

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

## Sunday 27-March-2016

### 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

### Jubilee Year of Mercy

“Which of these three, do you think proved a neighbour to the man who fell among robbers?. He said; “ The one who showed mercy to him.” Jesus said, “Go and do likewise. (Lk 10; 36.)

Pope Francis on December 8th announced the extraordinary year of mercy. This is the First Holy Year to celebrate not an anniversary of any kind, but a distinctive quality of the Lord himself which is highlighted so much in the Old and New Testament, His mercy.

The logo for the Holy year is in itself a summary of the theme of mercy. The logo shows Jesus, like the Good Samaritan taking on his shoulders the lost and the strayed. The colours of the background go from darkness to light as they extend towards the outer edge and this suggests the way by which Christ carries humanity out of a life of sin and death.

Mercy is the very foundation of the Christian life. It is a very down to earth way of responding to those who are suffering in any way or in need of material, spiritual or emotional help. It is a spring that will never run dry no matter how many will draw on it. The pages of the Old Testament are steeped in mercy. One of the great leaders of the Old Testament was King David. In his young life, he sadly went astray; there was a betrayal of trust. David has given us the great prayer of mercy and compassion.

“Have mercy on me God in your kindness,  
In your compassion blot out my offence,  
Oh wash me more and more from my guilt  
And cleanse me from my sin.”

*George O'Mahony*

### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

**Priest**

Christ, the Morning Star, has come back from the dead, and now sheds his peaceful light on the world. Let us pray to him with confidence for all our needs.

**Reader**

That the Lord's light may shine on all his followers, and renew their faith and hope.

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

That his light may shine on world leaders, encouraging them in their search for justice and peace.

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

That his light may shine on the bereaved, especially the victims of the Donegal & Brussels tragedies.

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

That his light may shine on the sick and troubled.

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

That his light may shine on prisoners.

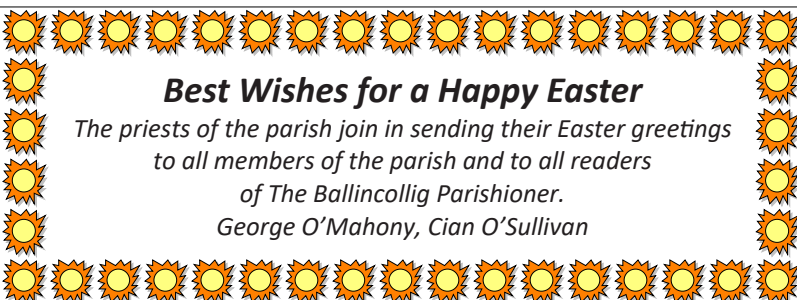
**Lord, Hear us,  
Lord, graciously hear us.**

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.**

**Priest**

God our Father, you raised your Son from the darkness of death, and brought him into the glorious light of your kingdom. Grant that we may follow his light faithfully and come to your kingdom where there are no more shattered hopes or broken dreams. 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, Cian O'Sullivan*

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

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

John Buckley, Rathcoole.  
 Rita Collins, Caragh/Drimoleague.  
 Sean Hurley, Enniskeane.  
 Maura O'Donovan, Shamrock Drive.  
 Martin Muldoon, Crossbarry.  
 Bernadette O'Sullivan, Bishopstown.

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

John & Mary Boyde, Main Street.  
 Jimmy Langan, Donegal.  
 Jack & Valerie French, Cobh.  
 Peter Carmody, Clare.  
 Eileen O'Donovan, Rosewood  
 Hamida Khatun Power, India.  
 Vera Walsh, The Maltings.  
 Michael Hennigan, Woodbine Lawn.  
 Theresa O'Farrell, Station Road.  
 James Doyle, Glendower.  
 Breda Ryan, Kilmurry & Ballincollig.  
 McCarthy family, Kenmare.  
 Sean, Jack, & Nellie Mai Murphy, Kiskeam.  
 Edel Elizabeth Murphy, Kiskeam.  
 Kitty Barry, Hodder Villas  
 Bernie O'Connell, Kilnaglory.  
 Michael J. Sexton, Clash.  
 Ann & John Hogan, Tipperary.  
 Geraldine O'Sullivan O'Brien, Wales & Timoleague.  
 Jim Greene, The Square.  
 Paddy Murphy, Inniscarra.  
 Mary O'Donovan, Ballinspittle.  
 Kitty O'Sullivan, Tudor Grove.  
 Helena Long, Dunbar Street.  
 Robert Cuthbert, Douglas.  
 Paddy Hegarty, Caheragh.  
 Tom McAuliffe, The Square.

**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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

The Easter Season

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

**Next Sunday's Readings 03-April-2016**

Acts 2:42-47. Ps. 117. 1 Pet. 1:3-9. Jn. 20:19-31. Lect I: 438

**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 Sunday, March 20th. The first full moon after that was last Wednesday, March 23rd. Thus, Easter Sunday is today, March 27th. 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.

**A Thought for Today**

The Greatest Man in history is Jesus. He had no servants, yet they called Him Master. He had No degree, yet they called Him Teacher. He had no medicines, yet they called Him Healer. He had no, army, yet kings feared Him. He won no military battles, yet He conquered the world. He committed no crime, yet they crucified him. He was buried in a tomb, yet He lives today.

**BAPTISMS**

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

Aisling Lucy O'Shea, Glincool Crescent.  
 Cillian Patrick McCullagh, Mill Range, Powdermills.  
 Jessica Michelle Hobbs, Waterfall.  
 Sachiel Alexios Fernandes, Tudor Grove, Station Road.  
 Ross John O'Leary, Maple Lawn, Muskerry Estate.

