

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

150 Years



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 20-March-2016

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

Passion of Jesus

Palm Sunday is the day an account of the Passion of Jesus is read as we try to listen. We are reminded of the fickle nature of human beings as his friends made promising noises to stand by Jesus but quickly denied him; fell asleep and others ran away. Many of the religious leaders were determined to shut up Jesus by any means at their disposal and this led to the crucifixion and death of Jesus.

The emphasis is on Jesus, the central character of the story. We are reminded of His fidelity, His courage and the goodness of Jesus. Against the darkness of His trial, His rejection, suffering and lonely journey to Calvary is a reminder that evil and wickedness can very easily triumph over goodness. The goodness, dignity and integrity of Jesus stand out in the midst of the mayhem. On the surface, it may seem as a defeat for Jesus. In reality it is a victory, the triumph of good over evil, of love over hate, of light over darkness and life over death.

The Passion is also an account of Jesus' response to what was done to Him. He absorbed all the violence, transformed it and returned it as love and forgiveness. This was the victory of love over the power of destruction. The love poured out of Him when nailed to the cross. To the criminal dying on the cross, Jesus promised "indeed, I promise you" he replied "today you will be with me in paradise Lk 23; 42. "Father forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

May the church strive to be a community of grace, a community inspired by God's mercy and forgiveness.

Happy Easter to all and please make an effort to take part in the ceremonies of Holy week.

George O'Mahony

Reflection for Parents

There is much to reflect on in this reading. One interesting note, however, is the different responses Judas and Peter had when they came face to face with their rejection of Christ. After his three denials, Peter "wept bitterly." These tears of regret led the way to reconciliation when Peter first encountered the risen Christ. Judas, on the other hand, knew what he did was wrong, but he couldn't face the hopelessness his actions brought. To relieve the pain of what he had done, Judas took his own life. Some days it is difficult (even beyond measure) to be a parent. The lesson we learn today is that reconciliation and healing bring us long-term joy instead of living in the harsh bitterness of despair.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

This week we celebrate the love that God has shown us in Christ. Let us now turn and bring our many needs before him with confidence.

Reader

For Christians: that they may learn from the example of Jesus' disciples on the first Palm Sunday not be afraid to show loyalty to Christ in front of unbelievers and cynics.

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

For those who administer our justice system: that they may strive to ensure that in all cases the truth is told and justice is done.

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

For those who are unjustly deprived of liberty and life.

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

For all gathered here: that we may be aware of those who suffer so that they may not carry their cross alone.

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

For those who are suffering the effects of war, famine and persecution in particular the people of Aleppo.

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

For each other and for ourselves: that meditating on the Passion may help us to bear our own sufferings in a Christ like way.

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

Priest

Lord God, your Son showed his love for us in suffering and dying for us. Help us to return his love by loving one another. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Fr. Sean McCarthy, Enniskeane/Bantry.
Mary O’Leary, Clondrohid.

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

William & Mary Murphy, Kilmichael.
Alan O’Callaghan, Aherla.
Jerry & Kitty Hallahan, Kilmichael.
Joseph O’Shea, Scotch Farm, Model Farm Road.
Christy Cronin, Sunday’s Well.
John Emperor, Rockchapel.
Jeremiah & Mary O’Regan, Poulavone.
Joe & Betty LeBlance, Main Street.
Dec. members of Parker & O’Regan families.
Peggy Duggan, Coachford.
Ena O’Shea, Innishannon.
Tim Murphy, The Quadrants.
William Murphy, Model Farm Road.
Mary & John O’Connor, Powdermills.
Mary & Michael Harrington, Douglas Street.
Nellie Murray, Ballingearry.
Cunningham, Waterford.
Trevor Philips, England.

