

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 25-April-2004



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road



## 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

### Winds of Change

During the Easter season various passages from the Acts of the Apostles form part of the scripture readings at Mass. Chapters two and four of the Acts of the apostles give us a clear picture of the early church in the after the Resurrection. "They remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers." (Acts 2; 42). "The whole group of believers were united, heart and soul; none of their members were ever in want." (Acts 4; 32 - 34).

The church has changed a great deal in the intervening two thousand years and a great part of that change has moved away from its core task of bringing Good News to people. The church is a huge hierarchical institution that is very powerful and is perceived as placing burdens on people's back instead of helping and supporting people on their journey of faith. Many efforts have been made over the centuries to reform the church and the most recent such effort was Vatican II.

Vatican II introduced many welcome changes but I think one of its greatest insights was "The people of God" and its efforts to recognise the importance of the members through their baptism. Something similar to this has come in the world of work and commerce e.g. worker directors in companies; company shares being given to workers. Regrettably the church has only made minor progress in recognising and valuing the gifts and talents of its members and has so far failed to give members a say in its decision making process.

Recently a group set up in this Diocese by Bishop John Buckley has issued a draft report on a diocesan strategy; parishioners in each parish are asked to come together to discuss and give their views on this report. The meeting in Ballincollig parish is planned for Wednesday 28th April. So please try and come along and give your views and hopefully this will be the first tentative step in creating a more open, caring and prayerful church.

Looking forward to meeting you on Wednesday next in the Community Centre at 8.00pm.

*George O'Mahony*

### 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.

### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

#### Priest

Our all-powerful God, who raised Jesus from the dead, is attentive to our prayer and so we pray with confidence.

#### Reader

That the Word of God may take root in our hearts this day.

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

That doctors, nurses, hospital staff, and all who care for the sick and suffering may be specially blessed.

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

That the dying may be comforted and inspired.

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

That those who have been betrayed, hurt, or disillusioned may know that Jesus walks with them.

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

That, in opening the Scriptures in our homes and in our community, we may learn more and more of the richness of the Word of God.

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

That all who asked us to pray for them may know God's peace and joy.

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

#### Priest

God, our Father, you have given us new life through the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus. We ask you now to hear the prayer, which we make in his name.

Amen.

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

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**BAPTISMS**

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

Jessica Ciara Borker, Switzerland.  
 Dara Patrick Haughey, 74 Abbeyfield, Milton Road, Dublin 6.  
 Evan Matthew Lawson, 167 Rosewood Est.

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

Tim O'Neill, Clonakilty.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNI-VERSARY OCCURS:**

Deceased members Calnan & Wall Families  
 Maureen Cuddihy, Coolroe  
 Patrick Couch, Abbey St.  
 Sister Theo Murphy  
 Con O'Regan, Maglin  
 Mary Irwin, Youghal  
 Denis & Lilly Healy, Inniscarra  
 Deceased members of Country Markets Ltd.  
 Mary Delaney, Maglin.  
 John Woods, Carriganarra.  
 Julie O'Callaghan, Leemount.  
 Eileen Burke, Whitechurch.  
 Hannah O'Leary, Inchigeela.  
 Marcella Callanan, Beech Park.  
 Denis & Margaret Flavin, Woodside, Carrigrohane.  
 Mary Linehan, Inniscarra View.  
 Julia O'Callaghan, Leemount Cross.  
 Patrick, Jane & Paddy Ahern, Magazine Road.  
 Eugene Courtney, Glincool.  
 Jack Hurley, Inniscarra View.  
 Stephen Daly, Inniscarra View.  
 William Murphy, Blarney Street.  
 Brid Healy, Waterfall & Douglas.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Third Week Of Easter**

25 Sunday Acts 5:21-32,40-41. Ps. 29. Apoc. 5:11-14. In. 21: 1-19. Lect I: 468  
 26 Monday Acts 6:8-15. Ps. 118. In. 6:22-29. Lect I: 472  
 27 Tuesday Acts 7:51-8: 1 a. Ps. 30. In. 6:30-35. Lect I: 474  
 28 Wednesday Acts 8:1 b-8. Ps. 65. In. 6:35-40. Lect I: 476  
 29 Thursday In. 1: 5-2:2. Ps. 102. Mt. 11: 25-30. Lect II: 1009  
 30 Friday Acts 9: 1-20. Ps. 116. In. 6:52-59. Lect I: 481  
 01 Saturday Acts 9:31-42. Ps. 115. In. 6:60-69. Lect I: 484

**Next Sunday's Readings** 02-May-2004  
 Acts 13:14,43-52. Ps. 99. Apoc. 1:9, 14-1. In. 10:21-30. Lect I: 493

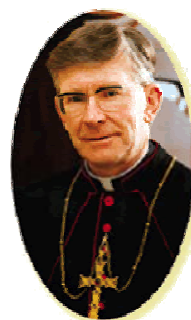
***EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION***

