

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 23-April-2023

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
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Thank You from Trocaire

As we have celebrated the Easter season 2023, we wanted to thank you for your dedication to telling the Trócaire Lent story over the past few weeks, and for the unending generosity shown by your parish.

It's at this time of year that we ask people around the country to return their boxes or donations to their local church or to us directly at trocaire.org.

Since the beginning of Lent, Nasteha and the rest of the Mahat family have continued to receive support from the Trócaire team in Somalia and Nasteha and her siblings have been able to stay in school. However, the humanitarian situation in Somalia is worse than it has ever been, as the Trócaire hospitals and health centres, which already treat 22,000 people every month, are seeing increasing numbers of starving and malnourished families and children every day, as the drought rages on across the country.

Against this backdrop, we are asking the people of Ireland, and of your parish congregation, to return their boxes and donations and continue helping to save lives all over the world. Please do let us know if there's anything we can do to help with the returns process and please contact fiona.campbell@trocaire.org for collection in the Dublin Archdiocese.

We look forward to your ongoing support as we continue to mark Trócaire's 50th anniversary.

With all my gratitude,

Colm Hogan - Church Manager Trocaire

Deacons in Cork & Ross

The Diocese of Cork & Ross invites those who feel a call to be deacons to make contact with its' Co-Ordinator of the Permanent Diaconate, Fr. Bernard Cotter, Co-PP, Union Hall, by text or WhatsApp on 087 901 0627. Full information on the role of deacons is given on our diocesan website (www.corkandross.org/vocation/the-permanent-diaconate.) Please pray that those called to the ministry may respond positively.

Darkness Into Light

Pieta House Fundraiser Ballincollig Darkness into Light will take place again this year on the morning of 6th of May starting and finishing at Colaiste Choilm. You can register online for the event at www.darknessintolight.ie

Faith and Freedom

Alpha continues in the "Annex" of the Ballincollig Community Hall at 7.30, Thursday 27th April. Next session "Why and How Should I Read the Bible?"
Contacts 086/8200933 087/2185282 085/1555000

Prayer for Vocations Cork and Ross

Heavenly Father, we praise you and thank you for all you have done for us. We thank you especially for sending you Son, Jesus Christ, to visit and save us. We ask you to bless our family and all the people of our parish, especially those who are suffering in any way. Encourage those in our parish whom you invite to become priests and religious, and grant them the generosity of mind and heart to follow your call. May they bring good news to our world today. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

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

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

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† IN SYMPATHY †
 PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :
 Peter Daly, Greenfields.
 Agnes Coyle, Glincool.
 Bernard Leach, Ballincollig.
 Tom Callaghan, Maple Lawn.
 William (Willie) Clifford, Wyndham Downs.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS OR OTHERWISE REMEMBERED:
 Carolyn Mary Cronin, Beverly, Ovens.
 Kathleen McCarthy, Glounthaune.
 Jeremiah & Catherine Cunningham, Dillions Cross.
 John O' Donoghue, Elm Lawn.
 Lillie Dennis, Castlepark.
 Eddie, Kathleen, Alice & Mary Duncan, Omagh/Donegal.
 Breda Murphy, Inniscarra View.
 Jack & Lena Dennehy, Carriganarra.
 Catherine & Thomas O'Donnell, Drimoleague.
 Raymond, May & Rose Monahan, Galway.
 Ann O'Sullivan, Minister's Cross.
 Margaret & Michael Murray, Greenhills Estate, Douglas.
 Dec. members of the Riordan Family, Glasheen/Oxford.
 John Meehan, Glasgow/Cork.
 Donagh Corcoran, Churchview.
 Mary Griffin, Togher.
 Essie Buttimer, Toames, Macroom.
 Peter O'Neill, Powdermills.
 Donal O'Sullivan, Glenleigh, Kilcorney.
 Catherine & Michael Hayes, Clonmult.

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.

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Third Week Of Easter

23 Sunday Acts 2: 14, 22-33. Ps. 15. 1 Pet. 1: 17-21. Lk. 24: 13-35. Lect I: 461

24 Monday Acts 6:8-15. Ps 118. Jn 6:22-29. Lect I: 472

25 Tuesday Acts 7:51-8:1. Ps30. Jn 6:30-35. Lect I: 474

26 Wednesday 1 Pet 5:5-14. Ps 88. Mk 16:15-20. Lect II: 1005

27 Thursday Acts 8:26-40. Ps 65. Jn 6:44-51. Lect I: 479

28 Friday Acts 9:1-20. Ps 116. Jn 6:52-59. Lect I: 481

29 Saturday Acts 9:31-42. Ps 115. Jn. 6:60-69. Lect I: 484

30-April-2023 Acts 4:8-12. Ps 117. 1 in 3:1-2. Jn 10:11-18. Lect I: 490

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.

Envelope Collection

The collection for Holy Places which took place on Good Friday, 7th April amounted to €1,670. We appreciate your continued generosity.

Diocesan Envelope Collection

The quarterly collection in aid of the Diocesan Funds will be taken up this weekend 22nd/23rd April at all masses.

Confirmation

Congratulations to the girls in Scoil Mhuire who received the sacrament of Confirmation recently. Sincere thanks to the parents and dedicated teachers who work diligently preparing young people for the sacrament.

LECTIO DIVINA

Lectio Divina cancelled until further notice

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.