

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 13-May-2007



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

*The night before He died Jesus promised the gift of the Spirit to his disciples. God the Father sends the Spirit to keep the word of Christ and for those who keep that word there is the great promise of Christ's peace - being at home with the Father and the Son.*



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### *One Spirit, Many Gifts: A Parish Staff*

What amazing stories we find in the Acts of the Apostles that is read throughout Eastertide at mass. Acts provides the earliest description of a community of believers, a prototype of today's parish community. The first disciples, accustomed to meeting underground or in homes, might not recognize the steeples and doors of today's church structures. After a series of appearances of Jesus to the fearful disciples, to instruct and encourage them, Jesus promises that his own Spirit will enter their hearts and empower them to go out to the whole world to make other disciples. Their encounter with the risen Christ and his instructions to them inspired remarkable stories, and each successive generation has extended the life of the church. The critical question for us today, is how do priests, parish staffs and the voluntary committees and teams that work with them, bring this same encounter with the risen Christ and the promised Spirit into the practical realm of running a parish, developing programs, planning events and being a pastoral presence to the community?

As a parish grows and the demands are ever greater, more help is required to serve new needs being identified. This may occur in part through invaluable voluntary service, but paid employees of the parish are also required. As new areas of pastoral need are defined; new job titles and descriptions, responsibilities and organizational charts are required as multiple ministries emerge. The same demands today were evident too in the early church as it grew, with the disciples reserving their time and energy for prayer and preaching by naming others for the ministries of caring for the widows and orphans, managing finances and feeding the poor. This form of delegation today would resolve similar concerns.

A Parish staff needs to be organised along professional structures imitating other leadership models found in successful organisations or businesses and influenced by our own culture and environment. But as a structure we must also struggle to understand and emulate the spiritual beliefs, development, and practices of the early church. Along with the descriptions in Acts, the letters of St. Paul invite and ignite our imaginations and hearts on how to be church. In 1 Cor 12:3-13, Paul gives us a powerful image of how a community functions. There are different kinds of gifts but the same Spirit. These passages breathe life and inspiration into our understanding that many charisms are given for building up the church.

Women in the church especially have brought fresh metaphors and meaning to pastoral ministry. Ministry in a parish, even when inspired by the Holy Spirit, still requires dedicated hard work, real skills, professional practices and good process to help all who minister, successfully serve the people. Some of the issues that a parish staff (priests, lay leaders, pastoral council etc) will have to grapple with include: communication, conflict resolution, decision making, accountability, task and relationship work, teamwork, evaluations, supervision, problem solving, mission clarification, visioning, collaboration and leadership development. All who collaborate together in pastoral ministry must determine how to employ everyone's gifts to serve the parish community effectively. Staff development time and workshops can offer opportunities for a staff to grow and develop together.

People in parish pastoral ministry are under a microscope. They are observed by many, praised by some and criticized by others. Every day they have the opportunity to act as the body of Christ with many members and many gifts. How do we support and honor the gifts of each member? Areas of responsibility and accountability are often sorted out on the run. What worked in the past or in one setting may not always work in another. Whatever issues arise, parish staff members can offer a wealth of experience and insight when they tackle them together. There are different gifts, different tasks, but the same Spirit at work in everyone for the common good.

To adapt to new challenges, to the voice of the Holy Spirit, we are called to continually break out of familiar patterns and comfort zones. Openness to the Risen Christ will always breathe new life into our structures. The Spirit will empower us to act toward one another as disciples.

Sean O'Driscoll

### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

#### **Priest**

Let us bring our prayers with confidence before our loving God.

#### **Reader**

For the church throughout the world, that it may radiate the light and peace of Christ in our time.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For all civil and political leaders, that they may govern wisely and well.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For peace and harmony among nations and peoples, and for an end to war.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the guidance of the Holy Spirit on all who are faced with difficult and important decisions.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the safety of all who travel on our roads.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the needs of this community and of all here present.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

#### **Priest**

God of heaven and earth, in the Resurrection of your Son the glorious light of your face has shone upon us. Hear our prayers. Continue to bless your people with Easter gifts of peace and joy, and grant us what we need, that the ends of the earth may know and revere Jesus the Lord. We make these and all our prayers in his name.

