

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



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

Sunday 07-May-2006

Fourth Sunday Of Easter
(Day of Prayer for Vocations)

Sometimes we can lose our sense of direction, we become the prey of empty fears and false pleasures. Today we are reminded that in Jesus we have someone who will always guide us right and protect us. If we listen to him and follow him we will have the fullest possible life.



**Christ Our Light
Innishmore**

First Holy Communion

The month of May in the life of the parish is that special time of year when the children of second class receive their first Holy Communion. First Holy Communion is the second step on the journey to full membership of the Catholic Church; the sacrament of Confirmation completes that journey to full membership in the family of believers that we call the Church, sometimes referred to as the people of God. Recently during the Easter Vigil when an adult, Florence was baptised, she was also confirmed and received her first Holy Communion; that was the custom in the early church when Baptism was only for adults.

Today infant Baptism is the norm and it is the first step to membership of the family of Jesus on earth, the teenager taking the final step in the sacrament of Confirmation. Today I say well done to the parents who strive to be an example and inspiration to their children in Christian living; to the highly dedicated teachers in all our schools who work long and hard to prepare the children for three sacraments, First Confession, First Communion and Confirmation. Teachers in school can only build on the work in the home and this applies more in matters of faith and sacraments than in other areas of life. We are blessed in Ballincollig parish that a group of parents prepare the liturgy of the word each Sunday with the children at the eleven o'clock Mass in Christ our Light Church.

Being a Catholic today means having a reverence for the scriptures and authority; we are called to deepen and enrich the beliefs that have been given to us.

Being a Catholic means not just an intellectual assent to beliefs, but giving our hearts too. We are like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, whose hearts burned within them.

Being a Catholic means that, as Hopkins put it 'the world is charged with the grandeur of God'. God speaks to us through physical things, through bodies, through ocean waves, through bread and wine. We experience the world through our bodies and we need the concrete and the physical to help us experience the intangible. The earth is not ours to destroy, but to wonder at, to be protected and to be thankful for. When we gather for the Eucharist as Christ asked us to do, may our eyes be opened to Christ, who is both with us and beyond us at the same time.

George O'Mahony

Thought for Today

Christians are called to serve each other, because Christ suffered for us to bring us life. The Good Shepherd knows and cares about each of us. Today we begin a pilgrimage of prayer, more urgent than in the past, that people may hear the call to follow him in religious life; we pray especially that those he calls to serve his people in the priesthood may respond willingly.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us pray to Our Father, who has given us Jesus as our Shepherd to care for the Church, and for the whole world.

Reader

That all who have lost the way or strayed from the path of justice may heed the invitation of the Good Shepherd to return home.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

That all who are in need of any kind may know that the Good Shepherd cares for them.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Let us pray for the children who are receiving their First Holy Communion and Confirmation this month, for their teachers and parents, that they welcome Jesus and the Holy Spirit into their lives.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray that the Spirit of Wisdom may enlighten all young people as they begin their exams.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Mary, help me to come to know Jesus more clearly. Help me to slow down and to be quiet at times, so that I can listen more attentively to His word.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the recently deceased: that the presence of friends and relatives in these days may testify to God's constant presence and love.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest

Good and gracious God, you care for your people with unfailing love. Hear the prayers we bring before you this day and grant us what we need.

Amen.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

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BAPTISMS

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

Grace Ann Cogan, Coolroe Meadows.

MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Eoin Paul Walsh, Castle Park & Niamh Lordon, Beech Park

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Pat McDermot, R.I.P., England.

Mourned by Kitty McDermott & Family, Poulavone

Jack Doyle, R.I.P., Powdermills & Bishopstown.

Mourned by his brother Jim Doyle, Glendower Court.

Edmund O'Donovan, R.I.P., Island Way, Muskerry Estate.

Mourned by his daughter Ann McGrath, Island Way.

Mary (Maisie) Murphy, Bishopstown.

Mourned by her daughter Kathryn.

Mossie Hennessy, R.I.P., Oaklands.

Mourned by his wife Catherine.

Margaret Mehegan, R.I.P. The Lough.

Mourned by her daughter Marion McCarthy, Beech Park.

Michael Cullinane, R.I.P. Coolroe.

Mourned by his wife Jacqueline & Family.

Catherine McCarthy, Killbrittian.

