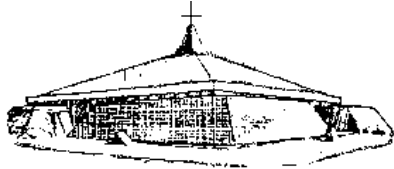


THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



SUNDAY 5TH MAY 2002

Sixth Sunday of Easter

*As Jesus prepared to leave the world he promised to give the Holy Spirit to his disciples.
We are his disciples and receive his Spirit but only if we love him and keep his commandments.*

OUR OWN STORY

Each of us has a story to tell, the story of our life. It's one story that should be told. To tell one's story is to own it. To own is to accept it in its entirety, good or bad, bright & dark sides alike. When life is happy it is easy to accept and tell our story. But when life is sad, the opposite happens. We tend to close up and cut ourselves off. Yet it is especially in the dark moments that we need to tell our story to a sympathetic ear.

A young man lost the use of his right arm. After several tests nothing was discovered that could account for his inability to use his right arm. In talking to a counsellor he shared that he was an accountant and he was working for a highly reputable firm. It also turned out that he was being asked to doctor the books. He could not deal with the conflict. His mind told his right arm to shut down, thus relieving him of the responsibility of doing something contrary to what he believed in. This is a true but extreme case.

If such people do not get a chance to tell their story, there is little chance that they will recover, much less achieve happiness in their lives. Every person's story, even that of the most hopeless, derelict or desperate criminal deserves to be listened to with respect because it is his or her story.

A recent Sunday Gospel, that of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, is all about story telling. Those two disciples had a story to tell, one full of disappointment and disillusionment. It was really bothering them. True friendship begins when two people share a memory. Here two friends on the road to Emmaus and were trying to commiserate with each other. Jesus joined them as a stranger. People often find it easier to unburden on a stranger. Straight away, he showed an interest in their lives by asking them what they were talking about. Then he created a climate in which they felt like talking. And they did talk. They poured out their sad story to him.

When Jesus began to tell his story, "Stay with us", they ask him. What a simple expression. He may never have revealed himself to them had they not invited him to stay. It is necessary that we too, invite him to stay with us. This lovely story is about doubt and loss of direction being turned about into strong and joyful faith.

Just as the two disciples were energised in the Lord's presence, let us pray that we will understand that Jesus is present among us all the time. We can always tell our story to him. It does not have to be done in one sitting. We must, however, invite him to stay with us, why not begin today!

John O'Donovan

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

PRIEST:

The works of God are tremendous, so with confidence we make our prayers known.

READER:

For those who are celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation this year, that the Spirit may be their guide throughout life.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For all who are already confirmed, that the Spirit may help them explain their faith to people who are searching.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who are crippled or paralysed, that the Spirit of power and strength may support them each day.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For all who suffer, in mind, body or spirit, that the Spirit of healing may work in them, bringing comfort and peace.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For our brothers and sisters who have died, that they may be raised to life in the Spirit.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For this community and all our own needs, that God's Spirit may always sustain us.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

PRIEST:

God of love and compassion, you never reject our prayer: let your good Spirit guide us each day, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

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BAPTISMS



WE WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY
ALL THOSE WHO WERE BAPTISED RECENTLY :
James Cian McArdle, 15 Castleknock
Anthony Gerard O'Malley, 26, The Grove, Wyndham Downs
Cian Thomas O'Connor, 80, The Cloisters

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IN SYMPATHY

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:
Julie O'Callaghan, Leemount, Carrigrohane
John Mahony, Inchinagotach, Skibbereen
Eileen Moore, Dublin & Glenflesk
Martin Staunton, Birmingham
Mary McCormack, Paradise, Eyrecourt, Co. Galway

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE
REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF**

