

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 01-April-2007

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

Holy Week

From Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday, the Church remembers the journey of Jesus from his triumphant entry into Jerusalem to his last meal, trial, crucifixion, death, and resurrection. These are important events in our faith journey. Throughout the week we are reminded of God's great love for us.

Each Holy Thursday we remember the institution of the Eucharist, which gives us nourishment for our journey. We also recall Jesus washing the Apostles' feet and his words: 'If I then, the Lord and Master, have washed your feet, then surely you must wash one another's feet.' In washing the feet of his apostles Jesus gave us an example of humility and showed how love and service are expressed in action. He now invites us to demonstrate that love and service towards each other. Perhaps this is a time to ask oneself, in what ways am I the hands, the feet, the eyes of Christ for others? In ministering to one another we deepen our solidarity as members of the Body of Christ.

To those in our Parish community who are housebound or resident in Nursing Homes, because of age, illness or for whatever reason, I would like to say that you too have an active role in ministering to others by the precious contribution you make through your sufferings and by your ministry of prayer.

On Holy Thursday morning, the Mass of Chrism will be celebrated at the Cathedral during which the Holy Oils to be used for the celebration of the Sacraments will be blessed. These are the Oil of Catechumens, (Baptism); the Oil of the Sick; the Oil of Chrism (Baptism, Confirmation, Ordination). Bishop Buckley has invited us to join with him and the priests of the Diocese for this celebration. On this day when we also recall the institution of the Priesthood, let us remember in prayer the priests of our Parish in gratitude for their commitment and ministry to us.

After the Eucharistic Celebration on Holy Thursday evening, the Blessed Sacrament is carried to the altar of Repose which reminds us of Jesus' time in the garden of Gethsemane and recalls his question to the disciples: 'Could you not watch one hour with me?' Psalm 116 asks, "How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good he has done for me?" The word, "Eucharist" means "thanksgiving." Spending some time before the blessed Sacrament at the Altar of Repose gives us an opportunity to reflect on all the reasons we have to be grateful to God and to pray for the suffering members of our Parish community.

Let us journey with Christ and each other throughout this Holy Week.

St. Teresa's Prayer

Christ has no body now but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which he looks with compassion on this world.
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.
Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, Yours are the eyes, you are his body
Christ has no body now but yours.

Sr. Colette

Reflection for Parents

Simon is not one of the most notable figures in the story of Jesus' Passion, but perhaps he is the one with whom parents can most identify. Whether we'd rather do something else, are too tired, or just want a break from time to time, we know how Simon felt being pressed into service at a time when he would rather not. But Simon was a responsible citizen, just as we are responsible parents. And, whatever our mood or preferences, we do what we must do. In the end, our hearts are glad, just as Simon knew there was something special about his action. As parents and disciples of Jesus, we are called to follow Jesus in service, even when it is difficult.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us present our concerns and prayers before our gracious God.

Reader

That all members of the Church may manifest God's compassion by lives of generous service.

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

That all who carry a heavy Cross - of rejection, sickness or pain - may know that Jesus walks with them.

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

That Christians everywhere may be strengthened in the faith through the coming celebration of Holy week.

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

That children and young people may experience the riches of Christian faith through the kindness, courage and generosity of those who guide them.

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

That all of us may walk with Jesus through death to new life.

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

That those who have gone before us on life's journey may enter the fullness of eternal life.

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

Priest

God of our salvation, you sent your Son to save us from sin. Hear our prayers that we may enter into the Passion of Jesus and rise with him to new life. We pray through that same Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

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 :

Wade Daniel Lambert, 216 Rosewood Estate.
Noah Patrick Murphy, 42 Oaklands.
Faye Mary O'Sullivan, 26 Chestnut Grove, Classes Park.
Saoirse Triona McHugh, 10 Oaklands.

MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Jeremiah Damien Bradley, Currahaley, Farran & Carol Ann Groake, 38 Park Road, Muskerry Estate.
Mark Christopher Drummond, 28 Barley Grove & Maria Fernanda Staud Cuttolo, The Maltings.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Patricia Kearney, 12A Glincool Park.
Susan McInerney, Doneraile.
Eileen Parker, Iniscarra.
Tom Long, Crosshaven.

