

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 25-April-2010



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Fourth Sunday of Easter
(Vocations Sunday)

Like Paul and Barnabas, those whose vocation it is to preach the gospel, will meet opposition. Today we are encouraged by the thought that the Christ we serve knows his people intimately and promises them eternal life--no opposition can snatch them from the Father's love.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Good Shepherd Sunday

All of us are members of the Body of Christ and there is no such thing as a member who does not share in the mission of Christ. When we follow God's call, the result is joy and fulfilment, whether our vocation is an overtly religious one or not. April 25th is Good Shepherd Sunday, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Today in spite of sceptical attitudes, a decline in priestly and religious vocations, in spite of the scandals and troubles in the Church, people still follow faithfully and joyfully their lay or religious vocations, enriching their own lives and the life of the Church community to which they belong.

Jesus asks us to recognise his voice and follow him, and he promises us eternal life, and a peace in this life that the world cannot give. There are different vocations, different ways of living out our Christian calling. The vocation to a married or single lay life is the norm, and such vocations are the mainstay of the Church. The men and women who are members of religious orders, congregations and societies spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ through a variety of ways, whatever you want to do in your life you can do as a religious Sister, Brother or Priest. The ordained priest is to be a fellow disciple and a brother among brothers and sisters in the family of God and at the same time pastor and teacher. The first task of priesthood is to announce the Gospel of Christ. Priests are available to all, encouraging those whom they advise to live not only for themselves, but for others. We are all called to give witness to joy and life in our individual vocations, to witness to the love of God for all his people and especially those who are weak, hurt or vulnerable. The signs of a true vocation include deep friendship with Christ, the generous gift of oneself, joyful communion with brothers and sisters in Christ, a life which proclaims the love of Christ.

Jesus promises he will lead us to springs of living water, as we are filled with the Holy Spirit whose fruits in our lives include peace, gentleness and joy, and the awareness of being fully alive. The Lord has a plan for each of us, he calls each one by name. We are called to witness, to love and to serve, vocations are about following Christ. A generous response to a vocation is a source of happiness and joy, as we realise and experience that "it is in giving that we receive."

Billy O'Sullivan

Reflection for Parents

Our culture has changed since the days of our parents and grandparents when just about anyone dropped in at any time. We now call ahead and make arrangements for our children to visit friends. In comparing our own day to 50 years ago, we begin to really appreciate the invitation of Jesus to follow him, just as we are, anytime of the day or night. Where would we be if we had to call ahead to see if Jesus was available. Today, we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, which is also the Day of Prayer for Vocations. We rejoice that we are God's people, the sheep of his flock, and we pray that the Lord will send labourers to the harvest.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

As followers of the Good Shepherd, let us present our needs to the Lord, who knows us so intimately.

Reader

We pray for the Church; that it may be a light to the nations and bring salvation to the ends of the earth.

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

We pray for our political leaders; that they may govern with justice and tolerance.

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

We pray that we may become more and more a community that actively cares for and protects the most vulnerable members of our society.

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

We pray for vocations; that those who are called by the Lord will follow in faith the call of their shepherd.

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

We pray for all among us who mourn; that God will wipe away the tears from their eyes.

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

We pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith; that the Lord may grant them eternal life.

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

Priest

Father in heaven, we are your people the sheep of your flock. We make our prayers today, as always, in the name of Jesus, the lamb who will lead to springs of living water all who do not reject him. Amen.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Visit Our Website: www.ballincolligparish.ie

BAPTISMS

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

Ava May Collins, Willow Court.
Eoin Dominic Hammond, Leecourt.
Summer Elizabeth Bevan, Beacon Hill, Dripsey.

MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Denis Martin Twomey, Sunningdale, & Ruth Margaret Shields, Castleknock, Ballincollig.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Cornelius (Neilie) Cleary, Ballydehob.
Nora Barry, Cahirciveen.
Aelisha Burke (infant), Rosewood.
Dr. Sean Crotty, Coolroe.