Arthur & Johanna Allen, Blarney Rd.
Brendan O'Sullivan, Glendower
Denis O'Mahony, Tudor Grove
Dan & Margaret Lynch, Ballydehob
Patricia Ginty
Sr. Gemma O'Dwyer
Tim O'Connell, Main Street
Patrick Murphy, Inniscarra
Michael Maveryly, Evergreen
Josie & Martin Murphy, Rock Chapel
Margaret Erangey
Daniel & Mary Deady, Cobh
Jeremiah & Catherine Cunningham, Dillon's Cross
Denis McDonald, Coolroe
Tom & Kate Staunton, Athlone
Mary O'Regan, Berrings
Paul Wall, Churchfield
John & Jenny Wall, Newbridge
Con & Eileen Bradley, Leemount
Myra Hayes, Clonakilty
Jim O'Neill, Poulavone
Con & Maureen Cremin, Glasheen Rd
Ann Linehan
Brian O'Connor, Wilton
Kitty & Jerry Hallahan, Kilmichael & Wales

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

5 Sunday Acts 8:5-8, 14-17. Ps. 65. 1 Pet. 3:15-18. Jn.14:15-21 *Lect:1:534*
Through Baptism and Confirmation we have been given the Holy Spirit, that some Spirit who gave Christ the victory over the world. This Advocate is our support in the difficulties of life. The Spirit of truth convinces us of the meaning and value of the Christian way.

6 Monday Acts 16:11 -15. Ps. 149. Jn. 15:26-16:4. *Lect:1: 542*
Jesus understands the fear of his disciples as they face the world. The Spirit of truth is with us to help speak up for our faith in the face of opposition, ridicule or indifference.

7 Tuesday Acts 16:22-34. Ps. 137. Jn. 16:5-11. *Lect 1:544*
God is Love' and love is his first gift, containing all others. Because we are dead or at least wounded through sin, the first effect of the gift of love is the forgiveness of our sins. The communion of the Holy Spirit in the Church restores to the baptised the divine likeness lost through sin."

8 Wednesday Acts 17:15, 22-18:1. Ps. 148. Jn. 16:12-15. *Lect 1:546*
St Paul preached to the citizens of Athens about their unknown God, but they preferred to think about it all at a later time. The Spirit continues with the Church,helping us to interpret the signs of the times. We must be always ready to listen.

9 Thursday Acts 18; 1 -8. Ps. 97. Jn. 16:16-20 *Lect 1:560*
St Paul gives the example of missionary work, devoting all his time to preaching. As a result a great many Corinthians embrace the faith. "Faith comes from hearing".

10 Friday Acts 18:9-18. Ps. 46. Jn. 16:20-23. *Lect 1:562*
"On the day of Pentecost when the seven weeks of Easter had come to an end, Christ's Passover is fulfilled in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, manifested, given and communicated as a divine person: of his fullness, Christ, the Lord, pours out the Spirit in abundance.

11 Saturday Acts 16:1 - T O. Ps. 99. Jn. 15:18-21. *Lect 1:564*
The conflict between the believer and the world is part of the Christian's inheritance. The disciple cannot expect other than what his Master also received."is better to be persecuted for doing right than simply to conform to the ways of world.

SAINTS THIS WEEK

10 Friday- St. Comgall, was born c. 516 in Co. Antrim. He established a monastery at Bangor c. 555-558 which attracted men like St. Columbanus. It is said that at one time there were 4000 monks under his guidance. He also founded a monastery at Tیره in Scotland. After a long and difficult illness he died on the feast of Pentecost 602 or 605.

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4th & 5th May

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To:

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Achill, Co Mayo. On Sat 1st June 2002

Staying Overnight,

SATURDAY 1st June Bus Departs Kinsale 6.15am

6.30am Stop at BELGOOLY, for passengers.

6.35am Stop at RIVERSTICK, for passengers.

6.40am Stop at FIVE MILE BRIDGE, for passengers.

6.45am Stop at PARNELL PLACE, for passengers.

6.55am Stop at COMMONS ROAD, The Commons Inn, for passengers.

