

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 08-June-2003

PENTECOST SUNDAY

The first coming of the Holy Spirit on the Church was wind and fire and the telling of God's wonderful deeds in many tongues. The Spirit also comes as many gifts for the common good, bringing peace along with God's forgiving power.



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

LEGIONARIES ON A MISSION

In the Bible the book known as "The Acts of the Apostles" comes immediately after the Gospel according to St. John. In these weeks after Easter some of the Readings at Mass are taken from The Acts. This inspired book is by far the most readable in the whole Bible. Full of the energy and urgency that motivated the early Christians, the story covers vast areas of the Mediterranean world from Jerusalem to Rome, from Greece to Turkey. Malta is the setting for what is, perhaps, the best account of a shipwreck in ancient literature (chapter 27).

Fearlessness characterised the early messengers of the Christian Faith. That spirit still motivates Christian missionaries who travel to distant lands with the good news of salvation. Recently members of the Legion of Mary in Cork, (including some from Ballincollig), motivated by the same evangelical spirit went to Coventry on a mission.

The 12 Cork Legionaries went to the parish of St. Elizabeth, Eld Rd., Coventry, to carry out house visitation. The parish is located in an area of the city often neglected by the Council. Much of the housing is run down; business interests are limited and the standard of public health is poor, especially among the predominantly Asian community. The recent influx of Asylum Seekers and Refugees has changed the ethnic mix once again. The estimated Catholic population is 2,500, of whom 600 practice.

The Legion team was accommodated in the parish house and private homes. Eight Coventry Legionaries helped out in the visitation of homes. Over 3,000 homes were visited. 154 practising Catholics were encountered, 171 lapsed Catholics, 11 who showed an interest in the Faith. Some case histories illustrate the challenging nature of the work.

1) Little girl came to the door and said no Catholics here, but a young man came out and said "I'm a Catholic" and brought them in. His mother was there and she was lapsed. She had three other children, not baptised. She promised to contact the Priest. The boy was overjoyed when given a Rosary.

2) Lady from Uganda invited the Legionaries in and said she was a Catholic. She was a nurse whose husband had left her with 3 daughters. She came to the Presbytery, met the Priest and came to Mass on Saturday morning.

3) Italian Lady came to Mass on Friday. Possibly, she may return to the Faith.

4) A Hindu lady asked for medals for her five sons.

Such missionary work is surely in the tradition of the followers of Jesus who faced the indifference and hostility of the Roman World and eventually conquered it for the Lord.

Leonard O'Brien

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Guide the steps that go astray (Sequence)

Jesus promised the Holy Spirit to lead us into the complete truth and tell us of the things to come (Gospel). The Spirit makes us grow more like Christ and makes us witnesses to the Gospel. We need to open our minds and hearts in order to be guided by the Spirit of God into the way of truth

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

To the great God, the creator, we bring our prayers with confidence.

Reader

That the Spirit may fill the leaders of the Church, so that God's people may be inspired with a new vision.

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

That the Spirit may invigorate all the members of the Church and help those baptised and confirmed this year to grow in grace.

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

That the Spirit may give fresh enthusiasm to all who minister in this community and swell the numbers of those who serve the Lord here.

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

That the Spirit may renew the face of the earth and bring peace to the world and healing to those who suffer.

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

That the Spirit may bring life to those who have died and lead all the faithful departed home to heaven.

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

For a world plagued by hunger, war and destruction, that the Spirit may renew the face of the earth.

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

Priest

Creator of all, our prayers rise towards you, and your gift of the Spirit descends upon us: Continue to help us according to our needs, we pray, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord and renew the face of the earth.

