

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 20-March-2005

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

Our True Worth Is Expressed In Humility

The donkey was a familiar sight in Ireland years ago. Every farm had a donkey. When not grazing in a field, the donkey was tethered to the farm cart for carrying loads. Sometimes it was called "old side-pockets" a reference to the wicker baskets, strapped across its back for bringing home the turf. It might be a stubborn animal, but it was a gentle one, beloved of children.

On today, Palm Sunday, the donkey celebrates its hour of glory. It is the chosen form of transport for Jesus as He comes into the great City of Jerusalem. Jesus has arranged it, and so fulfills the ancient prophecy – "Look your King comes to you; He is humble, He rides on a donkey."

This moment of humble entry into Jerusalem is preserved forever in the Gospel pages and is celebrated again in the famous poem of G.K. Chesterton, 'The Donkey'. There Chesterton writes of the animal.

"The tattered outlaw of the earth, of ancient crooked will;
Starve, scourge, deride me; I am dumb, I keep my secret still.
Fools! For I also had my hour; One far fierce hour and sweet.
There was a shout about my ears and palms before my feet."

Yes, this humble and lowly animal has a noble story to tell. It carried the Saviour of the world, the Lord of Life, into the sacred city. Jesus did not creep into the city like some hunted man. Nor did He demand pomp and ceremony in order to claim some worldly status. He came as He was, a good and honest man, humble and riding on a donkey.

When the palm waving was over, the donkey was returned home, no doubt to work and to carry packs and to pull carts. Perhaps even to carry children. A humble animal, yes, but one fit to carry the Son of God.

Jesus is our 'model of humility'. To be humble is to know who you truly are. To know your worth in the eyes of God, your value and your dignity. The humble donkey can remind us today of our own personal worth. We may learn from that animal a humble, truthful attitude to life and a deep respect for creatures. Most of all may we learn to treat people with gentleness, to deal with them kindly and to help them bear the burdens on the journey of life.

Let us in this Lenten time remember that our glory is to be found in serving one another.

John O'Donovan

Reflection for Parents

There is much to reflect on in this reading. One interesting note, however, is the different responses Judas and Peter had when they came face to face with their rejection of Christ. After his three denials, Peter "wept bitterly." These tears of regret led the way to reconciliation when Peter first encountered the risen Christ. Judas, on the other hand, knew what he did was wrong, but he couldn't face the hopelessness his actions brought. To relieve the pain of what he had done, Judas took his own life. Some days it is difficult (even beyond measure) to be a parent. The lesson we learn today is that reconciliation and healing bring us long-term joy instead of living in the harsh bitterness of despair.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

We bring our petitions before our loving God.

Reader

Let us pray for Christians everywhere and for inter-church unity.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Let us pray for our Holy Father, Pope John Paul, that he be strengthened in his old age and blessed with constant courage.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Let us pray for peace in the holy city of Jerusalem and for a lasting settlement between Israel and Palestine.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Let us pray for all who are facing trial in the courts, that they may be treated with kindness. We also pray for judges, juries, our police force, legal people and all who enforce the law for the sake of public order, they may be guided by the spirit of the Gospel.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Let us pray for those in death row, for those unjustly condemned, and for all prisoners

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Let us pray for our beloved dead, remembering especially those in thoughts today. May they enjoy the company of Mary and the saints.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest

God of compassion, your love for us knows no bounds. We ask you to grant the requests we make to you in the name of Jesus who suffered, died and rose for our salvation. Amen.

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

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BAPTISMS

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

Alanna Holly Murphy-Weir, 16 Innishmore Court.
Orla Mary Boland, 41 The Willows, Classis Lake.

MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Joseph Gerard Foley, Classis Lake & Aideen Mary Kelly, 50 Westcourt.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :

Hannie Lucey, Ballingeary.
Ann Kavanagh, Ivy Circle, Muskerry Estate.
Eileen Cronin, Maple Lawn.

