

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 24-May-2009

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

You Shall Be My Witnesses

We may remind ourselves on occasion that as followers of Christ we are sent to proclaim the Good News of salvation, to the ends of the earth. This is a mission to proclaim the Gospel in the day-to-day details of our lives, as we are called to show the light of Christ by our standards of honesty, kindness and love for each other. St Paul reminds us in the second reading for the Ascension that we must live lives worthy of our vocation, of our individual calling. In the gospel reading Jesus addresses the eleven, not the twelve, and we remember that not all who are called prove faithful. We can respond to Jesus' call by making an honest effort to live good lives, giving witness to goodness in the world, conscious that bad witness has been given by some who have lived lives unworthy of the Gospel which they professed with their lips. This is sadly not merely a matter of not reaching someone's potential, but of doing actual and severe harm to the Gospel, doing harm to the Lord's little ones, inflicting wounds on the body of Christ.

Jesus emptied himself of everything for our sake:

Though he was in the form of God, Jesus did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, he emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross (Phil 2:6-8).

The gift of the Holy Spirit was purchased for us by Jesus on the cross, purchased at a great price. Calvary is the road to Pentecost and the Spirit comes from the cross. The promised outpouring of the Holy Spirit is foretold in the Old Testament, by the prophets Isaiah, Ezekiel and Joel for example. Jesus promises that we will receive power as the Holy Spirit comes on us and we will be empowered to give a true witness. Each one of us has her or his own role and giftedness to enable us to be witnesses to Christ in our daily lives. We remember that the gifts we have been given are for the benefit of all God's people, for the service and the unity of the Christian community. Our joy in the Lord is tinged with a sober realism knowing that we and our world are not perfect. None-the-less we set out with confidence, knowing that we are under God's protection. And as we approach the great feast of Pentecost we pray that we will be renewed by the Holy Spirit, given new heart and courage, and experience the fullness of God's peace and joy.

Billy O'Sullivan

Grief and Loss (5)

While feelings of Anger, Guilt and Regret are normal, they may be difficult to cope with. Anger can be directed, for example, at the doctors who failed to cure; at God for allowing someone to die and for allowing so much pain and anguish; or even at the person who died for abandoning you and leaving you to carry on alone. It is understandable to feel anger and it helps to express these feelings. It is so easy to weigh oneself down with feelings of guilt and remorse; you may regret or feel guilty about things you did or didn't say or do. You may even feel guilty for not doing something to prevent the death, even if there was nothing you could have done. So often guilty feelings are unrealistic. Phrases often used are 'if only'...; 'I should have...' etc. In reality you probably did the best you could at the time. It may help to focus on all the good things you did do for your loved one.

Sr. Colette

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Gathered together as children of God, we present our needs with confidence to our loving Father.

Reader

We pray for missionaries; that they may be strengthened in their task to be the witnesses of the Lord to the ends of the earth.

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

We pray for the Church in China; that it may continue to shine as a beacon of hope.

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

We pray for those who govern; that in these difficult times they may not forget those in greatest need.

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

We pray that each of us may discover our vocation and work together to build up the body of Christ.

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

We pray that all who work in communications and in the media may be blessed in their work; may they search for the truth in order to share it with others.

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

We pray for those who have died; that they may follow Christ into a new creation.

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

Priest

Father in heaven, you know our deepest desires. Grant us what we need this day. We make these and all our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, Lord for ever 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 :

Kaden Scott Coomey, Willowfields.
 Conor James Carmody, An Caislean Drive.
 Nevan Chilotam Chidolue, Oak Drive, Classes Lake.
 Rebecca Annette O'Neill, Whitethorn Ave, Inniscarra View.

MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

John Downey, Coachford & Teresa Gilleran, Rosewood.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Sheila Spillane, Glenfesk.
 Jimmy Galvin, Model Farm Road.
 Jerry Canny, Muskerry Estate.

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

Lillie Hutchinson, Barrack Street.
 Monica Monaghan, College Road.
 Jim & Maureen O'Brien, Blackpool.
 Paddy Long, Parknamore.
 Josephine Cuddihy, Tipperary.
 Breda O'Leary, Classis.
 Joe Donovan, Beech Road.
 Con O'Driscoll, Carriganarra.
 William & Catherine Ryan, St Anthony's Lawn.
 Elizabeth Crowley, Poulavone.
 Mary McNulty, Fr. Sexton Park.
 Emily Moynihan, Rathmore.
 Jack & Lena Gaffney, Carrigrohane.
 Deceased Members of Delaney Family.
 Catherine Deasy, Muskerry Estate.
 Val Riordan, Glasheen.
 Mary Linehan, Inniscarra View.
 Eileen Dwane, Douglas.
 Philip O'Brien, Glasheen.
 Hannah & Peter Crowley, Leemount.
 Donal O'Donovan, Ballinlough & Blackpool.
 Catherine & Edward Hogan, Ballinlough.

