

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 02-May-2004



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road



Fourth Sunday of Easter
(Vocations Sunday)

Like Paul and Barnabas, those whose vocation it is to preach the gospel, will meet opposition. Today we are encouraged by the thought that the Christ we serve knows his people intimately and promises them eternal life--no opposition can snatch them from the Father's love.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

“COME FOLLOW ME”

Each year on this fourth Sunday of Easter we read the section of the Gospel in which Christ speaks of the Good Shepherd. Traditionally we pray on this day for vocations.

We are all concerned about the decline in the number of boys who are entering Seminaries to study for the priesthood. As courses of study go it is one of the longest, taking seven years of residential study. It is a long time for a young man to stay at college, to live without any income, to depend on his family for support. To an eighteen year old, the age of twenty-five seems a long way off indeed. Three years of the course are spent in the study of arts or science in Maynooth University leading to a Degree; the remaining four years are spent in the study of the Bible, Theology, Church Law and Moral Law.

Time was when six or seven priests were ordained each year for Cork and Ross. Often that was too many for the vacancies in the Dioceses so the young priests spent some time abroad in England or the United States. For many years after the death of Terence McSweeney and the funeral given him in south London by the Bishop of Southwark many Cork priests went to work there in gratitude. In recent years Ordinations occurs at very infrequent intervals. Unless this trend is reversed our parishes will continue to be served by fewer and fewer priests.

The shortage of priests should not be seen as a problem for priests alone' it is a collective responsibility. Jesus said to pray that the Lord may send labourers into his harvest. In other words, vocations are an answer to prayer. Publicity, advertising and all other human means of recruitment are useless in this field if there is not a genuine recourse to prayer to the Lord. The vocation call does not necessarily come at Leaving Certificate age. It can come also later in life, during College years, perhaps, even later. Jesus himself looked people in the eye and invited them by name to become his followers. Some responded instantly. We read in the Gospel of one sad case where a young man did not accept because he was a man of great wealth. We should pray on this Good Shepherd Sunday that the Lord will call, and that in turn his call will be heard and answered.

Reflection for Parents

Our culture has changed since the days of our parents and grandparents when just about anyone dropped in at any time. We now call ahead and make arrangements for our children to visit friends. In comparing our own day to 50 years ago, we begin to really appreciate the invitation of Jesus to follow him, just as we are, anytime of the day or night. Where would we be if we had to call ahead to see if Jesus was available?

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Aware that each of one of us has been called by name, we pray with confidence.

Reader

For those who serve and lead in the church, that they may be inspired and strengthened in their vocation.

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

For all those involved in the caring professions, that they may be encouraged.

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

For young people and all those trying to discern their calling in life, that they may find wisdom and support in their search.

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

For a fresh appreciation of our calling as followers of Jesus.

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

For a blessing today on priests and religious at home and abroad.

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

For all who have gone before us, signed with the sign of faith that they may see God face to face.

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

Priest

God, our Father, you have called us out of darkness into your marvellous light. We trust in our power and your goodness as we present our prayer today in the name of Jesus, your Son, our Redeemer.

Amen.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

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BAPTISMS

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

Art Dermod O'Grady, 21 The Meadows, Classis Lake.
Nathan Kiely-Smith, 32 The Elms, Classis Lake.

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

Eileen Flanagan, Co Monaghan.

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

Edward Duncan, London.
Josephine O'Leary, Kilnaglory.
Noel Murphy, Model Farm Road.
John & Nellie Murphy, Station Road.
Catherine McKechnie, Tower.
Frances Murphy, Dublin.
Patrick Walsh, Ballinhassig.
Ellen Cronin, Mary Street.
Neil Barrett, Dripsey.
Deceased members of the Barry Family, Freemount.
John Quin, Beech Park.
Kevin Murphy, Midleton.
Hilary Beausang, Poulavone.
Eugene O'Sullivan, Leesdale.
Dan Joe O'Shea, Station Road.
Jim & Peggy Meehan, Cobh.
Patrick & Catherine Casey, Oola, Co. Limerick.
Nora Carter, Townsend Place.
Paul Wall.
Deceased members of the Cummin, & O'Regan, Families.
Con Murphy.
Pat & Nora O'Connor, Inniscarra.
Joan Murphy, Powdermills.
John Thompson, Ovens.
James, Breda, & Denis O'Donoghue.
Deceased members of the O'Keeffe Family, Blackpool.
Mary Lenihan, Inniscarra View.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Fourth Week Of Easter

