

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 23-May-2004



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road



The Ascension of The Lord
(World Communications Day)

Jesus ascended to heaven so that his influence and power might be felt not just in one place but in all the world. Today he is present everywhere through his Church, bringing all people to God.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

A Time of Waiting

Before leaving his apostles Jesus told them that they were not to start preaching the Gospel immediately. He told them to wait ... to wait until they had "received power from on high" – by this he meant the Holy Spirit. Why the wait? It helped to bring home to them their great need of the Spirit.

Waiting gives us an experience of our powerlessness. Think of the times you stood in a queue that was not moving, waiting for some place to open. There was nothing you could do but stand there. Waiting is hard. Some find it harder than others. They quickly become impatient and restless. Unable to stand still they stomp their feet or walk up and down. What they can't bear is this feeling of powerlessness, almost like being forgotten for a while.

People do not like waiting because it brings home to them their inner emptiness and poverty. They do not like being totally dependent on someone else. They like being in control of things. Sometimes, unable to put up with the waiting, people go away and an opportunity is lost.

Jesus made the apostles wait. As yet they were not ready to receive the Holy Spirit. Without the Spirit their work would be barren. Unless they realized this there wasn't much hope for them. It is only when we have experienced a little hunger that we appreciate a meal. It is only when we have experienced loneliness that we welcome the clasp of a friendly hand. When the Spirit finally came the apostles welcomed Him like desert travellers welcome water.

For the apostles their period of waiting was a joyful one. They had placed all their hopes on the word of Jesus. He would not disappoint them. And what he had was His very own Spirit. That was surely a tremendous reason to be happy. But at the same time their joy was tinged with anxiety. Ahead of them lay an extremely uncertain future. Then they were forced to wait behind closed doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders.

What was a great help to them was the fact that there was a group of them. They were able to support and encourage one another. It is terrible to wait alone, especially if bad news is in the offing.

What the Holy Spirit did was to awaken them to the gifts that God had already placed within them.

We were given the Spirit at Baptism and Confirmation. But still as individuals and as a community we still await Him. We always need Him.

In the words of Thomas Merton, "It is by desiring to grow in love that we receive the Spirit."

John O'Donovan

Reflection for Parents

Jesus assures us in this Gospel reading that we belong to God's family. As parents we work hard to help our children know that they are loved and valued as members of our families. We are a living example of God's love when our children see how we treat them and others and how we forgive one another. It is this acceptance and living unity that shows our children the love God has for Jesus, his Son, and all of us, his children.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

On this day when we celebrate the constant presence of Jesus with us, we bring our needs and the needs of all peoples before our god with confidence.

Reader

For all who preach and teach the Good News that they may be strengthened by the promise of Jesus: 'I am with you always'

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

For all who work in the media / communications industry, that they may be aware of their responsibilities and their power to influence.

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

For all families, and for appreciation of, and support for the family in our society.

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

For abandoned children, young people who are exploited, and for refugees who cannot find a home, that all may be helped appropriately.

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

For people who suffer, in mind or body, that they may experience healing and new strength.

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

For all who have died recently, that they may joyfully share in the risen life of Jesus.

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

Priest

God, our Father, you make us joyful in this Feast of your Son's Ascension. Hear the prayers we make to you in faith, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

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BAPTISMS

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

Daniel Colm O'Leary, Beech Road, Muskerry Estate.
Cian Martin William Jones, Castle Park.
Lily May Noreen O'Farrell, Berryfield Classis Lake.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Finighin O'Driscoll, Blackrock.

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

Paddy Troy, Glanmire & Offaly.
John O'Mahony, Castletownbere.
Catherine & William Ryan, St. Anthony Lawn.
John Shanahan, Fr. Sexton Park.
Denis O'Mahony, Tudor Grove.
Ann Murray, Rosewood.
Joe Donovan, Garravagh, Inniscarra.
Elizabeth Daly, 62 Willowfield.
Eileen & Denis O'Connell, Cloghroe.
John Bowen, Shandon Street.
Patrick O'Shea, Ballinora.
Dan Joe O'Shea, Station Road.
Jerry & Hannah Goulding, Garravagh, Inniscarra.
Henry & Nora O'Brien, Sheares Street.
William Perrott, Glasheen.
Con & Mary O'Donovan, Station Road.
Denny Griffin, Lispole, Dingle.
Patrick & Margaret O'Mahony, Clash.
Lillie Hutchinson, Barrack Street.
Breda O'Leary, Ovens.
James Collins, Dunmanway.
Joe Donovan, Inniscarra.
Elizabeth Lily Daly, Willowfield.
Mrs. Ellen O'Sullivan, Sneem.
Jerry Collins, U.S.A.
James & Mary McSweeney, Classis, Ovens.
Ronnie Prouse, Dublin.
Daniel Hurley.
Noreen Attridge, Schull.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Seventh Week Of Easter

23 Sunday Acts 1: 1-11. Ps. 46. Eph. 1: 17-23 or Heb. 9:24-28, 10: 19-23. Lk. 24:46-53. Lect 1: 556
24 Monday Acts 19: 1-8. Ps. 67. In. 16:29-33. Lect 1: 576
25 Tuesday Acts 20:17-27. Ps. 67. In. 17:1-11. Lect 1: 578
26 Wednesday Acts 20:28-38. Ps. 67. In. 17: 11-19. Lect 1: 580
27 Thursday Acts 22:30, 23:6-11. Ps. 15. Jn. 17:20-26. Lect 1: 583
28 Friday Acts 25:13-21. Ps 102. Jn 21:15-19 Lect 1: 585
29 Saturday Acts 28:16-20,30-31. Ps 10. Jn 21 :20-25. Lect 1: 588

Next Sunday's Readings 30-May-2004

Acts 2:1-11. Ps. 103. Rom. 8:8-17. In. 14:15-16, 23-26. Lect 1: 601 & 606.

