

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 21-April-2019

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

Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection

Many people have stood by a grave with lots of difficult questions coming to the fore. Questions ranging from what will my friend discover beyond the grave? How will I cope with the death, loss and grief? The future can look pretty bleak.

Mary and the disciples were full of grief, sadness and their hearts were broken as they prepared to visit the grave of a son, a friend and someone they loved and respected. Quickly their lives were filled with confusion as Mary and the women brought word, the grave is empty and they passed on the message "He is not here, He is risen". The news was confirmed by others and gradually the news spread through the circle of family and friends. They remembered the words of Jesus, "I am the resurrection and the life". Slowly it dawned on them there is more than his miracles, reputation and good deeds to Jesus.

We believe and it is the essence of our faith that we are more than our possessions, our accomplishments and our reputations. The essence of who I am is that I am unique and loved by God. We are God's chosen ones. That first Easter morning Jesus was transformed and restored to his mother and friends. The Easter gift is to believe that we are the beloved of God who will love us forever in a way that is totally beyond our understanding.

Fr. George O'Mahony

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

In the newness and hope of this Easter night/day, let us turn to God in joyful prayer.

Reader

May the light and promise of Easter shine through the Church's preaching, teaching and good works, so that all may come to believe in the Christ whom the Father sent.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who, in various parts of the world, are baptised on this holy night/day. May their hearts be joyful and their lives be a clear witness to Christ.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For nations and societies entombed by war, injustice and civil unrest. May the power of Christ's resurrection enable them to find the way to peace.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For this, our parish community; May the grace of this night and of the Easter Season bring us a time of renewal and blessing.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For all our dead; May they not be held captive by the tomb, but come to share in the resurrection.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

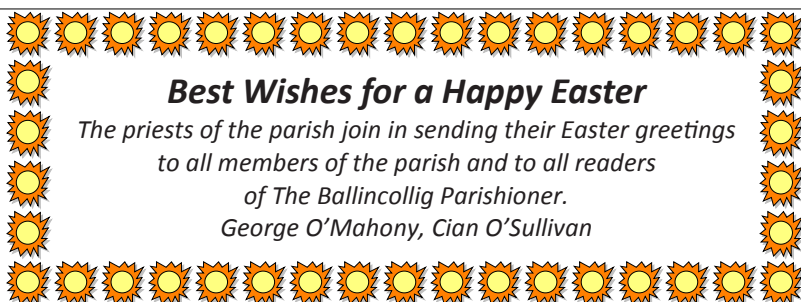
We pray for the needs of all here present.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest

We thank you, Father, that we are born anew, set free to live with the dignity of your beloved children. 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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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS OR OTHERWISE REMEMBERED:

Dan & Ellen Collins, Ovens/Westgate.
 Jeremy Lynch, Limeworth.
 Gillian Drinan, Churchview.
 Matthew O’Leary, Carriganarra Estate.
 Helen Coomey, Carriganarra/New Hampshire
 Ellen Ryan, Waterfall.
 Eugene & Bridie O’Sullivan, Ballingearry.
 John Meehan, Glasgow/Cork.
 Jeremiah Cunningham, Dillon’s Cross.
 Seán-Jack Murphy, Kiskeam.
 Nellie-Mai Murphy, Kiskeam.
 Edel-Elizabeth Murphy, Kiskeam.
 Margaret Kenneally, Curraheen.
 Mary & William Murphy, Blarney.
 Catherine/Michael Hayes, Clonmult.
 Billy Holmes, Kerry Pike.
 Danny Downing, Bandon.
 Kitty O’Shea, Clonakilty.
 Eileen Murphy, Muskerry Est.
 Daisy Downing, Bandon.

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.

Reflection

Last night we heard the words, ‘What good would life have been to us had Christ not come as our Redeemer?’ This is not to denigrate the gift of life which we have been given. Rather it directs us where to search if we want to find a meaning to life. It is God who gives us life. It is Christ who gives life its primary significance namely, the opportunity to embrace discipleship of the Father. Today we celebrate God’s vindication of the choice Jesus made. The same choice is also ours.

Save the Date

Ballincollig Darkness into Light 2019
 Saturday 11th May , 4.15 a.m.
 Registration is now open on dil.pieta.ie

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Easter Week

21 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
 22 Monday Acts 2: 14, 22-32. Ps. 15. Mt. 28:8-15. Lect I: 423
 23 Tuesday Acts 2:36-41. Ps. 32. Jn. 20: 11-18. Lect I: 425
 24 Wednesday Acts 3: 1-10. Ps. 104. Lk. 24: 13-35. Lect I: 427
 25 Thursday Acts 3: 11-26. Ps. 8. Lk. 24:35-48. Lect I: 430
 26 Friday Acts 4:1-12. Ps. 117. Jn. 21 :1-14. Lect I:432
 27 Saturday Acts 4: 13-21. Ps. 117. Mk. 16:9-15. Lect I: 435

Next Sunday’s Readings 28-April-2019

Acts 5:12-16. Ps. 117. Apoc. 1:9-13, 17-19. Jn. 20: 19-31. Lect I: 444

How is Easter Sunday Determined?

