

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 16-May-2004



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road



**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
*The night before He died Jesus promised the gift of the Spirit to his disciples. God the Father sends the Spirit to keep the word of Christ and for those who keep that word there is the great promise of Christ's peace - being at home with the Father and the Son.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

## The Importance of Friendship

"Today I have added to my wealth a priceless treasure. To find it, I did not have to dive into the bottom of the sea, nor blast the granite mountainside, nor dig a field, nor quarry a mine. I looked into a man's clear eye, spoke a true word, received a signal of understanding, and now, for life, I have a true friend."

These words are as relevant today as when first written over 100 years ago.

As human beings we realize the importance of friendship in our lives. We have and must continue to develop friendships. They are both supportive and strengthening. Without friends each of us would be the poorer. Indeed we could say that we would be lost and alone.

As we cultivate a friendship, we know that give and take is necessary. A true friendship depends on a mutual openness and trust, if it is to be nurtured and enriched.

Jesus described the relationship He longed to develop with His disciples when He said, "I no longer speak of you as servants, for a servant does not know his master is about. Instead, I call you friends, since I have made known to you all that I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, it was I who chose you to go forth and bear fruit ... The commandment that I give you is this, that you love one another."

As friend, then, Jesus invites us, who are His disciples, His followers, to be open to His love, His concern, His teaching, His way of life. He reminds us, His disciples, that if we are nurturing our friendship with Him not only will we accept His teaching, but we will absorb His values and share His message with others. As teacher and friend, He is truly the way. In calling each one of us to whom He extends the hand of friendship, He offers the invitation "Follow Me".

How relevant then words of an ancient blessing:  
"Blessed is he who hungers for friends – for though he may not realize it, his soul is crying out for God."

*John O'Donovan*

## Reflection for Parents

Today's Gospel is especially helpful when we have to explain death to our children. Jesus told his disciples that if they truly loved him, they would be happy that he was going to be with his Father. While the words are sometimes hard, even for us as we face a loss through death, our faith lets us know that Jesus and our loved ones are truly happy in a way we can't fully understand. Jesus offered the Spirit to the disciples because he knew the days ahead would be hard for them. It is that same Spirit that helps our families and us when we face hard days following a death. The greatest news in this reading is that Jesus will be back for us!

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

### Priest

Let us pray in the power of the Spirit for the whole family of humankind.

### Reader

We pray for the Church, that together we may become a wellspring of hospitality, healing, and encouragement.

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

We pray for our political leaders, that their decisions may help to nurture the fragile roots of our society in family life.

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

We pray for our own parish, that we ourselves may become more and more a united family where all are cared for and none are forgotten.

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

We pray for families who are suffering particular strain and difficulty that the peace of Christ may dwell with them.

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

We pray for all those who for one reason or another feel excluded from family life or from the community of the Church that their hearts may find a home where they can flourish.

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

We pray for all those who passed beyond this life that our caring God may call them into eternal life.

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

### Priest

God of heaven and earth, in the resurrection of your Son, the glorious light of your face has shone among us. Hear our prayers: continue to bless your people, that the ends of the earth may come to revere him who is our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, for ever and ever.

Amen.

*Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.*

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**BAPTISMS**

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

Paul Joseph Sexton, 34 Kingswood Water Park, Carrigaline.  
 Mark Findan O'Callaghan, 88 The Cloisters.  
 Ailbhe Cunningham, 27 Daffodil Fields.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Peter McGuire, Glincool.  
 Peg O'Keeffe, Model Farm Road.

