

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 13-April-2025

Passion (Palm) Sunday

*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

## Easter Greetings



The Lord is good. To realize this truth is the purpose of the entire Lenten season, and especially of the Holy Week, which we are beginning. We see this goodness of God in what he does for us: he dies on the cross so that we can live. And live forever.

The Lord is good. I personally experience this goodness of God constantly in the goodness of the people he has placed and continues to place on my path, especially now, during my treatment. I am so grateful for your constant prayers, for every contact with me, for every text message. I may not ring you or text you often enough, but I follow the life of Ballincollig and the whole Family of Parishes, you can be sure of that. And of course, I remember you all in my daily prayers.

I don't feel too bad. I was in hospital for a while, I had many tests to prepare me for a kidney transplant. I hope to be on the waiting list soon, bypassing dialysis. I need a lot of patience now.

I would like to visit you soon, my parishioners in Ballincollig, and also my Polish friends in Cork and the surrounding area. It all depends on the treatment plan.

I am writing these few words to you and I am glad that I can meet with each of you at least in this way before Easter. I would like to wish you a blessed Easter. May the Lord: the Way, the Truth and the Life, always be with you, showing you his great love for us. Love even to the cross. Love that does not die, but brings life and hope.

With great gratitude and wonderful memories in my heart

Fr. Kamil

## Outdoor Stations of the Cross

Outdoor Stations of the Cross will start in Christ our Light Church on Good Friday, 18th April at 12 noon. For the first Station the Cross bearer will leave via the main door and turn left staying on the path. We will follow the Cross slowly, pausing for the various stations en route via entrance to the grounds of Ballincollig Community School. We will return via the exit gate back onto the path to the Church for the 14th Station. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Holy Week

Is a central week in the Church's year. This week recalls and re-enacts the highpoint in God's love and Jesus revealing Him to us. The most important part of Holy Week for me is when Christ stoops to wash the feet of his friends. The washing of the feet had an unsuspecting depth of meaning. When inspired by love, the least service rendered to one's neighbour takes on an extraordinary dimension; it foreshadows that total sacrifice for which everyone should be prepared. To be truly Christian is a constant effort to become like Jesus. I hope you will be able to join us this year to recall and celebrate Holy Week in our lead in to Easter and the Resurrection, revealing Him to us. The most important part of Holy Week.



## 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 (April 17th) 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

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 :  
 Brendan Driscoll, Ballincollig.  
 Liam O'Shea, Castlepark.  
 Dolores Hogan, Ballincollig/Limerick.  
 Olive O'Mahony, Innishmore/Inniscarra.  
 Mary Thornton, Mitchelstown.  
 Nuala O'Sullivan-Lane, Ballincollig/Rosscarbery.  
 PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS OR OTHERWISE REMEMBERED:  
 Paddy & Nora Lucy, Carriganarra.  
 Tony Allen, Inniscarra View.  
 Paddy Kirstein, Inniscarra View.  
 John O'Mahony, Carriganarra.  
 Eddie, Kathleen, Alice & Mary Duncan, Donegal/Omagh.  
 Breda Murphy, Inniscarra View.  
 Mary T Murphy, Sweetbriar Lane.  
 Christine Roderick, Westgate.  
 Michael (Mick) Conway, Carriganarra.  
 Tom O'Donoghue, Sweetbriar Lane.  
 Finbarr & Kitty O'Brien, Friars Walk.  
 Catherine & Michael Hayes, Clonmult.  
 Ger Mulcahy, South Douglas Road.  
 Sean O'Leary, Westcourt Heights.  
 Eva & Daniel Spillane, Westcourt Heights.  
 Sheila & John O'Leary, Waterpark, Carrigaline.

