

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 20-May-2007



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

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

The Spirit of Peace at Work

Historic, unbelievable, history in the making, remarkable, were among the journalistic clichés bandied about in the past 10 days as commentators reflected on the happenings in Belfast. It truly was historic and memorable and even unbelievable: Ian Paisley and Martin McGuinness sitting down together to govern Northern Ireland after 40 years of violence. A whole generation had known nothing else but hostility, with thousands dead and sectarian bigotry and hatred part of the everyday experience. Enemies beginning to speak to one another and walk the way of peace together, is not just the stuff of Biblical prophecies, but the new reality of the North. What was known as “the troubles” finally ended because the two sides to the conflict were willing to work out their differences in a peaceful manner as befits a civilized society. And what a long time it has been coming.

Discord and division can occur between individuals and nations. It is part of the human condition. We are all different and have our differences in opinions, tastes, views on religion and politics. How easily these can evolve into mistrust and antagonism. Peace is fragile. Any lack of understanding of the other can lead to people being at odds. Religion and politics especially can both bring people together and also be great dividers. Just think of the North over the years and how the religious political mix was so closely bound up in the conflict. Think of Iraq today, and again we have religious division and political objectives to the fore, in the so called, “war on terror.” Whether it be at a level of nations or at a personal level, conflict can break out. Even within families, disagreements can be let to fester with some members of the clan not speaking to one another for years. Often the reason for the quarrel has long past, but the wounds have not been healed.

Settling disputes in an amicable way is the Christian response. It has taken the 2 parties to the dispute in the North (both Christian remember!) a generation to learn to do this. The example of Belfast is an example of the Holy Spirit at work in our time.

Jesus promised his disciples before ascending to heaven that they would be given the Spirit to help them in times of conflict and dispute. Indeed the early church had plenty disputes of their own, some of which are related in Acts. Luckily the wisdom of the Spirit enabled the disciples to restore harmony to issues of disagreement that weighed heavy on their hearts. There have been many issues over the centuries, not least of which was compulsory priestly celibacy, that have given rise to heated argument and division, and even dissent in the church. The Spirit has enabled all sides to air their views in such debates, even if it isn’t always a welcome voice.

Trusting that we have the gift of the spirit to help us in times of dispute should enable us to reach accord with those who are different to us in any way without resorting to conflict. The Spirit can enable us overcome obstacles. The political climate in the North today is a witness to the continued action of the Spirit in our midst.

Sean O’Driscoll

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

We are united with Jesus and the Father through love. Let us express this love by praying for the needs of the Church and the world.

Reader

That the Church may grow as a community of love and unity.

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

That the peoples and nations of the world who are divided by violence and war may be united in justice and harmony.

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

That all who work in Communications and Media services may be blessed in their work, aware of their responsibilities and of their power to influence.

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

For abandoned children, young people who are trafficked and exploited, and for all refugees and asylum seekers, that their dignity may be respected and their rights upheld.

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

As we make the choice for a new government, may the Holy Spirit inspire us to elect representatives who will lead with courage and fairness for all.

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

For all who have died recently that they may joyfully share in the risen life of Jesus.

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

Priest

O God, you are always faithful to your promises. Hear our prayers and lead us to share in glory with your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, 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 :

Sarah Catherine O'Shea, 10, The Vale, Coolroe Meadows.
Luces Denis Kelly, 2, The Oaks, Bridewood.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Mark Pinfield, Blarney.