Amen.

*Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.*

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**BAPTISMS**

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

Michaela Dawn McSweeney, 18, Aylsbury Avenue.  
 Leonie Evelyn Lynch, 66, The Green, Coolroe Meadows.  
 Taylor Jayne McNamara – Ryan, 41, Church View.  
 Cathal John Bray, 8, The Avenue, Bridewood, Ovens.  
 Abigail Karen Slattery, 27, Innishmore Square.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Ciss Yelverton, Gurranabraher.  
 Philomena Kingston, Drimoleague.  
 Rita Meyer, Boston.  
 Margaret Murray, Greenhills Estate.  
 Paddy O'Callaghan, Bengour.  
 Richard Walsh, Carrigaline.  
 Patricia Murphy, Bishopstown.

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

James, Breda & Denis O'Donoghue, West Village.  
 Michael Hayes, Dungourney.  
 Mary Ellen Harrington, Farranree.  
 James Murphy, Knocknagree.  
 Thomas Lynch, Carrignavar.  
 Tom Mulqueen, Rosewood.  
 Vincent Murphy, Inniscarra View.  
 Kay Cuthbert, Douglas.  
 Ned Hogan, Bandon.  
 John Shanahan, Fr. Sexton Park.  
 Arthur Wilson, Fermoy.  
 Jeremiah Callanan, Poulavone.  
 Mary & Daniel O'Leary, Gillabbey St.  
 Deceased members of the Twhig Family, Kilcrea .  
 Peggy Murphy, Westgate.  
 Margaret Farmer, Blackpool.  
 Donal Leahy, Lee View, Carrigrohane.  
 Deceased members of the Leahy & Bogue Families.  
 Kate & Fred Nash, Powdermills.  
 Eileen Dwane, Douglas.  
 Fintan O'Mahony, Bishopstown.

***Fan Into a Flame***

Sat May 26th 10.30 - 4.00

Frankfield / Grange Community Centre.

*Developing our Faith: an invitation to people involved or interested in faith development and adult religious education. Come and be part of a day exploring what adult faith development is about and how we might bring opportunities for growing in faith into parish life. A time to meet others from different parishes and to share ideas, encouragement and prayer together. With Fr. Sean O'Sullivan and Anne Francis.*

Details and bookings: Sean 021-4537765, Anne 087-2282134.

***St. Vincent de Paul***

The Society wants to sincerely thank our Parishioners for your continued financial support at our monthly church gate collections. We wish to assure you that your generosity goes directly to support those in need in our community.

Would you like to speak, in complete confidence, to a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society?

Please Phone: SVP Ballincollig 086 3202182  
 Or SVP Tuckey St., Cork: 021 4270444

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sixth Week Of Easter**

13 Sunday Acts 15:1-2,22-29. Ps. 66. Apoc. 21:10-14,22-23. Jn. 14:23-29. Lect I: 539

14 Monday Acts 1: 15-17. Ps. 112. Jn. 15:9-17. Lect I: 1023

15 Tuesday Acts 16:22-34. Ps. 137. Jn. 16:5-11. Lect I: 544

16 Wednesday Acts 17:15,22-18:1. Ps. 148. Jn. 16:12-15. Lect I: 546

17 Thursday Acts 18:1-8. Ps. 97. Jn. 16:16-20. Lect I: 560

18 Friday Acts 18:9-18. Ps. 46. Jn. 16:20-23. Lect I: 562

19 Saturday Acts 18:23-28. Ps. 46. Jn. 16:23-28. Lect I: 564

**Next Sunday's Readings 20-May-2007**

Acts 1: 1-11. Ps. 46. Eph. 1: 17-23 or Heb. 9:24-28, 10: 19-23. Lk. 24:46-53.

