

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 27-April-2014

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

The readings today are a little challenging. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles we hear what it means to be a community of faith. 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 - an example for all of us today. Jesus calls us to build unity and peace in a society so often divided.

In the Gospel we hear how on Easter Sunday the disciples, still in fear, remain behind locked doors in the Upper Room. Jesus enters the room and stands in their midst. He greets them with words of peace. Thomas is not among them and when the disciples inform him that they have seen the Risen Christ, his reaction is one of disbelief. He wants proof and to see with his own eyes. A week later they are still in the upper room and still afraid to go out even after the experience of seeing the Risen Lord. Jesus appears again and speaking to Thomas invites him to put his hands into the wounds in his hands and feet. In response Thomas makes a profession of faith - 'my Lord and my God'. Jesus responds: 'You believe because you can see me; happy are those who have not seen and yet believe' I suppose at times we can have a bit of Thomas in us when we experience moments of doubt! But Jesus wants us to have faith, to believe and trust in Him.

The image of the disciples locked in the upper room in fear is a good image for us to reflect on as we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. Even though we profess our faith in the Risen Lord who died to take away our sins, we may have doubts that God would really forgive us our sins. We may look at our lives and wonder if God really loves us. But God's love for us is far greater than any fault, failing or sin that we have. His mercy 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.

Sr. Colette

Reflection for Parents

Parents are often the source of hope and encouragement for their children. When a child falls repeatedly while learning to walk or ride a bike, it is a parent who coaxes, encourages and praises the child. Parents provide hope and comfort when a child falls short of a goal in academics, relationships, sports, or whatever. Parents can relate to the role of Jesus with his disciples.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

As people who have not seen and yet believe, we turn in prayer to the God of life.

Reader

For Christians: that like Thomas they may acknowledge Jesus as their Lord and God, and show by their lives that their faith is real.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For government leaders: that they may have more faith and trust in one another, and so spread understanding among peoples.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who right now are finding it hard to believe.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who are grieving the loss of a loved one: that the Lord may console them and restore them to full fellowship with their friends and the community.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For each other: that we may be able to see Christ in the signs that he left us: giving us life in Baptism, forgiving us in the sacrament of Reconciliation, and nourishing us in the Eucharist.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For a moment, we remember in silence our own particular needs.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

Priest

Lord God, through the resurrection of your Son, you have kindled in our hearts the hope of eternal life. Guard this hope with your grace, and bring it to the fulfilment in the kingdom of heaven. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

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BAPTISMS

WE WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY ALL THOSE WHO WERE BAPTISED RECENTLY :

Natasha Grace Moore, The Oaks, Classes Lake.
 Zoe Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Joy Street, Boston.
 Ryan Patrick Marrett, Aylsbury.
 Abigail Susan Mullins, The Abbey, Classes Lake.

† IN SYMPATHY †

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :

Michael Tully, Longford.
 Donnacha Gleeson, Ovens.
 Tom Bogue, Sunday's Well.
 John O'Sullivan, Windsor.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS OR OTHERWISE REMEMBERED:

Nan Kavanagh, Leemount.
 Finbarr Riordan, Oxford/Cork.
 Humphrey & Con Kerins, Castleknock.
 Joan O'Keeffe, St Mary's Tce.
 William & Mary Murphy, Blarney.
 Jackie Farrell, Ballydehob.
 Richard Walsh, Ballinlough.
 Maureen Cuddihy, Coolroe.
 Dr. Sean Crotty, Coolroe.
 Emily Moynihan, Rathmore.
 Vera Walsh, The Maltings.
 Eileen Claffey, The Maltings.
 John Meehan, Cork & Glasgow.
 Mary Linehan, Inniscarra View.
 Fr. Michael Hourihan, Limerick/Florida.
 Jack Hurley, Hawthorn Avenue.
 Lil O'Connell, O'Connell Ave Turner's Cross
 Eddie Fitzmaurice, Banna.
 Angelo & Margaret Bernardi, Magazine Road.
 Mary & Thomas Delaney, Maglin.
 Noel Murphy, Model Farm Road.
 Nellie Forde, Terelton, Macroom.
 John Forde, Curraheen.
 Hughie & Neil O'Leary, Fairhill & Longford..
 Jerry & Chris O'Sullivan, Clash Road.
 Noreen Doherty, Kilneedy.
 Michael & Mary Daly, Faranfore.
 Mike Cullinane, Coolroe.

