

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



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

Sunday 24-June-2007

The Birth of Saint John The Baptist

The Church celebrates only three birthdays in the liturgical year - that of Jesus on 25 December, that of Mary on 8 September, and that of John the Baptist on 24 June. Today we celebrate the birth of John - the one who announces the coming of the Saviour. The message of John the Baptist was a call to repentance. Preparing the 'way of the Lord' means repentance for us too.



**Christ Our Light
Innishmore**

Our Trip to Medugorje

On Sunday 13th May sixteen students from transition year and fifth year in Colaiste Choilm left Cork Airport for Medugorje accompanied by Marion Kelliher, teacher and her daughter. We went with a large group of pilgrims from all over Cork, led by Finbarr O'Leary, who became very popular with our own group from Colaiste Choilm. Many people from the large group had been to Medugorje before, but for us "first timers" there were many mixed feelings, however we all decided to go with open hearts as we had been told for so long that "no one comes to Medugorje except at our Lady's invitation".

After a long journey and only a few hours sleep we woke up to glorious weather on our first morning. Walking to morning mass was an enlightening experience for all of us, as we looked around, we were all amazed by the love people had for each other. People of all nationalities, were laughing, singing, talking and hugging each other. Little did we know the wonders of Medugorje would have this effect on us within hours. Mass itself was packed with pilgrims giving praise to the Lord and again showing this incredible love for everyone around them.

By evening time, we were all happy to occupy one of the gardens around the church, and have a quiet prayerful moment in thanksgiving for the day. Just as we had settled down to do so, one student noticed the sun dancing in the sky. As we looked up all eighteen of us were blessed as we were able to look at the bright sun directly and take in the miracle of it dancing in the sky above us. Throughout the week some of us had

very personal experiences where we were individually touched by miracles of Medugorje and Our Lady.

At night we attended adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, having prayer meetings, sing songs, telling stories and praying the rosary. What we all found extraordinary was that after a day or two we were all full of love for God and Our Lady and were also open to praising God and accepting what was in store for us in Medugorje.

We had a life changing week and were lucky enough to really get the most out of it. We were healed nearly every night, got the opportunity to meet two of the visionaries, climb apparition hill and Cross mountain, visit two refugee camps, attend a public apparition and still have the time for our own much needed time for personal prayer and reflection. By the end of the week everyone had found a new peace within themselves and despite being cut off from everything at home with some mobile phones not working there was not one person among us who wanted to leave Medugorje. Some people were saying that we were heading back to reality, however one wise man spoke to a few of us and told us to bring Medugorje home with us and always keep it with us because we were actually leaving reality and going to a very different place. It was only when we were home we realised how true that is. We would like to thank Fr. George, Bishop Buckley and the people of Ballincollig who made very generous contributions to our trip.

Transition Year Students. C. C.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us bring our needs confidently to the God who cares for us.

Reader

For all who serve in the Church in leadership positions, that they may humbly point people towards Christ, as John the Baptist did.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For missionaries and for all who preach and teach others the way of the Lord, that they may be encouraged in their ministry and filled with God's Spirit.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For refugees and those driven from their homeland, that their needs may be respected and their rights upheld.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For parents and guardians, that they may guide their children wisely and well.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For holidaymakers and visitors among us, that they may find a welcome and be refreshed.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the sick and housebound, and for all who suffer because of loneliness or isolation, that they may experience the healing touch of God through the goodness of their neighbours.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest

Gracious God, you faithfully respond to the needs of your people. Hear the prayers we make this day in Jesus' name. Amen.

I thank you for the wonder of my being.

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BAPTISMS

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

Kerry Rose Marland, 38, Westcliffe.
Ellie Rose Cregg, 8, The Willows, Classis Lake.
Dylan James Sweeney-Murray, 8, The Cedars, Classis Lake.

MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

John Finbarr Coffey & Shirley Belinda O'Mahony, The Close, Coolroe Meadows.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Paddy O'Leary, Cloughduv.
Derry Fitzgerald, Kerry Pike.
Kathleen Guinevan, Carrigrohane.
Jim Powder, Model Farm Road.
Rene O'Farrell, Killavullen & Dunmanway.

