

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



**St. Mary & St. John
Station Road**

Sunday 15-May-2005

Pentecost Sunday

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

With the story of Pentecost, and the coming of the Holy Spirit, we hear how the disciples were huddled in the upper room, afraid of the Jews and terrified of the unknown. Even though they had been chosen by Jesus to spread his message, they were too scared to move. So they locked themselves away, afraid of life. Only when the Holy Spirit arrives are they transformed from ordinary people into fearless missionaries.

Pentecost is the birthday of the church. The word means the Fiftieth Day. Let us think about the story, so far. We have seen Christ in the world, sowing the Spirit of God. We have seen this Spirit work among the blind, the sick, the hungry and the outcasts of society. We have seen Christ condemned to death, and then return from the tomb. We have seen him coax his disciples to raise their eyes and look beyond their own world. Jesus told them that he must now go back to his Father but not to worry, as he will send his Holy Spirit to be with them forever. The disciples still seem upset, perplexed, dumbfounded and disappointed, shut away in an upper room.

Perhaps we can understand how these disciples felt. Imagine being a small child and your parents tell you that they are going away for a while; you feel frightened, vulnerable, angry and abandoned. That is how those first disciples must have felt.

Their leader was leaving them, the one they had put all their hope in, the person that gave meaning to their lives and in whom all their aspirations and inspirations were placed. Who would they turn to? What were they going to do now?

We all want to cling to someone we admire, love and depend on. We can't bear the thought of their leaving. Jesus had to go away, he sent the Spirit to them. Jesus had to go – it was important that he left his apostles to carry on without him.

So what about us? There are times when we are afraid. We hide in our rooms, we hide in the dark, hoping that we won't be seen. We are afraid to be disciples and witness to the presence of Christ in our lives.

The followers of Jesus were given the ability to speak the languages of all those who were gathered in the city and beyond. God gives us the gift to understand one another so that we may communicate the Good News in a way that people can hear it in their hearts and put it into action.

We still need the Spirit, to help us realise the power we have within, the power we have to make our world a better place. Let us pray for the courage, coming through the Holy Spirit, to change our lives so as to reflect the presence of Christ in the world.

John O'Donovan

Reflection for Parents

This reading is like the person who got tired of hearing the same excuse: "I'm too busy." We all are given the same 24 hours each day and each one of us chooses how to spend them-of course, we have responsibilities and there are probably things we would rather do, but even so, we determine how we will fill our time. It is the same with gifts. Through the Spirit we are all given gifts and it is up to us how and for whom we will use them. It is our diversity that binds us together as children of God-each one of us using our gifts for the good of all.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

We present our petitions with great confidence in the God of all kindness.

Reader

For a fresh outpouring of the Spirit of God in the church today, we pray

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

For the guidance of the Holy Spirit on all who lead and govern.

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

For parents, teachers, and all who educate youth, that they may have the Spirit's gift of wisdom.

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

For peace and harmony in our homes and among peoples.

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

For the sick and for all who suffer, that they may be comforted.

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

For eternal rest for those who have died, especially all our loved ones.

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

Priest

Loving God, we make these and all our prayers to you with full confidence in your goodness towards us. We pray in the name of Jesus, who is Lord for ever and ever.

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 :

Emma Catherine O’Keeffe, 162, Beech Park.
Ryan O’Dwyer, 9, Oak Mount, Tower, Blarney.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Simon Foley, Kilmichael.
Margaret Kelleher O’Brien, St. Jaoseph Pk., Mayfield.
Christina Shine, Curraheen, Carrigrohane.
David McCarthy, Cloyne.
John Nagle, Listowel.
Eileen Clarke, Mayo.

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

Paul Dillon, Sunday’s Well.
Dan Joe Kelleher, Ballinora.
Dan & Nora Murray, Dooniskey & Mallow.
James, Breda & Denis O’Donoghue, West Village.
Dec. Members Callanan families, Poulavone.
Denis, Elizabeth & Mary Frances Kelleher.
Alice Dempsey, Minane Bridge.
Mary Ellen Harris, Clare.
Peg Nolan, Dublin.
Nora Riordan, Citi West Mews.
Ciara Raggett, Model Farm Road & Portlaoise.
Paddy Leahy, Glasheen.
John & Kate Murray, The Square.
Ned Hogan, Bandon.
Jeremiah Callanan, Poulavone.
John Shanahan, Fr. Sexton Park.
Eileen & Denis O’Connell, Cloghroe.
Matthew Murphy, Ovens.
James O’Donovan, Union Hall.
Mary O’Sullivan, Raheen.
Denis O’Mahony, Lee Road.
Timothy Murphy, Rockchapel.
Cecelia Bogue, 12, Lee View, Carrigrohane.
Donal Leahy, Carrigrohane.
Con Cremin, Glasheen.

