

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 08-April-2012

Easter Sunday

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



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Jesus Christ is Risen, Alleluia!

Today we celebrate the risen Christ. The Easter story is at the heart of Christianity - it not only recalls the resurrection of Jesus or its impact on the first disciples but also the meaning of this event for our own lives and faith journey. Having reflected for forty days on the passion and death of Jesus Christ, we now celebrate his Resurrection. But more than that, we celebrate our own resurrection to new life in Jesus, through our faith and our Baptism. Jesus' resurrection reminds us that there is life beyond the grave. In raising his Son from the dead our heavenly Father promises to raise us too. As we hear in our second reading: 'when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.'

In the first Reading Peter is speaking after the baptism of Cornelius and his family. Because of his utter conviction that Jesus, who died on the Cross, is now alive, Peter is so filled with joy that he simply must share that joy and hope with the listening crowds - so that it can be theirs, too. As followers of Jesus, St Paul reminds us in our second reading, 'since you were brought back to 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. For you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God'.

In the Gospel, we hear of Mary Magdalen going early in the morning to the tomb of Jesus, only to see that the stone had been moved away from the tomb. She goes running back to Simon Peter and John saying 'they have taken the Lord out of the tomb and we don't know where they have put him'. Having returned to the tomb and seeing for themselves, they understood and they believed. Up to that moment, the Gospel says, "they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture that Jesus must rise from the dead". For us, sharing in the resurrection of Jesus and meeting the risen Christ is not just something we hope for in the future, it is also for us right now. Like Mary Magdalene let us search for the risen Jesus today and invite him to journey with us. Through our baptism we are called to be his witnesses and to proclaim Jesus' death and life to a world that longs for meaning in the midst of suffering. May each of us experience the love, joy and peace of the Risen Christ!

Sr. Colette

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Christ, the Morning Star, came back from the dead, and now sheds his peaceful light on the world. With his light shining on us, let us pray with confidence for all our needs.

Reader

For all believers: that they may be messengers of joy and hope to a world filled with sadness and despair.

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

For government leaders: that they may strive to end the conflicts which divide the world.

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

For prisoners: that the Lord who broke the chains of death may bring them comfort and hope.

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

For those who have no hope of eternal life: that they may hear and believe the Good News of Christ's victory over death.

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

For all who mourn: that Christ, who experienced the anguish of death, may console them.

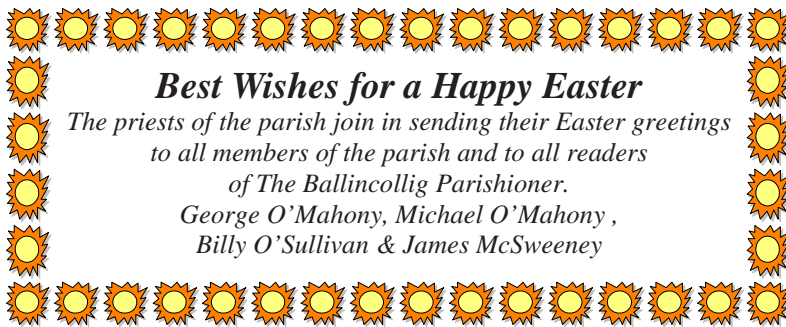
**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For a moment on this Easter Day, we remember in silence our own particular needs.

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

Priest

God of mercy, the power of this holy day drives away all evil, washes all guilt, restores lost innocence, and brings joy to those who mourn. May we celebrate the resurrection of your Son experience its power in our lives and in our world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. 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 The Ballincollig Parishioner.

George O'Mahony, Michael O'Mahony,
Billy O'Sullivan & James McSweeney

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 :

Ciara Angela Cooper, Fernwalk, Greenfields.
 Noah Robert Walsh, Beech Park.
 Madison Brooke Banks, Leeview.
 Aaron Philip Keohane, Carrigadrohid.
 Thomas Patrick Murphy, An Caislean.
 Layla Rose Rock, The Crescent, Old Quarter.
 Raphael Dumebi Bangura, Newgrange, An Caislean.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Margaret Cahill, Fairhill.
 Eily Lynch, Carriganarra.