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BAPTISMS

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

Emily Kate Wycherley, 3 The Meadows
 Padraig Paul Kirby, 3 Woodbine Lawn
 Mel Kavanagh, 17 Glendower Court
 Thomas George Leach, 10 Limeworth
 Kameron Charles Buckley, 21 Hazel Grove
 Conor Stephen Lawlor-Murphy, 140 Rosewoo

† **IN SYMPATHY** †
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :

Peggy Crowley, Waterfall
 Bernard Flanagan, Castle Park

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

Dan Dorgan, Powdermills
 Jerry Murphy, Greenfields
 Ted Roche, Inniscarra View
 Hurley & Cremin families
 Tom & Catherine, Cathedral Rd.
 McCarthy Family, Dripsey
 Maureen Walsh, Doneraile
 Jack McCarthy, Dripsey
 Sheila Kelleher, Cathedral Rd.
 Mary Brennan
 Thomas O'Sullivan, Kanturk
 Joe Linehan
 John Cotter
 Denis Horgan, St. Theresa's Rd.
 Charlie Tobin, Ballyphehane
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 Catherine Cullinane, Macroom
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 Kate Crowley

Cork Mended Hearts
 (Surgical Heart Patients Association)

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

2nd - 7th September 2003 Ex Cork, Fully Escorted Tour
Cost per person €638

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EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION

This year's Eucharistic Procession will take place on Saturday 21st June 2003, following 6.00 pm Mass at St. Mary & St. John's Church. The procession will be from the Church to East Gate Followed by Benediction in Car Park.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

TENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

08 Sunday Acts 2: 1-11. Ps. 103. Gal. 5: 16-25. In. 15:26-27. 16:12-15. Lect I: 601 & 604

09 Monday Col. 1:24-29. Ps. 15. Mk 10:17-30. Lect. II:1345

10 Tuesday 2 Cor. 1:18-22. Ps. 118. Mt. 5:13-16. Lect II:126

11 Wednesday Acts 11:21-26,13:1-3. Ps. 97. Mt. 10:7-13. Lect II:1058

12 Thursday 2 Cor 3: 15-4: 1, 3-6. Ps. 84. Mt. 5:20-26. Lect II:130

13 Friday 2 Cor 4:7-15. Ps. 115. Mt. 5:27 -32. Lect II:132

14 Saturday 2 Cor 5: 14-21. Ps. 102. Mt. 5:33-37. Lect II:134

A STUDENT'S PRAYER AT EXAM TIME

You know Lord, no matter how often exams come along; it's always the same. I've been through all this before: the late nights, the cramming, the funny feeling in the pit of my stomach; and there always seems to be so much still left to do. You would think I might be getting used to it now. I'm not asking you to make up for what I have not done Lord. What I am asking is a restful night's sleep and freedom from useless worrying. Help me to have confidence in what I have done, and to get it down during the exam in some kind of order. And while I think of it Lord, take care of all the others too! Amen.

"God is not far from any of us since it is in him that we live and move and exist. We are all his children." (Acts 17:28) And so in confidence and trust, heavenly Father, we pray:

We pray for our families, teachers and friends who have supported us, especially when we were struggling or just getting by. May we too be there for each other in the coming days?

Jesus said: "Peace is what I leave you, it is my own peace that I give you". (John 14:27) We pray for all those who are anxious about what lies ahead, or are worried. Give us the peace of mind and heart we need to do our best.

"And so I prayed and understanding was given to me." (Book of Wisdom 7:7) Father, pour out your spirit of understanding and truth. Help us to strive with all our hearts to know what is pleasing to you, and when we know your will, grant us the courage and determination to do it. We pray this with our futures in mind and we place it into your hands

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING: Acts 2: 1-11

You will notice the phrases "what sounded like a powerful wind", "something that seemed like tongues of fire". This is not an exact visual description of the Holy Spirit. John is speaking in symbols. Fire symbolised the power and the presence of God. The wind is a symbol of the Holy Spirit who would soon disperse the little group to the four corners of the world. Writing of the miracle of Pentecost, when the Apostles spoke in many languages, the early Christian writers drew the parallel between the tower of Babel when God confused languages to punish mankind for their pride and Pentecost when the Spirit of God brought all to unity again.

SECOND READING: Galatians 5: 16-25

The old Law of the Bible was mainly negative. Do not do this or that. Christian liberty is positive. It encourages us to go way beyond the Law and sets no limits to the good we can do in our lives. If we follow the Spirit and follow His promptings we will achieve complete victory over ourselves.