Mourned by daughter in law Miriam.

Mary O'Brien, Friar's Walk.

Mourned by her son Declan, Oakley.

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

Dan Joe O'Shea, Satation Road.

Daniel & Hannah Dempsey, Leemount.

Daniel & Hannah O'Connor, Ballinagree.

Deceased members of the Coady Family, Killeneanle & Rosewood.

Deceased members of the Henchy Family, Carrigrohane.

Denis McDonnell, Coolroe.

Denis O'Shea, Ballinora.

Frank Manning, Blackpool.

Jeremiah Carroll, Castle Avenue.

John Corkery, Aherla.

Josie Murphy, Rockchapel.

Kay Cuthbert, Douglas.

Liam Murphy, Askeaton.

Margaret Jerome & Donal McCarthy, Carriganarra.

Mary & Patrick Lehane, Ovens.

Mary Delaney, Late of Maglin.

Matthew & Julie Twomey, Kilcorney.

Maureen Kenneally, Reenescreena.

Michael Maverley, Evergreen St.

Michael O'Regan, Shamrock Drive, Ovens.

Neil Barrett, Dripsey.

Tom O'Donoghue, Inniscarra View.

Paul Dillon, Sunday's Well

Paul Wall, Churchfield

Peggy McCarthy, Dripsey

John Coleman, Coolroe

Terry O'Neill, Barryroe

Jim O'Neill, Poulavone

Kitty & Jerry Hallahan, Kilmichael & Wales

Thomas & Catherine O'Donnell, Drimoleague

Anne Duggan, Donegal

Jeremiah & Catherine Cunningham

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Fourth Week Of Easter

07 Sunday Acts 4:8-12. Ps 117. 1 in 3:1-2. Jn 10:11-18. Lect I: 490

08 Monday Acts 1:1-18. Ps 41. Jn 10:1-10. Lect I: 496

09 Tuesday Acts 11:19-26. Ps 86. in. 10:22-30. Lect I: 499

10 Wednesday Acts 12:24-13:5. Ps 66. Jn 12:44-50. Lect I: 501

11 Thursday Acts 13:13-25. Ps 88. Jn 13:16-20. Lect I: 503

12 Friday Acts 13:26-33. Ps 2. Jn 14:1-6. Lect I: 505

13 Saturday 13 Saturday Acts 13:44-52. Ps 97. Jn 4:7-14. Lect I: 508

Next Sunday's Readings 14-May-2006

Acts 9:26-31. Ps 21. 1 Jn 3:18-24. Jn 15:1-8. Lect I: 51

May Holy Rosary

Queen of the May Rosary Apostolate

May Holy Rosary in honour of our Blessed Lady continues every evening during the month of May at 9.00 pm at Our Lady's Grotto, Curraheen.

This rosary is for the intention of Pope Benedict XVI who has asked the faithful to pray for Him.

Please join us.

Further enquiries to: Teresa (023) 46470

Marie (0504) 54177

God Bless You and Thank You

Preparation for Baptism

Baptism is our first step on the journey of Faith, the sacrament of initiation into the Christian faith and the Life of Christ. It is also a sacrament of welcome into the Christian community. The importance of preparation for Baptism was highlighted at the Parish Council and also by some parents requesting help for themselves. For the past number of months a group of parishioners have come together to provide some resources and help for parents bringing their children to Baptism. On Saturday 29th April our next meeting for parents who wish to have their children baptised in the parish of Ballincollig will take place. This is an opportunity to prepare for the sacrament of Baptism. I am confident that this presentation will be of benefit to parents and godparents in their role as Christian educators.

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Church Gate Collection will take place on This Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th May, 2006

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts 4: 8-12
 Peter, who had once trembled before a servant maid is now fearless before the High Priest through the grace of the Holy Spirit as Jesus had promised. Instead of defending himself he preaches the new Faith. Salvation comes through the person of Christ, not through the rigorous observation of the Law, as the Jews believed.

Second Reading: 1 John 3: 1-2
 Because God has adopted the faithful into his family the world hates them. But the adoption entitles them to a future state of glory, like that of God himself. The true nature of this glorification is not yet clear; but after this life faith will give way to the vision of God.

