

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 27-May-2007

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

Things that go bump at Mass

Mobiles phones ringing, babies wailing, children running about gleefully whilst eating crisps; adults chewing gum and many different conversations being held at once. Sounds like a children's party or perhaps the flavour of a pub on a Sunday afternoon? Wrong. This is what happens in church, at mass, in our parish!! Mercifully not all the time, but often enough to bring forth the angst and ire and sincere upset of those who come to pray! (Yeah, the Lord's house is one of prayer, not a market place). Maybe this is a timely reminder for all of us on behaviour in church. We live in an increasingly casual society, where many formalities are dispensed with. However participation in church services demands a certain decorum.

Out of courtesy and respect to God and others, phones should be switched off. It is not safe to allow children run around unsupervised. There are many dangers; from microphone wires to feeble elderly adults who could easily be tripped. Christ Our Light church has a designated Crying Room for restless babies, as well as 2 other rooms off the church that can also be used for the same purpose. Whilst your child may be your delight and joy, and your familiarity with their cries and tantrums may be music to your ears, think of how others experience this? It can be extremely disruptive. Apart from showing disrespect to those who have to come to worship, let's not forget either how it can unsettle the Lector who is trying their best to concentrate on proclaiming the Word of God. Other liturgical ministers (cantors, the priest etc) should not have to raise their voices to compete with extraneous voices from the congregation.

Remember a little hush when entering God's house is appropriate. The worship space deserves to be treated with dignity and reverence as a sign of our respect for God's presence in this holy place. Apart from being aware of the need for quiet (Biblically it is always in the stillness and quietness that God's voice is heard), we need to be aware of how we leave the environment after our visit. The misalettes, this publication and other materials need to be collected up, taken home for recycling or put in the appropriate bin. Nobody can justify leaving papers scattered on the pews or on the floor of the house of God. You wouldn't leave another person's home in a mess after a visit would you? Remember people coming to a later mass would like to find the church in a presentable fashion conducive to prayer.

Full participation in the liturgy requires that the gathering responds to the prayers with a firm AMEN, where required or an ALSO WITH YOU as other responses indicate. There are also other communally recited prayers: The Penitential Rite, Gloria, Response to Psalm, Creed, Responses to Petitions, Acclamation of Faith, Our Father and Lamb of God. The misalettes contain the prescribed words if you are unsure of the text. If there is singing, please join in as singing is like doubly raising your heart to God in prayer.

Posture is used in the liturgy as both a gesture of respect and as a rubric of communal worship. We stand during the gospel for example as a sign of our reverence for the Word of God. It breaks the flow of the liturgy if the priest has to ask you to stand! Surely everyone knows that you stand for the gospel (unless physically impaired) as it has always been this way! Equally the local custom is sit for the homily and stand again for the creed and to kneel for the Eucharistic prayer.

Receiving Eucharist needs to be done with dignity. It is not a rugby scrum! Take your time. Proceed in an orderly fashion to the Eucharistic Minister and stop to take the host and consume it before turning back. I have seen people grabbing the sacred host and make a 180 degree turn from the altar with as much gracefulness as a tractor, bumping into those behind in the line. There are many folk who belong to the fast food brigade, and literally treat Communion as a take out. Grab and go is the philosophy. If there is a compelling reason why you must leave church early, please do so, but in a manner which is noble.

Hopefully this gentle reminder of how we need to be aware of our actions at mass won't cause offence to anybody, but that you will take it in the spirit of which it is intended: to make the worship experience a more enriching one for all who participate.

Sean O'Driscoll

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us ask our loving God to strengthen us in the Spirit, so that we may walk the way of the gospel.

