

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 30-May-2004



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road



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.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Pentecost Sunday

You may recall from your study of world history the French Revolution with its slogan, "Liberty, Equality and Fraternity". This slogan was the battle cry of the masses and the threefold ideal for which they fought. You may also recall the France was divided into three classes: The Nobility, The Clergy, and The Bourgeois. The third class or the Third estate as it was called, felt deprived of all three rights, Liberty, Equality and Fraternity. Which of the three rights do you think most important? After some thought and discussion you would probably agree upon fraternity or fellowship. For without the third, the other two are impossible to attain. We do not hear the same slogan as was shouted during the 18th century French revolution, but we do find factions willing to fight for freedom or liberty, others for equality, and still others for fraternity. Now as in the past, liberty and equality cannot be kept in a fair balance unless fraternity binds them together. Fraternity or fellowship among people is a matter of spirit, a spiritual community. Today we commemorate the giving of the spirit to God's community. Today we celebrate the feast of Pentecost. This lesson of fellowship is impressed upon us by the three readings of today's liturgy, celebrating the coming of the Holy Spirit to the early Christian community. These readings relate three episodes in early church life, which feature the Holy Spirit. In each instance there is a small community gathering of Christians. The Holy Spirit with his gifts descends upon each community, which is at the verge of some dissension and desperation. With regard to our own lives, are we open to the spirit? The reason why many Christians fail to reach greater holiness is that they settle for less than God asks of them. "So far and no further", is the motto that limits their generosity to God. Are you one of those Christians who settle for the mediocre when God asks much more from you?

The feast of Pentecost is the answer for fainthearted Christians. After all, the apostles had fallen far below the standard that was expected of them, until the Holy Spirit came. They were huddled together in the upper room afraid to venture out in the street not to mention carrying Jesus' message to the world, to the ends of the earth. Then the Holy Spirit descended in the form of fire and wind and changed them utterly. The frightened became fighters for Christ. The cowards became heroes. We received the Holy Spirit at baptism and in a special way at confirmation, but his influence is not so evident in our lives. We are not open to the spirit. At times we are afraid when he invites us to give everything to God. We erect barriers, invent excuses, and tell ourselves we are not material for sainthood. In the world of nature there are few forces more powerful than the fire and the wind. A forest fire for instance, can become an inferno devastating all in its path. A tornado or hurricane will tear through cities crushing buildings and uprooting huge trees.

If we really are seeking a high degree of holiness, we will open to the Holy Spirit and allow his fire and wind to burn through our barriers of fear and prejudice and sweep away our obstacles of selfishness and sin the story of Pentecost Sunday should give us hope. Before the coming up of the Holy Spirit, the apostles appeared to be at the bottom of the ladder to holiness, but they were material for greater sanctity, as we all are. They responded to the inspirations of the Holy Spirit and are honoured as prominent saints today. The fire and the wind of the spirit can transform our lives also, if only we open our souls to him.

John O'Donovan

Reflection for Parents

Our children often come to us frightened about one thing or another. It is our job to calm their fears and generally we do a pretty good job. But sometimes, our doubts or concerns are the same as theirs. When this happens, we're not always sure how to answer them and after reading today's Gospel we may think that our faith is not strong enough. But doubt does not necessarily mean a lack of faith. Sometimes the best thing we can do is tell our children we wonder about the same things they do and then together think about how our faith helps us answer the concern. Generally, these conversations revolve around a serious illness or death in the family and what happens when we die. It's not "lack of faith" that causes us to not know. It is a "lack of knowledge," because it's true, none of us knows exactly.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

We present our petitions on this Pentecost Day, confident that the Spirit prays within us.

Reader

For a fresh outpouring of God's Spirit on the whole church.

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

For all those who receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year and for their families.

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

For the guidance of the Spirit on all who lead in family, community, or nation, and for all those who must make important decision around this time.

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

For the sick, the lonely, those who are tempted to despair, and for those who grieve the loss of loved ones, that they may be comforted.

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

For people who feel isolated or unloved, that we may help them to realise the gifts they have to offer.

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

For those who have died, that they may enjoy eternal happiness.

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

Priest

Gracious god, giver of all life, we ask you to fill us with your Spirit, and to grant the requests we make in the name of Jesus, your Son.

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 :

David William Green, Derrylahan, West Village.
 Fionn Michael O'Donovan, 56 Willow Grove.
 Jack Padraigh Spillane, The Brambles, Classis Lake.
 Laura Jacqueline Neiland, 111 Beech Park.
 Cian Horgan, 7 Hillview Drive, Onslow Gardens.

MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

John S. Naughton, 28 The Elms, Classis Lake & Suzanne Marie Kelly, 28 The Elms, Classis Lake.
 Killian Columba O'Donoghue & Aisling Debra Kelly, 43 The Green, Coolroe Meadows.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Mary O'Sullivan, 41 Leesdale Grove.
 Ciara Raggett, Portlaoise & Model Farm Road.
 Michael O'Leary, Douglas.
 Gerry Coughlan, Goleen.