Care to Drive

The Irish Cancer Society is offering a free transport service to patients undergoing chemotherapy treatments in Cork University Hospital, Kerry General Hospital & the Mercy University Hospital, Cork. For more information, patients can contact their treatment team in the hospital or call Gail on 01 2310 566

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Second Week Of Easter

27 Sunday Acts 2:42-47. Ps. 117. 1 Pet. 1:3-9. Jn. 20:19-31. Lect I: 438
 28 Monday Acts 4:23-31 - Ps 2. Jn 3:1-8. Lect I: 447
 29 Tuesday 1 Jn 1:5-2:2. Ps. 102. Mt. 11 :25-30. Lect II: 1009
 30 Wednesday Acts 5:17-26. Ps 33. Jn 3:16-21. Lect I: 452
 01 Thursday Acts 5:27-33. Ps 33. Jn 3:31-36. Lect I: 454
 02 Friday Acts 5:34-42. Ps 26. Jn. 6:1-15. Lect I: 456
 03 Saturday 1 Cor 15:1-8. Ps. 18. Jn. 14:6-14. Lect II: 1017

Next Sunday's Readings 04-May-2014

Acts 2: 14, 22-33. Ps. 15. 1 Pet. 1: 17-21. Lk. 24: 13-35. Lect I: 461

Music Morning

Music morning in the Ballincollig Library this coming Tuesday April 29th at 11am.

This month's music choice will be presented by Joan Kennelly.

All welcome. Admission free. Cuppa will be served

Family Fun Day Fundraiser For CUH Children's Unit

Family Fun Day fundraiser for CUH Children's Unit on Sunday 27th April in Ballincollig Rugby Club starting at 1.30pm. -5.00pm.

Bungee trampolines, train rides, bouncing castles, fun-fair rides and much more – guaranteed to be a fantastic fun occasion for all the family with all proceeds going towards the CUH Children's Unit Appeal.

Christian Meditation

Day of Talks and meditation concluding with Mass at 4pm

Presenter: Fr. Donagh O'Shea O.P.

Date: Saturday 3rd May 2014 at 9.45am – 5pm

Venue: Sacred Heart Missionaries' Hall, Western Road, Cork

Bishop John

Tuesday April 29th marks the 30th anniversary of the episcopal ordination of our Bishop John Buckley, we wish continued good health and spiritual guidance.

CROWLEY

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47
 Early Christians adhered to apostolic teaching, centering their lives on prayer, the breaking of the bread, the common life, and charity.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9
 Through God's great mercy, Christians have new life in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The goal of faith is salvation.

Gospel: John 20:19-31
 Following Jesus' crucifixion the disciples were still uncertain of his message. They lost hope and in fear locked themselves in a room. Without entering through the door, Jesus appeared before them with a greeting of peace and a mission to spread the Good News. The disciple, Thomas, was not in the room. When he learned of Jesus' visit, he would not believe it. But about week later, Jesus appeared in a similar way when Thomas was with the others. Jesus invited Thomas to touch the wounds in his hands and side. Thomas knew immediately that it was Jesus and believed in him.

Ballincollig Annual Pilgrimage to Knock

Sunday May 25th
 Bus leaving Village at 7.30am sharp
 Contact: Sally 021 4870954 or Cathleen 021 4874730

"Mothers' Prayers"

will recommence
 Wednesday 30th April 10.30 a.m
 at Meeting Room at Christ our Light Church
 Thursday 1st May 10.00 a.m
 At Parish house - 'Sonas' - Station Road
 We welcome all Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers to join in prayer for all our children and the youth of our parish on one of these mornings

Mass of Intercession to Saint John Paul 2nd

For People with Parkinson's
 In St Patricks Church, Rochestown, Cork On Tuesday 29th April 2014 at 7.00 pm, with Sacrament Of Anointing of The Sick
 People with Parkinson's and Similar Conditions and their families, are especially welcome to participate in this special Mass.
 Pope John Paul 2nd will be canonised on 27th April next. He is credited with at least 2 miracles, the healing of a French nun, Sr. Marie Simon-Pierre who inexplicably recovered from Parkinson's disease in 2005. A second miracle involved a Costa Rican woman who was cured of brain aneurysm the very day of John Paul 2nd's beatification.

Directions: St.Patricks Church, Rochestown is located at the Rochestown Exit (R610)from the South Ring Road. From N40 East and West take the Carrigaline/Rochestown Exit(N28) followed by Rochestown Exit (R610), Church is 1st Exit at Roundabout on Rochestown Road. St. Patricks has full Disabled Access.

Bulletin Board

First Friday

Friday May 2nd is the first Friday of the month. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St Mary & St John from 6.30pm to 7.45pm, you are invited to come and spend some time with the Lord. There is Mass in St Mary & St John on Friday evening at 8.00pm. 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.