Pilgrimage to Knock

Legion of Mary Annual pilgrimage to Knock is on Sunday May 31st. Bus leaving village at 7 am sharp, a few seats still available, phone Sally: 021 4870954.

St Anthony - Annual Novena

Annual Novena in honour of St. Anthony
 St Francis Church Liberty St Cork
 Thursday 4th June – Saturday 13th June 2009
 10:30 am, 7:30 pm & Saturday 6:30 pm
 Closing Saturday 13th June Feast of St Anthony 10:30 am & 6:30 pm with Blessing of the Lilies.

Mass for Students' Intentions Friday 5th June at 7:30 pm

Enable Ireland – Action on Disability

Volunteers required for their Church gate collection on Saturday 30th May & Sunday 31st May 2009.
 Phone: Kerry Mac Mahon 021 4294434.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Seventh Week Of Easter

24 Sunday Acts 1:1-11. Ps 46. Eph. 1:17-23. or Eph 4:1-13. Mk 16:15-20. Lect I: 552
 25 Monday 29 Monday Acts 19:1-8. Ps 67. Jn 16:29-33. Lect I: 576
 26 Tuesday Acts 20:17-27. Ps 67. Jn 17:1-11. Lect I: 578
 27 Wednesday Acts 20:28-38. Ps. 67. In. 17:11-19. Lect I: 580
 28 Thursday Acts 22:30, 23:6-11. Ps 15. Jn 17:20-26. Lect I: 583
 29 Friday Acts 25:13-21. Ps 102. Jn. 21:15-19. Lect I: 585
 30 Saturday Acts 28:16-20, 30-31. Ps 10. Jn 21:20-25. Lect I: 588

Next Sunday's Readings 31-May-2009

Acts 2: 1-11. Ps. 103. Gal. 5: 16-25. Jn. 15:26-27. 16:12-15. Lect I: 601 &

Cork Theology Forum

Out of the Depths

A Biblical Perspective on Suffering followed by Picnic!

Thursday 18th June 2009, 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm
 St. Finbarr's College Farranferris, Redemption Road, Cork

Speakers

The three speakers are CTF Committee members.

Evelyne O'Callaghan

Theme

Exploring Pain in the Bible

Fr. Tom Riordan

Theme

Why Suffering? A Biblical Perspective

Anne Francis

Theme

The Spirit as Companion in our Suffering
 Registration fee €15, paid-up members €10.

Coffee, tea & soft drinks provided,
 please bring food to share

More details on our web-site;
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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts 1: 1-11

St. Luke, the writer of the Gospel was also the author of The Acts of the Apostles. At the beginning of this book he refers to the Gospel as "his earlier work". He fills in the events between the Resurrection and the Ascension. The Apostles are given their last commandments: to preach to the whole world. They are reminded that the Second Coming will only happen after the Gospel has been preached to the whole world.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4: 1-13

In the list of gifts given to the church the point he makes is that their aim is to enlarge the unity of the Church, and to develop its intensity until we all attain full unity with the Son of God. The unity of the Church is stressed. But that unity does not mean uniformity as the gifts differ in each person.

Gospel: Mark 16: 15-20

The Apostles are commanded to preach the Gospel to all. The salvation which it brings is for all without exception. In the early days of the Church, possibly because of a greater need for extraordinary signs to move a sceptical and hostile world miracles were more frequent than in later times.

Ballincollig Scouts

Camping is a craft. Our skill in its mastery has earned us a good reputation and brought us many privileges, rights and rewards. If we are to live up to this reputation, and not on it, we have the job of learning its technicalities and skills through plenty of good experience – and passing it on. It is only in this way can we continue to have the expertise. Summer camp is the culmination of a years work in the troop meetings, where the bread and butter of learning the scout skills take place. Camping is the cake of Scouting and everything humanly possible should be done to ensure that our scouts are not deprived of the cake.

Boys don't want to see a leader trying to keep up with the times by noisy and perspiring efforts to be one of them. You can be 'with it' on the touch line. It is understanding not performance that counts.