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

Maurice & Laura Lynch, Douglas.
Lena Forde, Kilmichael.
Pat & Nora O'Connor, Inniscarra.
Maureen Cuddihy, Coolroe.
Kitty & Willie Murphy, Bishopstown.
Michael O'Regan, Shamrock Drive.
Tom O'Donoghue, Inniscarra View.
Billy Holmes, Kerry Pike.
Mary Linehan, Inniscarra View.
Fintan O'Mahony, Courtmacsherry.
Margaret & Michael Murray, Greenhills Est, Douglas.
Dec members of the Dillion Family, Kinsale.
Pat O'Shea, Ballinora.
Danjoe O'Shea, Station Road.
Lil O'Connell, Turners Cross.
William Murphy, Blarney.
Thomas & Mary Delaney, Maglin.

Knock

Legion of Mary Annual Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday May 30th.
Bus leaving village at 7 am sharp.
Early booking advised
For details contact
Sally 021-4870954 or Cathleen 0214874730

Catechesis for Adults and Youth

"This is my gift to you, a peace which the world cannot give you"(Jn.14:27)
COME and LISTEN
Have you ever wondered what it's all about?
Did your life turn out as you thought it would?
Do you think there could be more to life?
St. Mark's Centre
(opposite Christ Our Light Church)
Innismore, Ballincollig
on Sundays and Wednesdays at 8 pm.
commenced on Sunday 11th April

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Fourth Week Of Easter

25 Sunday Acts 13:14, 43-52. Ps. 99. Apoc. 1:9, 14-1., Jn. 10:27-30. Lect I: 493
26 Monday Acts 1:1-18. Ps 41. Jn 10:1-10. Lect I: 496
27 Tuesday Acts 11: 19-26. Ps. 86. Jn. 10:22-30. Lect I: 499
28 Wednesday Acts 12:24-13:5. Ps. 66. Jn. 12:44-50. Lect I: 501
29 Thursday 1 Jn 1 :5-2:2. Ps. 102. Mt. 11 :25-30. Lect. II: 1009
30 Friday Acts 13:26-33. Ps. 2. Jn. 14: 1-6. Lect I: 505
01 Saturday Acts 13:44-52. Ps. 97. Jn. 14:7-14. Lect I: 508

Next Sunday's Readings 02-May-2010

Acts 14:21-27. Ps. 144. Apoc. 21:1-5. Jn. 13:31- 33, 34-35. Lect I: 517

'Mothers Prayers' Groups

Continue every

Wednesday at 10.30 am

Meeting Room at Christ our Light Church

Thursday at 10.00 am

Annex of Parish Hall

All Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers are welcome to come along one of these mornings to pray for their children and the youth of our Parish

Happy Heart Weekend

Weekending 13th, 14th and 15th of May 2010. We collect all around Ireland in shopping centres and on street collections. We aim to raise €50,000 to improve by stander CPR. This year for Happy Heart Weekend we are raising money for our CPR programme to promote emergency lifesaving skills in every community in Ireland. Our message is simple – the more people who know how to perform CPR, the more lives we can save.

Pieta House Darkness into Light 5k Event

Pieta House "Darkness into Light 5k Event" will take place this year on Saturday 8th May 2010 in two venues. The Phoenix Park Dublin 7 and University of Limerick. Participants will be invited to walk or run the 5k route, starting whilst it is still dark and completing the circuit as dawn is breaking. This will be a symbolic event to give hope to those affected by Suicide and Self-Harm. On line registration is now available at www.pieta.ie Postal registration will also be available. For any enquiries contact Marie Freeman at 01 6010000 or marie@pieta.ie

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts 13:14. 43-52
Paul and Barnabas preach the gospel with courage and with joy.

Second Reading: Apoc. 7.9. 14-17
We are given a vision of a heavenly scene, where the redeemed are gathered around the throne of The Lamb.

Gospel: John 10:27-30
There are two notions that need to be taken on faith as they are presented in the Gospel passage where Jesus identifies himself as the Good Shepherd. The first mystery is that those who are given the gift of faith to hear the invitation Jesus presents, will follow him. The second mystery involves the unbreakable bond that exists between the Shepherd and the person who hears the invitation. Once a person responds to the invitation, he or she belongs to God forever.

