

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 07-April-2013



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

## Second Sunday Of Easter

*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

### Reflection on Holy Week

Holy Week 2013 came very early in the calendar; it was also marked by days of harsh easterly wind accompanied by very low temperatures during the week and all of March. However for me Holy week 2013 was one of those weeks in a lifetime. The holy week ceremonies were well attended and more than attended worshippers came to participate. This is very encouraging.

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week but the preparation and planning for the week and its' ceremonies begin early in Lent in parish council meetings. The involvement of ministers of Word and Eucharist as well as choir, folk group, cantors and music groups at the ceremonies is but a fraction of the time that goes in to preparation and practice. The generosity of spirit, the talents and gifts of the many volunteers brings Holy Week alive for so many. The Sacristans and Altar societies provide support and preparation for worshippers and priests. Sincere thanks to each and everyone.

Today Thomas is the central character of the gospel, in particular his struggle to believe. Thomas is a reminder to each of us that doubt is part of believing, his admission of doubt and effort to believe is a reminder to us to treasure the gift of Faith that we are blessed with. Like all gifts faith is to be treasured, nurtured and we need the support of community if faith is to truly flourish. The readings today and over the coming weeks testify to the Resurrection of Christ, may we reflect on them and so nourish our faith in the Risen Lord.

*George O'Mahony*

### Reflection for Parents

Parents are often the source of hope and encouragement for their children. When a child falls repeatedly while learning to walk or ride a bike, it is a parent who coaxes, encourages, and praises the child. Parents provide hope and comfort when a child falls short of a goal whether in academics, relationships, sports, or the arts. Parents can relate to the role of Jesus with his disciples. They were frightened and discouraged but they found hope and relief with the peace and presence of Jesus. Today, on the Second Sunday of Easter, we continue our celebration of the risen Lord. Like the disciples, we too are filled with joy in seeing the risen Jesus.

### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

#### Priest

As people who have not seen yet believe, we bring our needs to the God who conquered death.

#### Reader

For the Church: that the Holy Spirit may deepen the faith of its members.

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

For those in high positions: that they may show special concern for the poorer and more disadvantaged members of our society.

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

For those whose faith is weak or non-existent: that the Lord may touch their minds and hearts through the lives of committed Christians.

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

For all gathered here: that our faith in Christ and his love for us may continue to grow in spite of doubts and difficulties.

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

For those who have died recently that they may share the victory over death won by Christ's resurrection.

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

For a moment, we remember in silence our own particular needs.

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

#### Priest

Lord, give us the certainty that beyond death there is a life where broken things are mended and lost things found; where there is rest for the weary and joy for the sad; where all that we have loved and willed of good exists, and where we will meet again our loved ones. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*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 :**

Lauren Eileen Kirby, An Caislean.  
 Emma Kaelyn O’Hea, The Sycamores, Classes Lake.  
 Ciara Anne Murphy, Aylsbury Mews.  
 Julie Nora Murray, Carrigrohane Road.

**† IN SYMPATHY †**

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

Hannah Mary (Ann) Considine, Mallow.  
 Mary Mullane, Muskerry Estate.  
 Joe & Eily Walsh, Mourneabbey.  
 Nell McGrath, Mount Desert Village / Richmond Hill.  
 Alan Collins, Bishopstown / Ballincollig.

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

Eileen Lynch, Carriganarra.  
 James & Agnes Spencer, West Village.  
 Frank Manning, Blackrock.  
 Annie Kavanagh, Wicklow.  
 Eilis Cooper, Togher.  
 Tadgh Kearney, Westcourt Heights.  
 Tim & Joan Murphy, Currabeg.  
 Con O’Driscoll, Ballincollig/Youghal.  
 Barry Kelly, The Crescent.  
 Gerard Dinneen, Kanturk.  
 John O’Mahony, Carriganarra.  
 William Walsh, Galway.  
 Kitty Murphy, Bishopstown/Powdermills.  
 Connie O’Regan, Carriganarra.  
 Abina Murphy, Lough Road.  
 Mamie Quinn, Powdermills.  
 Tony Allen, Inniscarra View.  
 Ellen Ryan, Waterfall.  
 Eileen Moore, Dublin.  
 Morgan O’Donovan, Classes Lake.  
 Paddy Deasy, Model Farm Road.  
 Tom, Eileen & James Madigan, East Gate.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Second Week Of Easter