This year's Eucharistic Procession will take place on Saturday 12th June 2004

***Open Meeting***

To reflect on a draft document produced by the Diocesan Strategy Group. Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

**MOST REV. JOHN BUCKLEY DD  
 BISHOP OF CORK AND ROSS**



Thursday 29th April marks the 20th Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop John  
*We wish him continued good health and spiritual guidance.*

**Ballincollig Confirmations 2004**

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

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**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32. 40-41  
 Peter and the apostles continue to preach Jesus, even though the High Priest challenges them.  
 Second Reading: Apoc. 5:11-14  
 The risen Jesus is portrayed as Lamb of God enthroned in heaven.  
 Gospel: John 21:1-19.  
 For the third time since his resurrection, Jesus appeared to the disciples. It seems that the disciples had returned to their former lives--those they had lived before they left to follow Jesus--because they were fishing in the Sea of Galilee. Jesus stood on the shore and called out to the men in the boat asking if they had caught anything. The disciples replied that they had caught nothing. Jesus then instructed them to cast their net on the right side of the boat. When they did, they had a huge catch of 153 fish. They knew from this sign that it was Jesus on the shore. When they came ashore, Jesus cooked their breakfast of fish. When they finished eating, Jesus asked Peter three times if Peter loved him. This was a great example of reconciliation because the opportunities for Peter to affirm his love of Jesus matched the same number of times he denied knowing him. It was then that Jesus commissioned Peter to care for the sheep in Jesus' flock.



**SAINT OF THE WEEK**  
**St. Joseph the Worker 01-May-2004**

Saint Joseph was the royal and divinely trusted man to whom the Blessed Virgin Mary was given as bride, and whom God knew would guard her innocence as a virgin and protector of her Divine Child. Saint Joseph is the foster father of Jesus. His espousal to Our Lady took place when he was approximately 30 years old, and he died when he was 60, just before the public life of Our Lord began.  
 Saint Joseph has two special Feast Days, one for his royalty on March 19, and one for his humility as a workman on May 1. His genealogy is the first one given in the New Testament. It was told of the Israelites in the Old Testament "Go to Joseph" if they wanted any favour or benefit. "Go to Joseph" is the advice and counsel given to every Catholic who wants a favour or benefit and who believes in the sanctity of the Holy Family and in its simple and innocent hierarchy. Anything that Saint Joseph asks of Jesus through Our Lady in eternity, he receives, and asking for his powerful intercession has been a source of many miracles and strengthened the faith of countless millions to Our Saviour. He is still considered the head of the Holy Family and one of his greatest admirers among the saints was Saint Teresa of Avila.  
 Many countries set aside one day a year to honour workers. This encourages the dignity and appreciation of work. The Church has given us a wonderful model of work, St. Joseph. In 1955, Pope Pius XII proclaimed this feast of St. Joseph the Worker to be celebrated every year.  
 We can ask St. Joseph to help us become more diligent in our study and work.

**Envelope Collection**  
 Episcopal Commissions  
 This Weekend 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> April



**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 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> 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

**Notice**

For all those who attended the Lenten Talks  
 or  
 Passover Meal  
 A big thank to you all.  
 Please keep Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> of May free  
 Follow-up Meeting will be held  
 in the  
 Back room of the Community Hall  
 At 8 pm



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May-01 & May-02-2004

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

6:00 pm (Vigil)  
Muireann Nelligan  
8:30 am  
Triona Collins  
10:00 am  
Elaine Murphy  
12:00 Noon  
Oliver O'Donovan

8:00 pm (Vigil)  
Michael Greene  
11:00 am  
Joseph Manning  
12:30 pm  
Dick Beamish  
5:30 pm  
Michelle Beamish

**MASS TIMES**

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon	<b>Sunday</b>	11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm
9:30 am	<b>Monday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Tuesday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Thursday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Friday</b>	8:30 am
10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)	<b>Saturday</b>	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**

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

May-01 & May-02-2004



**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

6.00 pm Vera Allen  
Ber Bell  
Oliver Delaney  
Betty Casey  
Frank Riordan  
Siobhan Riordan  
8:30 am Mary Buckley  
Theresa Lucey  
10:00 am Anne Cahill  
Pat Lee  
May Delaney  
Seamus O'Shea  
John O'Donovan  
12 Noon Joan Barrett  
Sheila Carroll  
Marsie Curling  
Will Casey  
Geraldine Graham

8:00 pm Geraldine Lynch  
Charlie Vaughan  
Joan Stephenson  
11:00 am Marie Ui Chrualaof  
Neil Jeffers  
Eileen O'Donoghue  
Lelia O'Brien  
12:30 pm Con O'Connell  
Denis O' Mahony  
Christine O'Mahony  
Tom Murray  
5:30 pm Patsy Galvin  
Phil O'Connell  
Bernard Curran  
Clare Curran

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Saturday	9:45 - 12:00 pm

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