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

John & Kate Murray, The Square.
 Daniel & Mary O'Mahony, Bandon.
 Liam & Edward Scully, Castlemartyr.
 Catherine Deasy, 1 Beech Road.
 Frances O'Donovan, Cloyne.
 John Flynn, Durrus.
 Mary Delaney, Maglin.
 Denis & Eileen O'Mullane, Tower.
 Eugene O'Sullivan, 41 Leesdale Grove.
 Agnes & John Handley, Dublin & Mayo.
 Patrick O'Leary.
 Donal O'Donovan, Ballinlough & Blackpool.
 Ml. Noonan, Parknamore.
 Kathleen Doyle, Westcourt.
 Elizabeth Crowley, Poulavone.
 Paddy Long, Parknamore.
 Jimmy Hannon, Ballinspittle.
 Michael, Elizabeth & Rodger O'Donnell.
 Denis, Elizabeth & Mary Frances Kelleher.
 John & Mary Kelleher, Beaufort.
 Patricia Ginty, Inniscarra View.
 Jerry O'Callaghan, Lee View
 Liam O'Connell, Glanmire & Kildare.
 Hannah Hannon, Ballinspittle.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Ninth Week In Ordinary Time

30 Sunday Acts 2:1-11. Ps. 103. Rom. 8:8-17. In. 14:15-16, 23-26. Lect I: 601 & 606.
 31 Monday Zeph. 3: 14-1 8 or Rom. 12:9-16. Ps. Is 12. Lk. 1 :39-56. Lect II: 1040
 01 Tuesday 2 Pet. 3:11-15, 17-18. Ps. 89. Mk.12:13-17. Lect I: 564
 02 Wednesday 2 Tim. 1:1-3,6-12. Ps. 122. Mk. 12:18-27. Lect II: 566
 03 Thursday 2 Tim. 2:8-15. Ps. 24. Mk. 12:28-34. Lect II: 568
 04 Friday 2 Tim. 3: 1 0-17. Ps. 118. Mk. 12:35-37. Lect II: 570
 05 Saturday Tim. 4: 1-8. Ps. 70. Mk. 12:38-44. Lect II: 572

Next Sunday's Readings 06-June-2004
 Prov. 8:22-31. Ps. 8. Rom. 5: 1-5. In. 16: 12-15 Lect I: 615

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Friday 4th June 2004
First Friday
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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.

All-Night Vigil
at
Knock
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 and
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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.

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts: 2:1-11

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Second Reading: Rom. 8:8-17

We are always faced with the choice between following our nobler or our meaner instincts in the conduct of our day-to-day lives. Paul calls this living according to the Spirit or living according to the flesh - and then he suggests that the most vital, life-giving choice we can make is to let the Holy Spirit be our guiding light.

Gospel: John 14:15-16, 23-26

If we obey god's commandments then we will be given the Holy Spirit and he will abide in us for ever. Jesus was saying that the Holy Spirit will be in us forever if we continue to obey god's commandments for our lifetime. God always travels with his people. We pray today for a new outpouring, come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of our faithful.



SAINT OF THE WEEK
Saint Kevin 03-June-2004

St Kevin (Coemgen or Keivin) was born to a wealthy family in Ireland in 498. He was baptised by Saint Cronan and at seven he was put under the guidance of St Petrocus. After five years with him he was placed under the care of three anchorites (Dogain, Lochan, and Enna). He spent three years under their guidance studying the Holy Scriptures before taking on the monastic habit. Some time later he founded a great monastery at Glendalough.

The reputation of Saint Kevin and his monastery attracted a growing number of pilgrims, thus making Glendalough into a great and holy place. Saint Kevin then was elevated to the status of bishop, and erected a church there under the invocation of Saints Peter and Paul. Saint Kevin's patience was also the stuff of legend: a story is told that once a bird laid an egg in the palm of his hand. Saint Kevin, not wanting to harm the egg, remained motionless until the egg was hatched. Among the many miracles attributed during his life, is the story of a fellow monk who asked him to fetch some firewood from the kitchen. When Kevin answered that he had nothing to carry the wood in, the monk instructed him to carry the wood in with his hands and arms, which he did. However, the saint carried against his chest and in his arms burning firewood, which at no time burned or left marks.

Like those of Saint Francis of Assisi, many stories abound regarding his relationship with animals. A pack of wild dogs tried to attack him, but at the sight of his presence, they became like tame little puppies instead of devouring him. It's also told of a small bird which once built a nest in his hand, which he kept extended and open during in the same position for the entire incubation of the egg, until the chick hatched. Another story is told of a hunted wild boar which sought refuge in the saints' cave and survived due to the hunting dogs' refusal to enter the cave. Another story tells of a time when the saint was in kneeling in prayer on the banks of a lake, when his Psalm prayer book fell in the water. An otter returned the book to him dry and intact. Saint Kevin died on July 3rd, 618. His feast is celebrated on the third of July in both Orthodox and Western calendars. However in Ireland it is celebrated on the 3rd of June.

Thank you Teachers

Now that the Confirmation and Communion season have passed we would like to thank our teachers for their hard work in the preparation of the children for these Sacraments.

**THE APOSTOLATE OF OUR
LADY OF FATIMA, CORK
MONTHLY DEVOTIONS, MASS AND
HOLY HOUR
IN REPARATION TO
*The Sacred Heart of Jesus and
The Immaculate Heart of Mary*
ST. MARIES OF THE ISLE CHAPEL**

Date: Monday 31st May 2004

Time: 7.30 p.m.

Conducted by:

Rev. J Power O.S.A New Ross

All Welcome

***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.

Silver Jubilee

Twenty-five years of serving God!
What happiness you've known ...
May He reward you with the grace
Reserved for His alone;
And may Our Father fondly bless
Your Silver Jubilee
By granting you His perfect peace
And love, most graciously



On the 3rd of June 2004 Fr. John O'Donovan celebrates the 25th Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. We congratulate him on achieving his Silver Jubilee and wish him continued good health and happiness in his ministry.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Jun-05 & Jun-06-2004

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Aine Sheehan
8:30 am
Annette Collins
10:00 am
Elaine Murphy
12:00 Noon
Miriam Maunsell

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Michael Greene
11:00 am
Ciara O'Neill
12:30 pm
Con O'Connell
5:30 pm
Tom Murray

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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Thursday

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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-05 & Jun-06-2004



St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Patsie Murphy
Breda Foley
Mary Walsh
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

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