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

Tom Daly, Beech Park.
John Cotter, Innishmore Lawn.
Thomas Garry, Glasheen.
William Boyce, Millford.
Naim Carroll, Freemount.
John & Jim Downey, Ballyvolane.
Jeremiah, Mary & daughter Mary O'Sullivan, Eyeries.
Pat McGrath, St. Finbarrs Park.
Noel Sexton, Gardiners Hill.
Josephine & Patrick Murphy, McCurtain Villa's.
John & Mary Boyde, Main Road.
Miah Murray, Bishopstown.
Deceased members O'Mahony family, Ballinora.
Conor Ronan, Oaklands.
Br. Thomas Hannan, Kildorrery.
Lawrence O'Flynn, Aherla.
Jim & Ina Crowley, Leap.

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

Thanks To All Our Supporters.

September 2006 - June 2007.

The Pyke Theatre Group wish to express sincere thanks to all those who attended the monthly socials at The Rugby Club, Tanner Park on the second Tuesday of each month.

We are on holidays for July and August.

We will re-commence on the second Tuesday of September (11th) please god.

We hope to start at 8.30 and finish at 11.15 for the new season .

Garden Party In East Cork

A Garden Party will take place in Shanagarry at Charlie and Benny Conways on Saturday July 21st for Child Aid in India. Some Priests from India will be visiting Dublin in July and we hope to have one of those to concelebrate Mass with Fr.O'Callaghan.

All monies collected on the day will be handed over to the priest.

A Bus will leave Ballincollig at 11 am and travel to Ballyphehane for 11.20.

Bookings to 4646223 087-6909433 086-3413901.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Twelfth Week In Ordinary Time

24 Sunday Is. 49:1-6, Ps. 138, Acts 13:22-26. Lk. 157-66, 80. Lect I: 976 or II: 1073

25 Monday Gen. 12:1-9, Ps. 32. Mt. 7:1-5. Lect II: 149

26 Tuesday Gen. 13:2, 5-18. Ps. 14. Mt. 7:26,12-14. Lect II: 151

27 Wednesday Gen. 15:1-12, 17-18. Ps. 104. Mt. 7:15-20, Lect II: 153

28 Thursday Gen. 16:1-12, 15-16. Ps. 105. Mt. 7:21-29. Lect II:155

29 Friday Acts 12:1-11. Ps. 33.2 Tim. 4:6-8, 17-18. Mt. 16: 13-19. Lect I: 981 or Lect II: 1082

30 Saturday Gen. 18: 1-15, Ps. Lk 1. Mt. 8:5-17. Lect II: 160

Next Sunday's Readings 01-July-2007

Reflection for Parents

As an old saying goes, "If you don't stand for something, you'll fall for anything." This is not only the message we need to convey to our children, but through our own actions, they will see that we believe this to be true. Sometimes we have to take an unpopular stand with our children when we know that they are being tempted by their peers and culture. You will find among parents of older children, that your children will one day express their gratitude for your courage.

Kilcully Car Boot Sale

- Do you have items cluttering up your garage or attic, why not use the car boot sale to clear your items and make some money
 - Have Your Son/Daughter Man The Stall And Earn Some Pocket Money
- Car Admission €10
If you are interested in partaking please contact Sean Dineen
Kilcully Scout Campsite Phone: 087-6419614
KILCULLY E-mail: bookings@kilcully.com
White's Cross, Co. Cork

Prayer Room - Ballincollig Shopping Centre

A Place...

- to retreat from the Hustle and Bustle of life
- of Peace and Tranquility
- for prayer and Contemplation
- of Divine Presence
- to soak in the Calmness of an Anointing
- to Listen to one's Own Heart
- to give Thanks for your Blessings
- from which to emerge, ready to Face the World again

Opening Hours

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-6

In this reading, the Church puts the words of the prophet Isaiah into the mouth of John the Baptist. Jesus praised John, saying, "Among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist." (Matthew 11:11) The role of a prophet is to speak God's word. John the Baptist not only spoke God's word, he pointed out to the people the Word of God made flesh, Jesus. John the Baptist was the light who pointed toward the greater Light.

Second Reading: Acts 13: 22-26

These verses from the Acts of the Apostles show that the role of John the Baptist was well known and honoured by the early Christians. John the Baptist was someone who knew who he was and who he was not. Certainly, he gathered crowds. Many people came for advice. He told them to repent and he baptised them with water as a sign of repentance. But he always said, "Look for the one who comes after me." John the Baptist had humility. The word humility comes from humus, meaning "earth." When we find someone with humility today, we may not use that word. We may simply say that this person does not "put on airs," or "act like a snob." We may say that this person is "down to earth."

