

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



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

Sunday 28-May-2006

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**

Following God's Word

Martin Niemoeller was a Luthern Pastor in Germany before the Second World War. Because of his words from the pulpit, he came to the attention of the Gestapo, the secret police. Eventually, he was arrested and sent to a concentration camp.

After that happened, Martin's father, also a Pastor, came out of retirement and took over his son's ministry. He was asked one day to describe his feelings about his son's arrest and internment. He replied "Yes, it is a terrible thing to have to bear, to have a son in such danger."

"However, it would have been much more terrible, if God had called upon Martin to be His witness and for him to refuse, take the easy way and co-operate with the Nazis. So, I am glad he spoke out, proud to have a son who acted the way Jesus would have done. The way that Jesus did act in Palestine all those years ago."

We have had a glimpse on this earth of the truth of God's Kingdom. We have heard the gospel stories of Jesus, and we have the teachings of the Church over 2,000 years. Yet we know that the wonder of God is way beyond our understanding. Jesus came to us and showed the way of our Father. It may not be easy for us to live up to, but we do understand what Jesus taught. The challenge for us is to live God's way, to follow God's word.

Anyone who wants to become a London taxi-driver must pass a test about how to drive around the streets of the Capital. "The Knowledge" is gained by learning the routes through 30,000 miles of streets, and being able to respond to a passenger's request. The examiner may ask anything, any possible journey, and the trainee has only one year in which to learn it all.

Knowing the message of God, as told by Jesus and His appointees, is more straight-forward than learning all the streets of London. However, to follow the Word of God takes most of us a lifetime. Then we still have difficulty in getting it right.

John O'Donovan

Thought for Today

A world of tribunals and scandals can be depressing. We wonder whether there is anyone who can be trusted. Is it possible to have hope when the evidence of human weakness is all around us? Jesus, ascended to his Father's right hand, calls us to a hope that does not disappoint us. We can place all our trust in him.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Our Saviour ascended now intercedes for us at the Father's right hand. With immense confidence we present our prayers.

Reader

We pray that all who profess to be followers of Jesus may carry out the mission to proclaim the gospel to the whole world.

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

We pray that all peoples may recognise the signs of God at work in the world.

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

We pray for a lasting peace in our world and for strong bonds of co-operation between nations and people.

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

We pray for those who have offended us and for the grace to forgive.

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

We pray for our families and neighbourhoods, for safety on the roads and for the protection of all children.

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

We pray for those who have gone before us on the journey of faith, especially those in our thoughts today.

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

Priest

God of power and glory, you raised your Son to new life and gave him a place at the right hand. Hear the prayers we now make in his name, Jesus who is Lord forever and ever.

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 :

Conor Denis Sean O'Leary, Grange, Ovens.
 Seren Ann Deasy, Maglin Vale.
 Ryan Brendan Noonan-Hegarty, Rosewood Estate.
 Daniel Eugene Kingston, Island Way.
 Shelby Abi Hayes, Island Way.

MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Michael Joseph Culhane & Catherine Mary Forde, Leesdale, Ballincollig.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Val O'Riordan R.I.P., The Lough.
 Mourned by his sister Geraldine Murphy, Willow Drive, Muskerry Est.
 Margaret Farmer R.I.P., Blackpool.
 Mourned by her daughter Madeline Sexton, Beech Park
 Maureen Curran R.I.P., Cahirciveen.
 Mourned by her daughter Betty Potter, Glincool Drive.
 Pat Twomey R.I.P., Enniskeane.
 Mourned by his brother Tom, Castle Park.
 Mary Hickey, Glandore R.I.P.
 Helen Notter, Crookhaven R.I.P.
 Mike Cullinane, Coolroe Heights & Kerry R.I.P.