*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: Matthew 26:14-27:66  
 Each year on this Sunday we follow the events of Jesus' life from the time he entered Jerusalem until the point where he was laid in the tomb after his crucifixion. Jesus first entered Jerusalem riding a donkey amid waving palm leaves. It was in Jerusalem that he foretold Judas' betrayal, Peter's denial, and established the Eucharist at the Passover meal. Jesus took his disciples into Gethsemane to pray, but they could not stay awake with him. In the garden, Jesus was turned over to the authorities, tried before the Sanhedrin, brought to Pilate, and sentenced to death. When offered a choice during the festival to release a prisoner, the people chose the release of Barabbas. Their choice was beyond Pilate's comprehension, so he symbolically washed his hands of the whole deal. Jesus was turned over to the Roman authorities for crucifixion and mocked by them. Finally, Jesus died on the cross. The earth darkened and quaked. He was prepared quickly for burial and laid in the tomb.

*The Ballincollig Alzheimer Cafe*

Will take place on Thursday the 17th of April from 3:00PM to 5:00 PM at Chapel Gate Café, Ballincollig, Cork P13 XP38. This month's guest speaker is Peter Cox from Family Carer's Ireland, who will discuss "Support options available for Family Carers". Alzheimer Cafés provide a warm and welcoming space for people with dementia, their families, friends, and healthcare professionals to meet, exchange ideas, and learn from one another.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Holy Week

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 Saturday

Next Sunday's Readings 20-April-2025

Acts 10:34,37-43. Ps. 117. Col. 3:1-4 or 1 Cor. 5:6-9. In. 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.

***Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament***

There will be NO Adoration 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, 18th April. 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.

***Reconciliation Services***

**The reconciliation service in Ballincollig will be held on Wednesday, 16th April at 7.30pm in Christ our Light Church.** There will be a reconciliation service on Saturday 12th April after 6.00pm Mass and on Sunday 13th after 9.30am Mass in Farran. Kilmurry Reconciliation Service is on Tuesday 15th at 7:30pm in Saint Mary's Church, Kilmurry. The reconciliation service in Ballinora will take place in St. James's Church on Monday, 14th April at 7.30pm.

Jubilee Pilgrimage of 7 Altars of Repose | Cork City | Holy Thursday Evening

There will be a special walking Jubilee Year Pilgrimage of seven Cork City Churches on Holy Thursday Evening led by Bishop Fintan. This will begin after the 7.30pm Mass in The Cathedral with a brief period of adoration at the altar of repose. The pilgrim walk will then proceed to St Mary's, Holy Trinity, the South Parish, St Augustine's, St Francis', and finish with Night Prayer at Ss Peter and Paul's at 10pm. People are also welcome to make their own pilgrimage starting at any of the churches on the pilgrim route.

This is a special way to mark the Jubilee year and as part of this there will be a plenary indulgence granted to those who participate in the Night Prayer in Ss Peter and Paul's at 10pm, whilst meeting the usual necessary conditions (see corkandross.org for more details).



**Church of  
St. Mary & St. John**







**Holy Week  
Schedule**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> to Sunday  
20<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**Christ our Light**



Morning Mass 9.30am	<b>Monday</b>	No Morning Mass
Morning Mass 9.30am Confessions After 9.30am Mass	<b>Tuesday</b>	No Morning Mass
Morning Mass 9.30am Confessions After 9.30am Mass	<b>Wednesday</b>	Morning Mass 8.30am Lenten Reconciliation Service 7:30 pm
Mass of the Lord's Supper 6.00pm	<b>Holy Thursday</b> 	Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm
Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3.00pm Stations of the Cross 6.00pm	<b>Good Friday</b> 	Outdoor Stations of the Cross (Starts at Christ our Light Church route details on Front Page) 12.00 Noon Meditative Stations of the Cross with Taize Chant 7.30pm
No Morning Mass Confessions 11.00am -12.00pm Easter Vigil Mass 9.00pm	<b>Holy Saturday</b> 	Easter Vigil Mass 7.30pm
Easter Sunday Mass 8.30am 10.00am	<b>Easter Sunday</b> 	Easter Sunday Mass 11.00am 12.30pm
Morning Mass 9.30am	<b>Mon 21<sup>st</sup> April – Fri 25<sup>th</sup> April</b>	
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