THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John Station Road

Sunday 24-April-2011

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

Christ is Risen, Alleluia!

The empty tomb is today a symbol of joy and hope. Jesus is not in the tomb - He is risen! Jesus offers the promise of resurrection to every human being. The Easter Vigil begins in darkness. This darkness may be symbolic of all the suffering and pain in our lives - the pain of sickness, grief, loss, rejection, loneliness, abandonment, addiction, hopelessness. We wait in hope and expectation for our Gethsemane to end. Into this darkness a light shines when the Paschal Candle is carried in procession through the darknesd Church. The Paschal Candle represents Christ who is the Light of the world and who rekindles his light in us by entering into the darkness of our lives bringing hope, joy and peace. When we light our own candles from the Paschal Candle it is a powerful image of our sharing in the living light of Christ. As Christians we are called to unite with both Christ crucified and Christ risen. He knows the longings and pains of the human heart and is with us in our sufferings and our joys. This celebration of Christ's Resurrection offers meaning and hope to all people.

The Resurrection did not come about without cost. One of the sacred images in our churches is not the empty tomb - it is the Cross by which the Resurrection was won. When Mary Magdalene could not find Jesus she said to Simon Peter and the beloved disciple, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him." Like Mary Magdalene let us search for the risen Jesus today and invite him to journey with us.

In the second reading, St Paul reminds us 'since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth'. At Easter we are invited to renew our Baptismal promises. Having journeyed with Christ through his passion and death, we again choose to follow him in faith, hope and love. We make these promises together as a community because we know how much we can help one another along life's journey and how much we need each other. Through our baptism we are called to proclaim Jesus' death and life to a world that longs for meaning in the midst of suffering. We are witnesses to the Risen Christ

May each of us experience the love, joy and peace of the Risen Christ!

Sr. Colette

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 The Ballincollig Parishioner. George O'Mahony, Michael O'Mahony, Billy O'Sullivan & James McSweeney.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us pray to God who rescued his beloved Son from the darkness of death and brought him into the light of glory.

Reader

For all Christians: that they may experience the joy of Christ's victory over death. For all Christians: that they may experience the joy of Christ's victory over death.

Lord, Hear us, Lord, graciously hear us.

For all government leaders: that Christ's victory over evil may encourage them in their work for justice and peace.

Lord, Hear us, Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who have no faith in an after-life: that the joy of this great day may be felt by them too.

Lord, Hear us, Lord, graciously hear us.

For each other: that we may be able to overcome our fear of death, since Christ underwent it and overcame it for us.

Lord, Hear us, Lord, graciously hear us.

For our deceased relatives and friends, and all the faithful departed: that they may share in the risen life of Christ.

Lord, Hear us, Lord, graciously hear us.

For our own special needs. **Lord, Hear us,**

Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest

God our Father, the power of this day drives away all evil, washes away all guilt, restores lost innocence, brings joy to those who mourn, casts out hatred, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride. May we experience its power in our lives and in our world. We ask you this through Christ Our Lord. Amen

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

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BAPTISMS

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

David Bartholomew Ventley, Old Quarter.

Donnacha Shane Walsh, Inniscarra View.

Aaron Francis Egan, The Heathers, Classes Lake.

Michaela Fiona Murphy, Tuairin Glas, Greenfields.

Dean William Madden, Citi West Mews.

Myles Aengus Dempsey, Poulavine Manor, Poulavone.

Ronan Anderson O'Riordan, Wyndham Downs.

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

Christy & Kathleen Daly, Mayfield.

Denis Walsh, Model Farm Road.

Maureen Cuddihy, Coolroe.

Dec. Members Kelleher & O'Brien families, Bandon.

Jim Aherne.

Jim Shaw, Inniscara.

Mary & Thomas Delaney, Maglin.

Tom Murray, Pearse Road & Inniscarra.

Francis O'Donovan, Clovne.

Connie Radley, Carrigrohane.

William Kavanagh, East Gate.

William & Mary Murphy, Blarney.

Eamon Staunton, Clash.

Niall Barrett, Dripsey.

Breda Murphy, Inniscarra View.

Tommy Carroll, Kilmichael.

Mary Linehan, Inniscarra View.

