

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 18-May-2003

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Part of the great revelation of the New Testament is the notion that God is coming among us to make all things new; that means removing all the causes of guilt and grief in human life. We show our acceptance of this renewal of our lives by our love for one another.



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

My Vision

Having been a Religious Education Teacher over the past ten years I must admit that this has been a challenging experience but extremely worthwhile nonetheless. I, myself, have grown over the past decade with a greater understanding of who I am and what my purpose is, with my own conviction being my best resource.

In nurturing the faith of each individual student it is my firm belief that all Religious Education teachers should deepen their understanding of Human Existence in a Christian context. The task on hand is to give each individual student a good grounding in the fundamentals of Christianity while accompanying them on their journey of faith. This is intrinsic in their faith experience.

During their stay here in Coláiste Choilm students will learn about making good moral choices and will be enabled to grow in moral maturity. They will begin to understand that morality is about accepting self and others as part of God's plan for us. They will realise the importance of informing their conscience and that in making moral decisions there are consequences to their actions.

From first year to leaving cert we have the responsibility to arm each student for life. Each year being another step forward in their understanding of what it means to be a Christian – which is no easy task.

I feel that crucial to their understanding of faith we, as religion teachers, must ensure that their faith experiences are a very positive one as indeed we are a product of all our life experiences.

Many teachers in schools today have taken on pastoral responsibilities in the classroom and in school generally this applies particularly to teachers of religious studies.

It behoves all of us as teachers not only to be professional in what we do in class but also to incorporate pastoral issues and their care as part of our remit. School should be a place where each student is valued equally and given a genuine sense of belonging in the hope that as adult Christians it will be replicated in their lives.

As teachers of religious education we have to nurture this Christian vision of hope and I wish to continue to do so for many years to come – God willing!

Carmel Falvey, Coláiste Choilm.

Thought for Today

Pruned to make it bear even more (Gospel)

We forget that the vine needs to be pruned. When Jesus was tempted in the desert, the temptation was to rely on prosperity, prestige and power. By resisting that temptation he showed us that we need to be pruned of our self-reliance in order to put our trust in God alone.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Praising God for the wonders of creation, we bring our prayers to the Lord.

Reader

For all the baptised, that they may never be separated from Christ, the true vine.

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

For Christians everywhere, that their faith may bear fruit in good deeds.

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

For those who persecute others and treat them badly, that, like St Paul, they may see the light, and repent.

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

For all who grow crops for their livelihood, that God may be in their work, sustaining and encouraging them.

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

For those who face exams this summer, that God's gifts of serenity and calm may be theirs.

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

For all whose pilgrimage on earth is over, that they may reach their final destination, at the Father's house.

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

Priest

God our creator, we praise you for your mighty deeds. Hear the prayers your faithful people make, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

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BAPTISMS

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

James Martin Faherty, 6 Westgrove
 Ronan Neil Lucey, 181 Beech Park
 Eoin Stephen Riordan, 20 The Groves
 Leah Abbey O'Keeffe, 16 Daffodil Fields

MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Sean Patrick Harney, U.S.A. & Valerie Staunton, Clash
 William Brendan Russell, 29 Melbourne Ave., Bishopstown & Fiona
 Patrica O'Leary, Model Farm Road

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Kevin O'Regan, Castle Park
 Donal Leahy, St. Mary's Tce., Carrigrohane

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

Elizabeth O'Callaghan, Clash Cross
 Catherine & John Murray, The Square
 Michael & Bridget Forde, Curraheen
 Jeremiah Callanan, Poulavone
 Sheila Desmond, Dunmanway
 Siobhan O'Hegarty
 Eileen, Jane & John O'Mahony, Leeview
 Ann Murray, Rosewood
 Kate Murphy, Leemount
 Family of Dan & Peggy McCarthy, 3 The Crescent
 John O'Mahony, Castletownbere
 Noreen McCarthy, 76 Castle Park
 Elizabeth Crowley, Poulavone
 Thomas Lynch
 Margaret & Daniel O'Sullivan
 Mary O'Sullivan, Raheen
 Sr. Theo Murphy
 Ellen Murphy, Ovens
 James Collins, Dunmanway
 Alice Connors
 Cecilia Bogue, Lee View, Carrigrohane
 Brian McVeigh