Gospel: John 10: 11-18
 The image of the shepherd and the sheep is taken from many passages in the Old Testament. The single sentence "I am the good shepherd" would have called up much of sacred scripture for those listening to Jesus. In this lovely poetic passage, Jesus speaks of the affection that unites him with his followers. He looks beyond the Jewish nation to the whole gentile world where "the other sheep" await the call of the good shepherd. So much does the Good Shepherd love his sheep that he is prepared to lay down his life for them.

Why not do an Alpha course?

What is Alpha?
 The *Alpha* course is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith.
 It's relaxed, non-threatening, low-key, friendly and fun. You can listen and learn, discuss and discover, and ask questions.
 The *Alpha* consists of a series of talks looking at such topics as:
 Who is Jesus? Why did Jesus die? and Why and how do I pray?


Who is Alpha for?
 Alpha is for those who are searching.
 Alpha is for everybody wanting to know more about their faith.
 Alpha is for those who want to brush up on the basics.
 Alpha is for those who find prayer boring.

The Alpha Course takes place Wednesday nights starting at 8.00 pm with a simple meal and finishing at 10.00 pm.

What to do next:
 If you are interested and want to know more or would like to register for a place on the next *Alpha* course, please ring the Prayer Centre on 021 - 427 0362 between 12.30 pm and 4.00 pm or leave a message and we will get back to you.

AL-ANON

Are you concerned about someone else's drinking?
 You are not alone.
 Help is available at the Al-Anon family group
Thursday nights at 8.30 pm
 Upstairs at St. Vincent DePaul Room,
 Ballincollig Community Hall, Station Road.

 **Irish Blood Transfusion Service**
 Seirbhís Fuailaistriúcháin Éireann

Will hold Blood Donor Clinics In the GAA Pavilion, Ballincollig
 Monday 8th, Tuesday 9th, Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th May, 2006
 From 3.00 pm – 5.00 pm & 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm

Blood is urgently required
 Please make a special effort to attend.

St. Padre Pio Thanksgiving Mass

Venue: Enniskeane Parish Church
 Date: Thursday 25th May, 2006 at 8.30 pm
 Chief Celebrant: Fr. Angelus O'Neill, O.F.M. Cap.
 Confessions will be held at 6.30 pm.

Confirmation

The girls and boys of Gaelscoil Uí Ríordáin will join with Gaelscoil Uí Riada for their Confirmation on Monday 8th May at S.M.A., Wilton

First Communion

The girls and boys of Scoil Barra will receive their first Holy Communion on Saturday 6th May at 11.00 am in Christ Our Light.

The boys of Scoil Eoin will receive their first Holy Communion on Saturday 13th May at 11.00 am in St. Mary & St. John

Lectio Divina

Mondays 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm (Starting 8th May)
 Support for Leaders of Lectio Communities
 Led By: Joseph Ralph O.P.
 Cost: €5 or donation per evening.

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 Every Wednesday evening 7.30-9.00 pm
 Commenced May 3rd
 Presenter : Martina Lehane – Sheehan

Life in the Spirit Seminars

Starts on
 Monday 8th May 2006 at 8pm
 Tuesday 9th May 2006 at 11am
 If you are interested contact Sister Bridget, Monday to Friday between 12.30 pm and 5.00 pm in The Prayer Centre, 9 North Main Street, Cork (above Benedictus Bookshop)
 Phone: 021 - 427 0362
 or Ted at the counter in Benedictus Bookshop.
 Booking in advance would be helpful.
 Finding New Life in the Spirit

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

May-13 & May-14-2006

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Karen Sheehan
8:30 am
Pat Fennell
10:00 am
Louise McCarthy
Susan Fennell
12:00 Noon
Tony Lynch

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Rebecca Feely
11:00 am
Margaret Healy
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**

PARISH CLERGY

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MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

May-13 & May-14-2006



St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

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



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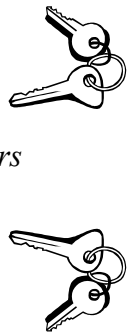
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Monday	Closed
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Thursday	9.30 - 5.00 pm
Friday	9.30 - 5.00 pm
Saturday	9.30 - 12.30 pm

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Wednesday	10.30 - 5.00 pm
Thursday	9.30 - 7.30 pm
Friday	9.30 - 7.30 pm
Saturday	9.30 - 5.00 pm