Cork Simon Community

The Cork City Marathon takes place on Bank Holiday Monday, the 1st of June 2009. Please consider taking part in the Marathon to raise funds for Cork Simon Community. One of the exciting aspects of the Cork City Marathon is the Team Relay, which really made it the marathon for everyone! The relay offers teams of 2 to 5 people the opportunity to take part in the marathon without having to complete the full 26.2 miles. If you are interested in taking part in the Cork City Marathon for Cork Simon Community, please contact Mairéad on 021 4929401 or email mairéad@corksmoncommunity.ie and we will send you out your sponsorship pack which will include a Cork Simon running vest to be worn on the day of the marathon.

How about giving a week to exploring the Ursuline Way of Life through a Service and Spirituality Experience?

Want to know more?

For further information...

Contact *Sr. Jean Browne*
 Ursuline Convent, Blackrock, Cork
 Telephone: 087 9391669
 Email: irishursulines@eircom.net
 Accommodation will be provided

June 14th to 18th
Cork

Bulletin Board

Examination Time

We ask For your continuing support and prayers for our students as they begin their Leaving & Junior Certificate Examinations. May they be successful in their efforts.

Confirmation

Congratulations to the Boys & Girls of Gaelscoil Ui Riordan who were recently confirmed, well done also to the Parents and Teachers for their great efforts in preparing the children for the Sacrament.

Eucharistic Procession

The procession will be held this year on **June 13th after the 6 pm Vigil Mass in St Mary & St John's Church.**

Mass Book

Diaries to book Mass Intentions for July, August & September will open in both churches on Saturday 13th June at 9.00 am
Fr. George

World Communications Day

Today is World Communications Day. The official theme is: "New Technologies, New Relationships. Promoting a Culture of Respect, Dialogue and Friendship." In his message for this year's World Communications Day, the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, addresses young people in particular: "It falls, in particular, to young people, who have an almost spontaneous affinity for the new means of communication, to take on the responsibility for the evangelization of this 'digital continent'. Be sure to announce the Gospel to your contemporaries with enthusiasm. You know their fears and their hopes, their aspirations and their disappointments: the greatest gift you can give to them is to share with them the 'Good News' of a God who became man, who suffered, died and rose again to save all people. Human hearts are yearning for a world where love endures, where gifts are shared, where unity is built, where freedom finds meaning in truth, and where identity is found in respectful communion. Our faith can respond to these expectations: may you become its heralds! The Pope accompanies you with his prayers and his blessing."

Knock Summer Youth Festival 2009.

"You are the light of the world"

July 23rd to 26th, 2009.

Knock Shrine.

Need a weekend out? Well grab your sleeping bag and head to Knock Shrine to join hundreds of other young people for a weekend different to any other. The youth festival will run for four days and over the four days there will be inspiring talks, amazing workshops, music by *Elation Ministries*, prayer, reflection and loads of time to chill out and meet new people.

For more information call (094) 9388100 or 087 6927850 or check out www.knockshrine.ie/youthfestival

Marymount Hospice

Collectors required in the Ballincollig area.

Do you have an hour or two to spare?

Marymount Hospice are seeking help for their Sunflower Collection days 12th & 13th June 2009.

For further details contact Carmel at 021 4870880 or 0872901351 if you can help.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

May-30 & May-31-2009

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Muireann Nelligan
Brendan Collins
8:30 am
Niamh Gallagher
10:00 am
Hannah Bunyan
Stephen Bunyan
12:00 Noon
Tomas Miller
Niall Hartnett

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Rosarie Cotter
Louise McGrath
11:00 am
Sorcha Nic Mheanmain
Maire Buckley
12:30 pm
Brian O'Donoghue
Chide Ebili
5:30 pm
Christine O'Brien

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

Priest on Duty 087-2479140

Fr. George O'Mahony P.P.	021-4871206
Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C.	021-4877161
Fr. Billy O'Sullivan C.C.	021-4876171
Fr. James McSweeney	021-4873308



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

May-30 & May-31-2009

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

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

7:30 pm Sheila O'Connor
John Canty
Brid Healy-Harris
Kit Cahill

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

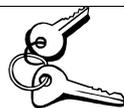
8:30 am Theresa Lucey
Rita Murphy
Mona Holland

10:00 am Tadgh Murphy
Mary Murphy
Joan Tobin
Tony O'Leary
Phil Kennedy
Seamus O'Shea

12:30 pm Eileen Garvey
Sally Power
Breda Callanan
Catherine Freehill
Attracta McKiernan

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

5:30 pm Phil O'Connell
Maire McCullagh
Olan O'Mahony



Ballincollig Hardware

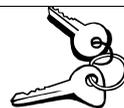
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