

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 24-April-2005

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Most sons resemble their fathers in some way, an expression, the shape of the mouth, but it is only partial. Jesus is the perfect image of his Father, so much so that if we want to get to know God the only way is to get to know Jesus his only Son.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Pope Benedict XVI

On Tuesday evening April 19th the white smoke billowing from the chimney of the Sistine chapel was the first indication that the Cardinals had elected a Pope. Some people guessed correctly it must be Cardinal Ratzinger where the decision came so quickly; the world waited for almost an hour to hear the formal announcement, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger has been chosen as Pope and will take the name Benedict XVI.

Joseph Ratzinger was born to Josef and Maria Ratzinger in Bavaria, Germany on April 16th 1927; he had a sister Maria and brother Georg. He spent most of his childhood in Traunstein, where he went to secondary school. Like most German teenagers he joined the Hitler youth movement; he was sent to the Austrian border with Hungary to help erect tank traps and after being shipped back to Bavaria he deserted. He studied at the theological college of Freising and later at the University of Munich before being ordained a priest. Joseph Ratzinger lectured as a theologian at a number of Universities in Germany, attended the second Vatican council as an adviser to the German bishops and is credited with having a positive input to several council documents. The student movement of 1968 in Germany had a considerable influence on his outlook and led him to become a staunch defender of the Faith against secularism.

Pope Benedict XVI introduced himself to the world as " a simple, humble worker in the Lord's vineyard. I am comforted by the fact that the Lord knows how to work with, and act, even with insufficient instruments". The Pope has also said" that he is called to serve the Lord and His people" .The challenge for the Pope is to guide a Church " ever ancient always new" to answer Christ's command" feed my lambs, feed my sheep". Pope Benedict will need all our prayers as He takes on the onerous duty of leading us to Christ who said' I have come that you may have life and have it to the full. '

The Psalms read this morning at Morning Prayer went' I will give thanks to you among the peoples, for your steadfast love is great above the heavens, your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.' The reflection this morning came from Julian of Norwich ' Again and again our Lord said, I am he, I am he who is highest, I am he whom you love, I am he on whom you delight, I am he whom you serve, I am he for whom you long, I am he whom you desire, I am he who is all. " Perhaps a timely reminder that the Lord is the one calling each of us to fulfillment and happiness with him.

St Benedict was born in Umbria in 480, he lived in solitude, disciples came to him and they founded a monastery. Benedict wrote the Rule, which established the spirituality and way of life for monastic communities since.

George O'Mahony

Reflection for Parents

Often it is easier for our children to trust the words of Jesus than it is for us. Like the disciples, we can be a bit apprehensive not seeing Jesus. After all, it would be easier to follow someone if we could actually see where he is going! Instead, the words of Jesus challenge us to have faith in him and trust where the journey leads. The example of our lives should always point our children and us toward the rooms Jesus prepares for each of us.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

As a people baptised in Christ, we have every reason to pray with confidence to God our Father, and so we bring our petitions in faith.

Reader

That all who serve the church as deacons may be blessed in their ministry.

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

That all who bear the name of Christian may work and pray for unity.

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

That all who plan and build in towns and cities may do so with respect for every human value.

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

That those who are ill or anxious may find healing and peace.

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

That we may hear, in our day, the cry of the poor, and respond according to our means.

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

That those who have died may have eternal happiness.

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

Priest

God of all kindness, we make these and all our prayers in the name of Jesus, our Saviour and Lord.

Amen

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

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BAPTISMS

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

Dara Peter McMahon, 25 Chestnut Green, Classis Lake.
 Michael Darragh O'Brien, Wren Lodge, 90 Fernwalk, Greenfields.
 Emmanuel Junior Eze, 44 The Willows.
 Vanessa Chiamoka Eze, 44 The Willows.
 Leo Edward Connolly, 6 Cranford Pines.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Michael O'Regan, Shamrock Drive.
 Christy Walsh, Inchigeela.

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

Marcella Callanan, Beech Road.
 Joan Cronin, Mount Pleasant Avenue.
 William Kavanagh, East Gate.
 Mary Linehan, Inniscarra View Estate.
 Julia O'Callaghan, Leemount Cross.
 Tommy Carroll.
 Thomas O'Donnell, Drimoleague.
 Tim Lehane, Ovens.
 Mary & Ellen O'Donovan, Union Hall.
 Jerome Desmond, Rock Farm, Carrigrohane.
 Jack Hurley, Hawthorn Avenue.
 Mary O'Sullivan, Leesdale.
 Chrissie Alajaji.
 Margaret Bernardi, Magazine Road, Bishopstown.
 Stephen Daly, Rosewood.
 Mary Delaney, Maglin.
 Hughie Courtney, Fairhill.
 John Brennan, Mullingar.
 Fr. Michael O'Grady, Ennis.
 Maureen Cuddihy, Coolroe.
 Mary & Jeremiah O'Regan, Poulavone.
 John Murphy, Powdermills.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Family Centre, Station Road, Ballincollig, Co Cork
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Saturday Club Crèche – 10.00 am – 2.00 pm