Dec. members of the Cunningham Family, Waterford.

Trevor Philips, Waterford & England.

Margaret & Michael Murray, Greenhills Estate.

Eugene Courtney, Glincool.

Sheila & Lesley Thomas, England.

CURA

Need to Talk?

We are there 6 days a week.

Unplanned pregnancy can be hard to take. Also when baby is born coping can be difficult. We are there to listen and support you.

Call CURA at 021 427 7544

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.

Knock

Legion of Mary Annual Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday 29th May 2011. Bus leaving village at 7.00 am sharp. Early booking advised. For details contact Sally (021) 4870954 or Cathleen (021) 4874730.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

The Easter Octave

24 Sunday Acts 10:34, 37-43. Ps. 117. Col. 3: 1-4 or 1 Cor. 5:6-9. Jn. 20: 1-9. Lect

25 Monday Acts 2: 14, 22-32. Ps. 15. Mt. 28:8-15. Lect I: 423

26 Tuesday Acts 2:36-41. Ps. 32. Jn. 20: 11-18. Lect I: 425

27 Wednesday Acts 3: 1-10. Ps. 104. Lk. 24: 13-35. Lect l: 427

28 Thursday Acts 3: 11-26. Ps. 8. Lk. 24:35-48. Lect I: 430

29 Friday Acts 4:1-12. Ps. 117. Jn. 21:1-14. Lect I:432

30 Saturday Acts 4: 13-21. Ps. 117. Mk. 16:9-15. Lect I: 435

Next Sunday's Readings 01-May-2011 Acts 2:42-47. Ps. 117. 1 Pet. 1:3-9. Jn. 20:19-31. Lect I: 438

Cork Simon Community

Is holding an Open Garden at Kilroan, Glanmire on the 30th April 2011 between 12 pm and 6 pm. This is a beautiful large mature garden for all seasons with a variety of areas naturally flowing into one another. Featuring a large collection of camellias, rhododendrons, azaleas, magnolias, Japanese maples and other special trees and shrubs. Woodland, a wisteria walk, a rockery, an alpine gravel area and more.....

Directions: From Cork on the R639 through Glanmire Village, pass Riverstown Cross and take the next turn to the right at Hazelwood. Go straight to the little roundabout at Brooklodge, first left off the roundabout. Kilroan is ³/₄ way up the hill on the right hand side – past the old stone wall, the entrance has heavy stone gate posts with no name, a lodge is on the left hand side of the gate.

All proceeds go towards the Cork Simon Community.

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.

Happy Easter to all parishioners and readers of The Ballincollig Parishioner. Have a safe and enjoyable weekend

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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.

Lourdes

Cork & Ross Pilgrimage 2011

11 - 16 June - 5 nights - full board accommodation
Booking Forms available from the Pilgrim Section of
Joe Walsh Tours, 117 Patrick Street
Tel. O21-4277959 / 021-4277120
Enquiries for Special Invalid Section to
The Pilgrimage Director, Monsignor Kevin O'Callaghan
No.2 Presbytery, Curraheen Road. Tel. 021-4346463

Community Work Professional Education at CIT

Would you like to have nationally and internationally recognised qualifications in community work?

The BA degree programme at Cork Institute of Technology can provide you with such an opportunity!

This is a three year programme consisting of lectures, master classes and a work-practice element based in the community.

Applications are currently invited from candidates who have significant experience in community work and or/qualifications in cognate areas for advanced entry to the second and third year of the programme commencing September 2011.

Entry to this programme is based on interview.

Further information from: Anne Deasy, Cork Institute of Technology. Telephone: 021 – 433 5930, Email: anne.deasy@cit.ie, www.cit.ie

Bulletin Board

Easter collection for the Priests of the Parish

According to the Diocesan custom, the collection at Easter Masses is one of two occasions in the year when the offertory collection goes to the priests of the parish. Your generosity and support is very much appreciated.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place **Saturday 30th April, 2011 at 12.00 noon** in the **Library Room, Community Hall, Station Road.** The presentation lasts for approximately forty minutes. The following questions are addressed, What is Baptism? What are the symbols used in the Sacrament of Baptism? How can the family become involved in the ceremony? Parents might book the baptism a few weeks in advance to give ample time to take part in the preparation.

