

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 18-May-2008

The Most Holy Trinity

*Blessed be God the father and his only begotten
Son and the Holy Spirit: for he has shown that he
loves us.*



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Clustering of Parishes

Bishop Buckley announced a change in the organising of parishes at a meeting of parish representatives in March. The decision arose from the work of group of people working in conjunction with Bishop Buckley recommending that the parishes of the diocese be clustered. There will be seventeen clusters (groups of parishes) and Ballincollig will join Ovens / Farran and Kilmurry (including Cloughduv and Canovee). Each parish will retain its own boundary. This clustering will become effective from September 2008. Each cluster will have a priest appointed as a moderator (organiser). This proposition of clustering parishes is to deal with reduced number of priests available to work in the diocese, the increasing age profile of the clergy and the small number answering the Lord's call to serve as a priest or religious. The clustering of parishes will also enable parishes to work together in providing training for ministry, preparing and promoting the involvement of the people of God in their parishes.

I have attended a number of meetings where presentations were made on clustering of parishes. The possibility of inviting priests from elsewhere to come and work in Cork and Ross diocese was raised. This proposal doesn't seem to be actively on the agenda at present.

This proposal of clustering of parishes by church authorities seems to me to be following the same route as the closure of post offices, Garda stations, creameries and other services in many communities. I think we need to address the question WHO are the church? Do the Bishops and priests constitute the church in each area? In discussing these questions, we should remember that the sacraments, ministries and grace are gifts made by the Holy Spirit to the Church, The People of God not exclusively to the Bishops and priests.

In the earliest church the right of the community to celebrate the Eucharist was taken for granted and the leaders of the communities also lead them in celebration of the Lord's Supper. The Acts of the Apostles and St. Paul in his letters writes about Eucharistic communities; these early Christian communities met regularly to pray, tell the story of Christ and break bread (celebrate Mass). Perhaps the present difficulties provide an opportunity to review structures of ministry with a view to recognising what developments in ministry structures are now obstacles to the Church's development.

George O'Mahony

Reflection for Parents

Jesus told Nicodemus that God would save those who believe; those who do not believe have already been condemned. Sometimes it is hard for us to get our children to know what is good for them, like eating their vegetables, getting a good night's sleep, or watching less television. As parents, we often have to model the behaviour we want them to have. Children are quite open to the notion of God, and often they lead adults to greater faith. Our first responsibility to our children and their development of faith is to constantly seek God in our own lives. Our example is invaluable.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Heavenly Father, you showed your love for us by sending your Son and your Spirit. We present our prayers to you this day, confident of your unending love.

Reader

That the Church may be guided by the Holy Spirit and glorify God by being faithful to the Gospel.

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

That all peoples in the world may live in peace, acknowledging and respecting difference.

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

We pray for vocations. We pray that men and women who are filled with the Holy Spirit and with wisdom will answer God's call to follow the One who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

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

We pray for the grace to help those members of our community in need and to work towards the unity Paul speaks of in the Second Reading.

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

We pray for the sick.

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

For all those preparing for examinations at this time.

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

Priest

Lord, our God, Creator of all that is, Redeemer of the world, Sanctifier of your people, hear our prayers and grant what we need, through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

To You Glory And Praise For Evermore.

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BAPTISMS

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

Lucy Tess O'Donovan, Coopers Grange, Old Quarters.
 Samuel Barrett, Coopers Grange, Old Quarters.
 Dominykas Kaspercvicuis, Westcourtt Heights.
 Steven Denis Holmes, Clonmoyle East. Coachford.
 John Gavin Murphy. Coopers Grange. Old Quarter.
 Ronan Kruise Thessman, Skar Holmen, Sweden.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Willie Reid, 1st F.A.R. Collins Bks, Killarney & Westcourt.
 Mary Murphy, Ballinora.
 Josephine Halligan, An Caislean & Rosewood.

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

Michael Noonan, Parknamore.
 Thomas & Nora Lynch, Carrignavar.
 Jeremiah & Jane Callanan, Poulavone.
 Paul Dillon, Sunday's Well.
 Joe Donovan, Beech Road.
 James White, Carrigrohane.
 Jeremiah O'Donovan, Clonakilty.
 Jim O'Neill, Poulavone.
 Niall Purcell, Kilcrea Park.
 Eileen Twomey, Inch, Co. Kerry.
 Val Riordan, Glasheen.
 Eileen, Dan & John O'Mahony, Lee View, Carrigrohane.
 Sheila O'Mahony, Douglas.
 John Shanahan. Fr Sexton Park.
 John O'Mahony, Carriganarra.
 Eileen O'Donovan, Rosewood.
 Tommy Leahy. Killarney.
 Deceased Members of the O'Shea Family.
 Denis O'Sullivan, West Village.
 James, Eileen & Tom Madigan, East Gate.
 Mary Linehan, Inniscarra View.