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

Con & Eileen Bradley, Leemount.
John Brennan, London.
Margaret Devaney, Westgate.
John Condren, Mayo.
Patrick Coleman, Waterfall.
Paddy O'Regan, Gortnamona.
Joe O'Leary, Ovens.
Ann McAuliffe, Whitechurch.
John O'Brien, Oola.
Mary Twomey, Ballyburden.
Mary & Michael Harrington, Douglas Street.
Mary & John O'Connor, Powdermills.
Edith Murphy, Windmill Road.
Cornelius O'Regan, Carriganarra.
John & Lucy Barrett, Leo Murphy Terrace.
Neil McGroarty, Beech Park.
Catherine Kelly, Co. Meath.
Patrick McNamara, Inniscarra View Estate.
Tom McAuliffe, The Square.
Patrick & Billy Coomey, Carriganarra.
John Emperor, Rockchapel.
Deceased members of the Twohig family.
William & Agnes Murphy, Bishopstown & St. Patrick's Road.
Christina Carroll, Dripsey.
Ena O'Shea, Innishannon.
Jim Garvey, Dingle.

Holy Week is the critical week in the Church's year. This week recalls and re-enacts the highpoint of God's love and Jesus revealing Him to us. The most important part of Holy Week for us is when Christ stoops to wash the feet of his friends. The washing of the feet had an unsuspected 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.

George O'Mahony

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

St. Mary & St. John

Holy Thursday 6.00 pm Ted Nelligan, Ber Bell, Patsie Murphy, Mary Walsh, Ann O'Reilly, Ann O'Connell

Holy Thursday 8.00 pm Vera Allen, Mary Buckley, Helen Kelly, Seamus O'Shea, John O'Donovan, Sheila Carroll

Good Friday 8.00 pm Pat Lee, Tadgh Murphy, Joan Tobin, Mary Murphy, Tony O'Leary, Joan Barrett, Betty Casey

Holy Saturday 6.00 pm Marsie Curling, Will Casey, Louie O'Leary, Breda Linehan, Noel Hennessy, Marie O'Callaghan

Holy Saturday 9.00 pm Geraldine Graham, Betty Sheehan, Rena O'Connor, Frank O'Riordan, Siobhan O'Riordan, Michael Crowley.

Christ Our Light

Holy Thursday 6.30 pm Phil O'Connell, Ann O'Connell, Mary Twomey, Sally Power

Good Friday 6:30 pm Con O'Connell, Terry O'Driscoll, Bernie O'Driscoll, Maura O'Driscoll

Holy Saturday 8:00 pm Ann O'Regan, Mairead Murphy, Finbarr Murray

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

St. Mary & St. John

Holy Thursday 6.00 pm 8.00 pm Grace Buttimer, Elaine Murphy Sandra Walsh, Margot Twomey

Good Friday 8:00 pm Tony Lynch, Karen Sheehan

Holy Saturday 6:00 pm 9.00 pm Aine Sheehan, Derval Spillane Tony Hegarty, Annette Collins

Christ Our Light

Holy Thursday 6.30 pm Michael Greene

Good Friday 6:30 pm Fiona Feely, Con O'Connell

Holy Saturday 8:00 pm Fiona Feely

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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 Judas' betrayal, Peter's denial, and established the Eucharist at the Passover meal. Jesus took his disciples into Gethsemane to pray, but they could not stay awake with him. In the garden, Jesus was turned over to the authorities, tried before the Sanhedrin, brought to Pilate, and sentenced to death. When offered a choice during the festival to release a prisoner, the people chose the release of Barabbas. Their choice was beyond Pilate's comprehension, so he symbolically washed his hands of the whole deal. Jesus was turned over to the Roman authorities for crucifixion and mocked by them. Finally, Jesus died on the cross. The earth darkened and quaked. He was prepared quickly for burial and laid in the tomb.

***Scoil Barra
Enrolment***

Parents wishing to enrol their child in Scoil Barra for September 2005 should note that in line with Scoil Barra's Enrolment / Admission Policy all applications for Admission must be received on or before 31 st March 2005.

Donal O'Sullivan (Principal)

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Ballincollig Family Centre, Station Road, Ballincollig
(021) 4874626

An informal meeting for all non-nationals in the Ballincollig area takes place in the Family Centre on Tuesday morning's 10.00 am – 12.00 noon.

All welcome for a cup of tea/coffee and a chat to discuss issues of mutual concern.

Come along, bring a friend – children welcome!



Grace is always working with us in our suffering to strengthen us and to save us from being overwhelmed

“Let my People Go”

Will conclude with Passover Meal next
Wednesday March 23rd
Community Hall Annex
At 8 pm
Looking forward to seeing you

Good Friday Collection

This collection is for the upkeep of Holy Places in the Holy Land. For those using the envelopes, there is a spare one in the box. Otherwise you can add to the basket.