Bulletin Board

Easter collection for Priests of the Parish

According to the Diocesan custom, the collection at Easter Masses is one of two collections during the year when the offertory collection goes to the priests of the parish

Chrism Mass

Bishop Buckley invites you to the Chrism Mass in the Cathedral on Holy Thursday, March 24th at 10.00 am. It is an occasion of Special thanksgiving as the Oils for the Celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and the Anointing of the Sick are blessed.

Reconciliation Service

Penitential service in Church of Christ Our Light on Monday 21st March at 7.00 pm. This is an opportunity to gather as a faith community and acknowledge our need of God’s forgiveness as we prepare for Easter.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday April 2nd at 12.00 noon in the Annex, 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.

Passover Meal.

The Passover Meal will be celebrated on Tuesday 22nd March in the Library, Community Hall at 7pm. Limited number, names please to the Parish Office 021 487 1206, if interested.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Holy Week

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

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

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

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

24 Thursday Ex. 12:1-8,11-14. Ps. 115.1 Cor. 11:23-26. Jn. 13:1-15. Lect I: 387

25 Friday Is. 52: 13-53: 12. Ps. 30. Heb. 4: 14-16, 5:7-9. Jn. 18: 1-19:42. Lect I: 390

26 Saturday

Next Sunday’s Readings 27-March-2016

Acts 10:34,37-43. Ps. 117. Col. 3:1-4 or 1 Cor. 5:6-9. In. 20:1-9. Lect I: 417

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Envelope Collection

Holy Places (Holy Land) - Good Friday
The Collection for the Holy Land reminds us of an “ancient” duty, which the history of recent years has made more urgent, but no less a source of joy that comes from helping our brothers.

Holy Week

Is a central week in the Church's year. This week recalls and re-enacts the highpoint in God's love and Jesus revealing Him to us. The most important part of Holy Week for me is when Christ stoops to wash the feet of his friends. The washing of the feet had an unsuspecting 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.

Stations of the Cross

Preparations are in progress for the outdoor Stations to be held again this year in Ballincollig. It is proposed that the 14 Stations will be held out of doors, with the Stations in various positions in Ballincollig. The aim of having the stations out of doors is to bring the stations to the community which will enable the people of Ballincollig to follow the cross, and become actively involved. Last year many people found it a moving event and we look forward to as many as possible taking part. Please join us at the church of St Mary & St John on Good Friday, March 25th at noon.

Easter Vigil

Parishioners are reminded to bring candles to the Easter Vigil Ceremonies at 7.30 pm in Christ Our Light and 9pm in St Mary & St John on Holy Saturday evening. Please take special care to avoid dripping candle grease on the floor or on the seats.

Holy Week Ceremonies 20th March to 26th March

St. Mary & St. John		
Day	Event	Time
Sunday	Normal Masses	8:30 am, 10 am 12 noon
Monday	Normal Masses	9:30 am
Tuesday	Normal Masses	9:30 am
Wednesday	Normal Masses	9:30 am
Holy Thursday	No Morning Mass	
	Mass of the Last Supper followed by Adoration & Holy Hour	8:00 pm
	Confessions	12.00 to 1.00 pm
	Confessions	7.00 to 8.00 pm
Good Friday	Stations of the Cross	12.00 Outdoor & 3.00 pm
	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	8.00 pm
	Confessions	After All Ceremonies
Holy Saturday	No Morning Mass	
	Confessions	11.30 am to 2.00 pm
	Evening Mass	6.00 pm
	Easter Vigil & Mass	9.00 pm
Christ Our Light		
Day	Event	Time
Sunday	Normal Masses	11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm
Monday	Normal Masses	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
	Reconciliation Service	7:00 pm
Tuesday	Normal Masses	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
Wednesday	Normal Masses	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
Holy Thursday	No Morning Mass	
	Mass of the Last Supper followed by Adoration & Holy Hour	6.30 pm
	Confessions	After 6:30 pm Mass
Good Friday	Stations of the Cross	12.00 (Outdoor) & 3 pm (Children)
	Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Including Taize Prayer)	6.30 pm
	Confessions	After All Ceremonies
Holy Saturday	No Morning Mass	
	Easter Vigil & Mass	7.30 pm

