

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 14-April-2024

Third Sunday of Easter

*It is difficult for us to accept suffering as part of God's plan. Today we are reminded that it was part of his plan for the Messiah. It was a suffering that he transformed by raising him from the dead. Jesus is this Risen Lord, in him our weakness and our sins are overcome.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

## Call to Witness and Repentance

In today's Gospel we hear of two Disciples telling the apostles of their encounter with the Risen Jesus on the road to Emmaus and how they had recognized him at the breaking of bread. As they are telling their story, Jesus appears among them and greets them saying: 'peace be with you'. They are frightened, as they are still unable to make sense of all that has been happening in the recent events in Jerusalem. Jesus shows them the wounds in his hands and his feet and tries to reassure them; as St Luke says, he then opened their minds to understand the significance of what was written about him in the Scriptures; saying that the Christ would suffer; on the third day He would rise from the dead, and that in his name, repentance and forgiveness of sins would be preached to all nations.

The disciples, who are witness to these events, now have a new mission which is to preach in the name of Jesus and to proclaim the kingdom of God. Just as Jesus was counting on His disciples to be his witnesses, so too He calls us to witness to Him through our lives, words, and actions. We may never know or be aware of how we have touched people's lives.

Throughout our own lives our faith has been nurtured by people we have encountered on life's journey. As we walked through the Streets of Ballincollig on Good Friday for our Outdoor Stations of the Cross, it was edifying to see so many people, including families; youth; young parents pushing buggies; as together we prayed and reflected on Jesus' journey to Calvary. Looking back at Holy Week there were many instances of so many people giving witness to their Faith by their generosity and by their participation in the many events and Liturgies of that week. Throughout the year, as followers of Jesus, we are called to witness to Him in our daily lives.

Jesus paid the price for our sins by his passion and death on the Cross. St John tells us: "He is the sacrifice that takes our sins away and not only ours but the whole worlds". It is a reminder, that while we are all sinners, we have a loving and compassionate God who is always ready to forgive us and who journey's with us every day.

### Recruiting New Ministers of the Eucharist and Ministers of the Word

We would be very happy to hear from those who would like to become Ministers of the Word and Ministers of the Eucharist. Training will be provided. Please give your name to the Parish Office by email or text by Wednesday 24th April. Tel.: 089 400 8181 or ballincolligparish@gmail.com

### Thinking about the Diocesan Priesthood?

There is a special Come and See afternoon for men aged between 18 and 40 who may be thinking about Priesthood for the Diocese of Cork and Ross. It will take place from 2-5pm on Sunday April 28th in Mardyke House, Cork City (T12 W8RP). The afternoon will include time for prayer, reflection, discussion and a social dimension.

For more information email vocations@corkandross.org

### Part-Time Administrator for Ballincollig Parish Office

'Ballincollig Parish office requires an administrator. Good computers skills required to help maintain office services. Dealing with emails, letters, filing systems. and taking messages. Databases and record keeping of financial and personal information.' Person must be eligible for Community Employment. Closing date to apply for position 24/05/2024. Any questions, please contact Ballincollig Youth & Social Project on 087 183 2033.



### Thought for Today

Why was it necessary in today's Gospel for Christ to show his disciples his hands and his feet; to invite them to touch him, and for them to witness him actually eating a piece of fish? Precisely to show them that his risen body was a real body and not simply an apparition. Many Christians at that time could not accept that God really became human; they preferred to think that Christ was pure spirit. Likewise, many people today think only in terms of souls going to heaven -and not bodies. But that was not what happened to Christ. We need to re-discover the concept of the Resurrection of the Body.

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

**Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.**

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† IN SYMPATHY †  
 PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :  
 Peggy McCarthy, The Crescent.  
 Kelly Healy, Rylane.  
 Garrett Forrest, Ballygarvan/Glincool.  
 Ellen O'Leary, Aylsbury.  
 Mary T. Murphy, Inniscarra View.  
 Pat Walsh, Muskerry Estate.  
 Alexander Hartnett, Chelmsfort Village.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS OR OTHERWISE REMEMBERED:  
 Danny McCarthy, The Crescent.  
 William Clifford, Wyndham Downs.  
 Patrick (Paddy) Kirstein, Inniscarra View.  
 Tony Allen, Inniscarra View.  
 Ellen Coughlan, Clash Road.  
 Michael (Mick) Conway, Carriganarra.  
 Tom O'Donoghue, Inniscarra View.  
 Christine Roderick, Westgate.  
 Michael Crowley, Inniscarra View.  
 Tom Callaghan, Maple Lawn.  
 Frank & Nan Kavanagh, Leemount.  
 Catherine & Michael Hayes, Clonamult.

*THE SUNDAY READINGS*

First Reading: Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19  
 In this speech to the Jews, St. Peter aims primarily that Our Lord is the Messiah whose sufferings were foretold by the Prophet Messiah. He wishes to prove that Jesus, in spite of his crucifixion was the Messiah. Peter consoles the Jews with the thought that they had no idea as to whom they were putting to death. Now, however, they are being told so the time has come for them to ask forgiveness for their sins.

Second Reading: 1 John 2: 1-5  
 The Apostle urges his readers to be very careful to avoid sin; yet he knows the weakness of human nature and holds out the hope of pardon to the sinner because we have an advocate with the Father, one who intercedes for us and for the whole world. Christ exercises this office of advocate for sinners by continually offering the merits of his passion and death on their behalf.

Gospel: Luke 24: 35-48  
 When Luke set out to write his Gospel he said that he would put all things 'in order'. With these last words of Jesus he welds together what was foretold in Scripture with the mission of the Apostles in the future. Christ had to suffer for the sins of men but as the Messiah he had to rise again and give to the Apostles the power to forgive sins and bring liberation to mankind.

*Missionaries of The Sacred Heart*

Have you ever dreamed of walking the Camino. Join our team as we walk the shaded lanes and valleys of northern Spain as we take on the Camino Ingles walking from Ferrol to Santiago. The temperature in this part of northern Spain in July is perfect for walking, like a balmy summer day in Ireland. For more details of this fundraising pilgrimage ring Mary at 021 454 6691 or email mary.morrish@msscmissions.ie

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Third Week Of Easter

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

15 Monday Acts 6:8-15. Ps 118. Jn 6:22-29. Lect I: 472

16 Tuesday Acts 7:51-8:1. Ps30. Jn 6:30-35. Lect I: 474

17 Wednesday Acts 8:1-8. Ps. 65. Jn. 6:35-40. Lect I: 476

18 Thursday Acts 8:26-40. Ps 65. Jn 6:44-51. Lect I: 479

19 Friday Acts 9:1-20. Ps 116. Jn 6:52-59. Lect I: 481

20 Saturday 1 Pet 5:5-14. Ps 88. Mk 16:15-20. Lect II: 1005

Next Sunday's Readings 21-April-2024

Acts 4:8-12. Ps 117. 1 in 3:1-2. Jn 10:11-18. Lect I: 490

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.

**Diocesan Envelope Collection**

The quarterly collection in aid of the Diocesan Funds will be taken up at all masses next weekend 20th/21st April. Your generosity is much appreciated.

*Pilgrimage*

Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 26th May 2024. €849.00 pps. Price includes return Bus/Train, 5 nights' in 4\* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Ballintubber Abbey & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact 094 900 6426 or 087 1890236 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

**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.