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

FIFTH WEEK OF EASTER

18 Sunday Acts 9:26-31. Ps. 21. 1 Jn. 3: 18-24. Jn.15: 1.8. Lect 1:574
 19 Monday Acts 14:5-18. Ps. 1138. Jn. 14:21-26. Lect 1:579
 20 Tuesday Acts 14:19-28. Ps. 144. Jn. 14:27-31. Lect 1:522
 21 Wednesday Acts 15: 1-6. Ps. 121. Jn. 15: 1-8. Lect 1:524
 22 Thursday Acts 15:7-21. Ps. 95. Jn. 15:9-11. Lect 1:526
 23 Friday Acts 15:22-31. Ps. 56. Jn. 15: 12-17. Lect 1:528
 24 Saturday Acts 16:1-10. Ps. 99. Jn. 15:18-21. Lect 1:537

The Sunshine of a Smile

A smile doesn't cost anything
 And it gives a lot.
 It makes the receiver richer
 Without impoverishing the giver.
 It lasts only a moment,
 But its memory is often eternal.
 No one is so rich to be able
 To live without it.
 No one is so poor not to be able to give it.
 It makes the home happy; it is support in business;
 It is the tangible sign of deep friendship.
 A smile gives rest to the weary;
 To the discouraged, renewed courage;
 In sadness it is consolation;
 It gives remedy to all sorrows.
 But, it is a good no one can buy, nor lend, nor steal,
 Because it has value only the moment it is given.
 And, if at times you happen to meet someone who does
 Not give you the expected smile,
 Be generous and give yours; because
 No one needs a smile so badly than
 He who cannot give it to others.

Fr. Faber

Ballincollig Parish Pastoral Council

Next meeting of the council will be held
 in the Community Centre,
 on Monday May 26th at 7.45 pm

"Creativity in older years - Rekindle the wonder"

Enjoy a day of relaxation, meditation, guided visualisation
 etc to help you tap into the creative potential within.

Saturday 31st May 2003 - 10.00 am. - 3.00 pm

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING: Acts 9: 26-31

When St. Stephen was stoned to death because of his preaching Paul (then known as Saul) was in charge of the execution. Now, however, after his conversion on the road to Damascus, he returns to Jerusalem and takes up where Stephen left off: preaching the same message. Again this preaching arouses the same fury and the Disciples, fearing for his life, sent him away to his home town of Tarsus.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3: 18-24

Love of God and of the neighbour are inseparable. In practising either we must not rest satisfied with expressions of devotion and good will. Only when charity is active does conscience assure us that we are leading sincere Christian lives. Two things sum up what is most pleasing to God; faith in the divine personality of Jesus Christ and brotherly love according to Christ's instructions.

GOSPEL: John 15: 1-8

In this allegory the cultivation of the vine is attributed to God the Father. A fruitless branch is lopped off like Judas. The pruning clean of the Apostles is the result of the words Jesus spoke to them. A separated vine branch is useless. It is destined for the fire. Fruitfulness and discipleship go together.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Rita 22-May-2003

Rita's great desire was to become a nun, but, in obedience to the will of her parents, she married a man extremely cruel and ill tempered. For eighteen years she was a model wife and mother. When her husband was murdered she tried to prevent her twin sons from taking revenge. As a widow she applied for admission to an Augustinian convent. As a religious she was an example for all, excelled in mortifications and was widely known for the efficacy of her prayers.

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May the Lord support us all the day long,
till the shades lengthen and the evening comes,
and the busy world is hushed,
and the fever of life is over,
and our work is done.
Then in His mercy
may He give us a safe lodging,
and a holy rest,
and peace at the last, Amen.

Family Ministry

Family Ministry in conjunction with CRSS (Cork and Ross Social Services) invites applications for a one year temporary, part-time position as **Administrator/Resource Co-ordinator** at Family Ministry, 34 Paul Street, Cork. Commencing employment in September 2003 the successful candidate will assist the Directors in their work of providing support, education and leadership skills training in the areas of Bereavement, Parenting and Family Studies.

Experience in counseling, networking with caring agencies and sourcing grant funding desirable.