Reader

For a fresh outpouring of God's Spirit on the whole Church.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For unity among peoples, and for God's blessing on all who work for peace and reconciliation.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the newly confirmed, and for all who receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the guidance of the Holy Spirit on all who lead and teach the young, in family, school and community.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who have lost hope, and for those who are lonely or tempted to despair, that they may be enriched with the Spirit's gifts.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For our beloved dead that they may enjoy eternal happiness.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest

O God, you share your spirit and your life with us. Hear our prayers this day, that we may serve you in peace and joy. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. 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 :

Hollie Ellen Pagram, 60 Rosewood
 Benjamin Charlie Perez, Barnahulla, Drimoleague
 Olivia Hannah Lynch, "Glenmore House", Ballyshoneen, Waterfall.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Mary Kelleher, Dripsey.
 Hannah Murphy, Watergrasshill
 Patrick Daly, Curranabraher

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

Jimmy Lucey, Station Road.
 John & Margaret Wilcox, Goleen.
 Mary McNulty, Fr Sexton Park.
 Catherine Deasy, Muskerry Estate.
 Kathleen Kinsley.
 Ellen O'Sullivan, Inniscarra.
 Patrick O'Lery, St Eada's Road.
 Danie & Mary O'Mahony, Bandon.
 Margaret McMahon, Model Farm Road.
 Myra Casey, Beech Park.
 John & Eleanor O'Mahony, Castletownbere.
 Con & Mary O'Donovan, Station Road.
 Tim Hassett, Station Road.
 Hannah & Peter Crowley, Leemount, Carrigrohane.
 Patrick & Christina Hayes, Clonakilty.
 Bridie O'Leary, Ovens.
 Liam Murphy.
 Lillie Hutchinson, Barrack Street.
 Jim & Maureen O'Brien, Blackpool.
 Kathleen Doyle, Westcourt.

The Apostolate of Our Lady of Fatima

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and

The Immaculate Heart of Mary

Date: Friday 15th June 2007

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Contact: Angela 4872611
 Pat 4870374

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St. Vincent de Paul

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Eight Week In Ordinary Time

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

28 Monday Eccles. (Sir) 17:24-29. Ps. 31. Mk. 10:17-27. Lect II: 94

29 Tuesday Eccles. (Sir) 35:1-12. Ps. 49. Mk. 10:28-31. Lect II: 96

30 Wednesday Eccles. (Sir) 36:1, 4-5, 10-17. Ps. 78. Mk. 10:32-45. Lect II: 98

31 Thursday Zeph. 3: 14-1 8 or Rom. 12:9-16. Ps. Is 12. Lk. 1 :39-56. Lect II: 1040

01 Friday Eccles. (Sir) 44:1, 9-13. Ps. 149. Mk. 11:11-29 Lect II: 103

02 Saturday Eccles. (Sir) 51:12-20. Ps. 18. Mk. 11:27-33. Lect II: 105

Next Sunday's Readings 03-June-2007

Prov. 8:22-31. Ps. 8. Rom. 5: 1-5. In. 16: 12-15 Lect I: 615

Reflection for Parents

Our children often come to us frightened about one thing or another. It is our job to calm their fears and generally we do a pretty good job. But sometimes, our doubts or concerns are the same as theirs. When this happens, we're not always sure how to answer them and after reading today's Gospel we may think that our faith is not strong enough. But doubt does not necessarily mean a lack of faith. Sometimes the best thing we can do is tell our children we wonder about the same things they do and then together think about how our faith helps us answer the concern. Generally, these conversations revolve around a serious illness or death in the family and what happens when we die. It's not "lack of faith" that causes us to not know. It is a "lack of knowledge," because it's true, none of us knows exactly.

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w języku polskim w Ballincollig

16 czerwca - 16 June

sobota - 19:15 - Saturday 19:15

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts: 2:1-11

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Second Reading: Rom. 8:8-17

We are always faced with the choice between following our nobler or our meaner instincts in the conduct of our day-to-day lives. Paul calls this living according to the Spirit or living according to the flesh - and then he suggests that the most vital, life-giving choice we can make is to let the Holy Spirit be our guiding light.

Gospel: John 14:15-16, 23-26

If we obey god's commandments then we will be given the Holy Spirit and he will abide in us for ever. Jesus was saying that the Holy Spirit will be in us forever if we continue to obey god's commandments for our lifetime. God always travels with his people. We pray today for a new outpouring, come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of our faithful.

