

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



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

Sunday 23-April-2006

**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.



**Christ Our Light
Innishmore**

Holy Week - Thank You

To the Priests of our Parish: Fr. George O'Mahony, Parish Priest, Fr. Michael O'Mahony, Fr. John O'Donovan, Fr. Paul O'Donoghue and to Fr. Keating, Ovens, who helped with the Reconciliation Service

The Sacristans Geraldine Graham and Siobhan & Pat Burke

To Ballincollig Scouts and the Altar Society who prepared the both Altars so poignantly for the Ceremonies. To all those who gave of their precious time to make Holy Week a deep spiritual experience.

Palm Sunday – Palm Procession in St. Mary & St. John & Christ Our Light – both organisers and those who took part.

Monday – Penitential Service – Ceremony of Bread & Stone – organisers – stone collectors - bakers, Ministers of the Word, Actors and all who attended in St. Mary & St. John and Christ Our Light Churches

Wednesday – Passover Meal - Rosemary in the Community Hall, Oriel House Hotel for supplying the tables and Ballincollig Scouts for the transport. All those who helped to organise and who attended the Passover Meal.

Holy Thursday – Washing of the Feet – Thanks to all who volunteered in both Churches. Thanks to the Ministers of the Word, Ministers of the Eucharist, Altar Servers, Choir, Musicians, Collectors.

Those who prepared and gave the Holy Hour on Holy Thursday and Good Friday night.

Good Friday – Four services of the Stations of the Cross held in Ballincollig were hugely supported. Thanks to all who made these services so meaningful and so prayerful.

Holy Saturday – All the Ministers of the Word, Ministers of the Eucharist, Altars Servers, Choirs and Musicians and all who participated. The lighting of the Pascal Candle in the open air enhanced the Celebration of this special night in the Church. Also the Baptisms which took place in both St. Mary & St. John and Christ Our Light brought home the true meaning of Baptism by Water and the Holy Spirit. Baby Megan Gemma Turner was Baptised by Fr. Paul at the 9.00pm Mass in St. Mary & St. John and Fr. George carried out the Adult Baptism of Florence Aka at 8.00pm Mass in Christ Our Light. A special word of thanks to Our Parish Community who welcomed and celebrated the Baptism of Florence Aka. Florence also received her Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist as part of her welcome into the Catholic Church. Thanks to Sr. Bridget and her wonderful team who prepared Florence for this special event.

Easter Sunday was back to work as usual for the Priests of the Parish with their usual Sunday Masses. The involvement of the Community of Ballincollig in celebrating the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ was remarkable. For all who participated in the Easter Ceremonies – Thank You.

A special word of thanks to all who distributed the Holy Week Ceremonies Leaflet From Ballincollig Parish Pastoral Council

Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia.

Thought for Today

Take a bucket and fill it with water.
Put your arms into it up to the wrists
Take them out and the hole that remains
Is the measure of how you'll be missed?
You may splash all you please when you enter;
You may stir up the water galore;
But stop and you'll find in a minute
That it looks just the same as before.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

In Christ, God has made a new covenant with us and has chosen us as his people, so we pray to Him with confidence.

Reader

For those who live in doubt, and for those who are afraid to believe, that Our Lord may inspire them and that the Church may encourage them.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

“Jesus stands in our midst and says Peace” Is it a question, command or a gift? Let us pray that it be realised among us.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For Children, Parents and Teachers, as they resume a school term, that it may be a time of discovery, deepening of faith in Jesus and a realisation of our own worth.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the Elderly, who try to keep young at heart and show a loving interest in their children and grandchildren?

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for those who have died and for all who have gone before us on life's journey, that they may enter into eternal life.

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

You have left us, Lord, the sacrament of your son's body and blood as a sign of the presence of his saving work: Let this sign accomplish in us the new life which it signifies.