07 Sunday Acts 5:12-16. Ps. 117. Apoc. 1:9-13, 17-19. Jn. 20: 19-31. Lect I: 444  
 08 Monday Is. 7: 10-14, 8: 1 O. Ps. 39. Heb. 10:4-10. Lk. 1 :26-38. Lect II: 985  
 09 Tuesday Acts 4:32-37. Ps. 92. Jn. 3:7-15. Lect I: 449  
 10 Wednesday Acts 5:17-26. Ps. 33. Jn. 3:16-21. Lect I: 452  
 11 Thursday Acts 5:27-33. Ps. 33. Jn. 3:31-36. Lect I: 454  
 12 Friday Acts 5:34-42. Ps. 26. Jn. 6: 1-15. Lect I: 456  
 13 Saturday Acts 6:1-7. Ps. 32. Jn. 6:16-21. Lect I: 459

**Next Sunday’s Readings 14-April-2013**

Acts 5:27-32,40-41. Ps. 29:2, 4-6. Apoc. 5:11-14. Jn. 21: 1-19. Lect I: 468



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 coins. 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.**

**Alpha Course Ballincollig**

Colaiste Choilm (Wooden Cabin)  
 Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2013 at 7.15pm – 9.00pm.  
*(continuing every Wednesday for 10 weeks)*  
**Contact info:-**  
**Gerard Dunne Telephone: 085 1555000 or 087 6293601**  
**Email: [AlphaBallincollig@gmail.com](mailto:AlphaBallincollig@gmail.com)**  
**For more info see [www.alphacourse.ie](http://www.alphacourse.ie).**

**Experienced Caregivers Required**

Home Instead Senior Care is looking for reliable, flexible Caregivers for the elderly in their own homes in the Ballincollig area. Fetac level 5 (or in process of completing) is desirable and own transport is essential. Please call 021 500 2205 Email CV to [cork@hisc.ie](mailto:cork@hisc.ie)

**CROWLEY**

**FUNERAL DIRECTORS**

*Bóthar Saclay, Ballincollig, Co. Cork*  
 Tel: 021-4874777 Mobile: 087-2759254  
 Email: [michaelfd@eircom.net](mailto:michaelfd@eircom.net)  
[www.crowleyfuneraldirectors.ie](http://www.crowleyfuneraldirectors.ie)  
 Complete Funeral Arrangements  
 24 Hour Service Embalming Service  
 Member I.A.F.D.  
 Golden Charter Funeral  
 Pre-Planning Available

**Ballincollig Athletic Club**

Regional Park - 5K Run  
 In memory of  
 Michael O'Donovan  
 Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup> 11:15 am Start  
 Runners aged 16 years and over  
 Visit [www.ballincolligathleticclub.com](http://www.ballincolligathleticclub.com) for details

**Volunteers Needed**

The Irish Cancer Society’s Care to Drive service is currently recruiting volunteers to drive local patients to and from their chemotherapy treatments in CUH, the Mercy and Kerry General hospitals. We are looking for volunteers from north, south & east Cork & Kerry to pick patients up at their homes, drive them to the hospital and bring them home again after treatment. The service is free to the patients and driver’s expenses are paid. If you are interested in volunteering, please telephone Gail on 01 2310 566 or email [transport@irishcancer.ie](mailto:transport@irishcancer.ie)

**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Acts 5:12-16

The earliest days of the Christian community existed in a period of harmony and success in preaching the Gospel. Like Jesus, the followers are able to heal the sick and those possessed by demons. They continue to gather for prayer near the temple of Jerusalem.

Second Reading: Apoc. 1:9-13. 17-19

The vision of Christ is a source of joy; he brings us divine mercy in person. Like John the Apostle, we welcome the sight of the Lord. Jesus Christ is risen, our light and our life.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Following Jesus' crucifixion the disciples were still uncertain of his message. They lost hope, were filled with fear, and locked themselves in a room. Without entering through the door, Jesus appeared before them with a greeting of peace and a mission to spread the Good News. The disciple, Thomas, was not in the room. When he learned of Jesus' visit, he would not believe it. But about a week later, Jesus appeared in a similar way and Thomas was with the others. Jesus invited Thomas to touch the wounds in his hands and side. Thomas knew immediately that it was Jesus and believed in him.

**Choir Concert**

Spring Concert given by The Orpheus Choir (Musical Director: Hilary Reynolds) with special guests: Cantabile Vocal Ensemble (Musical Director: Mary O'Brien) and Colin Nicholls - piano on Saturday, 13th. April, 2013 at 8pm in the school hall of Gaelscoil Ui Riordain. Tickets €10 - available at the school reception. Enquiries: [theorpheuschoircocork.com](http://theorpheuschoircocork.com)

**"Mothers' Prayers"**

**Recommence**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 10.30 a.m**

**at Meeting Room at Christ our Light Church**

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 10.00 a.m**

**At Parish house - 'Sonas' - Station Road**

*(almost opposite Parish Community Hall)*

We welcome all Mothers, Grandmothers, God-mothers to join us in prayer for our children and the youth of our parish on one of these mornings.