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

Seventh Week In Ordinary Time

- 15 Sunday Acts 2:1-11. Ps. 103. Rom. 8:8-17. Jn. 20:19-23. Lect I: 601.
- 16 Monday Eccles. (Sir) 1:1-10. Ps. 92. Mk. 2:1-11. Lect II: 81
- 17 Tuesday Eccles. (Sir) 2:1-11. Ps. 36. Mk. 9:30-37. Lect II: 83
- 18 Wednesday Eccles. (Sir) 4:11-19. Ps. 118. Mk. 9:38-40. Lect II: 85
- 19 Thursday Eccles. (Sir) 5:1-8. Ps. 1. Mk. 9:41-50. Lect II: 87
- 20 Friday Eccles. (Sir) 6:5-17. Ps. 118. Mk. 10:1-12. Lect II: 89
- 21 Saturday Eccles. (Sir) 17:1-15. Ps. 102. Mk. 10:13-16. Lect II: 91

Next Sunday’s Readings 22-May-2005

Ex. 34:4-6, 8-9. Ps. Dan. 3. 2 Pet. 13:11-13. Jn. 3:16-18. Lect II: 611

Episcopal Commission Collection April 2004
Beneficiaries of Collection

Communications Commission (incl. Catholic Communications Office)	256,969
Council for Research & Development	46,686
Bishop Conference Secretariat	78,751
Catechetics Commission	79,128
Refugee Project	35,204
Bishops Commission for Emigrants	138,683
National Secretariat for Liturgy	68,668
Office of President of the Episcopal Conference	118,289
ACCORD (Marriage care)	38,092
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Irish Inter-Church Meeting	33,648
Post-Primary Catechetical Programme	298,587
Legal & other professional Fees	25,000
Bishops Conference Drugs Initiative	15,000
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and

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11
 On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was sent to the disciples in the form of fiery tongues. They began to speak in different tongues, "as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13
 The apostle Paul wrote that there are many gifts but the same Spirit, different ministries but the same Lord.

Gospel: John 20:19-23
 Jesus appeared and told the disciples, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit."



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Bernadine of Siena 20-May-2005

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 peace-maker, 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.

Fund Raising

The Folk group in Christ Our Light handed over a cheque totalling €2,647.18 to the Red Cross on Sunday May 8th after the 11.00 am. Mass. This cheque is the proceeds of fund raising by group; that included a bed push, cake sale etc. The money will go towards the Red Cross's effort to help the victims of the Tsunami in South East Asia.
 Well done to the Folk group.

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."



IRISH HEART FOUNDATION FORAS CROINA NEIREANN

The Vorspessart Symphonic Wind Orchestra - an award winning, 65 piece, German orchestra - are in Cork this Sunday May 15th as part of their first ever Irish tour. They will be playing in Silver Springs Hotel Conference Centre at 8 pm and tickets are available at the door, priced €10.00. All donations from the proceeds will be made to the Cork School of Music Benevolent Fund.

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Closing date for applications is June 15 2005. Late applications may also be considered.

Kerry Association

Do you have a Kerry connection? if so why not join the Kerry Association here in Cork. This is a way of keeping contact with your Kerry roots. All you have to do is become a member of the Association by paying €10 membership for the year. For this you will be informed of all upcoming activities that take place throughout the year. The Association has something to offer for all ages and many good get togethers are guaranteed. For further information telephone Ann O'Regan (Hon. Sec.) at 4871632.

St. Brendan's Mass for all living and deceased members of the Kerry Association will take place on Friday 20th. May @ 8 pm in The Sacred Heart Church, Western Road followed by a get together in the Rendezvous Bar on the Model Farm Road, refreshments and music will be provided on the night.

First Holy Communion

Pupils of Gaelscoil Uí Riordan will receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday 21st May at 11 am in church of Christ Our Light.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

May-21 & May-22-2005

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
Sean Hennessy

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Pauline Collins
11:00 am
Jack Dorgan
12:30 pm
Con O'Connell
5:30 pm
Phil O'Connell

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-21 & May-22-2005



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 Mairead Healy Murphy Finbarr Murray
8:30 am	Mary Buckley Rita Murphy	11:00 am	Seamus O'Connell Mary O'Connell 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	5:30 pm	Noelle Buckley Mary Breen Siobhan Burke

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