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Parish Council Report

The parish council meeting held on Monday May 17th in the community centre was well attended. Prayers and good wishes were offered for the speedy and full recovery of the sisters injured in the recent traffic accident.

The plans for the Eucharistic procession were finalised; the procession will be held on June 12th after the 6.00 pm Vigil Mass. The Gardai have been notified, the PA system booked and a prayer group in the parish will look after organising suitable prayers during the procession.

The sub-group drawing up a child protection policy for the parish presented their final draft; this will now be typed and published.

A letter was read from Michael O'Flynn MD of O'Flynn's construction indicating his willingness to accommodate a prayer room in the new shopping complex.



THE ALZHEIMER SOCIETY of IRELAND

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CARERS SUPPORT MEETING

Monday, 14th June 2004, In Jury's Hotel At 8 pm

EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION

This year's Eucharistic Procession will take place on Saturday 12th June 2004 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.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11
 At the very beginning of the Acts of the Apostles we are told of the promise of the Holy Spirit. Then follows an account of the Ascension of Jesus, his departure in a physical sense, from this world. But this is a guarantee of his presence powerfully with us by his Spirit.

Second Reading: Eph 1:17-23
 Paul speaks concretely of life in Christ. It is an empowered life.

Gospel: Luke 24:46-53
 Luke stresses that the disciples who witnessed the Ascension were 'full of joy'.



SAINT OF THE WEEK
Saint Philip Neri 26-May-2004

The Apostle of Rome, was born in Florence, Italy, in the year 1515. He was the elder son of Francis Neri and Lucretia Soldi, both descendants of Tuscan families. Of amiable disposition throughout his youth, the young boy soon became known as Philip the Good - "the good Pippo," as he was called. In his early youth, he studied philosophy and later he took an extensive course in theology. Together with fourteen companions, he established the Confraternity of the Most Holy Trinity for looking after pilgrims and convalescents. Its members met for Communion, prayer and other spiritual exercises in the Church of San Salvatore, and Philip himself introduced the idea of having exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at least once a month. At these devotions, Philip preached, though a layman, and succeeded in leading many souls to a life of perfection. In the year 1550, he transferred this Confraternity to the Church of the Holy Trinity, and erected a new hospital. His work, blessed by Almighty God, continued to flourish, and in 1551, he was ordained a priest at the age of thirty-six. As a newly ordained priest, Philip continued his spiritual conferences to ever-increasing numbers, who came seeking his splendid guidance and help. In a short time, several priests and young ecclesiastics associated themselves with him and began to assist him with his conferences and in reading prayers and meditations to the people of the Church of the Holy Trinity. This small group soon became known as Oratorians, because at certain hours each day, they would gather the people together for prayer and meditation. Thus laid the foundation of a new religious society. In 1564, when Philip had formed his congregation into a regular community, he had several of his young ecclesiastics ordained to the holy priesthood. Among them was the famous Caesar Baronius, who later became one of the greatest historians of the church, a cardinal, and in 1745 was declared Venerable by Pope Benedict XIV. Saint Philip was recognised as one of the best scholars of his age. He was noted also for his kindness and simplicity and was much sought after as a confessor. His sense of humour is of legendary fame. He was beatified by Pope Paul V in 1615 and was canonised a saint by Pope Gregory XV in the year 1622.

F.A.C.T.
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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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Ballincollig Playground Committee
Sponsored Walk

The walk will be held on Sunday 30th May 2004 at 2.00 pm
 The walk will be held on the new Ballincollig by-pass road.

The start of the walk will begin Just outside Greenfield's Estate;

The length of the walk / run will be either 2.5km or 5km (depending on how energetic people feel on the day!)

There will be two shuttle bus services from outside Time Square and Quish's Supervalu

These buses are free and will bring you to and from the walk;

On the day there will be plenty of entertainment, with marching bands, face painting, balloons and treats for the kids. Sponsorship cards are available in Quish's Supervalu, Healy's Post Office and the Credit Union. So why not pick up a card and Join us on the day!

Ballincollig is one of the fastest growing towns in Ireland - but sadly it is a town without a much-needed playground for our children.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

May-29 & May-30-2004

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Muireann Nelligan
8:30 am
Triona Collins
10:00 am
Margot Twomey
12:00 Noon
Oliver O'Donovan

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Pauline Collins
11:00 am
Liam Hayes
12:30 pm
Marie Groarke
5:30 pm
Christine O'Brien

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

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Wednesday

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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-29 & May-30-2004



St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Vera Allen
Ber Bell
Oliver Delaney
Betty Casey
Frank Riordan
Siobhan Riordan
8:30 am Mary Buckley
Theresa Lucey
10:00 am Anne Cahill
Pat Lee
May Delaney
Seamus O'Shea
John O'Donovan

8:00 pm Geraldine Lynch
Charlie Vaughan
Joan Stephenson
11:00 am Marie Ui Chrualaof
Neil Jeffers
Eileen O'Donoghue
Lelia O'Brien

12:30 pm Con O'Connell
Denis O' Mahony
Christine O'Mahony
Tom Murray

12 Noon Joan Barrett
Sheila Carroll
Marsie Curling
Will Casey
Geraldine Graham

5:30 pm Patsy Galvin
Phil O'Connell
Bernard Curran

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