

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 08-May-2005

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

Ascension Day

In order to enjoy a novel it is necessary to begin at the very beginning and read through to the last chapter. It would be impossible to appreciate a book if one were to read only the last chapter. In order to enjoy a novel, also, we must in some way identify ourselves with it. So it is with the triumph of Christ, which we see in His glorious Ascension into heaven. To appreciate that triumph we must have the full picture of Christ's work, the humiliation and suffering through which He passed in order to enter His glory. To appreciate that triumph we must also realize how much a part of it we are.

St. Paul tells us that Jesus now reigns in heaven. Why did it take forty days for Jesus to move from His death on the cross to the first sign of His reign in heaven? We presume that Jesus could just as easily have moved from the moment of His death on the cross to His glorious place in heaven. It seems that God deliberately opened up and extended the time so that the disciples would know with certainty what was happening.

For forty days they saw Jesus in many kinds of situations. He walked with two disciples on the road to Emmaus. Later He came through closed doors to join them at table. He appeared in Jerusalem and in Galilee. He joined them when they were fishing and even cooked them breakfast by the edge of the lake.

Jesus stayed on earth for a time after His resurrection so that we could see the meaning of each new step. In spending time with His followers before ascending to His glory in heaven, Jesus showed them that after His suffering and resurrection, before going to heaven, there was a time of hope, new living and conversion – a time of coming closer to God so that we may all share in His glory forever.

People often picture their life as a series of good and bad events which will end in death. Faith gives us more. Life is about hope. Living by a vision which guides and directs us to where our ultimate happiness will be. That is the wish that Jesus has for us. On this day then when our Lord ascended, we praise His name and we give glory for all His works. Through His blessing and grace may we live lives which show the love and the goodness of God.

John O'Donovan

Reflection for Parents

We don't need to go to the four corners of the earth to be missionaries. We are called as parents to the same mission as the apostles. We are the first and most significant teachers of our children. We bring them to baptism and show them the Good News. Not only our actions speak to our children about what we believe and how we hope they live Christian lives, but our efforts to prepare them for the sacraments and come to the Lord's Table every week helps them know the full depth of our faith.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

On this glorious day when we celebrate the exaltation of Jesus as Lord, we pray for the needs of all people.

Reader

We pray for the church throughout the world, for our Pope and all church leaders, and for Christians everywhere, that they may communicate the Good News of Jesus with courage and conviction.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for all those involved in the world of communications, that their work may serve the cause of truth and justice and bring real benefit to all.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for all who use communication technology to bring the gospel message to others, and we pray that we may all seek creative ways of being missionary in our own time and place.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for a fresh awareness of the Holy Spirit's guidance in our daily living.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for our own needs and for all who asked us to pray for them.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for our loved ones who have died. We remember today the recently deceased and all whose anniversaries occur.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest

Father, we trust in your unfailing goodness as we bring to you our prayers, made in the name of Jesus, our glorified Saviour.

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 :

Bernard Christopher Flanagan, 11, Parknamore Rise.
Aine Mary Creagh, Mornington Park, Co. Meath.
Arron Jeremiah O'Sullivan, 146 An Caislean.
Ewan Sean Finlayson, Bunni Conlon Road, Ballina.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Maria Magner, Boolybeg, Whitechurch.
Mary Crowley, Bandon & Sheraton Court, Glasheen.
Jerry O'Brien, 106 Beech Park.

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

Albert & Maureen Donovan, Clonakilty.
Noreen McCarthy, Castlepark.
Michael Hayes, Clonmult.
Liam Murphy, Limerick.
Paul Wall, Churchfield.
Mary Honohan, Donoughmore.
Patrick, Jane Aherne & son Patrick, Magazine Rd.
Michael, Elizabeth & Rodger O'Donnell, Galbally.
Kitty & Jerry Hallihan, Kilmichael.
Mary Lee, Kilfinane.
Mary Ellen Harrington, Farranree.
Deceased members of McNulty Family.
Kieran McNulty, Fr Sexton Park.
Deceased members Coady Family, Killenaule & Rosewood.
Con Kelleher, Poulavone.
Kathleen Cuthbert, Douglas.
Catherine McKechnie, Tower.
Jeremiah & Annie Henchy, Carrigrohane.
Josie Murphy, Rockchapel.
Lena Dennehy, Castle View.
Patrick Lehane, Ovens.
Mary Herlihy, Rossbarbery.
Arthur Wilson, Fermoy.
Mary Lehane, Muskerry Estate.
Peg O'Keeffe, Model Farm Road.