GOSPEL: John 15: 26-27; 16:12-15

The Holy Spirit is a real person distinct from the Father and the Son. Towards the world he is an accuser from whom there is no escape. Towards the Apostles he is Christ's great substitute to guide them into all religious truth. Bitter critics of the Church should remember that they are attacking a Church that will have as its guide the Holy Spirit for ever.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Anthony of Padua 13-June-2003

Men closed their shops and offices to go to the sermons of Saint Anthony; women rose early or remained overnight in church to secure their places. Often the churches could not hold the congregations and Anthony preached to them in the squares and markets-places. The custom of invoking Anthony to find lost articles may have arisen from this incident: a novice ran away, carrying off a valuable Psalter Anthony was using. Anthony prayed for its recovery and the novice was compelled by an alarming apparition to come back and return the Psalter.

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'A friend knows the song in my heart and sings it to me when my memory fails'

**Novena to the Sacred Heart
19th – 27th June**

**Sacred Heart Church
Western Road**



**10:00am and 8:00pm daily
All-Night Vigil 27th
Ms. Gina Menzies
Fr. David Smith, MSC
Sr. Colette Stevenson, PVBM**

'I have come that you may have life, life to the full'

TROCAIRE

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you most sincerely for your support for Trocaire's Lenten Campaign this year. We here in Trocaire are all aware that your support is absolutely vital to the success of our Campaign. Each year, we take encouragement from the wonderful efforts made throughout the country - in distributing the Lenten boxes, in encouraging support amongst parishioners and also in collecting and counting the coin. It is these concrete efforts, at parish level, that enable us to continue our long-term work with the poorest communities in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

**Secular Franciscan Order
Ballincollig Branch**

Next meeting and Mass at St. Mary and St. John's Church at 11.00am on Thursday 12th June. Rosary will be recited at 10.40am sharp.

Tickets for annual outing to Killarney on 15th June – €33 available from Mary Murphy Tel. 4871275 or Pat Ryan Tel. 4872057. Also available at SFO meeting on 12th June.

July Meeting 10th July at 11.00am.

No meeting in August - Annual visit to Poor Clare Monastery on August 7th at 3.00pm.

**Summer Craft Fair
Cork Craft Network in association with ISPCC
On Sunday 15th June 12.00am – 6.00pm
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Jun-14 & Jun-15-2003

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Sandra Walsh
8:30 am
Martha Barry
10:00 am
Margot Twomey
12:00 Noon
Miriam Maunsell

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Pauline Collins
11:00 am
Maura McNamara
12:30 pm
Marie Groarke
5:30 pm
Michelle Beamish

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

Jun-14 & Jun-15-2003



St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm	Aisling Kelly Tony O'Leary Eileen Murphy Ted Nelligan Angela Murphy Ann O'Connell	8:00 pm	John O'Donoghue Eleanor O'Donoghue Kathleen Daly
8:30 am	Helen Kelly Roddy Martin	11:00 am	Mary O'Mahony Margaret Brown Rose Cotter Billy Barry Nell Cantillon Murphy
10:00 am	Miriam Maunsell Mary Buckley Breda Ring Jerry O'Connor Mary O'Regan	12:30 pm	Mary Twomey Terry O'Driscoll Bernie O'Driscoll Maura O'Driscoll
12 Noon	Louie O'Leary John Walshe Pat Kelleher Irene O'Brien Ellen O'Sullivan Imogen Ryan	5:30 pm	Garreth Irish Shelia Curran Bridie O'Donnell

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Innishmore Family Centre

Cake Sale in aid of the Belarussian Orphanage Project
After 11 am and 12:30 pm Mass

Scoil Barra

Confirmation Class 2003

Please join us at the 11 am Mass this Sunday June 8th
In Christ Our Light to share in the music and readings of our
Confirmation Day

Apostolate of Our Lady of Fatima

All-Night Vigil at Knock

Feasts' of The Sacred Heart of Jesus and The Immaculate Heart of Mary
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Thank you in anticipation.

Parking at St. Mary & St. John

Parking around the church for weekend Masses is reserved for the disabled and the elderly of our community.
Please refrain from parking on the semi-circular pavement in front of church