

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 20-April-2025

Easter Sunday

Today we face the greatest mystery of our faith, the mystery of how God works among us, bringing new life where before was only death. With a sense of wonder and with joy, we come today to thank God for the risen life of Jesus.



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Christ Is Risen, Alleluia!



The empty tomb is today a symbol of joy and hope. Jesus is not in the tomb - He is risen! Jesus offers the promise of resurrection to every human being. The Easter Vigil begins in darkness. This darkness may be symbolic of all the suffering and pain in our lives - the pain of sickness, grief, loss, rejection, loneliness, abandonment, addiction, hopelessness. We wait in hope and expectation for our Gethsemane to end. Into this darkness a light shines when the Paschal Candle is carried in procession through the darkened Church. The Paschal Candle represents Christ who is the Light of the world and who rekindles his light in us by entering into the darkness of our lives bringing hope, joy and peace. When we light our own candles from the Paschal Candle it is a powerful image of our sharing in the living light of Christ. As Christians we are called to unite with both Christ crucified and Christ risen. He knows the longings and pains of the human heart and is with us in our sufferings and our joys. This celebration of Christ's Resurrection offers meaning and hope to all people.

The Resurrection did not come about without cost. One of the sacred images in our churches is not the empty tomb - it is the Cross by which the Resurrection was won. When Mary Magdalene could not find Jesus she said to Simon Peter and the beloved disciple, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him." Like Mary Magdalene let us search for the risen Jesus today and invite him to journey with us.

In the second reading, St Paul reminds us 'since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth'. At Easter we are invited to renew our Baptismal promises. Having journeyed with Christ through his passion and death, we again choose to follow him in faith, hope and love. We make these promises together as a community because we know how much we can help one another along life's journey and how much we need each other. Through our baptism we are called to proclaim Jesus' death and life to a world that longs for meaning in the midst of suffering. We are witnesses to the Risen Christ. 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, 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.

Reflection for Parents

Most parents have discovered by now that things aren't always, as they seem. A poured out bottle of laundry detergent wasn't really mischievous behaviour, but rather an attempt to surprise you with a generous gift of service. Or secret whispers are not an attempt to hide some wrongdoing but rather an effort to plan a surprise for you. Things weren't, as they seemed to Mary Magdalene either that first Easter morning. Our errors in perception often work to remind us that God's plan is not always obvious, but that we are challenged to trust in the promise of the resurrection.



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 :
 Andy O’Keeffe, Carrigrohane.
 (Peig) Mairéad Ní Riain, Model Farm Road/Limerick.
 Gus (Augustine) Nagle, Rosewood.
 Vincent O’Brien, Ballyvolane.
 Seán Spillane, Mallow/Ballincollig.
 Breda Quealy, Old Quarter.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS:
 Jeremiah & Catherine Cunningham, Dillon’s Cross.
 Michael (Mick) Conway, Carriganarra.
 Ellen Coughlan, Clash Road.
 Dan & Nellie Collins, Westgate/Ovens.
 Lily Dennis, Castlepark.
 Ann O’Sullivan, Minister’s Cross.
 Frank & Nan Kavanagh, Leemount.
 Margaret Smith, England.
 Mary McCarthy, Coolroe Meadows.
 Helen Kenneally, Beech Park.
 Essie Buttimer, Toames.
 Donal O’Sullivan, Kilcorney.

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts 10:34. 37-43
 Peter preaches to some of the early converts and tells them of Christ's death and Resurrection. That message is still preached today, within the Church. We yearn to hear the truth, the Gospel, the Word of life.

Second Reading: 1 Cor. 5:6-9
 Paul speaks of union with Christ. If we stay united with Christ, in his human nature, we will someday share his 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 Octave

- 20 Sunday Acts 10:34,37-43. Ps. 117. Col. 3:1-4 or 1 Cor. 5:6-9. In. 20:1-9. Lect I 417
- 21 Monday Acts 2: 14, 22-32. Ps. 15. Mt. 28:8-15. Lect I: 423
- 22 Tuesday Acts 2:36-41. Ps. 32. Jn. 20: 11-18. Lect I: 425
- 23 Wednesday Acts 3: 1-10. Ps. 104. Lk. 24: 13-35. Lect I: 427
- 24 Thursday Acts 3: 11-26. Ps. 8. Lk. 24:35-48. Lect I: 430
- 25 Friday Acts 4:1-12. Ps. 117. Jn. 21:1-14. Lect I: 432
- 26 Saturday Acts 4:13-21. Ps. 117. Mk. 16:9-15. Lect I: 435

Next Sunday’s Readings 27-April-2025

Acts 5:12-16. Ps. 117. Apoc. 1:9-13, 17-19. In. 20: 19-31. Lect I: 444

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 Morning Mass
9:30 am	Tuesday No Morning Mass
9:30 am	Wednesday No Morning Mass
9:30 am	Thursday No Morning Mass
9:30 am	Friday No Morning 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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

There will be Adoration 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.

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

Breakthrough Cancer Research

Have you ever dreamed of walking the Camino de Santiago? Breakthrough Cancer Research are taking on the 'Portuguese Way' from the 13th - 20th of June 2025. Starting in the charming town of Baiona, experience camaraderie and reflection as you walk toward Santiago de Compostela, creating lasting memories on this historic pilgrimage. You can enjoy this amazing adventure with our experienced guide and help Make More Survivors. For more information, please contact edel@breakcancer.ie or phone 021 422 66 55 for more details.