Annual St Padre Pio Mass

The annual St Padre Pio Thanksgiving Mass is on in Enniskeane Parish Church on Friday May 27th at 8:30 pm
The chief celebrant this year is Fr Angelus O.F.M. Cap.
Confessions will be heard from 6.30 pm. before Mass.
Blessing with the Relics of St. Pio will be given after Mass.
Collection for Enniskeane Church Building Fund.
Everybody Welcome.

Eucharistic Procession

This year's Eucharistic Procession will take place on Saturday 28th May 2005 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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Ascension Of The Lord

08 Sunday Acts 1: 1-11. Ps. 46. Eph. 1: 17-23. Lk. 24:46-53. Lect 1:549
09 Monday Acts 19:1-8. Ps. 67. In. 16:29-33. Lect 1: 576
10 Tuesday Acts 20: 17-27. Ps. 67. In. 17: 1-11. Lect 1: 578
11 Wednesday Acts 20:28-38. Ps. 67. In. 17:11-19. Lect 1: 580
12 Thursday Acts 22:30, 23:6-11. Ps. 15. In. 17:20-26. Lect 1: 583
13 Friday Acts 25:13-21. Ps. 102. In. 21:15-19 Lect 1: 585
14 Saturday Acts 1: 15-17. Ps. 112. In. 15:9-17. Lect 1: 1023

Next Sunday's Readings 15-May-2005
Acts 2:1-11. Ps. 103. Rom. 8:8-17. Jn. 20:19-23. Lect 1: 601.

Reflection on the Eucharist

The late Pope John Paul II dedicated 2005 to the Eucharist, to help us to appreciate the Eucharist as a source of nourishment for our spiritual life, M/s Anne Irwin a catechist will give a talk "Reflection on the Eucharist" on Tuesday May 10th in the Annexe room of the community centre at 8. 00 pm. All parishioners are welcome, especially ministers of the Eucharist.
Looking forward to seeing you there.

Table Quiz

In Aid of OutReach Moldova

(Outreach Moldova is an Irish charity that brings medical and humanitarian assistance to severely disabled, orphaned and abandoned children in the Republic of Moldova)

Venue: Ballincollig GAA Pavilion
Date & Time: Sunday 8th May at 8.30 pm
Cost: €30 per table of 4

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.
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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11
 Christ Jesus, the risen Lord, appeared many times to his disciples. His departing exhortation was that they soon be baptised with the Holy Spirit to strengthen them in their work.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23
 God has put all things under Christ's feet and has thereby exalted him, head of the church, the fullness who fills the universe in all its parts.

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20
 The Gospel reading today concludes the Book of Matthew. It was at this point that Jesus, knowing he was about to return to the Father, commissioned the apostles to carry the message of the Good News into the whole world. They would baptise, make more disciples, and teach the message Jesus had taught them. Jesus made it clear that his ascension did not mark an absence; he would always be with them. This Gospel message is the foundation of the Church and makes clear what we are called to do and be.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Our Lady of Fatima 13-May-2005

The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, appeared 6 times to 3 shepherd children; Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta; between May 13 and October 13, 1917. She came to the little village of Fatima which had remained faithful to the Catholic Church during the recent persecutions by the government. Our Lady came with a message from God to every man, woman, and child of our century. Our Lady of Fatima promised that the whole world would be in peace, and that many souls would go to Heaven if Her requests were listened to and obeyed. She told us that war is a punishment for sin; that God would punish the world for its sins in our time by means of war, hunger, persecution of the Church and persecution of the Holy Father, the Pope, unless we listened to and obeyed the command of God. At Fatima, the late Pope John Paul II said on May 13; "the message of Fatima is more relevant and more urgent " then when Our Lady first appeared. The message is an anguished appeal of our Heavenly Mother, Who sees us in great danger and who comes to offer Her help and advice. Her message is also a prophesy, a clear indication of what was about to transpire in the 20th century, and what is still going to happen infallibly in the near future, depending on our response to Her requests.

