

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 18-April-2004

Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday

We are all a bit like Thomas, unless we see we find it difficult to believe. However, faith is a way of seeing, seeing beyond the apparent problems of life to the hope given by the Resurrection of Jesus; the hope of sharing heaven with Him.



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Easter Week 2004

Easter Week is a week when the tears and fears of the women and the apostles turned to joy and hope. During this week's daily Masses the Gospel relate various accounts of the apostles confused and upset; their Messiah is dead and buried and then some of them discover the empty tomb. Two of the disciples on the road to Emmaus are joined by the stranger on their journey and it is only at the meal that their eyes and ears are opened.

Hopefully this Easter Week will be a similar experience for each of us, that as well as our eyes and ears being opened to the accounts of the Resurrection that our minds and hearts will be filled afresh with the hope and joy that is the Resurrection of Christ. During Lent many people and families made an extra effort to come to daily Mass. I hope that we will continue to make a similar effort during some of the weeks of Easter; after all the Resurrection is the central mystery of our faith and this season provides an opportunity to deepen that faith and express our gratitude for it.

Finally I take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the many groups of people and individuals who gave of their time and talent to decorate the churches and take part in the various ceremonies. I thank in particular the choirs; the ministers of Word and Eucharist and those who organised their rotas; those who organised the children's stations, liturgies and the washings of the feet; the altar societies, Fr Paul and Scouts who decorated the Easter gardens; also thanks to the Altar servers; the prayer groups, the Parishioner for publishing list of ceremonies and the sacristans for their time and commitment. Finally Holy Week ceremonies were very well attended so well done to all who made the time and effort to come and join in.

George O'Mahony

Reflection for Parents

Parents are often the source of hope and encouragement for their children. When a child falls repeatedly while learning to walk or ride a bike, it is a parent who coaxes, encourages, and praises the child. Parents provide hope and comfort when a child falls short of a goal whether in academics, relationships, sports, or the arts. Parents can relate to the role of Jesus with his disciples. They were frightened and discouraged but they found hope and relief with the peace and presence of Jesus.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

With confidence in the God who loves and saves us, we bring our prayers today.

Reader

For our Pope, Bishops, priests, and all church leaders, that they may be guided by the Spirit of Jesus as they lead the faithful.

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

For strength and courage for all who publicly speak or write the Christian message in our time.

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

For young people, that they may be strong enough to resist damaging pressure from peers and culture.

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

For those who are tempted to despair.

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

For missionaries, catechists, and all who search for new and relevant ways of imparting the Good News of Jesus.

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

For those who have died, that they may enter the joy of the Resurrection.

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

Priest

Loving God, giver of all good gifts, we make our prayer to you in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

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BAPTISMS

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

Áine Claire Woods, 45 Willow Grove, Coolroe Heights.
James Brendan Dineen, 52 Fern Walk, Greenfields.
Aisling Audrey McCarthy, 48 Old Court, Greenfields.

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

Noelle Wrenne, Parknamore Heights.
Adam Connolly, Currahaly, Farran.

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

John Quinn, Beech Park.
Eileen O’Leary, Kilnaglory.
Mary Delaney, Maglin.
Jerry & Nora O’Sullivan, Ministers Cross.
Tom Twomey, Ministers Cross.
Eileen, John, & Dan O’Mahony, Carrigrohane.
Tim Lucey, Industry Place.
Denis & Margaret Murphy, Currabeg, Ovens.
William Kavanagh, East Gate.
Maura Kelly, 167 Beech Park.
Eileen Murphy, Muskerry Estate.
Stephen Daly, Inniscarra View.
Joanna De Mello, Tanzania.
John Lucey, Coolroe.
Tom Carter, Greenmount.
Con O’Driscoll, Carriganarra.
Brian Casey.
Ellen Ryan, Waterfall.
Jerry Cronin.
Sheila Twohig, Windsor.
John Morrissey, Doneraile.
Claire McSweeney, Cloghroe.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Second Week Of Easter

18 Sunday Acts 5:12-16. Ps. 117. Apoc. 1:9-13, 17-19. In. 20: 19-31. Lect I: 444
19 Monday Acts 4:23-31. Ps. 2. In. 3: 1-8. Lect I: 447
20 Tuesday Acts 4:32-37. Ps. 92. In. 3:7-15. Lect I: 449
21 Wednesday Acts 5:17-26. Ps. 33. In. 3:16-21. Lect I: 452
22 Thursday Acts 5:27-33. Ps. 33. In. 3:31-36. Lect I: 454
23 Friday Acts 5:34-42. Ps. 26. In. 6:1-15. Lect I: 456
24 Saturday Acts 6:1-7. Ps. 32. In. 6:16-21. Lect I: 459

Next Sunday’s Readings 25-April-2004
Acts 5:21-32,40-41. Ps. 29. Apoc. 5:11-14. In. 21: 1-19. Lect I: 468

Ballincollig Parish Pastoral Council
Next meeting of the council will be held
in the Community Centre,
on Monday April 19th at 7.45 pm

Open Meeting

To reflect on a draft document produced
by the Diocesan Strategy Group.
Wednesday 28th April at 8.00 pm, Community Hall.
Everyone in the parish is invited to attend an open, frank and respectful discussion, which will allow all those present the chance to offer their opinion on the future role of the Church in our society. A summary of the document will be included in next week’s edition of the Parishioner.

Irish Guide Dogs For The Blind

'The Ballincollig Fun Dog Show' will take place
on Sunday, the 18th of April at the GAA field,
Gun Powder Mills, in aid of **Irish Dogs for the Blind**. Entries for the Show will be taken at 1 pm
and judging commences at 2 pm sharp.
For information on classes etc. please contact
Philippa Mockler on 021-7338177.