02 Sunday Acts 13:14,43-52. Ps. 99. Apoc. 1:9, 14-1, In. 10:21-30. Lect I: 493
03 Monday 1 Cor. 15:1-8. Ps. 18. In. 14:6-14. Lect II: 1017
04 Tuesday Acts 11: 19-26. Ps. 86. In. 10:22-30. Lect I: 499
05 Wednesday Acts 12:24-13:5. Ps. 66. In. 12:44-50. Lect I: 501
06 Thursday Acts 13:13-25. Ps. 88. In. 13:16-20. Lect I: 503
07 Friday Acts 13:26-33. Ps. 2. In. 14: 1-6. Lect I: 505
08 Saturday Acts 13:44-52. Ps. 97. In. 14:7-14. Lect I: 508

Next Sunday's Readings 09-May-2004
Acts 14:21-27. Ps. 144. Apoc. 21:1-5. In. 13:31- 33, 34-35. Lect I:

The Rosary

During the month of May, the Fatima Apostolate will be reciting the Rosary each evening, **Monday to Friday**, at **6.30 pm**, in the **Church of St. Mary and St. John**.
"Come and Pray the Rosary with us."

VOCATIONS SUNDAY

*"There is an urgent need, especially nowadays, for a more widespread and deeply-felt conviction that all members of the Church, without exception, have the grace and responsibility to look after vocations".
(Pastores Dabo Vobis).*

What a priest does:
Visitation to homes, schools, hospitals
Accompanies people in sickness, death, bereavement, family-personal difficulties.
Helps others to pray.
Shares happy times weddings, First Holy Communions, Confirmations - local success (in sport etc.)
He is there for deeper moments of searching, of conversion (Sacrament of Reconciliation), of tragedy.

" May those you are calling to lifelong service in the Church be supported by the faith of the community and the power of the Holy Spirit".

Swimming

Next session begins week of 3rd May
Lessons for adults and children
Beginners and Improvers, Lifesaving and Lane Swimming
Bookings also taken for July
Swim School (Weekly Sessions)
Grove Leisure Centre, Cork Road, Bandon. Tel (023) 41643

Ballincollig Confirmations 2004

Gaelscoil Uí Ríordáin Tuesday 4th May
(SMA Wilton)

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts 13:14. 43-52
Paul and Barnabas preach the gospel with courage and with joy.

Second Reading: Apoc. 7.9. 14-17
We are given a vision of a heavenly scene, where the redeemed are gathered around the throne of The Lamb.

Gospel: John 10:27-30
There are two notions that need to be taken on faith as they are presented in the Gospel passage where Jesus identifies himself as the Good Shepherd. The first mystery is that those who are given the gift of faith to hear the invitation Jesus presents, will follow him. The second mystery involves the unbreakable bond that exists between the Shepherd and the person who hears the invitation. Once a person responds to the invitation, he or she belongs to God forever.