7.00am Stop at BALLINCOLLIG, The White Horse Inn, for passengers.

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Will You Follow Me?



REASONS FOR OUR HOPE
A DAY OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION

PRESENTED BY
GALILEE PRAYER GROUP



SPEAKERS:

FR. MATT CUNNINGHAM

FR. MICHAEL FITZGERALD

MUSIC MINISTRY:

JIM KEOHAN

VENUE:

BALLINCOLLIG
COMMUNITY HALL

DATE:

MAY 11TH 2002

TIME:

10:30 A.M TO 9:30 PM

| ST. MARY & ST. JOHN | EACH SUNDAY | CHRIST OUR LIGHT |
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| <p>Masses</p> <p>Sunday: 8.30, 10.00, 12.00</p> <p>Mon-Fri: 9.30am,</p> <p>Saturday: 10.00am, 6pm (Vigil)</p> | <p>ROSARY RECITED AT BOTH CHURCHES EACH SUNDAY 3.00P.M. <i>Everyone most welcome</i></p> | <p>Masses</p> <p>Sunday: 11.00, 12.30, 5.30pm</p> <p>Mon-Fri: 8.30am.</p> <p>Saturday: 10.00am, 8.00pm (Vigil)</p> |
| <p>Confessions</p> <p>Saturday: after 10am Mass before 6pm Mass</p> | <p>SACRISTY SERVICES <i>Before and after all Masses Sundays & Weekdays</i> <u>CHURCH OF ST. MARY & ST. JOHN</u></p> <p>- Mass Card Signing - Requests for Baptism/Marriage Certs, etc. <u>CHRIST OUR LIGHT</u> - Mass Card Signing -</p> | <p>Confessions</p> <p>Saturday: after 10am Mass</p> |
| <p>Baptisms</p> <p>Saturday: 5.00pm Sunday: 12.45pm</p> | | <p>Baptisms</p> <p>Saturday: 7.15pm</p> |
| <p align="center">PARISH CLERGY</p> <p align="center">CHURCH NO. ☎ 087-2479140</p> <p align="center">Fr. Leonard. O'Brien P.☎ 021-4871206</p> <p align="center">Fr. Pat. O'Donovan C.☎ 021-4872808 Fax: 021-4872808</p> <p align="center">Fr. Paul O'Donoghue ☎ 021-4876055</p> <p align="center">Fr. John O'Donovan ☎ 021-4870434</p> | | |

EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

This year's Eucharistic Procession will take place on Saturday 25th May 2002, following 6.00pm Mass at St. Mary & St. John's Church. The procession will be from the Church to East Gate followed by Benediction in Car Park.

GALILEE PRAYER GROUP

Who meet weekly in Ballincollig, will be holding a day of Prayer and Reflection in the Community Hall on Saturday 11th May 2002. We have invited two speakers to talk on faith today, and how it compares to the faith of the Apostles.

All are invited to attend, but we would especially like to welcome anyone in the surrounding area, young or old, who has never been to a meeting like this before, to join us, so please be assured that you will be more than welcome to drop in at any time during the day.





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FATIMA APOSTOLATE GROUP BALLINCOLLIG

The Monthly Meeting of the Apostolate
will be held on Monday next,
May 6th, 2002
at 7pm in the Youth House,
Station Road, Ballincollig
All are welcome to attend

Unit 2, N.O.F Commercial Centre, Kilnap, Mallow Road, Cork. Tel: 021-4391690 Fax: 021-4391693
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THE ALZHEIMER SOCIETY of IRELAND

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CARERS SUPPORT MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 13TH, 2002, IN JURY'S HOTEL AT 8P.M.

Ballincollig Tidy Towns

The Cork County Council Inter Town Challenge begins on Thursday 9th May. The Town Centre will be judged each week and in the first week Muskerry Estate will be judged also. We have 1 week to make a huge effort to clean up around the various parts of Muskerry and improve on the marks we received last year.

