

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 31-March-2024

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

Jesus Is Risen, Alleluia



Having reflected for forty days on the Passion and Death of Jesus, we now celebrate his Resurrection. The first Easter started with disbelief beside the empty tomb. Despite all the disciples had seen Jesus do, from healing the sick to calming the storms, and despite all the disciples had heard Jesus say about how he would be killed and on the third day be raised, yet not one of them expected following his death to ever see Jesus again. When Jesus died, their hopes died. They locked themselves in the 'Upper room' where they had celebrated the Passover hiding there in fear that the authorities would treat them just as they had treated Jesus.

We see in the Gospel that Jesus' Resurrection is first discovered - not by Peter (whom Jesus had chosen as his first leader) but by a woman - Mary of Magdala. She had gone early in the morning to the tomb of Jesus, only to see that the stone had been moved away from the tomb. She goes running back to Simon Peter and John saying 'they have taken the Lord out of the tomb and we don't know where they have put him'. Having returned to the tomb and seeing for themselves, they understood and they believed. Up to that moment, the Gospel says, "they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture that Jesus must rise from the dead".

In the first Reading Peter is speaking after the baptism of Cornelius and his family. Because of his utter conviction that Jesus, who died on the Cross, is now alive, Peter is so filled with joy that he simply must share that joy and hope with the listening crowds – so that it can be theirs, too. Through our Baptism we are called to be his witnesses and to proclaim Jesus' death and life to a world that longs for meaning in the midst of suffering. May each of us experience the love, joy and peace of the Risen Christ!



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.

Fr's Alan O'Leary, Kamil Bachara, Ronan Sheehan & Deacon Frank McKeivitt.

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.

First Friday

Friday April 5th is the first Friday of the month. There will be Mass in St Mary & St. John's church on Friday evening at 7.30pm. 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.

Spring Dues

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



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.



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

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 :
Teresa O'Driscoll, Sunningdale/Ballyfeard.
Margaret Dennehy, Manor Hill/Ballinlough.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS OR OTHERWISE REMEMBERED:
John Bray, Coolroe Meadows.
Kitty Barry, Hodder's Villas.
Donal (Donie) Hegarty, Leesdale.
Gillian Drinan, Church View.
Mary Raj, India.
Catherine Murphy, Powdermills/Rossa Ave.
Danny McCarthy, The Crescent.
Barry Kelly, The Crescent.
Ger Glavin, Parknamore.
Paddy Keohane, Inniscarra.
Rose O'Shea, Scotch Farm.

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.

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

The Easter Season

31 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

01 Monday Acts 2: 14, 22-32. Ps. 15. Mt. 28:8-15. Lect I: 423

02 Tuesday Acts 2:36-41. Ps. 32. Jn. 20: 11-18. Lect I: 425

03 Wednesday Acts 3: 1-10. Ps. 104. Lk. 24: 13-35. Lect I: 427

04 Thursday Acts 3: 11-26. Ps. 8. Lk. 24:35-48. Lect I: 430

05 Friday Acts 4:1-12. Ps. 117. Jn. 21 :1-14. Lect I:432

06 Saturday Acts 4: 13-21. Ps. 117. Mk. 16:9-15. Lect I: 435

Next Sunday's Readings 07-April-2024

Acts 4:32-35. Ps 117. 1 Jn 5:1-6. Jn 20:19-31. Lect I: 441

MASS TIMES

St. Mary & St. John		Christ Our Light
8:30 am, 10 am	Sunday	11 am, 12:30 pm
9:30 am	Monday	No Mass
9:30 am	Tuesday	No Mass
9:30 am	Wednesday	No Mass
9:30 am	Thursday	No Mass
9:30 am & 7:30 pm (First Friday)	Friday	No Mass
6:00 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 pm to 4 pm 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.

Morning Masses

Mary & St. John's Church: Masses will be 9.30am Mass each morning and 7.30pm Mass for First Friday

Christ our Light Church: There will be NO 8:30 am from Monday to Friday inclusive.

Cyber Safety Workshop

Cork's Lifelong Learning Festival is back for 2024. Join us for a Cyber Safety Workshop tailored for older adults on Friday, April 12th from 10-12:30pm in Cork City Library.

Men's Therapeutic Group

A Men's Therapeutic Group is starting in The Ballincollig Family Centre on Tuesday 21st May 2024 at 6.30pm - 8.00pm. Group will run for 6 weeks + consecutive weeks. Please note that absolutely no skills are required to join this group. The Ballincollig family centre is the first point of contact regarding further expressions of interest. Telephone (021) 4876295 - Weekdays.