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

Niall Purcell, Glasheen
James & Ellen Collins, Dunmanway.
Jeremiah Callanan, Poulavone.
Paul Dillon, Sunday's Well.
Kevin Shields, Castleknock.
Joe Donovan, Inniscarra.
Paddy Long, Parknamore.
Noreen McCarthy, Castle Park.
William & Catherine Ryan, St. Anthony's Lawn.
Patrick, Noel & Denis O'Shea, Ballinora.
Dan Jo O'Shea, Station Road.
Elizabeth Crowley, Poulavone.
Mary Lehane, Ovens.
Timothy Murphy, Rockchapel.
Eileen, Dan & John O'Mahony, Carrigrohane.
Ann Murray, Rosewood.
Sr. Gemma.
William Perrott, Glasheen Road.
Anna O'Farrell, Ballydehob.
Brian McVeigh, Larne.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Seventh Week Of Easter

20 Sunday Acts 1: 1-11. Ps. 46. Eph. 1: 17-23 or Heb. 9:24-28, 10: 19-23. Lk. 24:46-53. Lect I: 556

21 Monday Acts 19: 1-8. Ps. 67. Jn. 16:29-33. Lect I: 576

22 Tuesday Acts 20:17-27. Ps. 67. Jn. 17:1-11. Lect I: 578

23 Wednesday Acts 20:28-38. Ps. 67. Jn. 17:11-19. Lect I: 580

24 Thursday Acts 22:30, 23:6-11. Ps. 15. Jn. 17:20-26. Lect I: 583

25 Friday Acts 25:13-21. Ps 102. Jn 21:15-19 Lect I: 585

26 Saturday Acts 28:16-20,30-31. Ps 10. Jn 21 :20-25. Lect I: 588

Next Sunday's Readings 27-May-2007

Acts 2:1-11. Ps. 103. Rom. 8:8-17. Jn. 14:15-16, 23-26. Lect I: 601 & 606.

Reflection for Parents

Jesus assures us in this Gospel reading that we belong to God's family. As parents we work hard to help our children know that they are loved and valued as members of our families. We are a living example of God's love when our children see how we treat them and others and how we forgive one another. It is this acceptance and living unity that shows our children the love God has for Jesus, his Son, and all of us, his children.

Ballincollig Military Cemetery

Ballincollig Heritage Association is hosting an Open Day at Ballincollig Military Graveyard on today Sunday 20th 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 26th May-June 2nd so this is an unforeseen tie-in with this event.

*Know, most dearly beloved brother,
that courtesy is one of the properties of God,
who gives His sun and rain to the
just and unjust by courtesy; and courtesy
is the sister of charity, by which hatred
is vanquished and love is cherished.
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI*

The Annual Eucharistic Procession

Will take place on Saturday 9th June, 2007
Following 6:00 pm Mass.
Further details next week.

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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

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

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

At the very beginning of the Acts of the Apostles we are told of the promise of the Holy Spirit. Then follows an account of the Ascension of Jesus, his departure in a physical sense, from this world. But this is a guarantee of his presence powerfully with us by his Spirit.

Second Reading: Eph 1:17-23

Paul speaks concretely of life in Christ. It is an empowered life.

Gospel: Luke 24:46-53

Luke stresses that the disciples who witnessed the Ascension were 'full of joy'.

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 boys from Scoil Eoin will receive their first Holy Communion on Saturday 26th May at 11:00 am in Church of St. Mary & St. John.

Parking

We kindly request all car owners / drivers to show courtesy and respect for other church users in the manner in which they park their cars. Please note that all vehicles should drive in a clockwise direction around both churches and not parked at entrances & exits causing obstruction to others.

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

Fr. George

Flower Festival

The Church of the Most Precious Blood, Clogheen as part of its bicentenary celebrations will hold a Flower Festival on Saturday May 26th and Sunday May 27th from 1.00 pm to 6.00 pm each day. The Festival will conclude with a Prayer Service at 6.00 pm on Sunday 27th after which Flower arrangements and plants will be for sale. The proceeds of the festival will go towards renewing the heating and repairing the roof at the Church of the Most Precious Blood.

Flower arrangers from many parts of Cork, including Ballincollig Flower Club will participate..

Lay Leaders of Prayer

23 parishioners drawn from the ranks of Ministers of the Eucharist and Lectors generously responded to the call to train as Leaders of Prayer. 3 training sessions were held in the past few weeks. For Saturday mornings during July and August a Service of Word and Communion will be held, led by one of the Leaders. Congratulations and Thank you to all who volunteered for this wonderful ministry. More details before July.