CIT Alumni Reunion Day

Saturday, 7th June 2008, 3.00 pm
 Calling All Graduates and Friends

You and all your former classmates are invited to get together to

BBQ Buffet with music from the Aristocrats

Don't delay book your place for reunion day today

Further information and booking forms may be obtained from
 alumni@cit.ie or visit www.cit.ie

The success of a Reunion is due to the help of class representatives who encourage members of their class to attend the Reunion. If you would like to ensure successful participation of your class at this event, please contact the CIT Alumni Association on 021 4326589 or email alumni@cit.ie

Parish Pastoral Council

A meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Monday next May 19th at 7.45 pm in the Annex community Hall.

All welcome.

The Eucharistic Procession will take place on Saturday 24th May after 6.00 pm Vigil Mass and all Past and Present Council Members are invited to attend.

Michael Crowley Facilitator

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Seventh Week In Ordinary Time

18 Sunday Ex. 34:4-6, 8-9. Ps. Dan. 3. 2 Pet. 13:11-13. Jn. 3:16-18. Lect II: 611

19 Monday Jas 3:13-18. Ps 18. Mk 9:14-29. Lect II: 537

20 Tuesday Jas. 4: 1-10. Ps. 54. Mk. 9:30-37. Lect II: 540

21 Wednesday Jas 4:13-17. Ps 48. Mk 9:38-40 Lect II: 542

22 Thursday Jas 5:1-6. Ps 48. Mk 9:41-50. Lect II: 543

23 Friday Jas 5:9-12. Ps 102. Mk 10:1-12. Lect II: 545

24 Saturday Jas 5:13-20. Ps 140. Mk 10:13-16. Lect II: 547

Next Sunday's Readings 25-May-2008

Deut. 8:2-3, 14-16. Ps. 147. 1 Cor. 10:16-17. Jn. 6:51-58. Lect I: 617

A Retreat for the Ballincollig Parishioners

Day and date: Saturday 31st. May 2008

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

Time: 10.30 am to 4.00 pm.

Conducted by: Fr. Joe Ralph O.P.

Cost: €15.00 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 26th May

I am interested in attending the retreat on Saturday 31st May

Name.....

Address.....

Phone No

Muskerry Local History Society

Field Trip May 2008

Subject:- Cork Butter Museum.

Featuring:-Conducted tour of Cork's unique museum: the story of Ireland's most important food export and world's largest butter market.

Speaker: Peter Foynes - Museum Curator

Venue:- Meet at Museum entrance
 O'Connell Square, Shandon.

Date & Time: Tuesday 20th May @ 7.30 pm Sharp

Admission: €3.00

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9
 Moses went up Mount Sinai to meet the Lord. He begged the Lord to accompany the Israelites, "a stiff-necked people." He asked God to pardon their wickedness and sin.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
 Paul encouraged the Corinthians to mend their sinful ways and help one another live in peace. He wrote to them, "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you."

Gospel, John 3:16-18.
 As in the past weeks, Jesus' message of commission and obedience is present along with his promise to always be with us. As the disciples were sent out to baptise, they were reminded of God's trinity: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Scout News

Last weekend the long awaited Lee Valley County Shield took place in Killcully Camp site. Ballincollig sent two patrols to compete, on the Friday night they had to pitch their tents and put up their table. After a short sleep, early on Saturday morning they had to build 3 gadgets, including a dresser, fire and waste disposal unit. After lunch they had to compete in bases, which ranged from frying an egg to sawing a log from two meters away. After a test meal where they were given a bag of food to cook and they attended a campfire where they had to perform a scout play. On Sunday morning they went out to the river Lee and took part in a raft race afterwards they returned to Killcully and took down their sites, and awaited the results. The first result was the mountains, where they had climbed, Mangerton a few weeks ago. The winners were the 4th Cork with Ballincollig coming second and third. In the camp craft section Ballincollig won first, with the 4th Cork coming second, so it was a nail biting wait to see who won the overall. It went to Ballincollig with the 4th Cork coming in second. So well done to the troop for all the hard work that they put in. The Beaver section went to Dublin Zoo, on the Saturday, more on this next week.

