

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 07-April-2024

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

In the Gospel story, the disciples are in hiding behind locked doors when Jesus appears among them. His first greeting to his frightened apostles is: 'Peace be with you'. As if to reassure them, he shows them the wounds in his hands and side. They are overcome with joy. They receive from Jesus the gift of the Holy Spirit. The mission that was given to Him by his Father, he now passes on to them. "As the Father sent me, so I am sending you." They are to bring others to share their own experience of knowing and loving Jesus and being loved by him. One of the apostles, Thomas, was not present. When the disciples tell him that they have seen the Risen Jesus, his reaction is one of disbelief. Thomas is not exactly the trusting type! He wants proof and to see with his own eyes. Eight days later when Jesus comes amongst them again, Thomas meets the risen Christ and expresses his belief in God saying: 'My Lord and my God'. Jesus says: "You believe because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen and yet believe". Perhaps during difficult times we too may doubt and question the presence of the Lord in our lives - yet Jesus has promised: I will be with you always to the end of time.

In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles we get a sense of what community and solidarity is all about. 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.

Today we celebrate 'Divine Mercy Sunday'. Even though we profess our faith in the Risen Lord who died to take away our sins, we may at times doubt that God would really forgive us. God's love for us is far greater than any fault, failing or sin that we have. His mercy and forgiveness 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.

Thank You from Trócaire

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you most sincerely for your support for Trócaire's Lenten Campaign this year. We here in Trócaire 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 Trócaire boxes and thanks to the families who have already returned them.



Thought for Today

Take a bucket and fill it with water.
Put your arms into it up to the wrists
Take them out and the hole that remains
Is the measure of how you'll be missed?
You may splash all you please when you enter;
You may stir up the water galore;
But stop and you'll find in a minute
That it looks just the same as before.

Easter Collection

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

Holy Places Collection

The second collection last weekend for Holy Places amounted to €2,100.
We appreciate your continued generosity.

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 Quinlan, Ballincollig/Dungarvan.
 Ursula Duggan, Carrigrohane.
 Francis Barry, Innishmore.
 Noel Ferriter, Ballincollig.
 Maura Butler, Riverstick.
 Michelle McGuire, Dublin.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS OR OTHERWISE REMEMBERED:
 Fr. Denis Cashman, Ballincollig.
 Kitty O’Sullivan, Tudor Grove.
 Eddie Kenneally, Hilton.
 Christy O’Donovan, Carriganarra House.
 Danny McCarthy, The Crescent.
 Barry Kelly, The Crescent.
 Mary Lucey, Beech Park.
 Imelda Horgan, Conna/Inniscarra.
 Gerard Walsh, Cloghroe.
 Gerald Hogan, Farranree.
 Jerry & Margaret O’Connor, Sunningdale.
 Jerry Moynihan, Inniscarra View/Drinagh.
 Noel O’Connell, Ballingulley,
 Bridie & Joe Heaton, Pearse Road.
 John & Annie Kavanagh, Wicklow.
 Tadhg Kearney, Westcourt Heights.
 Ellen Bowen, Sundays Well.

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts 4: 32-35
 This is a description of life in the community of early Christians. Goods were shared but this sharing was always voluntary. The story of Ananias and Saphira makes it clear they were not bound to sell, and after they had the price was still theirs. However, the community of goods does not seem to have been very successful because we read elsewhere that rich and poor still existed in the community and Christians from other places had continually to send alms voluntarily to Jerusalem, 'each man according to his ability'.

Second Reading: 1 John 5: 1-6
 There are three dispositions necessary to being a Christian: to love the children of God, to love God and to keep his commandments. Jesus came 'by water and by blood'. Water and blood are symbols and refer the one to the baptism of Christ, the other to his death.

Gospel: John 20: 19-31
 The Church has perpetually understood the words of Jesus, "whose sins you forgive..." as the institution of the sacrament of Penance. The sacrament of pardon was instituted on the happiest day in the world's history. Ever since it has brought a personal joy to believers as they feel the load of guilt lifted from them. The act of faith made by Thomas is the fullest and most explicit of all the confessions of faith recorded in the Gospels.

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Second Week of Easter

07 Sunday Acts 4:32-35. Ps 117. 1 Jn 5:1-6. Jn 20:19-31. Lect I: 441
 08 Monday Is. 7: 10-14, 8: 1 O. Ps. 39. Heb. 10:4-10. Lk. 1 :26-38. Lect II: 985

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

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

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

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

13 Saturday Acts 6:1-7. Ps. 32. In. 6:16-21. Lect I: 459

Next Sunday's Readings 14-April-2024
 Acts 3:13-15, 17-19. Ps 4. 1 Jn 2:1-5. Lk 24:35-48. Lect I: 465

MASS TIMES

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
6:00 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.

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.

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.