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

John & Josephine Haughton, Union Hall.  
 Paul Dillon, Sunday's Well.  
 Pat Barry, Togher.  
 Thomas Lynch, Carrignavar.  
 Denis Murray, Ballingearry.  
 Peter Keogh, Kilrush.  
 Tom O'Leary, Maglin.  
 Kathleen O'Sullivan, Keimaneigh.  
 Mary Lee, Kilfinane.  
 Pat & Margaret O'Mahony, Clash.  
 Lillie Hutchinson.  
 Breda O'Leary, Ovens.  
 Hannah O'Connor, Ballinagree.  
 Daniel O'Connor, Ballinagree.  
 Hannah Dempsey, Leemount.  
 Daniel Dempsey, Leemount.  
 Donal O'Connor, Coolroe.  
 Dan & Pete Herlihy, Clondrohid.  
 Dan Dorgan, Short Range, Powdermills.  
 Michael & Bridget Forde, Curraheen.  
 Margaret & Patrick Kenneally, Curraheen.  
 Jeremiah Callanan, Poulavone.  
 Bridget Healy, Healy's Bridge.  
 David McCarthy.  
 Siobhan O'Hegarty, Wilton Ave.  
 Arthur & Johanna Allen, Blarney Road.  
 Eleanor Mohally, Hill View Est.  
 Timothy Murphy, Rockchapel.  
 Frank O'Donovan, Raheen, Carrigrohane.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sixth Week Of Easter**

16 Sunday Acts 15:1-2,22-29. Ps. 66. Apoc. 21:10-14,22-23. Jn. 14:23-29. Lect I: 539  
 17 Monday Acts 16: 11-15. Ps. 149. Jn. 15:26-16:4. Lect I: 542  
 18 Tuesday Acts 16:22-34. Ps. 137. Jn. 16:5-11. Lect I: 544  
 19 Wednesday Acts 17:15,22-18:1. Ps. 148. Jn. 16:12-15. Lect I: 546  
 20 Thursday Acts 18:1-8. Ps. 97. Jn. 16:16-20. Lect I: 560  
 21 Friday Acts 18:9-18. Ps. 46. Jn. 16:20-23. Lect I: 562  
 22 Saturday Acts 18:23-28. Ps. 46. Jn. 16:23-28. Lect I: 564

**Next Sunday's Readings 23-May-2004**

Acts 1: 1-11. Ps. 46. Eph. 1: 17-23 or Heb. 9:24-28, 10: 19-23. Lk.

**2004 Trocaire Lenten Response**

Thanks to each family who made the effort to return their Trocaire boxes. To date €7,055.00 has been lodged to the Trocaire account. Considering that €50 builds a well in Honduras and that €100 provides basic literacy training for one hundred Burmese refugee children we get an idea of the positive impact that your generosity will have on the quality of life for many people. Well done and thanks to you all.

**First Communion Day**

For the boys of Scoil Eoin and the girls and boys of Gaelscoil Ui Riordain on Sat May 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 am.

**Diocesan Strategy Update**

Follow up meetings were attended by representatives from the parish on Tue 11<sup>th</sup> May and Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> May. Next week we will keep you posted on progress

**Ballincollig & District**

**LIONS CLUB**

**LIONS May - Time Bazaar and Auction**

**Community Hall Sunday**

**16th May @ 2.30pm.**

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The Parish is presently compiling a list of all

**Local Prayer Groups**

We would appreciate if you could inform us of Venue,  
 Date & Time.

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**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."

**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Acts 15:1-2. 22-29  
 One problem in the early Church was whether Christ meant his message for the Gentiles or only for the Jews. The apostles met in council at Jerusalem and decided to preach to the whole world.  
 Second Reading: Apoc 21:10-14. 22-23  
 The ancient Jews loved the city of Jerusalem, the site of the temple and the centre of their religion. In the Second Reading for today, John describes the Church as triumphant as a new and glorious city, the New Jerusalem. That new city is a symbol of the Church as she is today and she will be in the future.  
 Gospel: John 14:23-29.

In this Gospel, Jesus prepared his disciples for his return to God. Jesus promised them that the Holy Spirit would live within them and provide strength and courage. The Spirit would always be available to help them as a counsellor and advocate. Through the Spirit, they would recall the words and teachings of Jesus and even come to understand these things in a way that they could not before. In addition the disciples would receive peace from the Spirit. The peace of the Spirit would be a "shalom" kind of peace which provided a special inner serenity.