Our eyes are placed in the front because it is more important to look ahead than look back.

Cake Sale

There will be a Cake Sale in Christ Our Light Church after the 11 am Mass today Sunday May 18th. The cake sale is being organised by the members of the Junior Folk Choir. All proceeds will be going to Crumlin's children hospital Dublin.

Africa Day

The New Communities Partnership (NCP) cordially invite you to a celebration of Africa Day which will take place in Crane Lane Theatre, Phoenix St. on Saturday 24th of May. African Day is an opportunity to celebrate African Diversity and join with Africans around the world in highlighting the cultural and social life of the African Continent. The event will include African music, song, cultural dance and foods as well as drumming workshops and of display of African Fashion and Dress.

The official opening will take place at 2.00 pm by the Lord Mayor of Cork, Cllr Donal Counihan.

Bulletin Board

Eucharistic Procession

The procession will be held this year on the eve of the feast of Corpus Christi May 24th after the 6 pm Vigil Mass in St Mary & St John's Church. The route will be from the Church to the entrance to Castlepark and back to the green in Church View for Benediction. Perhaps parishioners would be good enough to make plans to take part in this year's procession.

Ballincollig Parish Confirmations 2008.

Gaelscoil Uí Ríordáin Monday 19th May 2008

Ballincollig Parish First Communions 2008.

Scoil Eoin Saturday 24th May 2008

Catholic Paper

Copies of the Catholic Paper -**The Universe** - are available in both Churches every week.

This Week's Calendar

Monday 19 – Weekday (7th Week in Ordinary Time)

Tuesday 20 – St Bernadine of Siena, priest. St Bernadine was born in Siena in 1380. He became a Franciscan and travelled through Italy, preaching with great success. He promoted devotion to the Holy Name and to St Joseph. He died in 1444.

Wednesday 21 – Saints Christopher Magallanes priest, and Companions, martyrs. These twenty-five priests and laymen were executed in 1927 in Mexico.

Thursday 22 – St Rita of Cascia, religious. St Rita, 1386-1457, was married for eighteen years. Her husband, an ill-tempered and abusive man, was murdered. Later Rita entered the Augustinian convent in Cascia and spent forty years in prayer and charity and working for peace in the region.

Friday 23 – Weekday

Saturday 24 – Weekday

Fr. George

The World Apostolate of Fatima

Knock

All-Night Vigil

Date 30th May 2008

Cost €25

Contact: Angela 4872611 or Pat 4870374

Bus leaves from St. Mary & St. John's at 3:30 pm

A Summer Serenade!

On **May 25th** Opera 2005 presents a fundraising evening of opera favourites and light classics in the **Curtis Auditorium** at the CIT Cork School of Music. The concert features some of Cork's finest talents– well-loved soprano **Mary Hegarty**, baritone **Joe Corbett** and violinist **Elizabeth Cooney**. **Nicole Panizza** will accompany on piano.

Tickets priced at €20 are available from Pro Musica, Oliver Plunkett Street (021-4271659), the Opera 2005 office (021-4215180) and at the door on the night. The concert begins at **8 pm**.

"I Have Come That They May Have Life And Have It To The Full" (Jn.10:10)

Do You Want To Experience Life To The Full?

Come And Listen to a catechesis for adults and youth in St. Mark's Centre (opposite Christ Our Life Church)

Innishmore, Ballincollig.

on Mondays and Thursdays at 8 pm

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

May-24 & May-25-2008

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Sandra Walsh
8:30 am
Triona Collins
10:00 am
Hannah Bunyan
Stephen Bunyan
12:00 Noon
John Dorgan
Fergal Monahan

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Pauline Collins
11:00 am
Cormac Manning
Marie Ni Niada
12:30 pm
Brian O'Donoghue
5:30 pm
Tom Reck

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	7:30 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. Sean O'Driscoll C.C.	021-4870434
Fr. Ted Sheehan	021-4876171



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

May-24 & May-25-2008

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm	Michael Maher Ber Bell Betty Casey Frank Riordan Siobhan Riordan Sr. Martha	7:30 pm	Geraldine Lynch Charlie Vaughan Joan Stephenson Brid Healy-Harris
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	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



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