**Ballincollig Parish**

**Bereavement Support Group**

A Bereavement Support Programme will commence in Ballincollig on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April** and will continue each Tuesday night for 8 weeks (7.30 to 9.30 pm). It is held in a small group setting and is open to anyone who is experiencing the grief and loss of a loved one. It also provides the opportunity to share one's own personal grief and experience the support of others in a confidential setting. For further details please contact: **Sr Colette at 086.3557375**

**Bulletin Board**

**Easter Collection**

The Priests of the parish Fr. George & Fr. Dave would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generosity in the Easter collection. This is much appreciated.

**Altar Servers**

Volunteers are invited to serve as Altar Servers in both Churches. Please contact any priest, together with parents, or contact parish office Phone: 021 4871206.

**Baptism Preparation**

The next Baptism preparation will take place on **Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Thank You**

Sincere thanks to the many people who gave their time throughout the Easter period, Ministers of the Word, Ministers of the Eucharist, Altar Society, Altar Servers, Choirs, Cantors, Folk Group, Collectors, the Scouts, Cleaners, Parish Council, The Parishioner and Parish Council Sub Groups, the Sacristans in both Churches, People who distributed dues envelopes and the various flyers. Thanks also to the many people who attended and participated in the Easter Ceremonies.

**Special Collection for Diocesan Needs.**

The next collection for Diocesan needs will be taken up at all Masses next week end Sat & Sun 13th & 14th April.

**Spring Dues**

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

**Fr. George**

**Croí na Gaeilge**

Is holding a Leaving Certificate Honours Irish Intensive 4-Hour Preparation Course for the written exam (worth 50% of total exam marks) on Sunday April 28th from 2-6 pm. Course given by an Experienced Teacher / Exam Corrector and open to all 5th and 6th Year students in Ballincollig and surrounding areas. All Topics Will Be Covered (including poetry, próis, general essay phrases, comprehension, and grammar). Early Booking Is Advisable - (Tel. 085 1541560)

**Cork Cancer Support House**

Cork Arc Cancer Support House is looking for Volunteers to help with their Annual Flag Day in Ballincollig on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2013. This Volunteer Fundraising will help them to continue to offer their vital cancer support free of charge to cancer patients and their families.

Please contact Hilary Sullivan, Head of Fundraising on 021 4274691 or email [hilary@corkcancersupport.ie](mailto:hilary@corkcancersupport.ie). For more information about the work we do please visit [www.corkcancersupport.ie](http://www.corkcancersupport.ie)

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Apr-13 & Apr-14-2013

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**  
Daniel McAuliffe  
Laura O'Keefe  
**8:30 am**  
Tom McDonagh

**10:00 am**  
Sean Collins  
Kate Collins  
**12:00 Noon**  
Declan Chalmers  
Niamh Keelan

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**  
Chidera Ebili

**11:00 am**  
Sorcha Nic Mheanmain  
Maire Buckley

**12:30 pm**  
Cathy Naughton  
Una Lynch  
**5:30 pm**  
Christine O'Brien

**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**

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. Dave O'Connell C.C.**

**087-2479140**

**Fr. James McSweeney**

**021-4873308**

**Social / Coffee Mornings**

Continue every Friday morning in parish house "Sonas"  
on Station Road at 10 am.

Everyone welcome as it is an ideal opportunity to get  
and know people from our community.

**Knock**

Legion of Mary Annual Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday  
26<sup>th</sup> May 2013. Bus leaving village at 7.00 am sharp. Early  
booking advised. For details contact;  
Sally (021) 4870954 or Cathleen (021) 4874730.

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Apr-13 & Apr-14-2013



**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6.00 pm** Steve Wills  
Margaret O'Sullivan  
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 / Tom  
Butler

**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



**Entente Florale 2013**

Ballincollig has been nominated by The Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government to represent Ireland in the large town category of the 2013 European Entente Florale Competition.

This is huge honour for our town, on Friday July 26<sup>th</sup> we will have delegates from eleven European countries visit our town to judge and view the many aspects that has seen Ballincollig develop to the status we have today.

The overall aim of the Association is the social and cultural development and enhancement of the quality of life of residents. In pursuit of these aims, the Association encourages increased environmental awareness, improved environmental education and communication, sustainable development and environmentally sensitive landscape policies.

A lot of preparation is already underway to have Ballincollig ready for this very special day. To hear more about the Competition **YOU** are invited to attend a Public Information Meeting in The Oriel House Hotel on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm. This meeting is to advise people of what is required for Ballincollig to do well.

Entente Florale is a community initiative and it is critical everybody in the various committees, businesses, clubs, schools, shops, commercial premises, churches, homeowners and community organisations get involved to ensure that Ballincollig attains the highest accolade and achieve 'GOLD Medal' status.