Flowers For The Altar Of Repose

Donations of flowers for altars of repose at St. Mary & St. John's and Christ Our Light gratefully received in the sacristies of both church's before Holy Thursday.

Easter Collection For Priests Of The Parish

According to the Diocesan custom, the collection at Easter Sunday Masses is one of the two occasions during the year when the offertory collection goes to the priests of the Parish.

Gam-Anon

Are you affected by someone's Gambling?
Open Public Meeting
Tuesday next 22nd March
at
Dominican Centre,
Popes Quay
At 8.00 pm

The Reconciliation services will take place in Christ Our Light church on Monday March 21st at 6.30 p.m. and in St. Mary and St. John's church at 8 pm please come along and prepare for Easter by turning to the Lord for the grace of conversion

Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass will be held in the Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne on Thursday 24th March at 10.00 am. During this Mass the oils used in the Sacraments of the Sick, Baptism and Holy Orders are blessed. The friends of the Diocese also renew their Ordination promises.

All are welcome.

Open Night & Exhibition Of Work

Coláiste Stiofáin Naofa, Tramore Road, Cork are hosting an Open Night & Exhibition of Work from students of the night college on Wednesday 23rd March from 6.45 pm to 8.00 pm

There will also be an opportunity to partake and see what happens in the different courses at night. Courses include ceramics, Indian head massage, textiles art, woodcraft and many more.

In addition, an exhibition of Traditional Irish Baskets undertaken by the students of Cultural Heritage Studies will also be on display.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Mar-27-2005

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

8:30 am
Aisling Moore
10:00 am
Margot Twomey
12:00 Noon
Sean Hennessy

11:00 am
Liam Hayes
12:30 pm
Dick Beamish
5:30 pm
Phil O'Connell

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 & 8 pm

Monday

8:30 am & 6:30 pm

9:30 am & 8 pm

Tuesday

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Wednesday

8:30 am & 6:30 pm

6 pm & 8 pm

Thursday

6:30 pm

8 pm

Friday

6:30 pm

6 pm & 9 pm

Saturday

8 pm

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

Mar-27-2005



St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Rita Murphy

11:00 am Seamus O'Connell
Mary O'Connell
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

5:30 pm Noelle Buckley
Mary Breen
Siobhan Burke

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Ballincollig Parish

Holy Week Ceremonies

20-March-2005 to 26-March-2005



St. Mary & St. John		Day	Christ Our Light	
Event	Time		Event	Time
Normal Masses	8:30am, 10am 12 noon	Sunday	Normal Masses	11am, 12:30pm & 5:30pm
Morning Mass	9:30am	Monday	Morning Mass	8:30am
Reconciliation Service	8:00pm		Reconciliation Service	6:30pm
Normal Masses	9:30am & 8pm	Tuesday	Normal Masses	8:30am & 6:30pm
Normal Masses	9:30am & 8pm	Wednesday	Normal Masses	8:30am & 6:30pm
No Morning Mass		Holy Thursday	No Morning Mass	
Evening Mass	6.00 pm		Mass of the Last Supper followed by Adoration & Holy Hour	6:30pm
Mass of the Last Supper followed by Adoration & Holy Hour	8.00 pm		Confessions	After 6:30pm Mass
Confessions	12.00 to 1.00 pm			
Confessions	7.00 to 8.00 pm			
Stations of the Cross	12.00 & 3.00 pm	Good Friday	Stations of the Cross	12.00 (for children) & 3pm
Celebration of the Lord's Passion	8.00 pm		Celebration of the Lord's Passion	6:30pm
Confessions	AFTER ALL CEREMONIES		Confessions	AFTER ALL CEREMONIES
No Morning Mass		Holy Saturday	No Morning Mass	
Confessions	11.30 am		Confessions	11.30am
Evening Mass	6:00 pm		Easter Ceremonies & Childrens Mass	8pm
Easter Ceremonies & Mass	9.00 pm			

HOLY WEEK READINGS

20 Sunday
Red

Palm Sunday Of The Lord's Passion
Hours Psalter Week 2
Mass Proper. No Gloria. Creed. Preface: Proper, No. 19

No other celebrations, even funeral Masses, are permitted today.

READINGS Procession Mt 21:1-11. Lect I: 343
Mass Is. 50:4-7. Ps 22. Phil. 2:6- 11. Mt 26:14-27,66. Lect I: 346.