**Reflection for Parents**

Today's Gospel is especially helpful when we have to explain death to our children. Jesus told his disciples that if they truly loved him, they would be happy that he was going to be with his Father. While the words are sometimes hard, even for us as we face a loss through death, our faith lets us know that Jesus and our loved ones are truly happy in a way we can't fully understand. Jesus offered the Spirit to the disciples because he knew the days ahead would be hard for them. It is that same Spirit that helps our families and us when we face hard days following a death. The greatest news in this reading is that Jesus will be back for us!

***Ballincollig Military Cemetery***

Ballincollig Heritage Association is hosting an Open Day at Ballincollig Military Graveyard on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May from 2-4p m. Anne Donaldson, author of *Ballincollig Military Graveyard*, will give a short tour of the cemetery at 2.30 pm and will be available during the afternoon to answer any questions.

The graveyard is now owned by the OPW and is generally closed to the public so this is a unique opportunity for those who have never been inside the site to visit. By chance, it is European Cemetery Week from 26<sup>th</sup> May-June 2<sup>nd</sup> so this is an unforeseen tie-in with this event.

***The Annual Eucharistic Procession***

Will take place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2007

Following 6:00 pm Mass.

Further details will be given in a few weeks.

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**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Acts 15:1-2. 22-29

One problem in the early Church was whether Christ meant his message for the Gentiles or only for the Jews. The apostles met in council at Jerusalem and decided to preach to the whole world.

Second Reading: Apoc 21:10-14. 22-23

The ancient Jews loved the city of Jerusalem, the site of the temple and the centre of their religion. In the Second Reading for today, John describes the Church as triumphant as a new and glorious city, the New Jerusalem. That new city is a symbol of the Church as she is today and she will be in the future.

Gospel: John 14:23-29.

In this Gospel, Jesus prepared his disciples for his return to God. Jesus promised them that the Holy Spirit would live within them and provide strength and courage. The Spirit would always be available to help them as a counsellor and advocate. Through the Spirit, they would recall the words and teachings of Jesus and even come to understand these things in a way that they could not before. In addition the disciples would receive peace from the Spirit. The peace of the Spirit would be a "shalom" kind of peace which provided a special inner serenity.

**Bulletin Board**

**May Rosary**

Nightly 9 pm at Our Lady's Shrine Curraheen, Waterfall. Families, Parishioners, especially Children are warmly Invited.

**First Holy Communion**

The girls and boys from Gaelscoil Uí Ríordáin will receive their first Holy Communion on Saturday 19th May at 11:00 am in Christ Our Light

**Confirmation**

The girls from Scoil Mhuire will receive their Confirmation on Monday 14th May. The ceremony will commence at 10:30 am. Confirmation day is a special day in the parish for the young people being confirmed and their parents and teachers. It is also an occasion when the wider faith community is invited to come to the ceremony and share in the joy and enthusiasm of the young people and also give thanks to God for the gift of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

**Trocaire Collection.**

To date the Trocaire collection amounts to six thousand and five hundred euro (€6,500.00). Some boxes are still being returned, please return any remaining boxes as soon as possible

**Blood Donation**

The Irish Blood Transfusion Service wish to thank the 427 donors who donated blood at the recent clinic.

Fr. George

**Msza œw. Mass in Polish**

w języku polskim w Ballincollig

19 maja - 19 May

sobota - 19:15 - Saturday 19:15

Zapraszamy Powiadom znajomych

**Let us have a Summer of Driving Safely**

Cars CAN be replaced

Lives CANNOT

**49<sup>th</sup> Cork Ballincollig Scout Group**

Last Thursday night the Beaver section (6-8 years) set off to feed the ducks and swans at the Lough, when they arrived, armed with half a bakery, they, under the watchful eye's of the leaders, fed all the birds including swans, ducks, pigeons and even a pike poked up his head for some bread. After the birds and the Beavers had their fill of bread, they headed for the playground, where they played until it was time to return to Ballincollig. The Scouts meanwhile are training hard in preparation for the forthcoming scout competition, which is to be held in Mount Melleray Scout centre.

