

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 16-April-2023

Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday

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

Community of Faith

The readings today are a little challenging. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles we hear what it means to be a community of faith. The first group of believers were united heart and soul, they were eager to share Jesus' love, supporting one another, and loving and caring for those around them. Everything they had was shared and all goods were held in common. Their spirit of sharing resulted in no one being in want - an example for all of us today. Jesus calls us to build unity and peace in a society so often divided.

In the Gospel we hear how on Easter Sunday the disciples, still in fear, remain behind locked doors in the Upper Room. Jesus enters the room and stands in their midst. He greets them with words of peace. Thomas is not among them and when the disciples inform him that they have seen the Risen Christ, his reaction is one of disbelief. He wants proof and to see with his own eyes. A week later they are still in the upper room and still afraid to go out even after the experience of seeing the Risen Lord. Jesus appears again and speaking to Thomas invites him to put his hands into the wounds in his hands and feet. In response Thomas makes a profession of faith - 'my Lord and my God'. Jesus responds: 'You believe because you can see me; happy are those who have not seen and yet believe' I suppose at times we can have a bit of Thomas in us when we experience moments of doubt! But Jesus wants us to have faith, to believe and trust in Him.

The image of the disciples locked in the upper room in fear is a good image for us to reflect on as we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. Even though we profess our faith in the Risen Lord who died to take away our sins, we may have doubts that God would really forgive us our sins. We may look at our lives and wonder if God really loves us. But God's love for us is far greater than any fault, failing or sin that we have. His mercy is his gift to us and he is just waiting for us to accept this gift and to fill us with his forgiveness, love and peace.

Death of Fr. Denis Cashman

Fr. Denis Cashman, former Parish Priest of Watergrasshill and late of Ballincollig, died on Good Friday following an illness.

A native of Glanmire parish, Fr. Denis was ordained a priest at St. Mary & St. Anne's Cathedral, Cork on June 13th, 1968.

He was a brother of the late Fr. Eoghan Cashman, PP Rath and the Islands.

Fr. Denis began his priestly ministry on temporary mission in the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Camberwell, in the Archdiocese of Southwark, England.

On his return to Cork and Ross he served as Curate in Gurrabraher Parish until 1975 when he joined the Cork and Ross South American Mission until 1981.

He then served as curate in the parishes of Ballincollig, Bandon and Clonakilty and as parish priest in Goleen Parish (1995 - 1999) and Watergrasshill/Glenville (1999 - 2013).

Following his retirement in 2013, Fr. Denis resided in Ballincollig and continued to help out in many parishes.

May he be united to the risen Lord whom he served.



Please note new Emergency/Priest on Duty in Parish Number is: 087 4021357

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

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† IN SYMPATHY †
 PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :
 Mary Lucey, Ballincollig / Dunmanway.
 John Harvey, Ballincollig / Blackrock.
 John Bray, Ballincollig.
 Fr. Denis Cashman.
 Seán O'Callaghan, Carrigrohane.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS OR OTHERWISE REMEMBERED:
 Christy O'Donovan, Castle View House, Ballincollig.
 Christine Roderick, Westgate.
 Noel O'Connell, Ballingulley.
 Richard & Margaret Hourigan, Limerick.
 Tom O'Donoghue (Snr.), Inniscarra View/Kerry.
 Mick Conway, Carriganarra.
 Mary Murray, Carrigrohane Road.
 Christine Twomey.
 Kay Barrett, Main Road.
 Dec. Mem. of the Troy & O'Herlihy families, Thurles/
 Tara Lawn.

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47
 Early Christians adhered to apostolic teaching, centering their lives on prayer, the breaking of the bread, the common life, and charity.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9
 Through God's great mercy, Christians have new life in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The goal of faith is salvation.

Gospel: John 20:19-31
 Following Jesus' crucifixion the disciples were still uncertain of his message. They lost hope and in fear 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 week later, Jesus appeared in a similar way when 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.

LECTIO DIVINA

Lectio Divina cancelled until further notice

Alfa Course

Alfa course continues in the Annex Community Center every Thursday night next at 7.30

Ballincollig Church Cantor

Tony O'Brien available with accompanist
 To sing at funerals and weddings in Ballincollig.
 Tel. No.: 085 706 7564

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Second Week Of Easter

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

17 Monday Acts 4:23-31 - Ps 2. Jn 3:1-8. Lect I: 447

18 Tuesday Acts 4:32-37. Ps. 92. Jn. 3:7-15. Lect I: 449

19 Wednesday Acts 5:17-26. Ps 33. Jn 3:16-21. Lect I: 452

20 Thursday Acts 5:27-33. Ps 33. Jn 3:31-36. Lect I: 454

21 Friday Acts 5:34-42. Ps 26. Jn. 6:1-15. Lect I: 456

22 Saturday Acts 6:1-7. Ps. 32. Jn. 6:16-21. Lect I: 459

23-April-2023 Acts 2: 14, 22-33. Ps. 15. 1 Pet. 1: 17-21. Lk. 24: 13-35. Lect I: 461

Mass Times for week ahead

St. Mary & St. John		Christ Our Light
8:30 am & 10 am	Sunday	11 am & 12:30 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
6 pm (Vigil)	Saturday	7:30 pm (Vigil)

Bulletin Board

Coeliac Hosts

Low gluten hosts are available that are suitable for Coeliac. Please inform the priest prior to Mass if possible if you require it.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 3 p.m. until 4 p.m. In St. Mary & St. John's Church every Friday.

Meditation

Meditation continues every Tuesday in Ballincollig Community Hall after 9.30am Mass. Please feel free to join any Tuesday.

First Friday

On Friday 14th April we will hold the first Friday of this month. There is Mass in St Mary & St John on Friday evening at 7.30pm. The priests of the parish visit the sick of the parish this Friday; please let us know if you have a family member or neighbour who is sick or housebound.

Rosary

Family Rosary is on every Sunday at 9.15am in St. Mary & St. John Church.

Easter Collection

The priests of the parish would like to offer sincere thanks to the families who contributed to the Easter collection and returned their Spring Dues. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Confirmation

Please pray for the girls in Scoil Mhuire who will receive the sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday 19th April. Sincere thanks to the parents and dedicated teachers who work diligently preparing young people for the sacrament.

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 in academics, relationships, sports, or whatever. Parents can relate to the role of Jesus with his disciples.