able to join us this year to recall and celebrate Holy Week in our lead in to Easter and the Resurrection.

Easter Vigil

Parishioners are reminded to bring candles to the Easter Vigil Ceremonies at 7.30 pm in Christ Our Light and 9pm in St Mary & St John on Holy Saturday evening. Please take special care to avoid dripping candle grease on the floor or on the seats.

Meditation

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

Spring Dues

The priests of the Parish would like to thank you for returning the Spring Dues Envelopes. Your continued support is much appreciated.

Darkness into Light 2023

The Pieta House fundraiser ‘Darkness into Light’ will take place on the morning of Saturday 6th 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.