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 :

Megan Gemma Turner, Cobh.
 Niamh Noreen Fleming, Castle Avenue.
 Eamonn Factna Lehane, Carriganarra.
 Florence Aka, Ballincollig.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Paddy O'Mahony R.I.P., Faha, Dripsey.
 Marion O'Connor R.I.P., Carriganarra.
 Mourned by her husband Barry and children
 John Frize R.I.P., Donegal & Scotlane.
 Mourned by Mary Coleman, Coolroe
 Catherine Horgan R.I.P., Rathcormac.
 Mourned by her son Billy, Willowfield
 Tony O'Sullivan R.I.P., Station Road.
 Mourned by his brothers Miah & Phil and sister Elizabeth
 Tony Foley, R.I.P., Knockanemore, Ovens.
 Mourned by his wife Elizabeth
 Catherine Duggan R.I.P., Pouladuff & Ballincollig
 Peter Rabbite R.I.P., Listowel & Australia.
 Mourned by the O'Sullivan Family, Raheens
 Patricia Doyle R.I.P., Magazine Road.
 Mourned by her brother Jim Doyle, Glendower Court.
 Sylwester Szezyrow R.I.P., Poland.
 Andrzej Wojciechowski R.I.P., Poland.
 Radoslaw Nowak R.I.P., Poland.
 Rafal Corski R.I.P., Poland.

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

Pat & Nora O'Connor, Inniscarra.
 Jack O'Farrell, Ballydehob.
 Marcella Callanan, Muskerry Estate.
 John Lucey, Coolroe.
 John Morrissey, Doneraile.
 Maureen Cuddihy, Coolroe.
 Deceased members of O'Brien family, Castlefarm.
 Des McGreevy.
 Ken Dolan.
 Pat Power.
 Cyril Power, Monkstown.
 Stephen Daly, Inniscarra View.
 Paddy Forde, Castle Park.
 Deceased members of the Grady Family, Killeneanle & Rosewood.
 James & Mary Galvin & Daughters Crissy & Kay.
 Eileen O'Leary, Kilnaglory.
 Michael O'Donovan, Ballycurrey.
 Kathleen & Paddy Troy, Glanmire & Co. Offaly.
 Mary Linehan, Inniscarra View Estate.
 Catherine McKechnie, Tower.
 Eileen & Cornelius Bradley, Leemount, Carrigrohane.
 Patrick, Jane & Son Paddy Ahern.
 Eugene Courtney, Glincool.
 May & William Murphy, Blarney.
 Harrah "Birdie" Herlihy, Magazine Road.

Envelope Collection

An envelope collection will be held in Ballincollig Parish for the Irish Bishops Commissions This weekend 22nd and 23rd April 2006.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Second Week Of Easter

23 Sunday Acts 4:32-35. Ps 117. 1 Jn 5:1-6. Jn 20:19-31. Lect I: 441
 24 Monday Acts 4:23-31 - Ps 2. Jn 3:1-8. Lect I: 447
 25 Tuesday 1 Pet 5:5-14. Ps 88. Mk 16:15-20. Lect II: 1005
 26 Wednesday Acts 5:17-26. Ps 33. Jn 3:16-21. Lect I: 452
 27 Thursday Acts 5:27-33. Ps 33. Jn 3:31-36. Lect I: 454
 28 Friday Acts 5:34-42. Ps 26. Jn. 6:1-15. Lect I: 456
 29 Saturday 1 Jn 1:5-2:2. Ps 102. Mt 1:25-30. Lect II: 1009

Next Sunday's Readings 30-April-2006
 Acts 3:13-15, 17-19. Ps 4. 1 Jn 2:1-5. Lk 24:35-48. Lect I: 465



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.

Preparation for Baptism

Baptism is our first step on the journey of Faith, the sacrament of initiation into the Christian faith and the Life of Christ. It is also a sacrament of welcome into the Christian community. The importance of preparation for Baptism was highlighted at the Parish Council and also by some parents requesting help for themselves. For the past number of months a group of parishioners have come together to provide some resources and help for parents bringing their children to Baptism. On Saturday 29th April our next meeting for parents who wish to have their children baptised in the parish of Ballincollig will take place. This is an opportunity to prepare for the sacrament of Baptism. I am confident that this presentation will be of benefit to parents and godparents in their role as Christian educators.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts 4: 32-35
 This is a description of life in the community of early Christians. Goods were shared but this sharing was always voluntary. The story of Ananias and Saphira makes it clear they were not bound to sell, and after they had the price was still theirs. However, the community of goods does not seem to have been very successful because we read elsewhere that rich and poor still existed in the community and Christians from other places had continually to send alms voluntarily to Jerusalem, 'each man according to his ability'.