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

Denis Walsh, Model Farm Road.
 Jerry O'Donovan & dec. family members, Wyndham Downs.
 Hughie & Neil O'Leary, Fair Hill & Romford.
 Tim Murphy, Clash.
 Paddy Deasy, Model Farm Road.
 Con O'Regan, Carriganarra.
 Maureen Cremin, Glasheen.
 John O'Mahony, Carriganarra.
 Barry Kelly, The Crescent.
 Tom O'Leary, Maglin View.
 Tommy Leahy, Killarney.
 Con Kelleher, Poulavone.
 Eileen Claffey, The Maltings.
 Thomas & Kathleen Holmes, Leo Murphy Terrace.
 Abina Murphy, The Lough.
 Brendan O'Mahony, Douglas.
 Tony Allen, Inniscarra View.
 Con O'Regan, Carriganarra.
 Eileen Moore, Dublin.
 Jim Burke, Glanworth.
 Vincent McLoughlin, Sligo.
 Margaret O'Mahony, Ballinora.
 Donal O'Halloran, Castlepark.

Thought for Today

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.

Troubled by someone else's drinking?

Try Al-anon. Local Meetings S V de P Centre Station Road
 Thursdays 8.30 pm. Phone: 021 4311899.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

The Easter Octave

08 Sunday Acts 10:34,37-43. Ps. 117. Col. 3:1-4 or 1 Cor. 5:6-9. In. 20:1-9. Lect I: 417
 09 Monday Acts 2:14, 22-33. Ps. 15. Mt. 28:8-15. Lect I: 423
 10 Tuesday Acts 2:36-41. Ps. 32. In. 20:11-18 Lect I: 425
 11 Wednesday Acts 3:1-10. Ps. 104. Lk. 24:13-35. Lect I: 427
 12 Thursday Acts 3: 11-26. Ps. 8. Lk. 24:35-48. Lect I: 430
 13 Friday Acts 4: 1-12. Ps. 117. Jn. 21: 1-14. Lect I: 432
 14 Saturday Acts 4: 13-21. Ps. 117. Mk. 16:9-15. Lect I: 435

Next Sunday's Readings 15-April-2012

Acts 4:32-35. Ps 117. 1 Jn 5:1-6. Jn 20:19-31. Lect I: 441

Dawn Outdoor Mass

Easter Sunday Morning
 6.30 am
 Beside the Lough Cork
 (Close to the Lough Church)
 Ample car parking at the Lough Church grounds

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 27th May 2012.
 Bus leaving village at 7.00 am sharp.
 Early booking advised. For details contact Sally (021) 4870954 or Kathleen (021) 4874730.

TROCAIRE

"So by our baptism into his death we were buried with him, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glorious power, we too should begin living a new life." Romans 6:4. On this Easter Sunday Trocaire thanks parishioners for their support of this year's Lenten campaign. This support will help thousands of people in northern Uganda as they begin their new lives after so much pain. Trocaire hopes you have a happy and peaceful Easter. For more information on the Lenten campaign visit www.trocaire.org/lent or call 1850 408 408

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts 10: 34, 37-43.

At a time when racism is one of the topics of discussion it is important to note the teaching of the Apostles. God chooses his elect no matter what their nationality. The whole tenor of St. Peter's speech shows that the Gentiles were included in the command of Jesus to preach to the whole world. Salvation is not a matter of race. Faith in Jesus is alone required.

Second Reading: Colossians 3: 1-4.

At Baptism Christians have died a mystical death when they went down into the cleansing waters, but they died only to be raised to a new life in Christ. This is more understandable when speaking of adult baptism. The adult who accepts baptism into Christianity dies to his old pagan way of life and comes out of the water a new person. To live a new life means to think, to love, to act in a new way.

Gospel: John 20: 1-9

One of the proofs of the Resurrection is the fact of the empty tomb. First Mary Magdalen, then Peter and John discover that there is no body in the tomb. The details show that body snatchers had not been at work. They would have never carefully divested the body of its linen bands before taking it away. The bandages were not in a confused heap, but were lying on the ledge. And the napkin that had been over his head was lying apart and carefully rolled up. John perceived the truth at once.

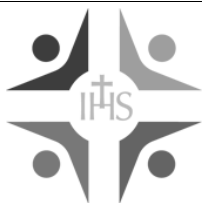
Ballincollig Parish Pilgrimage -To The Holy Land

"and now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem"

The 2012 Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land will depart from Cork Airport on a direct flight to Tel Aviv on Friday October 12th and will return from Tel Aviv on Friday October 19th.

The cost of the eight day pilgrimage will be € 1,250 including half-board accommodation and all taxes.