I am only one but still I am one. I cannot do everything but still I can do something, and because I cannot do everything let me not refuse to do the something that I can do.

*Many a young Scout comes out of his shell because the rest of his Patrol egg him on.*

**A Retreat for Ballincollig Parishioners**

Day and date: Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2007

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

Time : 10.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Conducted by: Fr. Joe Ralph O.P.

Cost: €14 per person

Soup, tea, coffee and 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 Scripture (Lectio Divina) groups in the parish, but anyone who is interested in Scripture or praying with Scripture will be welcome.

Kindly fill in the form below if you wish to attend and hand it into the sacristy (either Church) on or before Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May

I am interested in attending on May 19<sup>th</sup>

Name: .....

Address: .....

Phone No: .....

**Knock**

Legion of Mary Annual Pilgrimage to Knock on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May.

Bus leaving Square 7 am sharp. Early booking advisable.

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Full monies to paid two weeks in advance.

For details contact Sally @ 4870954

Marie @ 4872464

**RETROUVAILLE** (meaning re-discovery)

Consists of a weekend and follow-up programme for Married Couples who want to do something positive about their marriage. For more information or to register, please phone between 3 pm - 9 pm.

Tony & Anne 01 4953536

Mike & Anne 01 4500922

Clive & Kathy 026 48234

All calls are treated confidentially.

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

May-19 & May-20-2007

**St. Mary & St. John      Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**  
Derval Spillane  
**8:30 am**  
Elizabeth Daly  
**10:00 am**  
Sinead O'Connor  
**12:00 Noon**  
Declan Chalmers

**8:00 pm (Vigil)**  
Pauline Collins  
**11:00 am**  
Dave Murphy  
**12:30 pm**  
Tadhg Buckley  
**5:30 pm**  
Phil O'Connell

**MASS TIMES**

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon	<b>Sunday</b>	11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm
	<b>Monday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Tuesday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Thursday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Friday</b>	8:30 am
10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)	<b>Saturday</b>	8 pm (Vigil)

**CONFESSIONS**

After 10:00 am Mass & before 6:00 pm Mass      **Saturday**

**BAPTISMS**

4:30 pm	<b>Saturday</b>	4:30 pm
Except First Saturday of Month		First Saturday of Month
12:45 pm	<b>Sunday</b>	

**PARISH CLERGY**

**Priest on Duty      087-2479140**

**Fr. George O'Mahony P.P.      021-4871206**  
**Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C.      021-4877161**  
**Fr. Sean O'Driscoll C.C.      021-4870434**  
**Fr. Anthony O'Mahony**

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

May-19 & May-20-2007



**St. Mary & St. John      Christ Our Light**

**6.00 pm** Steve Wills  
Margaret O'Sullivan  
Rita Aherne  
Danny Farrell  
Jim Walsh  
Frances O'Brien

**8:00 pm** Anne O'Regan  
Mairead Murphy  
Finbarr Murray

**8:30 am** Mary Buckley  
Rita Murphy  
Mary O'Keefe

**11:00 am** Seamus O'Connell  
Mary O'Connell  
Alan O'Riordan  
Geraldine Keohane  
Gerard Murray

**10:00 am** Christina Walsh  
Peter Reilly  
Mary Collins  
Christy Roche  
Katie O'Shea  
Claire Creedon

**12:30 pm** Lucy O'Callaghan  
Jackie Sheehan  
Mary Green  
Michael O'Leary

**12 Noon** Oliver O'Donovan  
Barbara Kelly  
Sean Hennessy  
Mary McLean  
Ellen Seymour  
Nora Hennessy

**5:30 pm** Noelle Buckley  
Mary Breen  
Siobhan Burke



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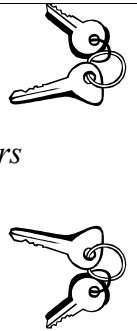
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**Monday**

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Wednesday 10.30 – 5.00 pm

Thursday 9.30 – 5.00 pm

**Friday 9.30 – 5.00 pm**

Saturday 9.30 – 12.30 pm



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