In years in which the church’s March equinox and Paschal Full Moon dates do not coincide with the astronomical dates of these events, confusion about the date of Easter can arise. In 2019, for example, the March equinox in the Western Hemisphere happened on Wednesday, March 20, while the first Full Moon in spring was on Thursday, March 21 in many time zones. If the church followed the timing of these astronomical events, Easter would have been celebrated on March 24, the Sunday after the Full Moon on March 21.

However, the Full Moon date in March specified by the church’s lunar calendar, also called the ecclesiastical Full Moon, was March 20, 2019—one day before the ecclesiastical date of the March equinox, March 21. For that reason, the Easter date 2019 is based on the next ecclesiastical Full Moon, which is on April 18. This is why Easter 2019 falls on April 21.

BAPTISMS

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

Joe David Connaughton, Classis Lake.
 Emily Forde, Muskerry Estate.
 Freya Jean Brunt, Greenfields.

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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.

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.

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 April 22nd 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.

Fr. George

Money Found

A small sum of money was found outside Christ our Light Church on March 19th. Enquiries to the sacristy.

Information Session

Is God calling you to be a priest in our diocese? Come to our information session on Sunday 12th May from 3:00pm to 6:00pm at the Pastoral Development Office, Parochial House, Ballypnehane. Contact Fr Charlie Kiely 021-4537474.

Pilgrimage to Knock

Legion of Mary annual Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Sunday, 26th May 2019. Bus leaving from outside Garda Station at 7.30am sharp. For more details contact: Sally 021-4870954 or Cathleen 021-4874730.

Irish Heart Foundation

FREE CPR Training: The Irish Heart Foundation is on a mission to save lives through our Hands for Life programme. We are offering Free One Hour CPR training courses in Ballincollig GAA Club, Powder Mills Tuesday 30th April at 10.00, 11.30 & 1.00. To secure your place on these courses please visit our website at www.irishheart.ie/handsforlife or ring 01 6685001. Places are limited.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Apr-27 & Apr-28-2019

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
 Niamh O'Riordan
 Ciara O'Sullivan
8:30 am
 Triona Downey
 Riain Brennan / Miriam Healy
10:00 am
 Louise McCarthy

12:00 Noon
 Katie Tobin
 Shane Tully

7:30 pm (Vigil)
 Fiona Feely
 Thalia Greaux
11:00 am
 Ciara Healy
 Luke Telford
12:30 pm
 Aisling Dore
 Brian Dore
5:30 pm
 Tom Reck

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	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. Cian O'Sullivan C.C.	021-4876171

Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

22-Apr-2019 to 28-Apr-2019

Laurence Cunningham
 Virginia Harrington

Annual Mass

For the Scout Organisation in Cork

The Annual Mass for deceased and current members of the Scout Organisation in Cork will be held on Thursday next April 25th, at the SMA church Blackrock Road, at 8.00 pm. All present and past members, as well as their relatives and friends are welcome to attend.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Apr-27 & Apr-28-2019

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 Anne O'Regan
 Mairead Murphy
 Finbarr Murray
 Lettie Kelly

8:30 am Helen Kelly
 Michael Crowley
 Eileen Corkery

11:00 am Seamus O'Connell
 Mary O'Connell
 Alan O'Riordan
 Geraldine Keohane
 Gerard Murray / Ciaran Kellehr

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

12:30 pm Lucy O'Callaghan
 Jackie Sheehan
 Michael O'Leary
 J.P.O'Leary
 Ewelina Kudzyńska

12 Noon Ann-Marie Cosgrove
 Phil Kennedy
 Ellen O'Sullivan
 Ursula McAuliffe
 Sally Crowley
 Helena Buckley

5:30 pm Margaret Kelly
 Noelle Buckley
 Mary Breen

Easter Reflection of Today's Gospel

You might identify with the women through the events of that morning. They came, searched, and found an empty tomb. Then they were told they were looking in the wrong place: 'Why look for the living among the dead'. Finally they had to cope with the staggering good news that Jesus was alive when they thought he was dead. Let their story remind you of when you found life again where you thought there was none - perhaps you discovered that you had been looking in the wrong place.

The women were the first witnesses to the resurrection. Remember the women in your life who have brought you good news, and the women who have been witnesses to you bringing you to faith in yourself, in others, or in God.

The women did not keep their discovery to themselves, but hastened to share the good news with the apostles. Have there been times when your heart has been full of good news that you were eager to share with others