**CROWLEY**

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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.

**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.**

**The Church of the Assumption,  
 Ballypnehane**

Was opened on Easter Sunday in 1956.  
 Many of the roads in the parish of Ballypnehane are called after the seven signatories of the 1916 Proclamation and our 12 noon Mass on Domhnach na Cásca, 27 Márta 2016 will be con-celebrated to mark these significant occasions.

**Death Has No Power over Him**

The certainty of death hangs over every human life. In every human heart lies the fundamental question about what life means and where it leads. Today we celebrate our faith that God's eternal Son has died, as we must do, to show us that death with him is the gateway to a world in which our deepest questions are answered and our deepest longings fulfilled.

**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.

**Easter Greetings**

We wish all our parishioners a very happy Easter. Spring is a special time of year; it brings new life in the animal world as well as the world of nature. The longer and brighter days help to lift the spirits of many. Easter is also a very special time for the Christian family. Holy week celebrates the major Christian truths. We have a saviour who died for us and is risen from the dead, giving us a promise and hope that we too will triumph over darkness and death. May we enjoy the Easter time and be refreshed by the promise of life and light from the Saviour Jesus.

**Bank Holiday Monday**

Monday March 28th Morning Mass at 9.30am in Church of St Mary & St John.

**Trocaire Boxes**

Please return Trocaire Boxes to the schools or to the church; when returned the money will be lodged in the Trocaire Account.

**First Friday**

Friday April 1st is the first Friday of the month. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St Mary & St John from 6.30pm to 7.45pm, you are invited to come and spend some time with the Lord. There is Mass in St Mary & St John on Friday evening at 8.00pm. The priests of the parish visit the sick of the parish on the first Friday of each month; please let us know if you have a family member or neighbour who is sick or housebound.

**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.

**Fr. George**

**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.

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Apr-02 & Apr-03-2016

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**  
Aine Sheehan  
Michael Collins  
**8:30 am**  
Tom McDonagh  
Sean Casey  
**10:00 am**  
Diandra Buckley  
Oisín Morin  
**12:00 Noon**  
Sean Hennessy  
Shane Lehane

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**  
Pauline Collins  
Dyan Ebili  
**11:00 am**  
Cormac Manning  
  
**12:30 pm**  
Aisling Dore  
Clara Herdman  
**5:30 pm**  
Marlyn O'Connor

**MASS TIMES**

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon	<b>Sunday</b>	11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm
9:30 am	<b>Monday</b>	No Mass
9:30 am	<b>Tuesday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Thursday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am & 8 pm	<b>Friday</b>	8:30 am
10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)	<b>Saturday</b>	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	<b>Saturday</b>	4:30 pm First Saturday of Month
12:45 pm	<b>Sunday</b>	

**PARISH CLERGY**

Priest on Duty	087-2479140
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Fr. Cian O'Sullivan C.C.	021-4876171

**Funeral Pastoral Team Rota**

Week 28th March April to 3rd April

Michael O'Leary  
Kay O'Sullivan

**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.



**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Apr-02 & Apr-03-2016

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6.00 pm** Eileen Murphy  
Ted Nelligan  
Maurice Bunyan  
Sheila Walshe  
Katie Collins  
Aisling Leahy

**7:30 pm** John O'Donoghue  
Mary Dineen  
Mairead Keenan  
Kay O'Sullivan

**8:30 am** Helen Kelly  
Michael Crowley  
Eileen Corkery

**11:00 am** Mona Bowen  
Diarmuid Horgan  
Bill Barry / Sylvia Manley  
Mary Aylward  
Pauline Baston

**10:00 am** Fionnuala McDonagh  
Mary Buckley  
Fiona Kelly  
Mary O'Regan  
Martin O'Leary  
Andrej Janukowicz

**12:30 pm** Maura O'Driscoll  
Mary Lehane  
Dympna Byrne  
Suzanne Leech

**12 Noon** Ann-Marie Cosgrove  
Phil Kennedy  
Ellen O'Sullivan  
Ursula McAuliffe  
Sally Crowley  
Helen Plunkett

**5:30 pm** Shelia Curran  
Elizabeth O'Sullivan

**Marriage Encounter**

Is a worldwide Catholic voluntary organization that presents the Marriage Encounter Weekend in more than 90 countries. Presented by three married couples and a priest, the weekend is a residential workshop that offers married couples with a good relationship the opportunity to explore, renew and enrich what they already have going for them in a way that completely respects their privacy.

It is very much about spouses being in a unique sacramental relationship that involves not only them but also God, their family and the wider community of the Church. In his Wednesday catechesis of 2nd April 2014, Pope Francis said: Marriage is the icon of God's love for us.

Our next Marriage Encounter Weekend will be from 15th -17th April 2016 (8:00 pm Friday to 4:30 pm Sunday) at the Cork International Hotel. Details of our weekends and lots more information is provided on our website [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie) or phone Ph.086-8334382 / 087-2162436

**Mass Notice**

The Annual Parkinson's Mass for People With Parkinson's, their families and friends will take place at St. Patricks Church, Rochestown Road, Cork on Thursday 13th April at 7.00 pm. All Welcome

**Music Morning**

Monthly Music Morning will take place in the Ballincollig Library on Tuesday March 29th at 11am. It will be presented by Paddy O'Gorman. Everyone most welcome. A cuppa will be served.