21 Monday
Violet

In Holy Week
Hours Psalter Week 2.
Mass Proper. Preface: Passion II, No. 18

No other celebrations, even funeral Masses, are permitted today

READINGS **Is. 42:1-7. Ps. 26. Jn. 12:1-11 Lect I:374**

Our attention is now focused on the great mystery of Christ, dying and rising. The sense of impending doom hovers over the actions of Jesus. Like a lamb led to the slaughter Christ does not cry out or shout aloud. Mary's anointing becomes one in the context of preparation of the body for burial after death. All things are being readied for the final hour. The chrism is prepared for blessing by the Bishop this week: it will be used to sign new Christians with the cross, to seal them for Christ. This sweet-smelling oil will remind them that they are as St Paul says to be the "aroma of Christ" spreading a fragrance wherever they go. (2 Cor 2:14-15.)

22 Tuesday
Violet

In Holy Week
Hours Psalter Week 2
Mass Proper. Preface: Passion II, No. 18

No other celebrations, even funeral Masses, are permitted today.

READINGS **Is. 49: 1-6. Ps. 70. Jn. 13:21-33,36-38. Lect I: 376**

The words of Isaiah speak beautifully of our vocation in Christ. Chosen before birth, given great gifts of body and mind, called to be servant of the Most High, and destined to be a light of the nations so that Christ's salvation may be brought to the ends of the earth. Such is our destiny. And yet, we can fail. We can reject this calling, give way to weakness. Both Judas and Peter in their weakness are put before us today, one to betray, the other to deny. So close to Jesus and yet capable of losing him.

23 Wednesday
Violet

In Holy Week
Hours Psalter Week 2
Mass Proper. Preface: Passion II, No. 18

No other celebrations, even funeral Masses, are permitted today.

READINGS **Is. 50:4-9. Ps. 68. Mt. 26:14-25. Lect I:379**

Spy Wednesday we call it, for Judas has left his mark on our calendars. The pain of his betrayal is to be felt in the account of St Matthew's gospel. And thirty pieces of silver goes into language currency ever since. At the end of this Lent that has seen us trying to purify ourselves of all that is not Christian, these thirty pieces of silver comes before us as a warning.

24 Thursday
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
White

HOLY THURSDAY
Mass Proper. Gloria. Preface of the Eucharist I, No. 47
In the Roman Canon proper forms are used.

READINGS: **Ex. 12:1-8,11-14. Ps. 115.1 Cor. 11:23-26. Jn. 13:1-15.**

The scripture readings this evening direct our minds at the opening of the great Paschal celebration to the meaning of what we celebrate. We are entering into this mystery in such a way that when we break bread and share the cup this evening we once more proclaim the death of the Lord.

25 Friday

GOOD FRIDAY

Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Day of Fast and Abstinence
LITURGY OF THE HOURS. Proper Offices.

Red
The Office of Readings and Morning Prayer should, if possible, be celebrated publicly and with the participation of the people.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION.

This celebration takes place in the afternoon, about three o'clock, unless pastoral reasons suggest a later hour. The celebration consists of three parts: liturgy of the word, veneration of the cross, and Holy Communion.

READINGS:

Is. 52: 13-53: 12. This servant song, applied to Christ, gives a horrifying account of his sufferings, and the cause of them -our sins.
Ps. 30. A lament for the sufferings of the just one, and an expression of trust in God who is faithful.
Heb. 4: 14-16, 5:7-9. Christ embraced our human state, and lived through our hardships. Because he was a man without sin God heard him, and all the human race as well on his behalf.

Jn. 18: 1-19:42. St John's account of the Passion is more reflective and theological. He emphasizes Jesus' obedience to the Father's will. The kingship of Jesus is asserted: the crucifixion is a victory; the hour of death is also the hour of triumph. "Christ gives his life, he is 'lifted up' on the cross, but willingly, and only in order to enter into his glory, a glory that is made visible even in this world to the confusion of unbelievers and ending in the defeat of Satan once and for all." (New Jerusalem Bible, p.1739)

After the proclamation of the Passion, a homily should be given, at the end of which the faithful may be invited to spend a short time in meditation.

26 Saturday
Violet

HOLY SATURDAY
LITURGY OF THE HOURS Proper.

It is highly recommended that on this day the Office of READINGS and MORNING PRAYER be celebrated with the participation of the people. Where this cannot be done, there should be some celebration of the Word of God, or some act of devotion suited to the mystery celebrated on this day.