Gospel: Luke 1:57-66, 80

Today's Gospel tells the story of the birth of John the Baptist who was to grow up to have a very special role in life. Can you remember what it was? There were some unusual things surrounding John's birth, one of which we hear about today regarding his father who was deaf until he wrote on a writing tablet that the child was to be called John. This amazed everyone because John was not a family name.

Bulletin Board

Special Collection

Ballincollig Parishioner & Mass Missalette

A **Second Collection** will be taken up at all Masses this weekend 23rd & 24th June 2007.

Your Contribution will help towards the purchasing of the Mass Missalette and the printing costs of The Parishioner.

Kiltegan Fathers

Thank you for facilitating their Mission Appeal last Sunday. Your kind generosity and support is very much appreciated.

Peter's Pence Collection

The annual Peter's Pence Collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend 23rd & 24th June. Please place your donation in the envelopes provided

Cake Sale

Will be held after the 11 am Mass on today Sunday 24th. This cake sale is to help to raise some funds for the IGBO Union of Ireland, Cork chapter, who are organising a New Yam Festival in Cork on August 5th. A number of families from the IGBO union reside in Ballincollig and Chide is a Minister of the Word at the 11.00 am. Mass. Looking forward to your support.

The Ballincollig Parishioner.

Today's Parishioner is the final publication for the current year, printing will resume again in September following the summer break, our thanks to Con, Tom, Oliver, Karen & Pauline for their continued weekly support in compiling & printing this newsletter.

Fr. George

49th Cork Ballincollig Scout Group

Camp is just around the corner, and over the last few weeks we in the Troop have been planning and thinking about the benefits it brings. Camp cooking can become for almost any scout, a valuable skill and something that will accompany him as a permanent aid through life, when much of his other Scouting has been forgotten.

A letter from camp,

Dear Mum

Having a brilliant time at camp. Weather great. Food lush and you get second helpings of desert. Have bought a load of comics and new batteries for my Walkman. Hope you will be able to make it for visitor's day.

Your Son.

P.S. I'm in hospital with measles.

Scouting is not a station you arrive at, but rather a manner of travelling.

(Our thanks to Ronan for his weekly contribution, we look forward to more updates of Scouting activity in September)

**Ballincollig Parish
Bereavement Support**

An eight-week Bereavement Support Programme will commence in the Parish in late September. This Programme will be held in a small group setting one night a week. If you have experienced loss and would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact Sr Colette O'Leary. (Mobile Phone number: 086.3557375) or the Parish Office.

"Mothers' Prayers"

My gratitude to all who come to 'Mothers Prayers' on Wednesday or Thursday mornings. We will not be meeting during July and August. Both groups will re-commence in September - the date will be announced in 'The Parishioner'. In meantime let us remain united in prayer for all children within our families, our parish, and throughout the world.

Sr Colette

IGBO Union Ireland Cork Chapter

We are announcing our upcoming festival (new-yam festival) of August 5th 2007 in cork. This is an event anyone cannot afford to miss.

All parishioners are invited admission is free.

Come and witness how 40 million IBOS worldwide celebrate this unique festival.

For further details please do not hesitate to contact the union at tel: 086 2431312

or email igbounioncorkchapter@yahoo.ie.

Chuks Madu

Msza sw. Mass in Polish

w języku polskim w Ballincollig

21 lipca - 21 July

sobota - 19:00 - Saturday 19:00

Zapraszamy Powiadom znajomych

Garden Fête 8th July

The beautiful Glebe Gardens, Baltimore will be the setting for a Garden Fête on the 8th of July from 2 to 5 pm in aid of Cork Simon Community. A great day out is guaranteed, with a face painter for the kids, music and refreshments all in the fantastic surroundings of Glebe Gardens. Enjoy this fantastic day out while also raising funds for homeless people in Cork. For further enquiries please contact Mairead on 021 4929401 or email mairread@corksioncommunity.ie

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Jun-30 & Jul-01-2007

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Aine Sheehan
Mark Prendergast
8:30 am
Niamh Gallagher
10:00 am
Sinead O'Connor
12:00 Noon
Miriam Maunsell
Evan Smith

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Pauline Collins
11:00 am
Chide Ebili
Karen Flavin
12:30 pm
Brian O'Donoghue
Lia Breathnach
5:30 pm
Marlyn O'Connor



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Jun-30 & Jul-01-2007

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

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

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

8:30 am Theresa Lucey
Rita Murphy
Mona Holland

11:00 am Carmel Ryan
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
Olan O'Mahony

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

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

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

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Wednesday

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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

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Saturday

9.30 – 5.00 pm