

BALLINTEER PARISH NEWSLETTER



EASTER 2016

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PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Monday 21st March Marley Grange 8.00pm
Wednesday 23rd March Meadowbrook 7.30pm
Holy Saturday 26th March Dundrum 12.00noon

Confessions

After Ceremony on Good Friday.
On Holy Saturday at 10.30am

EASTER TIMETABLE 2016

Palm Sunday, 20th March

Blessing of Palms at all Masses.

Holy Thursday, 24th March

Morning Prayer 9.10 am

(Children's Mass in **Meadowbrook** at 7.00pm)

8.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

(followed by the Holy Hour at the Altar of Repose)

Good Friday, 25th March

Day of Fast and Abstinence

9.10am Morning Prayer

12 noon Stations of the Cross

3.00pm Ceremony of the Lord's Passion

(Way of the Cross in **Meadowbrook** at 8.00pm)

Holy Saturday, 26th March

9.10am Morning Prayer

9.00pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, 27th March

Masses 9.30am Irish / As Gaeilge, 11.00am and 12.30pm.

No Evening Mass

Easter Monday to Saturday, Morning Prayer at 9.10am and 9.30am Mass.

Church Repository Shop

For all your religious cards and gifts for:

Confirmation + First Holy Communion +
Easter + Birthday + Get Well + Thank You
+ Sympathy + Wedding Cards also
Catholic newspapers, magazines,
pamphlets, Children's books and Bibles.

Shop open after Saturday evening Mass and
all Sunday morning Masses.



Feast of the Divine Mercy

Begins on **Good Friday 25th**

March: Leaflets are available
on tables in the Church. **Divine**

Mercy Sunday is 3rd April.

Devotions in the Oratory with
Exposition from 3-5.15pm

2016 Pastoral Area Pilgrimage to Rome & San Giovanni Rotondo

Saturday 27th August - Friday 2nd
September
6 nights

Accompanied by Spiritual Director
Special Group Price **€849**
Inclusive of Taxes & Insurance

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There are still some places - tell a friend!

Easter Message

Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday are hugely important days in the Christian calendar. When Our Lord sat down at the Last Supper with his apostles the Eucharist was initiated. The real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist is central to our belief.

Good Friday ceremonies with the kissing of the cross are so profound. Every Christian clearly understands how suffering can come to any of us at any time.

Holy Saturday: The death of Jesus on the cross upset the early church, some lost faith and hope when they witnessed what happened to Jesus. The Holy Saturday/Easter Day commemorates the rising of Jesus from the dead. New hope came to the early church and to us. We believe our soul goes to God when we die. The Resurrection experience is ours also. Let us pray this Easter-time for a strengthening of our faith in the risen Jesus.

I wish every parishioner a Happy and Holy Easter and please join us for some or all of the Easter ceremonies. On Holy Saturday we welcome new parishioners who are being received into the Catholic Church after more than a year of preparation with Deacon Noel and their sponsors.

Fr. Liam Belton

THE PARISH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST BALLINTEER

Historic photos, maps and interviews feature in this captivating hour-long DVD which charts the early days of Ballinteer, as it evolved from a rural farmland with winding country roads to the busy, friendly suburb it is today.

We meet people from many of the community organisations active in our parish both past and present, including the GAA, our Schools, the Blue House, the Cells and the Faith & Light groups; we remember pilgrimages to Lourdes, and we visit a remote parish in Nigeria which has twinned with St John's.

We get a fascinating tour of the beautiful - and hidden - features of the church itself, enhanced with performances by the many talented choirs, musicians and singers who imbue our celebrations in St John's with joy.

This DVD looks at how the entire community is bonded under the all-encompassing name of "parish".

Price: €10 from Church
Shop or Parish Office and
on tables in the Church.

Many Groups are active in the Parish:

Legion of Mary - meet in the Parish Centre on Tuesdays at 7.30pm. Lasts approx. 1½ hours.

St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society - is a Society of lay people who promote vocations to the priesthood through prayers and financial assistance. They meet on the last Friday morning in the Conference Room at 10am.

Parish Intercessory Prayer Team - The team meet regularly to pray for the needs of all in our parish. Requests for prayer can be made (without disclosing identity) on the form provided on clipboards at the entrance to the Church.

Holy Communion for the Housebound - anyone who wishes to receive Holy Communion should contact the Sacristy or Parish Office.

Parish Outreach to Mosney Group;
Ballinteer Male Voice Choir; **St. John's Gospel Choir;** **Parish Cell Community, Faith & Light Group, Parish Twinning Group, Golden Age, Active Retirement Group, Quarry Youth Group.**

For further details please see the parish website or contact the parish office **01 4994203**.