SAINT OF THE WEEK
Saint Conleth 04-May-2004

First bishop of Kildare, was originally a native of Oirthear Life, the eastern plain of the Liffey. He was probably born about the middle of the fifth century and ostensibly belonged to one of the ancient families engaged in the craft of metal-working. Conleth obviously felt, however, that his vocation lay elsewhere, so abandoning all vestiges of his former life; he began his religious career as an anchorite near the ancient assembly place of Connell. Although this embryonic community soon began to flourish under the guiding hand of Conleth, he was not destined to remain in its patronage. St. Brigid's convent on the outskirts of the Curragh had expanded at a phenomenal rate since its inception, and desperately required the presence of a bishop to minister and perform pastoral duties to the ever increasing community. Saint Conleth (first bishop of Kildare) was consecrated circa 490 and joined the flock of St. Brigid shortly thereafter. After a fruitful and lengthy association with Brigid, Conleth decided to make the pilgrimage to Rome, however during the journey he was accosted by a ravenous pack of wolves and slaughtered. Conleth's remains were subsequently enshrined in the Cathedral of Kildare in 799, thirty six years before the Viking invasion, and it is precisely this Nordic conquest which caused Conleth's remains to be returned to Connell. It is unknown whether they were moved due to fore knowledge of the imminent attack, or simply reinterred after they had been discarded by treasure hungry Vikings. What is certain, however, is that Conleth was buried at the site of his vocational conception which remained as a testament to his piety, humility, and indomitable faith

Ballincollig Sports
Friday 14th May at 6.45 pm
Ballincollig GAA
Events & Races for all
Further details (086) 3951640
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The Coeliac Society of Ireland

Date: Tuesday, 4th of May, 2004
Place: SMA Hall, Wilton
Time: 8.00 p.m.
Our Summer Party Night.
"Bring some, taste some"!
Everyone welcome.

Marathon Volunteers

St. Joseph's school for the visually impaired is looking for volunteers to run or walk the women's mini-marathon on Monday the 7th June. All monies raised go toward the funding of a pre-school service for blind and visually impaired children aged up to 5 years. For further information contact Stella on 01 8373635

Friday 7th May 2004

First Friday
Church of St. Mary & St. John
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Following 9:30 am Mass, Rosary at 6 pm,
Directed hour of prayer from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Benediction at 7:30 pm and Mass 8:00 pm.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
MONTHLY COLLECTION

This Weekend
1st & 2nd May 2004
PLEASE SUPPORT

FATIMA APOSTOLATE GROUP

The monthly meeting of the Apostolate will be held on Monday 3rd May 2004 at 7 pm in the Youth House, Station Road.
Present members and new members are all welcome to attend

Notice

For all those who attended the Lenten Talks
or
Passover Meal
A big thank to you all.
Please keep Thursday 6th of May free
Follow-up Meeting will be held
in the
Back room of the Community Hall
At 8 pm

TRÓCAIRE

3 easy ways to return your gift

- 1 Return your box to your local school or parish.
- 2 Send your donation by cheque to **Trócaire** at Maynooth, Co. Kildare,
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MINISTERS OF THE WORD

May-08 & May-09-2004

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Aine Sheehan
8:30 am
Elizabeth Daly
10:00 am
Dave Murphy
12:00 Noon
Miriam Maunsell

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Joy O'Driscoll
11:00 am
Margaret Healy
12:30 pm
Kay Carew
5:30 pm
Phil O'Connell

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
9:30 am	Wednesday	8:30 am
9:30 am	Thursday	8:30 am
9:30 am & 8 pm	Friday	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
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-08 & May-09-2004



St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm	Patsie Murphy Breda Foley Mary Walsh Sr. M. Carmody Geraldine Hegarty Betty Sheehan	8:00 pm	Jim Cahill, Kit Cahill Sheila O'Connor John Canty
8:30 am	Theresa Lucey Rita Murphy	11:00 am	Brid Healy-Harris Angela Cunningham Laurence Cunningham Nell Cantillon Murphy
10:00 am	Tadgh Murphy Mary Murphy Joan Tobin Tony O'Leary	12:30 pm	Anne O'Connell Eileen Garvey Sally Power Breda Callanan Marie O'Brien
12 Noon	Michael Crowley Breda Lenihan Noel Hennessey Marie O'Callaghan Rena O'Connor Angela Roche	5:30 pm	Neil O'Donoghue Patrica O'Donoghue Statia O'Callaghan Lucy O'Callaghan

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