As a facility to our Non-National residents of Ballincollig, a **FREE** crèche is now in operation on Saturdays from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm – staffed by fully trained staff and volunteers. All Non-Nationals resident in Ballincollig are welcome to come along and see our facilities – meet our staff, have a cup of tea and chat anytime between 10.00 am – 2.00 pm.

Confirmation 2005

The girls of Scoil Mhuire will receive the sacrament of confirmation on Monday April 25th. The ceremony will commence at 10:30 am. in St Mary and St John's church. On Friday April 29th the pupils from Gaelscoil Ui Riordan will receive the sacrament of confirmation in Christ Our Light church, the ceremony commences at 10:30 am.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Fifth Week Of Easter

24 Sunday Acts 6: 1-7. Ps. 32. 1 Pet. 2:4-9. Jn. 14: 1-12. Lect I: 511
 25 Monday 1 Pet. 5:5-14. Ps. 88. Mk. 16:15-20. Lect I: 452
 26 Tuesday Acts 14:19-28. Ps. 144. Jn. 14:27-31. Lect I: 522
 27 Wednesday Acts 1 5: 1-6. Ps. 121. Jn. 15: 1-8. Lect I: 524
 28 Thursday Acts 15:7-21. Ps. 95. Jn. 15:9-11. Lect I: 526
 29 Friday 1 Jn 1:5-2:2. Ps. 102. Mt. 11 :25-30. Lect II: 1009
 30 Saturday Acts 16: 1-10. Ps. 99. Jn. 15: 18-21. Lect I: 531

Next Sunday's Readings 01-May-2005

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17. Ps. 65. 1 Pet. 3:15-18. Jn. 14:15-21. Lect I :534.



**Military Concert in aid of
 Cork Simon Community,
 City Hall, Cork**

Wednesday 25th May 2005, 8 p.m.,

On 25th May a Concert featuring the **Central Band of the Ministry of the Interior, Minsk, Belarus** and the **Band of the Southern Brigade, Collins Barracks, Cork** in aid of the Cork Simon Community will take place in City Hall at 8 pm. This will be the third date of an all-Ireland tour with the Belarussian Band performing in Belfast and Dublin on preceding nights. By kind offer of Brigadier General Patrick Nash of Collins Barracks, the Cork date will raise funds for Cork Simon Community. The Russian Spectacular will feature the White Russian Central Band from Belarus with Special Guest Soloists from The Bolshoi and dancers from The Belarussian National Folk Dance Academy. Tickets starting at €20 are available from Pro Musica, Oliver Plunkett Street, Cork and the Cork Simon Fundraising Office, 021 4321166. It promises to be a wonderful night of superbly performed music and will be spectacular entertainment for all the family.

Knock Pilgrimage

Legion of Mary Annual Pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday 29th May. Bus fare €18.00. Tea/coffee/scone €4.00. Full Irish Breakfast €8.50 per person. Evening meal €19.00 per person. Bus leaving village at 7.00 am sharp. Early booking.
 Phone Sally 4870954, Marie 4872464, Mary 4870006.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7
 There were complaints that certain widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. Seven deacons were appointed to oversee an equitable distribution of food.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9
 Christ is the cornerstone, precious to God. All who believe are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own" called to proclaim the Gospel.

Gospel: John 14:1-12
 During Jesus' Last Supper, Jesus explained to the disciples what was to happen next in God's plan. Jesus would no longer be visibly among them, but would return to the Father. In heaven, Jesus would prepare a place for each of us to come when he returned to get us. In his discussion, Jesus also made it clear that if we know him, we would also know God—that they are one in the same. The way for us to be with the Father is to follow Jesus.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Pius V 30-April-2005

Born 1504, Michael Ghisleri was a member of the Dominican Order and passed through many offices within the Order before being made Bishop of a small diocese north of Rome in 1556 and a Cardinal in 1557. He was later sent north to the diocese of Mondovi near Turin where discipline had more or less collapsed and where his vigorous reforming ways achieved quick success. In 1565 Pope Pius IV died and Michael Ghisleri was elected as his successor, taking the name Pius V. The preceding decades had not been the most glorious in the history of the Papacy, with luxury, lust, nepotism and fiery tempers succeeding each other in a doleful procession of vices and Pius V set to work to cut through this jungle of decadence with a will. Wasteful expenditures were diverted to the relief of the poor, the internal government of the church was thoroughly shaken up and a moral crusade extended to the Papal States, long overrun by highwaymen of all kinds.

