

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



**St. Mary & St. John
Station Road**

Sunday 27-March-2005

Easter Sunday

Today we face the greatest mystery of our faith, the mystery of how God works among us, bringing new life where before there was only death. With a sense of wonder and with joy, we come today to thank God for the risen life of Jesus.



**Christ Our Light
Innishmore**

Easter Sunday

Easter is one of my favourite times of the year, not only is it the time of year when the trees are budding and coming to life, all sorts of plants and bird life are awaking from winters sleep and these new beginnings in the world of nature give me fresh hope and the promise of new starts. Easter is that time of year when we celebrate Christ's triumph over death, poverty and violence. Easter is the time of year when we are reminded of the hope, richness and endless possibilities that Christ's resurrection affords us.

The Christ, whose resurrection we celebrate at Easter was attracted to the poor like steel to a magnet, was poor himself. He was poor in His origins and His birth, but even more so when he left behind the uncertain but more or less stable life of a village tradesman and took to wandering around the countryside with no job, home or income. Yet finally that was not even enough, for economic poverty symbolises the deeper poverty of human beings. The deepest poverty is the lack of God, and only a poor God could be vulnerable enough to share that, a God who 'emptied himself and became' obedient even to death', as the poor have to be, who die young at the hands of others. The poor Christ is not only the wandering preacher who had nowhere to sleep unless someone took him in; he is above all the one who died young.

In a recent interview Dom Pedro, one of the most prophetic voices among the bishops of the church, describes his life "as an adventure that he sought and loved, an option for the poor and for Latin America. It has been one surprise after another, living my own contradictions and those of the Church. What has caused me most fear has been my own impotence, in the face of the injustice of the landowners, the massacre of the peasants, the inertia of the government. I was oppressed by my own impotence and by the fear of falling into depression. I was always aware that the cause was worth more than my life. Truly human causes are causes of Jesus, and are therefore mine also". What else could God dream for the human race?

George O'Mahony

Reflection for Parents

Most parents have discovered by now that things aren't always as they seem. A poured out bottle of laundry detergent wasn't really mischievous behaviour, but rather an attempt to surprise you with a generous gift of service. Or secret whispers are not an attempt to hide some wrongdoing but rather an effort to plan a surprise for you. Things weren't as they seemed to Mary Magdalene either that first Easter morning. Our errors in perception often work to remind us that God's plan is not always obvious, but that we are challenged to trust in the promise of the resurrection.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

On this Easter Day let us bring the needs of all people before our God.

Reader

For the church throughout the world, that it may be renewed in faith and hope and love at this Easter time.

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

For the newly baptised, their families and sponsors, and for ourselves, that the grace of our baptism be renewed in us today.

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

For all children, that they may experience the love they need and may grow in the ways of truth, justice and peace.

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

For our priests and bishops, that they may continue to preach and minister with courage and joy, and that they may experience the support and appreciation of those whom they serve.

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

For all who suffer because of illness, loss or tragedy, that they may find strength in their Christian faith and in the kindness of friends.

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

For all who have gone before us, signed with the sign of faith, that they may share in the glory of the risen Jesus.

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

Priest

Father of love, you guide us on the journey. Hear the prayers we make to you this Easter day in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus, your Son.

Amen.

* **BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY EASTER** *
* *The priests of the parish join in sending their Easter greetings to all members of the* *
* *parish and to all readers of Ballincollig Parishioner.* *
* *George O'Mahony, John O'Donovan, Michael O'Mahony & Paul O'Donoghue* *

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

The Easter Season

27 Sunday Acts 10:34, 37-43. Ps. 117. Col. 3: 1-4 or 1 Cor. 5:6-9. Jn. 20: 1-9. Lect I: 417
 28 Monday Acts 2: 14, 22-32. Ps. 15. Mt. 28:8-15. Lect I: 423
 29 Tuesday Acts 2:36-41. Ps. 32. Jn. 20: 11-18. Lect I: 425
 30 Wednesday Acts 3: 1-10. Ps. 104. Lk. 24: 13-35. Lect I: 427
 31 Thursday Acts 3: 11-26. Ps. 8. Lk. 24:35-48. Lect I: 430
 01 Friday Acts 4:1-12. Ps. 117. Jn. 21 :1-14. Lect I:432
 02 Saturday Acts 4: 13-21. Ps. 117. Mk. 16:9-15. Lect I: 435

Next Sunday's Readings 03-April-2005
 Acts 2:42-47. Ps. 117. 1 Pet. 1:3-9. Jn. 20:19-31. Lect I: 438

Don't Quit

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,
 When the road you're trudging seems all up hill,
 When the funds are low and the debts are high,
 And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
 When care is pressing you down a bit,
 Rest, if you must, but don't you quit.
 Life is queer with its twists and turns,
 As everyone of us sometimes learns,
 And many a failure turns about
 When he might have won had he stuck it out;
 Don't give up though the pace seems slow
 You may succeed with another blow.
 Success is failure turned inside out
 The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
 And you never can tell how close you are,
 It may be near when it seems so far;
 So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit -
 It's when things seem worse
 that you must not quit.

For everything there is a season,
 and a time for every matter under heaven:
 a time to be born and a time to die;
 a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted....
 a time to weep,
 and a time to laugh;
 a time to seek and a time to lose;
 a time to keep silence and a time to speak.
 God has made everything beautiful in its time
Ecclesiastes, 3

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 Mary Riordan, Bishopstown
 Stephen Smart, Brighton
 Michael O'Mahony, late of Castle Park
 Noel Kingston, Nohoval
 Veronica Downey, Castle Park.