The successful candidate must be a good team person with good communication skills and be able to work on their own initiative. Ongoing training in the work of Family Ministry will be provided on site.

For application form and full job description contact: Family Ministry, 34 Paul Street, Cork or telephone (021) 4275136. All application forms and CV's to be returned by 21st May 2003.

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Years Ago

**Jesus Called Men And Women
He is still calling today.
Ever think he might be calling you?**

Diocesan Priesthood

Fr. Aidan O'Driscoll, St. Finbarr's College, Farranferris, Cork.
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Sr. Breda McCarthy, IBVM,
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Religious Life – Men

Fr. Jim Stanley, CSsR,
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The Cork Simon Community Overseas Trek

The Cork Simon Community's most exciting fundraising event of the year, a trip to Mozambique takes place from the 7th to the 18th of September. The Mozambique Work Project involves trekking between villages where we will undertake work with the local community such as painting schools and clearing playing fields. Participants must raise a minimum of €4,000 to cover all costs of the event and provide much-needed funds for Cork Simon. If you would like more information, please contact Rachel or Mairéad on 021 4321166 or e-mail fundraising@corksimoncommunity.ie.

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**BALLINCOLLIG PARISH
CONFIRMATIONS 2003**

Gaelscoil Uí Riordáin - Wednesday 21st May 2003

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

May-24 & May-25-2003

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Sandra Walsh
8:30 am
Elizabeth Daly
10:00 am
Margot Twomey
12:00 Noon
Tony Hegarty

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Michael Greene
11:00 am
Liam Hayes
12:30 pm
Con O'Connell
5:30 pm
Brian O'Donoghue

MASS TIMES

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

8:30am, 10am & 12 noon	Sunday	11am, 12:30pm & 5:30pm
9:30 am	Monday	8:30 am
9:30 am	Tuesday	8:30 am
9:30 am	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	9:00 am & 8 pm (Vigil)

CONFESSIONS

After 10:00 am Mass & before 6:00 pm Mass **Saturday** After 9:00 am Mass

BAPTISMS

5:00 pm **Saturday** 7:15 pm
12:45 pm **Sunday**

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

May-24 & May-25-2003

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Mary O'Donoghue
Steve Wills
Margaret O'Sullivan
Rita Aherne
Betty Sheehan
Jim Walsh

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Rita Murphy

10:00 am Maureen Roche
Christina Walsh
Peter Reilly
Mary Collins
Christy Roche

12 Noon Oliver O'Donovan
Barbara Kelly
John Jeffers
Mary McLean
Ellen Seymour
Ita Walsh

8:00 pm Anne O'Regan
Marion O'Sullivan
Finbarr Murray

11:00 am Seamus O'Connell
Mary O'Connell
Pat Manning
Alan O'Riordan
Geraldine Keohane

12:30 pm Maura Lombard
Jackie Sheehan
Mary Green
Michael O'Leary
Lelia O'Brien

5:30 pm Catherine Green
Mary Breen
Siobhan Burke

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Legion of Mary

Annual Pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday 25th May
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*A friend knows the song in my heart and
sings it to me when my memory fails.*

BALLINCOLLIG TIDY TOWNS

The Cork County Council Inter Town Litter Challenge is now well underway and Ballincollig is in 5th place despite a lot of effort by a number of people. Please note that judging of the following areas commenced on Thursday 15th May.

The Town Centre is judged every week and includes the following Areas;
Main Street from the Westpark Hotel to the Western Roundabout near The White Horse Inn. Time Square, The Car Park, The Commercial Area Around Aldi's & Hollywood, The Car Parks Beside The Reel Cinema, Chapel Lane, Station Road, Church of St. Mary & St. John, Scoil Eoin, The Scout Hall, The Cemetery.

The other area to be judged is **AREA 6**
This area includes Leesdale, Glendower Court, Powdermills, Long And Short Ranges, O'Donovan Crescent, Fr Sexton Park, Daffodil Fields, Bridgewater, Manor Hill, Westpark Hotel & the GAA Club.

Judging of **AREA 7** will start on May 22nd next so please start preparing.
Beech Park, The Cloisters, Castle Park, Aishling Close, Cranford Pines, Greystones, Rosewood, Inniscarra and the main road from Spar to Leo Murphy Road.

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