Next Confirmation

Scoil Eoin Friday May 2nd
 Scoil Barra Monday May 12th

Thank You

Sincere thanks to the many people who gave their time throughout the Easter period, Ministers of the Word, Ministers of the Eucharist, Altar Society, Altar Servers, Choirs, Cantors, Folk Group, Collectors, the Scouts, Cleaners, Parish Council and Parish Council Sub Groups, the Sacristans in both Churches, People who distributed dues envelopes and the various flyers.
 Thanks also to the many people who attended and participated in the Easter Ceremonies.

Easter Collection

The Priests of the parish Fr George & Fr. Dave would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generosity in the Easter collection. This is much appreciated.

Special collection for Diocesan needs.

The collection for Diocesan needs will be taken up at all Masses this week end Sat/Sun 26/27 Apr.

Trocaire Boxes

Please return Trocaire Boxes to the schools or to the church; when returned the money will be lodged in the Trocaire Account.

Fr. George

The Alliance of the Two Hearts

All-night Vigil of Reparation & Adoration
 Friday 2nd May
 St. Francis Church
 Liberty Street, Cork
 Rosary Starts @ 9pm
 First Friday Mass @ 9.30pm
 First Saturday Mass @ Midnight Friday
 (Come for all or part of the night)

Dyslexia Association

The Education Sub-Committee has organised an Information Talk on E.F.T. Emotionally Focused Therapy and Dyslexia to be held in Bishopstown Community School on Wednesday 30th April, 2014 at 8.00 pm. Guest Speaker is Mr. Harry Kennedy, Teacher and Registered Psychotherapist (IACP). Admission €10.00. Parents, Teachers, Students - all welcome.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

May-03 & May-04-2014

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Karen Sheehan
Padraig Graham
8:30 am
Tom McDonagh

10:00 am
Maria Bunyan
Amy O'Driscoll
12:00 Noon
Chloe Dalton O'Connor
Katie Tobin

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Fiona Feely

11:00 am
Tomás Buckley
Michael Buckley
12:30 pm
Bernard Vallely
Colm Walsh
5:30 pm
Colm & Liam Tuohy

MASS TIMES

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon

Sunday

11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm

9:30 am

Monday

8:30 am

9:30 am

Tuesday

8:30 am

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Wednesday

8:30 am

9:30 am

Thursday

8:30 am

9:30 am

Friday

8:30 am

10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)

Saturday

7:30 pm (Vigil)

CONFESSIONS

After 10:00 am Mass &
before 6:00 pm Mass

Saturday

BAPTISMS

4:30 pm

Saturday

4:30 pm

Except First Saturday of
Month

First Saturday of Month

12:45 pm

Sunday

PARISH CLERGY

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Fr. Dave O'Connell C.C.
Fr. James McSweeney

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Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

Week 28th April to 4th May

Michael O'Leary
Kay O'Sullivan

Social / Coffee Mornings

Continue every Friday morning in parish house "Sonas"
on Station Road at 10 am.

Everyone welcome as it is an ideal opportunity to get
and know people from our community.



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

May-03 & May-04-2014

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Eileen Murphy
Ted Nelligan
Eileen Corkery
Maurice Bunyan
Sheila Walshe
Katie Collins

8:30 am Helen Kelly
Mary O'Connor
Michael Crowley

10:00 am Fionnuala McDonagh
Mary Buckley
Fiona Kelly
Mary O'Regan
Teresa O'Driscoll
Martin O'Leary

12 Noon Ann-Marie Cosgrove
Phil Kennedy
Ellen O'Sullivan
Ursula McAuliffe
Sally Crowley
Jim Lordan

7:30 pm John O'Donoghue
Mary Dineen
Kathleen Daly
Mairead Keenan
Kay O'Sullivan

11:00 am Mary Twomey
Mona Bowen
Billy Barry
Mary Aylward
Pauline Barton

12:30 pm Maura O'Driscoll
Mary Lehane
Dympna Byrne
Suzanne Leech

5:30 pm Shelia Curran
Elizabeth O'Sullivan

Home Share

Home Share is an initiative that provides short breaks for children and adults who attend COPE Foundation. Home Sharers are recruited from the community and the respite care/short break is provided in their family's home.

These short breaks can be for a couple of hours, overnights, week-ends or even longer.

Many families take great joy in caring for their loved ones, however providing this care on an ongoing basis can be extremely tiring and stressful. Having a short break from this care giving can be of huge benefit to the care giver, their family and the person being cared for.

Home Sharers can be working, retired, or unemployed with or without children, single or with a partner.

Training, support and an allowance will be provided to Home Sharers.

Interested?

If you would like more information or if you are interested in becoming a Home Sharer please ring Philip Grant on 021 4643238 or e-mail grantp@cope-foundation.ie