A big community effort is required from everyone.

Next week we will have the full fixture list available but your estate must
"Be Prepared"

We would appeal to each and every resident and trader to make an
Extra special effort this year.

You could start by organising a clean up in your estate or area.

We are organising **Community Clean Ups every Wednesday**
at 7.30pm from L & N Car Park and the Community Hall

We hope people will come out and lend a hand.

We all have a part to play. Please play your part.

Prayer is a quiet force which works on us
and stirs us inwardly. It keeps us from
falling asleep in the face of evil.

- Brother Roger of Taizé -

ROSARY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

The Rosary will be recited each evening,
Monday to Friday, in the Church of St.
Mary & St. John at 6.30pm.

All are welcome

REFLECTION

*What happiness for those whose guilt has been forgiven!
 What joy when transgressions are buried deep!
 What relief for those who have confessed their sins!
 What peace when God has cleared their record!*

*As a mother loves and pities
 The weak child of her womb,
 So does the Lord who made us,
 Love and pity each child of Adam.*

*There was a time when I wouldn't admit what a sinner I was.
 I kept my sins secret, ignoring them, rationalising them.
 Not telling the truth only made me sad.
 My strength was dried up, as though parched by a summer's heat.
 But now, I have acknowledged my sins.
 My guilt I did not hide.
 I long to be transparent to myself and to you.
 I will be my own accuser and say:
 'I will confess my offence to the Lord.'
 And you forgave me!
 All my guilt is gone.*

*'Don't be like a senseless horse or mule
 That needs a bit in its mouth to keep it in line!'*
 Psalm 32:9

**CLEAN UP YOUR ACT
 AND RAISE A FEW EURO**

FANCY doing a spot of spring cleaning and helping some good causes at the same time? If you are interested, then Ballincollig Lions Club has the solution. It is holding its annual spring bazaar on May 12 and is looking for goods to sell. The club is calling on people to check their garages and attics for unwanted quality goods suitable for sale. Goods can be dropped into the community centre in Ballincollig. Alternatively, you can contact one of the following to have your goods collected:
 Statia on (021) 4870204;
 Elizabeth on (021) 4870354;
 Chris on (021) 4873614.
 All support is appreciated and funds raised on the day will go towards helping local charities.

**BALLINCOLLIG SECULAR
 FRANCISCAN ORDER**

*The Monthly Meeting & Mass
 will be held in St. Mary & St. John's Church
 on Thursday, 9th May
 at 11.00a.m.
 Rosary will be recited at 10.40a.m. (Sharp)*

Thought For Today

*Always have your answer ready (Second Reading)
 What the world of today asks of us believers is that
 we should not only 'speak' of Christ, but 'show'
 Christ to them (Novo Millennio Ineunte 16). If we are
 not effective witnesses, could that be because we do
 not know Christ well enough ourselves, and reverence
 him in our hearts? (Second Reading)*

NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS:

Acts 1:1-11. Ps. 46. Eph. 1:17-23. Mt. 28:16-20. Lect 1:549
 Feast of the Ascension of the Lord

MINISTERS OF THE WORD MAY 11TH/12TH

ST. MARY & ST. JOHN CHRIST OUR LIGHT

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| 6.00p.m.(Vigil) - Geraldine Murphy | 8.00p.m.(Vigil) - Michael Greene |
| 8.30a.m. - Elaine Murphy | 11.00a.m. - Liam Hayes |
| 10.00a.m. - Rebecca Lynch | 12.30p.m. - Con O'Connell |
| 12 Noon - Tony Lynch | 5.30p.m. - Michelle Beamish |

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

11th /12th May 2002

ST. MARY'S & ST. JOHN'S CHURCH



SATURDAY 11TH

6p.m.
 Patsy Murphy
 Breda Foley
 Geraldine Graham
 Sr. M. Carmody
 Geraldine Hegarty
 Cathy Horgan

