

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



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

Sunday 30-April-2006

Third Sunday Of Easter

It is difficult for us to accept suffering as part of God's plan. Today we are reminded that it was part of his plan for the Messiah. It was a suffering that he transformed by raising him from the dead. Jesus is this Risen Lord, in him our weakness and our sins are overcome.



**Christ Our Light
Innishmore**

Daily Reflections

There are two types of people – those who make profitable use of what has been entrusted to them and those who do not. All have been entrusted with natural abilities (talents) that can be improved upon; and all will be judged on how profitably they have used them.

The spiritual meaning of the parable of the talents is that we have been entrusted with spiritual gifts and graces and must give an account of what we have done with them. Since these gifts and graces have been given according to our ability, we need make no comparisons between others and ourselves. What are these gifts and graces? We have received the gift of faith to believe in Christ, together with the grace to pray, read the scriptures with understanding, and receive in faith Christ's life-giving Body and Blood in the Eucharist. These are the spiritual talents entrusted to us.

The gift of faith grows as we exercise it. We exercise our faith by turning to the Lord for help, strength, courage, perseverance and wisdom. As we turn to him in faith he gives us these things in abundance – and we grow. We grow both in our faith and in our relationship with the Lord by exercising the gift of faith given to us. If we are not exercising our faith, it will quietly wither away.

Similarly the life of grace develops within us as we practice it. We have been given gifts of grace so that we can pray, read God's Word with understanding, and celebrate the sacraments with faith. As we exercise these gifts of grace, we receive the life of the Spirit and gradually, by the action of the Holy Spirit, we become more conformed to the likeness of Christ. Through our perseverance and continual recourse to these spiritual and sacramental graces we are gradually, almost imperceptibly, being changed. Only by looking back shall we see how we have grown.

The talents entrusted to us grow because we use them. Jesus' saying 'For to every one who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away.' (Matt. 25:29) tells us this. We need to take one step at a time in order to reach the end of our spiritual journey. Our growth is progressive – we are either moving forward by exercising our faith and letting our spiritual gifts and graces remain unused.

'Lord, thank you for the talents you have given me. Make me bear an abundant harvest so that I may be your "good and faithful servant".'

Thought for Today

When people called for Barabbas rather than Jesus to be released, they had 'no idea what they were really doing'. Now in the light of his rising from the dead they should see the truth clearly. Easter can lead us to see our lives differently. Having celebrated the powerful, merciful love of God at Easter, perhaps we are ready to receive the sacrament of Penance.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

You gave Life to the world through the Virgin Mary: by that same loving power, give us new life and let your glory be upon us this day and this year, through Christ Our Lord.

Reader

Lord we pray,
That the members of all Christian Churches who live in our Community, will continue to proclaim your Resurrection.

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

Lord we thank you for standing among us in this church, let us open our minds and hearts to Your peace.

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

He said to them, "Peace be with you". Lord, at this time of peacemaking in Ireland, we pray for those who are working and praying for peace in Northern Ireland, that they may have the patience, and Faith to continue with their efforts.

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

Lord we pray for those who are sick in the Parish.

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

He said, "Have you anything here to eat?" Lord help us to keep in our hearts those who are in need in our community.

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

Lord we'd like to pray especially for those who have been affected by recent sad bereavements in the locality.

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

Priest

Heavenly Father, help us to be witnesses by our lives to the real presence of Christ in our world, the Christ who died for our sins and was raised from the dead for our Salvation. We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

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BAPTISMS

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

Stephen Thomas O'Neill, Greenfields.
 Isobel Robyn Kelleher-Devoy, Donoughmore.
 Rowan Thomas O'Kelly, Coolroe Meadows.
 Ciaran Ethan O'Driscoll-Gantley, Powdermills.
 Dylan Sean Leahy, Daffodil Fields.
 Colin James O'Driscoll, Rosewood.
 Carly Ann Sheehan, Coolroe Meadows.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Martina Murphy R.I.P., Vicars Road, Togher.
 Mourned by her aunt Helen Buckley, Castle Park
 Michael O'Flynn R.I.P., Enniskeane. Mourned by his nephew Tom Murray, Aylsbury

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

Julia Barrins, Kilmoyley, Co. Kerry.
 Con Kelleher, Poulavone.
 Eileen Murphy, Muskerry Estate.
 Kieran McNulty, Fr. Sexton Park.
 Noel Murphy, Model Farm Road.
 Nell & Patrick Hay, Gurranabraher Road.
 John Hurley, Inniscarra View Estate.
 Noreen Attridge, Skull.
 Tommy Carroll, Kilmichael.
 David McCarty, Cloyne.
 Paddy Walsh, Ballinhassig.
 John & Helena Walsh, Ballinhassig.
 Noreen & Harry Lane, Ballyphehane.
 Mary Linehan, Inniscarra View Estate.
 Margaret Brown, The Willows.
 Clair McSweeney, Cloghroe.
 Noel Murphy, Model Farm Road.
 Liam Barrett, Killeens, Blarney.
 John Frize, Donegal & Scotland.
 Mary O'Leary, Rathmore.
 Michael Hayes, Clonmult.
 Dan & Nora Murray, Dooniskey, Lissarda & Mallow.
 Sally O'Sullivan.
 Connie Radley, Carrigrohane.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DePAUL