For the first four days we will be based in Tiberias on the Sea of Galilee and we will be based in Bethlehem from October 16th. Larry Cunningham will be the Pilgrimage Leader and Fr Billy O'Sullivan the Spiritual Director. The Tour Operator is Celebration Travel Ireland Limited. For further information contact Larry Cunningham at 4873364.



50th INTERNATIONAL
EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS
DUBLIN
June 2012

John 6: 54-56

Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise that person up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in that person.

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

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 28th April, 2012 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 April 9th Morning Mass at 9.30 am only in Church of St Mary & St John.

Children's Mass

The next Children's Mass for children in second class preparing for their first Holy Communion will take place on Sunday 22nd April, 2012, at 11.00 am in Church of Christ Our Light. The Parents of children who are seven and eight are asked to bring them to this Mass. Preparation with children commences in the main body of the church at 10.45 am. The Children retire to the crying room where they celebrate the Liturgy of the Word in a child friendly fashion. They will return to the main church at the start of the offertory procession

Spring Dues

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

Penitential Service

Thanks to everybody who came to take part in the Penitential Service in Christ Our Light on Monday April 2nd

Coeliac Host

Coeliac Host available at all Masses in both churches. Generally the Priest celebrating the Mass has the Coeliac Host. To help the Celebrant you might please let him know before the Mass.

Fr. George

How is Easter Sunday Determined?

The time of Easter is based on the cycles of the moon, the equinox, and seasons and things in nature. In simple (?) terms, Easter occurs on the first Sunday following the first full moon that occurs on or after the day of the vernal equinox (the first day of spring). This year the vernal equinox was Tuesday, March 20th. The first full moon after that was last Friday, April 6th. Thus, Easter Sunday is today, April 8th. The earliest Easter can be is March 22nd as it was last in 1818 and will be next in 2285. The latest Easter can be is April 25th as it was last in 1943 and will be next in 2038.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Apr-14 & Apr-15-2012

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Brendan Collins
Michael Collins
8:30 am
John Healy

10:00 am
Grace Buttimer
Orla Horgan
12:00 Noon
John Dorgan
Noella Ngenwie

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Fiona Feely

11:00 am
Cormac Manning
Marie Ni Niada
12:30 pm
Bernard Valley
Colm Walsh
5:30 pm
Emily Hardman

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	
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 **Saturday** 4:30 pm
Except First Saturday of Month First Saturday of Month
12:45 pm **Sunday**

PARISH CLERGY

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

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You may be eligible to receive training and work experience.

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Email ballincolligsocialproject@gmail.com



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Apr-14 & Apr-15-2012

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm	Steve Wills Margaret O'Sullivan Rita Aherne Danny Farrell Jim Walsh Frances O'Brien	7:30 pm	Anne O'Regan Mairead Murphy Finbarr Murray Lettie Kelly Mary Murphy
8:30 am	Mary Buckley Rita Murphy Denis Healy	11:00 am	Seamus O'Connell Mary O'Connell Alan O'Riordan Geraldine Keohane Gerard Murray
10:00 am	Christina Walsh Peter Reilly Mary Collins Christy Roche Katie O'Shea Claire Creedon	12:30 pm	Lucy O'Callaghan Jackie Sheehan Mary Green Michael O'Leary J.P.O'Leary
12 Noon	Oliver O'Donovan Miriam Maunsell Sean Hennessy Mary McLean Ellen Seymour Nora Hennessy	5:30 pm	Noelle Buckley Mary Breen



**For Families of Children Preparing for First Holy Communion
Learning About the Mass with Kath and Qumen
The Communion Rite**

The Lord's Prayer

The Communion Rite is when the priest invites us to stand to pray the Our Father together. This prayer is also called the Lord's Prayer because Jesus taught it to his friends when they asked him to teach them to pray like he did. Jesus called God 'Father', and so do we because we are God's children and part of God's family. The prayer tells us about how great God is, promises us that God will always look after us as a parent looks after their children and helps us to see how God would like us to be with each other.

The Sign of Peace

When we are at Mass we are there as part of God's family. At communion time we are invited to the Lord's Table to share the Bread of Life. It is like being asked to sit down and eat together and that is hard to do if we are not friends with someone else in the family. At this point in the Mass, as members of God's family who are about to share the Bread of Life together, we are invited to share a sign of peace with those around us. This is usually done by shaking hands and saying, 'Peace be with you.' We answer, 'And with your spirit.'