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

Deceased members of the Murray family, The Square.
 Michael Long, Turners Cross.
 John & Margaret Wilcox, Goleen.
 Mary McNulty, Fr. Sexton Park.
 Catherine Deasy, Beech Road.
 Tom, Eileen & Jim Madigan, East Gate.
 Mary O'Sullivan, Leesdale.
 Ellen Cronin, Mary Street.
 Tommie Leahy, Killarney.
 Patrick O'Leary, 18 St. Erdens Gardens.
 The deceased members of the Scully family, Castlemartyr.
 William Boyce, Milford.
 Niamh Carroll, Freemount.
 Eileen & Bob Foolkes, Ballyvolane.
 Peter & Hannah Crowley, Leemount.
 John O'Mahony, Castletownbere.
 Mark Fogarty, Clash.
 Rita Cummins, Fairhill.
 Richard Lynch, Windsor.
 Daniel O'Mahony, Bandon.
 Kathleen Doyle, Westcourt.
 Marian Lehane, Hazel Grove.
 Christina Hayes, Clonakilty.
 Michael, Elizabeth & Rodger O'Donnell, Galbally.
 Denis, Elizabeth & Mary Francis Kelleher.
 Frank Manning, Blackrock.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Seventh Week Of Easter

28 Sunday Acts 1:1-11. Ps 46. Eph. 1:17-23. or Eph 4:1-13. Mk 16:15-20. Lect I: 552
 29 Monday 29 Monday Acts 19:1-8. Ps 67. Jn 16:29-33. Lect I: 576
 30 Tuesday Acts 20:17-27. Ps 67. Jn 17:1-11. Lect I: 578
 31 Wednesday Zeph 3:14-18 or Rom. 12:9-16. Ps. Is 12:2-6. Lk 1:39-56. Lect II: 1040
 01 Thursday Acts 22:30, 23:6-11. Ps 15. Jn 17:20-26. Lect I: 583
 02 Friday Acts 25:13-21. Ps 102. Jn. 21:15-19. Lect I: 585
 03 Saturday Acts 28:16-20, 30-31. Ps 10. Jn 21:20-25. Lect I: 588

Next Sunday's Readings 04-June-2006

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

The Annual Eucharistic Procession

Will take place on 17th June, 2006

Following 6:00 pm Mass.

Further details will be given in a few weeks.

I hope as many as possible can partake.

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Next Weekend
 3rd & 4th June 2006.
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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts 1: 1-11
 St. Luke, the writer of the Gospel was also the author of The Acts of the Apostles. At the beginning of this book he refers to the Gospel as "his earlier work". He fills in the events between the Resurrection and the Ascension. The Apostles are given their last commandments: to preach to the whole world. They are reminded that the Second Coming will only happen after the Gospel has been preached to the whole world.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4: 1-13
 In the list of gifts given to the church the point he makes is that their aim is to enlarge the unity of the Church, and to develop its intensity until we all attain full unity with the Son of God. The unity of the Church is stressed. But that unity does not mean uniformity as the gifts differ in each person.

Gospel: Mark 16: 15-20
 The Apostles are commanded to preach the Gospel to all. The salvation which it brings is for all without exception. In the early days of the Church, possibly because of a greater need for extraordinary signs to move a sceptical and hostile world miracles were more frequent than in later times.

Parish Council

We held our last pastoral council meeting for this part of the year on Monday 15th May last. Even though the meeting was longer than usual we had a very interesting and packed agenda.

- A Celebration/Presentation was given by members of the following groups who are active in the parish. Children's baptism, Adult baptism and the Children's Mass Group. The meeting was very impressed with the quality and the content of the presentations. The members of the groups should be commended for their commitment to an active and living faith formation in this parish.
- Fr Dan Baragy (CSsR) from Scala Blackrock Cork spoke to us about a mission which is intended to take place in the parish and he outlined to the meeting his proposals.
- The Eucharistic Procession was also discussed and a number of men are required to assist with the stewarding. Any volunteers should contact the Parish Office at 021-4871206.