**SAINT OF THE WEEK**  
**St. Bernadine of Siena 20-May-2004**

Saint Bernardine of Siena was born in 1380 in a town near Siena, Italy. His father was an Italian governor. When he was seven, his parents died and he was taken in by relatives who loved him as if he were their own. He received a good education and grew up to be a tall, handsome boy that everyone loved to be with. Bernardino's charismatic preaching filled the piazzas of Italian cities. Thousands of listeners flocked to hear him and to participate in dramatic rituals, which included collective weeping, bonfires of vanities, and exorcisms. He was a renowned peacemaker, in the Franciscan tradition, who tried to calm feuding clans and factions in the turbulent political world of the Renaissance. His preaching visits would often culminate in mass reconciliations, as listeners were persuaded to exchange the bacio di pace, or kiss of peace. Bernardino was sensitive to the demands of secular life, and tried to negotiate between Christian ethics and a conflicting code of honor that stressed retaining face in a public world. He argued that the catalyst of civil discord in the urban setting was malicious gossip, which led to insults, and, too often, vendetta by aggressive males. His surprising allies in his peacekeeping mission were the women who comprised the majority of his audience. At twenty-two, Bernardine joined the Franciscan order. Several years after becoming a priest, he was assigned to go to towns and cities to preach. He is known as a great reformer, who encouraged devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus. He is known for his use of the monogram, IHS. He died on May 20, 1444, at the age of sixty-four in Aquila, Italy. He was declared a saint in 1450, by Pope Nicholas V. Saint Bernardine is the patron of advertisers and advertising; he is invoked against hoarseness.

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**An Invitation To Attend**  
**Day Of Prayer & Healing**  
 at  
**Pentecost**

**Speaker:** Fr. Eamonn O'Driscoll  
**Venue:** Sacred Heart Hall, Western Road.  
**Date:** Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2004.  
**Time:** 10.30a.m. - 5.30p.m.

**No Charge** – Collection taken up  
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**Curraheen Grotto**

Rosary every Monday evening at 7.30 pm  
 for the month of May.  
 Everyone welcome

**The Call Of The Spirit**

An Invitation to men to  
 A day of Prayer, Sharing, Testimonies,  
 Given by men who are seeking Christ.  
 For men who feel they want something extra from their lives.  
 10.30 am to 5.30 pm Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2004  
 Sacred Heart Hall, Western Road

**Emmaus Men's Fellowship**

**Cemetery Notice**

The cemetery adjacent to St. Mary & St. John Church is a place where families loved ones are laid to rest. Generally the plot is well kept. However, at present the main pathway is very untidy, results of grass cuttings, withered flowers and earth being dumped. This rubbish will be removed during the next few days.

I am appealing to all families please remove old withered flowers from graveyard, also to refrain from dumping grass cuttings, rocks and earth in the graveyard.

Thank you,  
 Fr. George

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May-22 & May-23-2004

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

6:00 pm (Vigil)  
Sandra Walsh  
8:30 am  
Elizabeth Daly  
10:00 am  
Declan Chalmers  
12:00 Noon  
Tony Lynch

8:00 pm (Vigil)  
Fiona Feely  
11:00 am  
Maura McNamara  
12:30 pm  
Bernard Vallely  
5:30 pm  
Tom Reck

**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

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**Wednesday**

8:30 am

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**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-22 & May-23-2004



**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

6.00 pm Steve Wills  
Margaret O'Sullivan  
Rita Aherne  
Rose Doyle  
Jim Walsh  
Frances O'Brien

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

8:30 am Mary Buckley  
Rita Murphy

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

10:00 am Christina Walsh  
Peter Reilly  
Mary Collins  
Christy Roche  
Katie O'Shea

12:30 pm Lucy O'Callaghan  
Jackie Sheehan  
Mary Green  
Michael O'Leary

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

5:30 pm Noelle Buckley  
Mary Breen  
Siobhan Burke

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