A great day should be had by all!

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Ballincollig Confirmations 2004

Scoil Barra	Tuesday 27 th April
Our Lady of Good Counsel	Tuesday 27 th April
Scoil Eoin	Thursday 29 th April
Gaelscoil Uí Riordáin (SMA Wilton)	Tuesday 4 th May

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts 5:12-16

The earliest days of the Christian community existed in a period of harmony and success in preaching the Gospel. Like Jesus, the followers are able to heal the sick and those possessed by demons. They continue to gather for prayer near the temple of Jerusalem.

Second Reading: Apoc. 1:9-13. 17-19

The vision of Christ is a source of joy; he brings us divine mercy in person. Like John the Apostle, we welcome the sight of the Lord. Jesus Christ is risen, our light and our life.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Following Jesus' crucifixion the disciples were still uncertain of his message. They lost hope, were filled with fear, and locked themselves in a room. Without entering through the door, Jesus appeared before them with a greeting of peace and a mission to spread the Good News. The disciple, Thomas, was not in the room. When he learned of Jesus' visit, he would not believe it. But about a week later, Jesus appeared in a similar way and Thomas was with the others. Jesus invited Thomas to touch the wounds in his hands and side. Thomas knew immediately that it was Jesus and believed in him.



**SAINT OF THE WEEK
Saint George 23-April-2004**

Patron of England, was probably martyred at Lydda, now Lod in Israel, during the persecutions of Diocletian, Pilgrims visited his tomb at Lydda in the fifth century, and a monastery in Jerusalem bore his name. His martyrdom was known in England in Anglo-Saxon times, and the Crusaders brought a fresh devotion to him back after the First Crusade.

A vision of St George and St Demetrius was said to have resulted in the defeat of the Saracen army at the time of the siege of Antioch. He became the patron of soldiers, and Richard I is said to have placed his army under St George's special protection. Whether Henry V cried 'God for England, Harry and St George!' as he does in Shakespeare's play is not certain, but it is a fact that after the battle of Agincourt, St George's commemoration was raised to the status of a major feast. Edward III made George the patron of the Order of the Garter, and St George's Chapel, Windsor, is dedicated in his name. He had become an honorary Englishman. It was probably inevitable that a legend should develop that he had visited England from Ireland, and this seems to be the origin of the name 'St George's Channel' for the Irish Sea. George's cult came to embody the ideal of Christian chivalry. Though he did not, as far as we know, slay a dragon and rescue a maiden (there are various interpretations of this legend), he is also a patron of Russia, Venice, Genoa, Portugal, Aragon, Lithuania and Boy Scouts, he is one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers of medieval European tradition, and he is even mentioned in Islamic tradition.

Envelope Collection

Episcopal Commissions
Next Weekend 24th & 25th April

***Easter Collection For Priests Of The Parish
Sincere Thanks From
George, John and Michael.***



New York City Marathon

Are you ready to take on a challenge? If you are, Cork Simon Community wants you on our team. We have a limited number of places on our most exciting Fundraising event yet – the New York City Marathon which takes place on Sunday 7th November 2004.

This event is a unique opportunity to combine raising money for homeless people here in Cork with the challenge of the world's premier Marathon and a six-day visit to a vibrant, exciting city. The fundraising target is €3,500, which covers all costs of the trip. This Marathon is suitable for both seasoned runners and first timers, as there is no time limit on completing the race. For further information contact Mairéad O'Sullivan on 021 4321166 or email fundraising@corksmoncommunity.ie

Training Course

A training course for local actors /drama groups or anyone interested, who would like to be trained in Acting for Camera to enable them to get acting work; in film and TV; including commercials, will take place at the Triskel Arts Centre, Cork, on Mon, Tue & Wed 26th, 27th & 28th April from 7 pm to 11.15 pm each evening. Minimum age 17 (over 30's especially welcome). This practical, intensive and enjoyable course includes training in audition techniques for film and TV, handouts with info on Agents, Show reels, Casting Directors etc. Only 8 places available on the course so early booking essential. Beginners or experienced welcome, Course Director is Shane Munro. All enquiries / bookings to Tel 074 91 26994

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MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Apr-24 & Apr-25-2004

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Sandra Walsh
8:30 am
Annette Collins
10:00 am
Margot Twomey
12:00 Noon
Tony Lynch

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Pauline Collins
11:00 am
Catherine Cronin
12:30 pm
Pat McGeough
5:30 pm
Christine O'Brien

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

Monday

8:30 am

9:30 am

Tuesday

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Thursday

8:30 am

9:30 am

Friday

8:30 am

10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)

Saturday

9:00 am & 8 pm (Vigil)

CONFESSIONS

After 10:00 am Mass & before 6:00 pm Mass

Saturday

After 9:00 am Mass

BAPTISMS

5:00 pm

Saturday

7:15 pm

12:45 pm

Sunday

PARISH CLERGY

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Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C.

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MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Apr-24 & Apr-25-2004



St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Steve Wills
Margaret O'Sullivan
Rita Aherne
Rose Doyle
Jim Walsh
Frances O'Brien

8:00 pm Anne O'Regan
Marion O'Sullivan
Finbarr Murray

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Rita Murphy

11:00 am Seamus O'Connell
Mary O'Connell
Pat Manning
Alan O'Riordan
Geraldine Keohane

10:00 am Christina Walsh
Peter Reilly
Mary Collins
Christy Roche
Katie O'Shea

12:30 pm Lucy O'Callaghan
Jackie Sheehan
Mary Green
Michael O'Leary

12 Noon Oliver O'Donovan
Barbara Kelly
John Jeffers
Mary McLean
Ellen Seymour
Ita Walshe

5:30 pm Noelle Buckley
Mary Breen
Siobhan Burke



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