Our next meeting will be held in September (date to be notified).

Ballincollig Shopping Centre

Prayer Room is now open during Shopping Centre business hours.

Room is located on Third Floor adjacent to the lift.

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.

First Friday

Friday 2nd June, 2006
 Church of St. Mary & St. John
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 following 9:30 am Mass.
Rosary 6:45 pm. Directed prayer 7:00 pm.
Benediction 7:45 pm
Holy Mass 8.00 pm.

Come Holy Spirit

Come to celebrate Pentecost, and the richness of many nations making one Christian community in Cork City, at a special joyful and welcoming EUCHARIST

Date: Saturday 3rd June 2006 at 6:00 pm

Venue: THE CATHEDRAL

Celebrant: Bishop John Buckley

TROCAIRE

To date we have received €9,346.00 in our Trocaire Collection. The majority of this came through the Primary Schools of the Parish. Sincere thanks to the pupils and teachers and to all contributors.
Thank You

Novena in honour of St. Anthony

Sunday 4th June to Tuesday 13th June, 2006
Venue: St. Francis Church, Liberty Street, Cork.

Time: Mornings 10:30 am
 Evenings 7:30 pm
 Saturday 6:30 pm

Friday 9th 7.:0 pm – Mass for Students' Intentions
 Closing Tuesday 13th – Feast of St. Anthony - 10.30 am & 7.30p m with the Blessing of the Lilies.
 Preached by: Fr. Caoimhín O'Laoide, O.F.M.

Munster Rugby Heineken Cup Final

We would like to congratulate Declan Kidney and his Munster Rugby team for their tremendous win on Saturday

Lost Tan Purse

A tan purse was lost in the vicinity of Centra, Station Road on Sunday 20th May. It contained many memorial cards and is of sentimental value. Please contact Geraldine Graham, The Sacristy, St. Mary & St. John Church: Phone 4877943
Thank You.

A Student's Prayer At Exam Time

You know Lord, no matter how often exams come along, it's always the same. I've been through all this before: the late nights, the cramming, the funny feeling in the pit of my stomach; and there always seems to be so much still left to do. You would think I might be getting used to it now. I'm not asking you to make up for what I have not done Lord. What I am asking is a restful night's sleep and freedom from useless worrying. Help me to have confidence in what I have done, and to get it down during the exam in some kind of order. And while I think of it Lord, take care of all the others too! Amen.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Jun-03 & Jun-04-2006

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Ailish O'Reilly
8:30 am
Annette Collins
10:00 am
Tony Hegarty
12:00 Noon
Tomas Miller
Niall Hartnett

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Michael Greene
11:00 am
Alex Hatsigrigoriou
Alison Henchion
12:30 pm
Kay Carew
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 & 8 pm	Friday	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
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

Priest on Duty 087-2479140

Fr. George O'Mahony P.P. 021-4871206
Fr. John O'Donovan C.C. 021-4870434
Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C. 021-4877161
Fr. Paul O'Donoghue 021-4876055



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Jun-03 & Jun-04-2006

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Patsie Murphy
Breda Foley
Mary Walsh
Finbarr Lehane
Margaret Kearney

8:00 pm Jim Cahill, Kit Cahill
Sheila O'Connor
John Canty

8:30 am Theresa Lucey
Rita Murphy
Mona Holland

11:00 am Brid Healy-Harris
Angela Cunningham
Laurence Cunningham
Eileen Byrne

10:00 am Tadgh Murphy
Mary Murphy
Joan Tobin
Tony O'Leary
Phil Kennedy
Claire McCarthy

12:30 pm Eileen Garvey
Sally Power
Breda Callanan
Marie O'Brien

12 Noon Michael Crowley
Breda Lenihan
Noel Hennessey
Marie O'Callaghan
Rena O'Connor
Sean Farrell

5:30 pm Neil O'Donoghue
Phil O'Connell
Maire McCullagh



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