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

Maurice & Laura Lynch, Douglas.
John & Ellen Kingston, Clonakilty.
Paddy Keohane, Inniscarra.
John Morrissey, Doneraile.
John & Kitty Harte, Clonakilty.
Michael Hennigan, Inniscarra View
Margaret O'Donovan, Ballinspittle.
Sean & Geraldine Daly, Coolroe
Paddy Moynihan, Inniscarra.
Michael Elizabeth & Son Michael Cunningham, Waterfall.
Paddy O'Riordan, Castle Park.
John O'Connell, Main Street.
Norma O'Sullivan, Killeens.
Kevin Shields, Castleknock.
Mairead Boyce, Milford.
Hannah & John Haynes.
Brid Healy, Waterfall.
Kitty & Willie Murphy, Bishopstown.
Patrick Kirstein, Inniscarra View.
Ellen O'Sullivan, Inniscarra.
Kathleen & Dan Dorgan, Powdermills.
Mary Creedon, Bishopstown.
Frances O'Donovan, Cloyne.
John Joe McCarthy, Ballydehob.
Charles McCarthy, Ballydehob.

All Ireland Champions

Congratulations and well done to the girls of Scoil Mhuire, the boys of Scoil Eoin and the pupils of Colaiste Choilm on becoming All Schools Table Tennis Champions

St. Vincent de Paul

The Easter Collection in aid of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will take place at the gates of this church on Saturday night 31st March and Sunday 1st April 2007

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Holy Week

01 Sunday Is. 50:4-7. Ps 22. Phil. 2:6- 11. Mt. 26:14-27,66. Lect I: 346

02 Monday Is. 42:1-7. Ps. 26. Jn. 12:1-11 Lect I: 374

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

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

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

06 Friday Is. 52: 13-53: 12. Ps. 30. Heb. 4: 14-16, 5:7-9. Jn. 18: 1-19:42

07 Saturday

Next Sunday's Readings 08-April-2007
Acts 10:34,37-43. Ps. 117. Col. 3:1-4 or 1 Cor. 5:6-9. In. 20:1-9. Lect I: 417

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.

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.

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.

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

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

ProceSSIONAL Gospel: Luke 19:28-40

A line of poetry sums up the paradox of the events proclaimed today, "They stripped the trees to greet her son, and then hung him, stripped upon a tree." This first gospel tells of Jesus' triumphal entrance into the city of Jerusalem. Only he knew of his fate that we study in the reading of the Passion today.

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

While reading this passage, realize that God has blessed you in a special way. However, this special blessing will also bring some pain. Endurance of this pain requires that we remain faithful. Recall a time that you remained loyal despite misunderstanding and abuse.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Paul proclaims to the Philippians that through Christ's dying and rising comes victory for us all. Jesus is Lord.

Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56.

This year we hear Luke's account of Jesus' Passion beginning with the Last Supper which for Luke, shows signs of the heavenly banquet. During the meal, Jesus predicted but did not name his betrayer. Following the meal, all the disciples went with Jesus to the Mount of Olives to pray. There Jesus was, indeed, handed over by Judas to the Jewish leaders. In retaliation, a disciple cut off a servant's ear, but Jesus touched the ear and healed him. Jesus went before the high priest in whose courtyard Peter denied Jesus the three times predicted at supper. At daybreak, Jesus went before the Sanhedrin and on to Pilate, to Herod, and back to Pilate who tried to release Jesus to the crowds. Pilate did not find Jesus guilty of anything, but the crowd pressed for the release of Barabbas and the crucifixion of Jesus. Jesus was led to the cross, helped by Simon, mourned by the women of Jerusalem, and taunted by the Roman soldiers. When at last Jesus died, a man named Joseph gave up his tomb so that Jesus would not be buried in a common grave of criminals.

49th Cork Ballincollig Scout Group

Last weekend saw all the sections out, the scouts went to squelch in Farran woods, and the Friday night Macoimh went to Mullinhassig and the Tuesday night Macoimh were in Castlefreke.

The Scouts went to Farran woods where the Scouts and Guides in Cork organised the activity. There were 10 bases around the woods, which included, the slippery mudslide, the water challenge, obstacle course and many more, one muddier than the next. The Scouts got very muddy and very wet. All had a good time and went home wet and very happy.