49th Cork Ballincollig Scout Group

Over the last number of weeks the Scout troop has been practicing for the Scout County challenge Cup; it was held in Mount Melleray Scout Centre Waterford, over the last weekend. We had four Patrols taking part, two in the camp craft section, one each in the mountains and backwoods. The camp craft patrols had to pitch their tents, on Friday night and start on their site, feed their patrols and bed down for the night (all in the rain), on Saturday they had to build out of timber their fire, dresser, waste unit and gate way, they then had to cook a test meal and wash up again the rain was heavy, on Saturday night there was a camp fire and on Sunday in the rain the sites had to be broken down and loaded onto the trailers.

The mountain patrol had to climb Knocknafallia, with all their gear, including tent, food, water, cooking stove and emergency gear. The weather was very mixed, when they stopped on the hill to pitch their tent and cook their lunch the weather turned very bad, with hailstones, thunder and lighting. The going was tough, as well as the cooking and tent pitching they were examined in other mountain skills. They returned to the main site in the evening very weary.

The backwoods patrol had to build a shelter in the woods, cook without any equipment, cook a chicken in a cardboard homemade oven, stay dry overnight and hike back to the main site.

The presentations were made on the Sunday afternoon the troop won the campcraft section, the cooking section along with the mountains and we came second overall.

The Friday night Macoimh hitched a lift on the bus with the Scouts and spent the weekend in the Scout centre, they went on a night hike on Friday night, on Saturday they went Orienteering, and went swimming in Clonmel. On Sunday the spent time in the games room and the climbing wall.

When you are criticised, condemned, disappointed and disillusioned, remember it is the crushed grape that yields the wine.

Would you like to use your skills to help others?

Viatres Christi is an Irish Catholic lay missionary association, founded in 1960, which recruits, trains and places people in areas of need overseas and at home. We currently have requests for volunteers for assignments in Africa, Asia, South America and Ireland. We recruit people from all types of backgrounds and professions.

If you would you like to make a difference, why not take the next step and come to our information session in Cork on Tuesday 29th May 2007 at 7.30 pm in SMA Parish Centre, Wilton, Cork.

To confirm your attendance or for further information, please contact

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Let us have a Summer of Driving Safely

Cars CAN be replaced

Lives CANNOT

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

May-26 & May-27-2007

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Muireann Nelligan
8:30 am
Niamh Gallagher
10:00 am
Grace Buttimer
Orla Horgan
12:00 Noon
Tomas Miller
Niall Hartnett

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Murigen Ni Mhathuna
11:00 am
Cormac Manning
Marie Ni Niada
12:30 pm
Kay Carew
5:30 pm
Marlyn O'Connor



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

May-26 & May-27-2007

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Michael Maher
Ber Bell
Betty Casey
Frank Riordan
Siobhan Riordan
Sr. Martha

8:00 pm Geraldine Lynch
Charlie Vaughan
Joan Stephenson

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Theresa Lucey
Triona Collins

11:00 am Marie Ui Chrualaof
Neil Jeffers
Eileen O'Donoghue
Bridie O'Donnell
Bridie Hanrahan

10:00 am Anne Cahill
Pat Lee
May Delaney
Cathy Horgan
John O'Donovan
Betty Flavin

12:30 pm Con O'Connell
Denis O' Mahony
Christine O'Mahony
Tom Murray
John O'Regan

12 Noon Joan Barrett
Sheila Carroll
Seamus O'Donovan
Joe Coghlan
Geraldine Graham
Catherine Greene

5:30 pm Patsy Galvin
Bernard Curran
Clare Curran

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
11:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)	Saturday	8 pm (Vigil)

CONFESSIONS

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

BAPTISMS

4:30 pm	Saturday	4:30 pm
Except First Saturday of Month		First Saturday of Month
12:45 pm	Sunday	

PARISH CLERGY

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Fr. George O'Mahony P.P. 021-4871206
Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C. 021-4877161
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