Church Gate Collection will take place on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th May, 2006

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Third Week Of Easter

- 30 Sunday Acts 3:13-15, 17-19. Ps 4. 1 Jn 2:1-5. Lk 24:35-48. Lect I: 465
- 01 Monday Acts 6:8-15. Ps 118. Jn 6:22-29. Lect I: 472
- 02 Tuesday Acts 7:51-8:1. Ps30. Jn 6:30-35. Lect I: 474
- 03 Wednesday 1 Cor 15:1-8. Ps 18. Jn 14:6-14. Lect II: 1017
- 04 Thursday Acts 8:26-40. Ps 65. Jn 6:44-51. Lect I: 479
- 05 Friday Acts 9:1-20. Ps 116. Jn 6:52-59. Lect I: 481
- 06 Saturday Acts 9:31-42. Ps 115. Jn. 6:60-69. Lect I: 484

Next Sunday's Readings 07-May-2006
 Acts 4:8-12. Ps 117. 1 in 3:1-2. Jn 10:11-18. Lect I: 490

Vocations Ireland

Evening of Prayer on the Eve of Vocations Sunday
 Saturday 6th May, 2006
 Time: 7.00pm – 8.30pm
 Venue: Gougane Barra

Join us in prayer, music, song, sacred movement and ritual to

Pray for the future of Religious Life while drawing inspiration from the past

Contact: Vocations Ireland Tel: 01 6689954 or Email: info@vocationsireland.com

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 3: 13-15, 17-19
 In this speech to the Jews, St. Peter aims primarily that Our Lord is the Messiah whose sufferings were foretold by the Prophet Messiah. He wishes to prove that Jesus, in spite of his crucifixion was the Messiah. Peter consoles the Jews with the thought that they had no idea as to whom they were putting to death. Now, however, they are being told so the time has come for them to ask forgiveness for their sins.

Second Reading: 1 John 2: 1-5
 The Apostle urges his readers to be very careful to avoid sin; yet he knows the weakness of human nature and holds out the hope of pardon to the sinner because we have an advocate with the Father, one who intercedes for us and for the whole world. Christ exercises this office of advocate for sinners by continually offering the merits of his passion and death on their behalf.

Gospel: Luke 24: 35-48
 When Luke set out to write his Gospel he said that he would put all things 'in order'. With these last words of Jesus he welds together what was foretold in Scripture with the mission of the Apostles in the future. Christ had to suffer for the sins of men but as the Messiah he had to rise again and give to the Apostles the power to forgive sins and bring liberation to mankind.

First Friday

Friday 5th May, 2006

Church of St. Mary & St. John

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following 9.30 am mass.

Rosary 6.45 pm. **Directed prayer** 7.00 pm.

Benediction 7.45

Holy Mass 8.00 p.m.

Reflective Day for Nurses & Allied Healthcare Personnel

Sat. 6th May 10.30 am to 4.00 pm

St. Dominic's Retreat Centre Cost €40 incl. Lunch

**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.

Saturday May 6th from 9.00 am – 1.00 pm

Professional Staff at the Cork Marriage Counselling Centre
 CMCC, 34, Paul Street, Cork.

Contact 021 4275678 to register and for further details

AL-ANON

Are you concerned about someone else's drinking?

You are not alone.

Help is available at the Al-Anon family group

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.

**The Coeliac Society of Ireland,
 Southern Branch**

May Meeting

Date: Tuesday 2nd May, 2006

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: SMA Centre, Wilton, Cork.

Topic: Summer Party Night – “Bring something,
 Taste something”

All are welcome

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)

Lectio Divina

Mondays 7.30pm – 9.00pm (Starting 8th May)

Support for Leaders of Lectio Communities

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MINISTERS OF THE WORD

May-06 & May-07-2006

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Aine Sheehan
8:30 am
Triona Collins
10:00 am
Louise McCarthy
Susan Fennell
12:00 Noon
Sean Hennessy

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Pauline Collins
11:00 am
Joseph Manning
Aideen O'Connor
12:30 pm
Dick Beamish
5:30 pm
Christine O'Brien

MASS TIMES

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| 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**

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

May-06 & May-07-2006

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Patsie Murphy
Breda Foley
Mary Walsh
Finbarr Lehane
Margaret Kearney

8:00 pm Jim Cahill, Kit Cahill
Sheila O'Connor
John Canty

8:30 am Theresa Lucey
Rita Murphy
Mona Holland

11:00 am Brid Healy-Harris
Angela Cunningham
Laurence Cunningham
Eileen Byrne

10:00 am Tadgh Murphy
Mary Murphy
Joan Tobin
Tony O'Leary
Phil Kennedy
Claire McCarthy

12:30 pm Eileen Garvey
Sally Power
Breda Callanan
Marie O'Brien

12 Noon Michael Crowley
Breda Lenihan
Noel Hennessey
Marie O'Callaghan
Rena O'Connor
Sean Farrell

5:30 pm Neil O'Donoghue
Phil O'Connell
Maire McCullagh



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| Monday | Closed |
| Tuesday | 9.30 – 5.00 pm |
| Wednesday | 10.30 – 5.00 pm |
| Thursday | 9.30 – 5.00 pm |
| Friday | 9.30 – 5.00 pm |
| Saturday | 9.30 – 12.30 pm |

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