Bulletin Board

Report from Parish Pastoral Council Meeting of 21st May 2007.

This meeting was well attended and a number of issues were discussed, including the following.

Communications Committee.

- A long discussion was held in relation to the establishment of this committee, and the meeting agreed that such a committee would be put in place.
- Many points were raised including how best we should both plan and communicate with our parishioners and also with those who do not attend religious services regularly.
- How do we get the message of Christ across?
- What methods should we use? i.e. Parishioner, Notice Boards, Parish Web Site.
- If there are parishioners who would like to submit suggestions in relation to this issue please do so in writing to the Parish Office, the Presbytery Station RD Ballincollig.

Eucharistic Procession.

The procession will be held this year on Saturday 9th June 2007 after the 6.00 pm Vigil Mass at St Mary and St John's Church. The route will be from the Church to the entrance to Castlepark and back to the green in Church View. If you can give some time to attend this worthwhile public display of our faith and belief in the Eucharist, please do so.

Service of the Word and Holy Communion.

Fr Sean O'Driscoll has trained a number of people as leaders for this service, which will take place during the months of July and August on Saturday morning instead of the 10.00am. Mass. The leaders are currently serving as Ministers of the Eucharist or Lectors in the parish. While this is no substitute for the Mass it is important to appreciate that these people are willing to serve their fellow parishioners by giving this service, particularly during times of necessity in the parish.

Michael Crowley, Facilitator.

49th Cork Ballincollig Scout Group

After many years the Downtown Troop fell on hard times and had to be closed, the Scouts had to transfer to the uptown Troop. Now the Scouts in the downtown Troop were very rough, whereas the Scouts from the uptown Troop would have been very smooth.

In the uptown troop bad language was frowned upon and the old tradition of a cup of cold water down the sleeve still obtained, though it was, seldom needed. Tradition was something of which the downtown Scouts knew nothing of, but they took to it like ducks to water and provided lots of custom.

After a while the downtown scouts noticed that their fellow Scouts from uptown, were doing nothing, to uphold the old tradition. "What a pity, what a pity" they said "lets do something about it".

So they grabbed some of their uptown brother scouts and started twisting their arms and been nastily to them in order to make them swear, which they did. And so the old tradition was revived and continues to this day.

The easiest way for a Scout leader to have a few minutes alone at the end of a troop meeting is for him to pick up a brush and start sweeping the floor.

Would you like to use your skills to help others?

Viatore 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

Viatore Christi: Tel. +353-1-8749346/8728072,
email Colette@viatorechristi.com
or logon to www.viatorechristi.com

Viatore Christi, 38-39 Upper Gardiner Street, Dublin 1.

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Would you like to gain qualifications/recognition relating to this involvement?

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These courses can also be undertaken on a full-time or part-time basis.

Application forms and further information on the course may be obtained from:

Anne Deasy, Cork Institute of Technology.
Telephone: 021 – 4326700
Email: ann.deasy@cit.ie

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Jun-02 & Jun-03-2007

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Carmel Keane
8:30 am
Susan Fennell
10:00 am
Margot Twomey
12:00 Noon
Sean Hennessy

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Rebecca Feely
Louise McGrath
11:00 am
Jack Dorgan
12:30 pm
Brian O'Donoghue
Lia Breathnach
5:30 pm
Brian O'Donoghue

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	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

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

Jun-02 & Jun-03-2007

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Patsie Murphy
Marie Bohan
Mary Walsh
Marie Healy
Margaret Kearney
Nora Barry

8:30 am Theresa Lucey
Rita Murphy
Mona Holland

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

12 Noon Michael Crowley
Breda Lenihan
Noel Hennessey
Jacinta Jeffers
Rena O'Connor
Sean Farrell

8:00 pm Jim Cahill
Kit Cahill
Sheila O'Connor

11:00 am Carmel Ryan
Angela Cunningham
Laurence Cunningham
Eileen Byrne

12:30 pm Eileen Garvey
Sally Power
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Friday	9.30 – 7.30 pm
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