SUNDAY 12TH

8.30a.m.
 Theresa Lucey
 Rita Murphy

10a.m.
 Karina O'Mahony
 Rose Doyle
 Tadhg Murphy
 Mary Murphy
 Joan Tobin

12.00 Noon
 Michael Crowley
 Breda Linehan
 Noel Hennessy
 Marie O'Callaghan
 Rena O'Connor
 Angela Roche

CHRIST OUR LIGHT CHURCH

SATURDAY 11TH

8p.m.
 Jim Cahill
 Kit Cahill
 Sheila O'Connor

SUNDAY 12TH

11a.m.
 Maura McNamara
 Angela Cunningham
 Laurence Cunningham
 Marie Mullins

12.30p.m.
 Anne O'Connell
 Eileen Garvey
 Sally Power
 Breda Callanan
 Marie O'Brien

5.30p.m.
 Neil O'Donoghue
 Patricia O'Donoghue
 Statia O'Callaghan

BALLINCOLLIG BASKETBALL CLUB

In the past week various publications have carried good news for a number of clubs in the Ballincollig area. We welcome any new facility that may come about because of recent announcements of allocation of money and land to organizations working with young people. One article claimed that there was a population of 8000 young people the majority of whom were aged between ten and eighteen living in Ballincollig. Another piece of news was that Murphys Barracks was up for sale and 900 new houses would be built on a section of its land and a possibility of a playground which is recommended but which developers could apply for a change of use. The young population of Ballincollig will increase by thousands due to the ever expanding number of building projects in our town. There is no talk of providing facilities for youth groups not involved in field sports. Public Private Partnership funding is the new way of providing leisure centres run for profit and not for the good of the local community groups working with children . We cannot see any indoor multi purpose hall in any of the plans for Ballincollig and surrounding areas being built for community groups. The decision to demolish Ballincollig Community School Gym is a wasted opportunity to provide local interested groups with an outstanding facility which would take a long time for any group to build. We are appealing for common sense from the people we have approached in connection with the possibility of keeping the gym and would ask people to question all canvassers what is their position on facilities for our youth.

This May Bank Holiday weekend will see over seventy inter county games played in Cork as part of the Annual Inter County Under Age Tournament.

We wish all our club players involved in Cork teams the best of luck in their games. Players involved are Denis Crowley, Declan Crowley, Killian Kelleher, David Baldwin, Laura Donovan, Helena Walsh, Catherine O'Toole, Nicola Walsh and Amy Nugent.

INNISHANNON CHURCH RESTORATION.

A Victorian weekend and Antique Road Show

in Brides Cottage, Killumney,

home of D.J. Murphy of Bandon Garden Centre,

this May Bank Holiday weekend 4th, 5th and 6th May from 2pm to 8pm.

Here you will have afternoon tea served by ladies in Victorian finery.

Do you have a family heirloom, a piece of jewellery, delph or any other little bits and pieces. Have you ever wondered about their value ?

We'll bring them along between 3pm and 5pm on Sunday and discuss it with two experts.

There is a poetry reading and talk with Alice Taylor at 3pm on Monday and each day the paintings of Jerry Larkin will be on view.

This week end is being organised by the Castlelack I.C.A. and Community in aid of Innishannon/Knockavilla Church Fund and is sponsored by Bandon Credit Union.

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Religious beliefs are apparently good for your health, particularly when you attend church services. A study of 4000 people in North Carolina seems to show that older people are less depressed and physically much healthier if they attend services rather than praying at home. Dr. Harold Koenig, detailing the research which was supported by the American National Institute on Ageing, said that church-related activity may prevent illness at two levels "both by a direct effect, using prayer or scripture reading as a coping behaviour, as well as by an indirect effect through its influence on health behaviour". For example, religion can determine what people eat and prevent them abusing drugs or alcohol or smoking, as well as helping them avoid unsafe sexual practices. Other research has shown that religious beliefs can help fight cancer, combat heart disease and aid recovery from surgery.