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

The servant of the Lord was rebuffed but did not turn back; he was beaten and spat upon. The suffering one knew the Lord God was with him.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Christ was in the form of God but did not consider equality with God a thing to be grasped at. He emptied himself, took the form of a slave, and was obedient unto death! Therefore, God exalted him, and all proclaim him Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66

Each year on this Sunday we follow the events of Jesus' life from the time he entered Jerusalem until the point where he was laid in the tomb after his crucifixion. Jesus first entered Jerusalem riding a donkey amid waving palm leaves. It was in Jerusalem that he foretold Judas' betrayal, Peter's denial, and established the Eucharist at the Passover meal. Jesus took his disciples into Gethsemane to pray, but they could not stay awake with him. In the garden, Jesus was turned over to the authorities, tried before the Sanhedrin, brought to Pilate, and sentenced to death. When offered a choice during the festival to release a prisoner, the people chose the release of Barabbas. Their choice was beyond Pilate's comprehension, so he symbolically washed his hands of the whole deal. Jesus was turned over to the Roman authorities for crucifixion and mocked by them. Finally, Jesus died on the cross. The earth darkened and quaked. He was prepared quickly for burial and laid in the tomb.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Mar-26 & Mar-27-2016

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Sandra Walsh / Brayden Peck
Emma O'Connor
8:30 am
Triona Downey
Riain Brennan
10:00 am
Tony Hegarty
Daithi O'Floinn
12:00 Noon
Declan Chalmers
Sean Manley

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Joseph Manning
Niamh Murray
11:00 am
Tomas Buckley
Michael Buckley
12:30 pm
James Nyagaya
Laura O'Leary
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 & 6:30 pm
9:30 am	Tuesday	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am	Wednesday	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
8:00 pm	Thursday	6:30 pm
8:00 pm	Friday	6:30 pm
6 pm & 9 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
Fr. George O'Mahony P.P.	021-4871206
Fr. Cian O'Sullivan C.C.	021-4876171

Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

Week 21st Mar to 27th Mar

Tim Murphy
Siobhan Glavin

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.

First Holy Communion Dates 2016

Scoil Mhuire	Saturday April 23rd
Scoil Barra	Saturday May 14th
Our Lady of Good Counsel	Saturday May 14th
Scoil Eoin	Saturday May 21st
Gaelscoil Ui Riordan	Saturday May 28th

Confirmation Dates 2016

Wednesday 6th April	Scoil Barra
Wednesday 6th April	Our Lady of Good Counsel
Thursday 7th April	Scoil Eoin
Monday 9th May	Scoil Mhuire
Friday 20th May	Gaelscoil Ui Riordan



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

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St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

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

7:30 pm Sheila O'Connor
Martin O'Regan
Brid Healy-Harris
Kit Cahill

8:30 am Theresa Lucey
Tom Butler
Triona Collins

11:00 am Carmel Ryan
Eileen Byrne
Bernadett Spillane
Laurence / Angela Cunningham
David Mahony / Stella McVeigh

10:00 am Margaret Bunyan
Mary Murphy
Joan Tobin
Breda Monaghan
Niamh Nic Gearailt
Mary Hennigan

12:30 pm Eileen Garvey
Breda Callanan
Catherine Freehill
Betty Walsh

12 Noon Marie Bowen
Breda Lenihan
Jacinta Jeffers
Rena O'Connor
Sean Farrell

5:30 pm Olan O'Mahony
Noel Kelleher

BAPTISMS

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

Tiernan Gerard John O'Riordan, The Lawn, Coolroe Meadows.
Aisling Barr, Grange, Ovens.
Olivia Margaret Cotter, The Sycamores, Classes Lake.
Kate Yvonne Broderick, Westcourt.
Clodagh Eleanor Murphy, Knockburden, Ovens

Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can read
Mark Twain