

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 24-March-2024

Palm Sunday of The Lord's Passion
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

Holy Week Ceremonies 24th March to 30th March

St. Mary & St. John

Day	Ceremony	Time
Sunday	Regular Masses	8:30 am, 10:00 am
Monday	Regular Mass	9:30 am
Tuesday	Regular Mass	9:30 am followed by Confession
Wednesday	Regular Mass	9:30 am followed by Confession
Holy Thursday	No Morning Mass	
	Mass of the Last Supper	6:00 pm
Good Friday	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	3:00 pm
	Stations of the Cross	6:00 pm
Holy Saturday	No Morning Mass	
	Confessions	11:00 am to 12:00 noon
	Easter Vigil	9:00 pm

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Day	Ceremony	Time
Sunday	Regular Masses	11:00 am, 12:30 pm
Monday	Regular Mass	8:30 am
	Reconciliation Service	7:30 pm
Tuesday	Regular Mass	8:30 am followed by Confession
Wednesday	Regular Mass	8:30 am followed by Confession
Holy Thursday	No Morning Mass	
	Mass of the Last Supper	7:30 pm
Good Friday	Outdoor Stations of the Cross	12:00 Noon
	Meditative Stations of the Cross with Taize Music	7:30 pm
Holy Saturday	No Morning Mass	
	Easter Vigil	7:30 pm

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.

Chrism Mass

Bishop Fintan invites parishioners to join in the celebration of the Mass of Chrism on Holy Thursday (March 28th) at 10am at the Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne, Cork. At this Mass with priests and parishioners from the Diocese the Oils of Baptism and the Sick are blessed. Bishop Fintan will also consecrate the Oil of Chrism which will be used in parishes during the year. Bishop Fintan and the Priests of the Diocese will renew their priestly promises during this Mass. Everyone is most welcome to attend.



Holy Week

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

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 :
 Diarmuid Hickey, Coolroe Meadows.
 Peggy McCarthy, The Crescent.
 PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS OR OTHERWISE REMEMBERED:
 Nancy Hogan, The Crescent.
 Pat O'Connell, Rosewood.
 Kitty McSweeney.
 Patricia Colter, Parknamore.
 Rita & Denis Murphy, Fr. Sexton Park.
 John & Mary Boyde, Main Street.
 Thomas McAuliffe, Glincool Lawn.
 Bill Devereux, Clogheen, Tipperary.
 Michael Hennigan, Inniscarra View.
 John Wall, Macroom.
 Joan Nelligan, Castleisland.
 Jerry & Kitty Hallahan, Westgrove/Wales.
 Terry, Joe & Declan Butler, Inniscarra View.
 Ger Galvin, Parknamore.
 Colm Crowley, Skibbereen.

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: Mark 14:1-15:47
 The acts of love described in today's Gospel are framed in contrast with the humiliation, betrayal and brutality to come. The contrast lies somewhere between the love that Jesus brought into the world and the brutality that still exists. Those who hailed his entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday singing 'Hosanna' will now call for his crucifixion. The disciples who followed him will abandon him, betray him and deny him. The Gospel challenges us to reflect on our own commitment to the Christian value of love and our capacity to follow Christ wherever he may lead us.

Santiago De Compostela Camino 2024

Join Focus Ireland 'In the Footsteps of St James' on a fully guided walk from Sarria to Santiago de Compostela along the Camino de Frances and help support families in our community's experiencing homelessness. Dates 27th May to 3rd June. Ex Dublin. Contact Monica on 087 954 7007 or email events@focusireland.ie for details and bookings.

Muskerry Lecture on Liam Lynch

Muskerry Local History Society is organising a lecture on Liam Lynch and his fight for an Irish Republic by Gerry White. Liam Lynch was a commandant during the War of Independence and led the anti-Treaty IRA during the Civil War. The lecture will be held on Monday, 8 April, at 8.00 pm in Ballincollig Rugby Club.

Totus Tuus pilgrimage to Fatima

30th August - 6th September, 2024. Flights ex Cork. Cost: €815. Spiritual director: Fr. Marius O Reilly. For more information, contact Damien 087-2049048 or Marian Pilgrimages @ 01-8788159.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Palm Sunday of The Lord's Passion

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 Saturday

Next Sunday's Readings 31-March-2024

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

Bulletin Board

Easter collection for the Priests of the Parish

There is one collection at Easter Masses which goes to the support of the priests of the parish. Thanks to the parishioners for your generosity and support.

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 NO Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Good Friday.

Meditation

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

Envelope Collection

The collection for Holy Places will take place on Good Friday, 29th March. This collection 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.

Confirmation

Congratulations to the boys and girls in Gaelscoil Uí Riordáin and the boys in Scoil Eoin who received the sacrament of Confirmation recently.

Spring Dues

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

Blessing of Food for the Easter Table

Tradycyjne błogosławieństwo pokarmów na stół wielkanocny odbędzie się w Ballincollig w Wielką Sobotę, 30 marca 2024 roku o godz. 14.00. Prosimy o przekazanie tej informacji dalej. Wszystkich serdecznie zapraszamy!

The traditional Blessing of Food for the Easter table will take place in St. Mary & St. John's church on Holy Saturday, 30th March 2024 at 2pm. Please spread this message. You are all welcome to attend!