Pius V applied with vigour the reforms of the Council of Trent, with a new Breviary and new Missal, a new Catechism and a new attachment to the work of St. Thomas Aquinas whose theology became more or less the sole 'Roman standard'. Whole layers of medieval liturgical practice were swept away, although as is usually the case the reform proved so drastic that many colourful details began to seep back in again before too long. On the political front Pius inspired the European league against the Turkish invasion which resulted in the sea victory at Lepanto in the Mediterranean [1571], ascribed to the intercessory value of the rosary. He also achieved fame or notoriety, through excommunicating Queen Elizabeth I in 1570 though historians have since tended to agree that if the Pope had been better advised about local conditions he would have refrained from this action, which made things much more difficult for English Catholic laity, and priests. His sanctity and dedication made him immensely, popular in Rome, and his tomb in St. Mary Major's was soon adopted as a shrine, though his actual canonisation did not occur until 1712.

Cork Telephones Re-union

Past and Present employees of P&T, Telecom Eireann & Eircom. at Clarion Hotel, Friday 29th April. 7.30 pm
 Rekindle your old friendships. Everybody welcome.

CHRIST IS RISEN!

Come and experience **A NEW BEGINNING** during a series of Catecheses for adults (and young people)
 The Church of Christ our Light Ballincollig on
 Mondays & Thursdays at 8 pm
 or
 The Community Hall Ballincollig on
 Sundays & Wednesdays at 8 pm

Comboni Missionaries of the Heart of Jesus

The Comboni Missionaries of the Heart of Jesus wish to express sincere thanks to the community of Ballincollig who supported their Mass collection on Saturday / Sunday last. The sum of **€11,128.00** was donated.

"It was very encouraging to meet so many people deeply interested in the missions and in the Comboni Missions, even if they had only just heard of us. No doubt St Daniel Comboni is interceding for us all, as is our late Holy Father who himself showed such great love for the missions." May all of you be abundantly rewarded and receive those blessings dearest to your hearts.

Yours in the Heart of Jesus,
 Fr Denis Wilkinson

Cork College of Commerce

The College is hosting an Open Evening on Wednesday 27th April 2005 from 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm.

The main feature of the Open Evening will be a Careers Exhibition, to be held in the main building, and series of Information Sessions and Demonstrations that will take place in the various departments throughout the College. Students will have opportunities of meeting with staff and students and seeing the extensive facilities available in Cork College of Commerce, both for courses and extra-curricular activities.

For further information on the open evening please contact us on 021-4222100 or email at apply@ccoc.ie

Society of St. Vincent De Paul

Monthly Collection
 Next Weekend April 30th & May 1st 2005
Please Support

Envelope Collection

Irish Bishops' Commissions
 This Weekend 23rd & 24th April

Most Rev. John Buckley DD

Bishop of Cork and Ross

Friday 29th April 2005
 Marks the 21st Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop John
We wish him continued good health and spiritual guidance.

Hands of Hope

Irish people as a nation were very generous to contribute over €70 million to the Asian Tsunami relief fund. Now the 'Hands of Hope' charity needs your support, on Friday 29th April at 9.00pm in Ballincollig GAA Pavilion. Tim O'Riordan and his 'Natural Gas' dance band play a gig for the charity. Tim became world famous last year, because of the 'Langer' song. The 'Hands of Hope' charity, feed and educate over 500 very poor children in Bangalore, India. Tickets are €10 each with wine and savouries reception, full bar service. Tickets available at the door on the night or phone (087) 9794056 to book in advance. www.handshope.org

City of Cork Male Voice Choir

Will sing at the 6 pm Mass on Saturday 7th May
 At Church of St. Mary & St. John

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Apr-30 & May-01-2005

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Sandra Walsh
8:30 am
Aisling Moore
10:00 am
Grace Buttimer
12:00 Noon
Declan Chalmers

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Fiona Feely
11:00 am
Maura McNamara
12:30 pm
Dick Beamish
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	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

Apr-30 & May-01-2005

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

8:00 pm Geraldine Lynch
Charlie Vaughan
Joan Stephenson
11:00 am Marie Ui Chruialaoi
Neil Jeffers
Eileen O'Donoghue
Lelia O'Brien
12:30 pm Con O'Connell
Denis O' Mahony
Christine O'Mahony
Tom Murray
5:30 pm Patsy Galvin
Bernard Curran
Clare Curran

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