The Friday night Macoimh had a great time in Mullinhassig, the river was a great attraction and everyone got wet even the leaders who were wetter and dirtier than the Macoimh. The Tuesday night Macoimh went to Castlefreke, where they had a game of man hunt, which was followed by lunch afterwards they went on a hike to the old ruined Churchyard, where the Church which was built in 1825 is in ruins, but still has the mosaic inscription "until he comes" inside. They checked out the old tombs to find the oldest inscription. Looking from the front of the Church you can see the old ruins of Rathbarry Castle as well as the sand dunes of Long Strand. The Macoimh made their way to the Beach and in their Clons lit fires, after word's they climbed the dunes and went dune surfing. After cleaning up the site they made their way back to the bus.

Changes in Scouting are not made without inconvenience even from worse to better.

Bulletin Board

Penitential Service

Monday 2nd April 8 pm St Mary & St John's. No evening Mass on this day due to Penitential Service.

St Vincent De Paul

Require Collectors on 1st Sunday of each Month before all Sunday Masses.

Chrism Mass

Bishop Buckley invites you to the Chrism Mass in the in the Cathedral on Holy Thursday, April 5th at 10 am.

It is also an occasion of special thanksgiving as we bless the Oils for the Celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and the Anointing of the Sick.

This is an invitation to the people of the Parish of Ballincollig and I encourage as many as possible to attend

Easter Ceremonies

The time table for Holy Week 2007 is available in the Church this weekend and has been distributed to the homes of the parish during the week. Please make every effort to attend Holy Week ceremonies as during these ceremonies the core of our Christian faith is celebrated. Please note that you will need to bring a candle for the Easter Vigils on Saturday 7th of April

Spring Dues Envelopes

The Priests of the Parish would like to thank you for returning the Spring Dues Envelopes. Your continued support is much appreciated.

Fr. George

TROCAIRE

In today's gospel reading, we travel with Jesus as he moves from being acclaimed by the crowds for his good works, to being rejected and despised. How did it feel to be rejected for speaking the truth and proclaiming the word of God? It's hard, understanding the motivations of the crowds who could welcome him one week and reject him the next, or is it? Are there times when we have been as inconsistent? Welcoming someone we meet, then speaking against them when it suits us. Holding particular values and beliefs, then failing to stand by them because we don't want to stand out from the crowd. Even putting our own needs and desires first so we can have extra, even if it leaves others with nothing. Today's gospel challenges us to think about where we would have stood on Good Friday. Would we stay with Jesus, or hide in the crowd? This week marks the 40th anniversary of Populorum Progressio, a papal encyclical on human development, which challenges us all to stand by the poor and rejected in our world, regardless of the price it might cost to us. Think about reading this document this week. Email Trocaire at parish@trocaire.ie and they will send you the document

The Pyke Theatre Group, Ballincollig

Monthly Social

Tuesday 10th April in The Rugby Club, Tanner Park.

Music by Tim Desmond

Tea sandwiches and cake served during the interval

A Great Night Assured.

Tea, Coffee, Sandwiches

and cake served during the interval.

Admission €5

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Apr-07 & Apr-08-2007

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)

Carmel Keane

8:30 am

Pat Fennell

10:00 am

Sinead O'Connor

12:00 Noon

Tomas Miller

Niall Hartnett

8:00 pm (Vigil)

Murigen Ni Mhathuna

11:00 am

Meabh Nic Mheanmain

12:30 pm

Bernard Vallely

5:30 pm

Phil O'Connell

MASS TIMES

St. Mary & St. John

8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon

9:30 am

9:30 am & 8 pm

9:30 am & 8 pm

8 pm

8 pm

6 pm & 9 pm

Christ Our Light

11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm

Monday 8:30 am & 6:30 pm

Tuesday 8:30 am & 6:30 pm

Wednesday 8:30 am & 6:30 pm

Thursday 6:30 pm

Friday 6:30 pm

Saturday 8 pm

CONFESSIONS

After 10:00 am Mass & before 6:00 pm Mass

Saturday

BAPTISMS

4:30 pm

Except First Saturday of Month

Saturday

4:30 pm

First Saturday of Month

12:45 pm

Sunday

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MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Apr-07 & Apr-08-2007



St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Patsie Murphy
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Mary Walsh
Marie Healy
Margaret Kearney
Nora Barry

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

11:00 am Carmel Ryan
Angela Cunningham
Laurence Cunningham
Eileen Byrne

8:30 am Theresa Lucey
Rita Murphy
Mona Holland

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
Olan O'Mahony

12 Noon Michael Crowley
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