Bank Holiday Monday

Monday 25^{th} April one morning Mass only in Church of St Mary & St John at 9.30 am .

Spring Dues

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

Communion Dates

Scoil Eoin	7th May, 2011
Scoil Barra	14th May, 2011
Our Lady of Good Counsel	14th May, 2011
Scoil Mhuire	21st May, 2011
Gael Scoil	28th May, 2011

Penitential Service

Thanks to everybody who came to take part in the Penitential Service in Christ Our Light on Monday April 18th.

Fr. George

"Christ the Lord is risen to-day," Sons of men and angels say. Raise your joys and triumphs high; Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply.

(Charles Wesley)

Gramophone Recital

Musical morning in the Ballincollig Library from 11.00 am on Tuesday 26th April, 2011.

This month's musical choice is presented by

TROCAIRE

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.

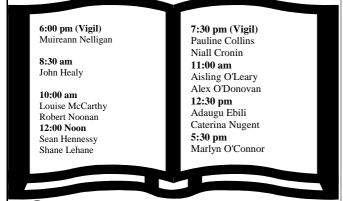
Please remember to return your Trocaire boxes and thanks to the families who have already returned them.

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MINISTERS OF THE WORD

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MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

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6.00 pm	Patsie Murphy Pat Moore Mary Walsh Marie Healy Margaret Kearney	7:30 pm	Sheila O'Connor Martin O'Regan Brid Healy-Harris Kit Cahill
8:30 am	Nora Barry Theresa Lucey Rita Murphy Mona Holland	11:00 am	Bernadette Spillane Angela Cunningham Laurence Cunningham Eileen Byrne
10:00 am	Tadgh Murphy Mary Murphy Joan Tobin Eileen O'Connell Niamh Nic Gerailt Breda Monaghan	12:30 pm	Carmel Ryan Eileen Garvey Sally Power Breda Callanan Catherine Freehill Betty Walsh
12 Noon	Marie Bowen Breda Lenihan Jacinta Jeffers Rena O'Connor Sean Farrell	5:30 pm	Maire McCullagh Olan O'Mahony Ann-Marie Whelan

Mary Hennigan

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	No Morning Mass
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	7:30 pm (Vigil)

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	

PARISH CLERGY

Priest on Duty	087-2479140
Fr. George O'Mahony P.P.	021-4871206
Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C.	021-4877161
Fr. Billy O'Sullivan C.C.	021-4876171
Fr. James McSweeney	021-4873308

Family Fun Day Fundraiser

Dripsey Sunday 8th of May
Lee Valley Vintage Rally
and Auto Jumble at Kilblafer, Dripsey
All proceeds raised in aid for
Children's Leukaemia Unit, Mercy Hospital, Cork.
Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin, Dublin.
Motor Bike run on day
Start at Viaduct onto Dunmanway and back to Dripsey.
Contact Denis Dineen (087)7460807 or (021)7334421

Parish Office, The Presbytery, Ballincollig is open Mon - Wed from 9 am - 1 pm & 2 pm - 3 pm. Sat 10:30 am - 12 Noon. Phone No. (021) 4871206, Office Secretary Catherine Crowley.

UCC Security and Community Policing, Barrack Street are delighted to once again present their annual charity concert, "A Summer's Evening on the Quad", which this year, raises funds for The Hope Foundation and Bee for Battens. This intimate concert, now in its 6th year takes place on **Friday 10th June** in UCC. The spectacular surroundings of UCC's Main Quad provide the perfect setting for this very special, outdoor, all-

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The Hope Foundation is one of the beneficiaries of this year's event, and funds raised will go towards helping the street and slum children of Calcutta, improving their quality of life, and giving them a brighter future. Currently funding over 60 projects, HOPE reaches out to the most forgotten; offering protection, healthcare, nutrition, education, rehabilitation and a family for life; and to date has reached out to almost 25,000 children through education alone and hundreds of thousands more through primary healthcare, in partnership with Irish Aid.

Tickets are just €30 for this very special evening and are available now from The Hope Foundation on (021) 4292990 or office@hopefoundation.ie.