As a great sign of the whole message truly coming from God, a marvellous miracle was worked in the sky above Fatima before 70,000 witnesses on October 13, 1917 at the time, date and place that Lucy and the other two children had prophesised in the name of Our Lady of Fatima. The children were told by Our Lady that God would perform a miracle so that people would believe in the apparitions. The date was October 13, 1917, in Fatima. On that date, 70,000 people came to see the phenomenon. The miracle occurred with the sun. All could stare perfectly at the sun without blinking, or even hurting their eyes. While all were watching the sun, it rotated, got large and small, got close to the people, and got far away from them. The sun "danced". Every single person who was there testified to seeing the sun dance, even non-believers who immediately dropped onto their knees and begged for forgiveness.

First Holy Communion

Pupils of Scoil Barra & Our Lady of Good Counsel will receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday 14th May at 11 am in church of Christ Our Light.

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."

Ballincollig Parish Pastoral Council

The next meeting of the council will be held in the Annex Room, Community Centre on Monday May 9th at 7.45 pm

Ballincollig Secular Franciscan Order

The monthly Mass and meeting will be held on Thursday 11th May at 11.00 am in St. Mary & St. John Church
 Rosary will be recited at 10.40 am (Sharp)

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If you would like to discuss this course informally or obtain course brochure and application form contact the Educational Opportunities Department, Cork Institute of Technology, Bishopstown, Cork.

Tel: 0214326 531 Email: eod@cit.ie

Closing date for receipt of completed applications: 27 May 2005

A Retreat Day for the Ballincollig Parishioners

Day and Date: Sunday 15th May 2005

Place: The Meditation Centre, St.Dominic's Retreat House, Montenotte, Cork

Cost: €12.00 per person

Time: 10 am to 4 pm. Including Mass

Preacher: Fr. Jo Ralph O.P.

Bring a packed lunch. Soup, tea, coffee and soft rolls will be supplied. The talks will be based on the Lectio Divina method of praying Scripture. The day is of special importance for the Lectio Divina groups in the parish, but anyone who wishes to attend will find the day beneficial and enjoyable. All are welcome.

Kindly fill in the form below if you wish to attend and hand it into the sacristy (either Church) on or before Wednesday May 11th

I am interested in attending the Retreat on 15th May.

Name

Address:

Phone:

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

May-14 & May-15-2005

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Derval Spillane
8:30 am
Annette Collins
10:00 am
Elaine Murphy
12:00 Noon
Oliver O'Donovan

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Jacinta Jeffers
11:00 am
Marie Groarke
12:30 pm
Marlyn O'Connor
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
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

May-14 & May-15-2005



St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm	Aisling Kelly Eileen Murphy Ted Nelligan Angela Murphy Ann O'Connell Sheila Walshe	8:00 pm	John O'Donoghue Eleanor O'Donoghue Kathleen Daly
8:30 am	Helen Kelly Annette Murphy	11:00 am	Mary O'Mahony Mona Bowen Billy Barry
10:00 am	Miriam Maunsell Mary Buckley Breda Ring Jerry O'Connor Mary O'Regan	12:30 pm	Mary Twomey Terry O'Driscoll Bernie O'Driscoll Maura O'Driscoll
12 Noon	Louie O'Leary John Walshe Pat Kelleher Irene O'Brien Ellen O'Sullivan Chris Cotter	5:30 pm	Garreth Irish Shelia Curran

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