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

Vincent McLoughlin, Sligo
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 Patrick & Margaret Kenneally, Curraheen
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 The Murphy family, Boherbue & Nadd
 Josephine Boylan, Maple Lawn
 Chrissie Spillane, Mallow
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 Eugene Ferris, Kilkenny
 Timothy & Maureen O'Connell, Ballingulley
 Mary O'Donovan, Ballinspittle
 Kathleen Cunningham
 Deceased members of the Mulcahy Family, Cobh
 Deceased members of the O'Shea Family, West Village
 Denis O'Sullivan, West Village.

Thought for Today

Death has no power over him the certainty of death hangs over every human life. In every human heart lies the fundamental question about what life means and where it leads. Today we celebrate our faith that God's eternal Son has died, as we must do, to show us that death with him is the gateway to a world in which our deepest questions are answered and our deepest longings fulfilled.

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34, 37-43
 Peter preached about Jesus' baptism, the anointing with the Holy Spirit, works of kindness and healing, and his crucifixion and resurrection from the dead. All who believe in him are forgiven.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4
 Think about what is above. When Christ appears, then you shall appear with him in glory.

Gospel: John 20:1-9
 On Friday afternoon when Jesus died, the women had not been able to finish the customary preparation for burial. The Sabbath began at sundown on Friday, so Mary of Magdala hurried to the tomb Sunday morning to complete her task. She found the tomb empty. Certain that Jesus' body had been stolen, she ran back to get the other disciples. Peter and the other disciple also found an empty tomb but with Jesus' clothing rolled neatly and placed where his body had been. The disciples still didn't understand about the resurrection and Mary wept. As she cried, two angels appeared asking why she was crying. She then saw a gardener and asked him where the body might be. When he called her by name, Mary immediately recognised Jesus.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Ceallach (Celsus) 01-April-2005

Celsus of Armagh was a layman named Ceallach mac Aedha. While a layman he succeeded to the hereditary bishopric of Armagh in 1105. Built a reputation as a reformer and able administrator. When he became Bishop of Armagh, he initiated a programme of church reform and travelled throughout Ireland, preaching reform and ensuring discipline. Helped preside at the Synod of Rath Bresail in 1111, which helped align the Irish church administration with the rest of Europe. Rebuilt the Armagh cathedral. Peacemaker between warring Irish kings and chieftains. Worked with, and ordained his friend of Saint Malachy O'More. From his deathbed, he appointed Malachy as Archbishop of Armagh, ending the tradition of hereditary succession to the see. He died in 1129 and is buried in Lismore.

He has Risen

Lord Jesus, by rising from the dead, you broke the power of death and opened the way for us to a life beyond all limitations, weaknesses, failures and evil. Stretch our minds and our hearts to understand the wonder of what we celebrate and fill us with the hope of risen life in the new creation.

Questions People Ask

Q. One hears of the paschal mystery, paschal time or the paschal season. What does paschal mean?
 A. The word comes from the Hebrew name for the Jewish feast of Passover. Passover celebrated their liberation from the slavery of Egypt when the destroying angel passed over their houses and tents, which were marked with the blood of a lamb. Then they safely passed over the Red Sea and escaped from slavery. It was at the time of the Passover that Jesus gave the feast a new meaning as he passed from this life, through death and resurrection, in returning to the Father. So, paschal refers to our journey of liberation through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Easter Collection For Priests Of The Parish
 According to the Diocesan custom, the collection at Easter Vigil & Sunday Masses is one of the two occasions during the year when the offertory collection goes to the priests of the Parish.

Cystic Fibrosis Dance

On Saturday 2nd April 2005
 At
 Eire Og GAA Club, Ovens
 Music by Johnny Barrett
 Dancing 10 –1 Tickets €10



We would like to take this opportunity to thank you most sincerely for your support for Trocaire's Lenten Campaign this year. We here in Trocaire are all aware that your support is absolutely vital to the success of our Campaign. Each year, we take encouragement from the wonderful efforts made throughout the country - in distributing the Lenten boxes, in encouraging support amongst parishioners and also in collecting and counting the coin. It is these concrete efforts, at parish level, that enable us to continue our long-term work with the poorest communities in Africa, Asia and Latin America.
Please remember to return your Trocaire boxes and thanks to the families who have already returned them.

First Friday

Friday 1st April 2005
 Church of St. Mary & St. John
 Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament
 Following 9:30 am Mass, Rosary at 6 pm,
 Directed prayer beginning at 7 pm
 Benediction at 7:30 pm and Mass 8:00 pm.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Monthly Collection
 Next Weekend
 2nd & 3rd April 2005
Please Support

Celebrating Life and Remembering our Past

As part of Cork 2005, European Capital of Culture, St. Patrick's Hospital / Marymount Hospice in collaboration with the Church of Ireland Community of St. Anne's Shandon, invite you to a Service of Remembrance - "Celebrating Life and Remembering our Past" - at 7 p.m. in St. Anne's Church Shandon, on Thursday 5th May 2005.

All are Welcome!

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6:00 pm (Vigil)
Aine Sheehan
8:30 am
Aisling Moore
10:00 am
Tony Hegarty
12:00 Noon
Miriam Maunsell

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Michael Greene
11:00 am
Jack Dorgan
12:30 pm
Marlyn O'Connor
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	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 & 8 pm	Friday	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
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**

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Apr-02 & Apr-03-2005

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 Chruaiaoi
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
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Clare Curran

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