Second Reading: 1 John 5: 1-6
 There are three dispositions necessary to being a Christian: to love the children of God, to love God and to keep his commandments. Jesus came 'by water and by blood'. Water and blood are symbols and refer the one to the baptism of Christ, the other to his death.

Gospel: John 20: 19-31
 The Church has perpetually understood the words of Jesus, "whose sins you forgive..." as the institution of the sacrament of Penance. The sacrament of pardon was instituted on the happiest day in the world's history. Ever since it has brought a personal joy to believers as they feel the load of guilt lifted from them. The act of faith made by Thomas is the fullest and most explicit of all the confessions of faith recorded in the Gospels.

Easter Collection For Priests Of The Parish
 Thank you for your wonderful support & generosity
 George, John & Michael.

Race Night
 In aid of Irish guide dogs for the blind
 Oriel House Hotel Ballincollig
 Cork (Leslie Suite)
 On Wednesday April 26th at 8 pm
 10 Races including an auction Race
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**Cork Marriage Counselling Centre
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 A professionally presented seminar for individuals and couples who would like to learn what psychological research suggests is good for the emotional and spiritual well-being of marriage.
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AL-ANON
 Are you concerned about someone else's drinking?
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Thursday nights at 8.30 pm
 Upstairs at St. Vincent DePaul Room,
 Ballincollig Community Hall, Station Road.

Tops of the Parish

Ballincollig Tops of the Parish
 will take place on 4th, 5th and 6th May
Venue: The Community Hall, Station Road, Ballincollig.
Time: 8.00 pm
 Various groups from schools and community are taking part.

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Writing and Spelling Abilities?

Would you like to learn about computers we call in computers for the terrified?
 If you would, then why not join us
 on Monday mornings (9.30 - 12.30).
 In early May we will be starting a small group of 5 or 6
 people who will study English, Maths, Computers,
 Personal/Social Skills.
 If you are interested, please phone me
 (021-4876295; if I m not there, Julie or Ann will take your
 phone number and I will ring you later).
 Or, complete the attached slip and return it to me. As the
 group will start in early May, I would need to have the
 form by the end of April, 2006.
 Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone Number: _____
 Please post this form to Phil Mortell,
 Ballincollig Family Resource Centre,
 134 Castlepark, Ballincollig.
 For further information phone me on
 021-4876295 (9.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays)

“ALL 4 JESUS”

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MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Apr-29 & Apr-30-2006

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Derval Spillane
8:30 am
Annette Collins
10:00 am
Jessica Looney
Grace Buttimer
12:00 Noon
Miriam Maunsel

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Aisling Courtney
11:00 am
Lisa Madden
Cormac Manning
12:30 pm
Tadhg Buckley
5:30 pm
Brian O'Donoghue

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	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

Priest on Duty 087-2479140

Fr. George O'Mahony P.P. 021-4871206
Fr. John O'Donovan C.C. 021-4870434
Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C. 021-4877161
Fr. Paul O'Donoghue 021-4876055



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Apr-29 & Apr-30-2006

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm	Vera Allen Ber Bell Betty Casey Frank Riordan Siobhan Riordan Sr. Martha	8:00 pm	Geraldine Lynch Charlie Vaughan Joan Stephenson
8:30 am	Mary Buckley Theresa Lucey Triona Collins	11:00 am	Marie Ui Chrualaof Neil Jeffers Eileen O'Donoghue Bridie O'Donnell Bridie Hanrahan
10:00 am	Anne Cahill Pat Lee May Delaney Seamus O'Shea John O'Donovan Betty Flavin	12:30 pm	Con O'Connell Denis O' Mahony Christine O'Mahony Tom Murray John O'Regan
12 Noon	Joan Barrett Sheila Carroll Marsie Curling Will Casey Geraldine Graham Catherine Greene	5:30 pm	Patsy Galvin Bernard Curran Clare Curran



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Friday	9.30 – 5.00 pm
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Tuesday	9.30 – 5.00 pm
Wednesday	10.30 – 5.00 pm
Thursday	9.30 – 7.30 pm
Friday	9.30 – 7.30 pm
Saturday	9.30 – 5.00 pm