SECAD

Employment, Business and Community Support Clinics

From April to June 2010, SECAD staff will be available to meet with you in your local area at the SECAD clinics. Staff will be available to speak on a one to one basis with individuals about the programmes which SECAD delivers and the supports which may be of benefit to them. These programmes and supports include the following:

- Services for the unemployed – information and advice, with the option of a further one to one appointment with an employment mentor.
- Supports to business – information on upcoming training events for those embarking on new business ventures and on potential financial supports for new, innovative businesses.
- Supports to communities – information on supports available to community groups through training or networking and information on funding opportunities through the Rural Development Programme
- Supports for communities through Rural Transport

In addition a SECAD employment information sharing day – one stop shop to meet with DSFA, FAS, FES, VEC, SECAD representatives will also take place in June in your area.

The Ballincollig Clinic will take place at FACT Ballincollig Family Resource Centre, Old Village Shopping Centre, Station Road, on Thursday Afternoon 2 pm - 4 pm, commencing 22nd April until June 2010 on a regular basis

Please feel free to come along, this is a free and confidential service available to anyone in your community. Looking forward to seeing you there. For directions or further details on supports please call 021-4613432 or check the SECAD website www.secad.ie.



Please visit our website
www.ij.s.ie

Bulletin Board

Confirmation

Congratulations to the Boys of Scoil Eoin who were recently confirmed. Congratulations also to the Parents and Teachers for their great efforts in preparing the children for the Sacrament. Please keep in your prayers all the children preparing for their Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

Trocaire Boxes

Thanks to all who have returned their Trocaire Boxes. Please return any outstanding boxes.

First Holy Communion 2010

Scoil Mhuire	Saturday 29th May
Scoil Eoin	Saturday 15th May
Our Lady of Good Council	Saturday 8th May
Scoil Barra	Saturday 8th May
Gaelscoil Ui Riordain	Saturday 22nd May

Fr. George

**Ballincollig Parish
Bereavement Support**

There will be a Bereavement Support Programme commencing in Ballincollig on Tuesday 13th April. It will continue each Tuesday night for 8 weeks (7.30-9.30 pm). Anyone who is experiencing the grief and loss of a loved one, is very welcome to attend. For further information, please contact:

Sr Colette O'Leary: 086.3557375
or Parish Office: **4871206.**

*and now our feet are standing within your gates,
O Jerusalem*

**Ballincollig Parish Pilgrimage
To The Holy Land**

4th to 13th October, 2010

Spiritual Director: Fr. Billy O'Sullivan C.C.

Direct Flight From Cork

For Information and Booking

contact Laurence Cunningham at 021-4873364

Cost: €1,095 p.p.s. including half board accommodation and all taxes

Booking Deposit €300

Tour Operator: Celebration Travel Ireland Ltd.

Eight places are still available, intending pilgrims should make contact as soon as possible, as the remaining places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.



A daytime Parish **Alpha** course begins this week. This is an opportunity to explore the meaning of life in an informal, fun and friendly environment. The course starts on Thursday April 29th, and continues in the Bungalow, St Mary and St John on each Thursday morning from 10.30 am to 12.00 midday for ten weeks. The course explores some of the basic truths of the Christian faith – “Who is Jesus?” “Why Did Jesus Die?” “How does God guide us” and “What about the Church?” During the programme there is an option of a day away to explore the work of the Holy Spirit. This course is relaxed, non-threatening, low key and friendly. We meet weekly and listen to a talk lasting 40 minutes, followed by a tea/coffee break and small group discussion of the talk and questions arising from it. **Alpha** is for everyone; no question is out of bounds and you are free to discuss as much or as little as you wish. The Bungalow is on the grounds of the Parochial House, next to the Church of St Mary and St John. Further information from Fr Billy O'Sullivan (086 8235291).

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

May-01 & May-02-2010

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Michael Fitton
Paul Kearns
8:30 am
Jim Healy

10:00 am
Grace Buttimer
Orla Horgan
12:00 Noon
John Dorgan
Fergal Monahan

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Pauline Collins
Niall Cronin
11:00 am
Alex Hatsigrigoriou
Alison Henchion
12:30 pm
Joseph Manning
Robert Murphy
5:30 pm
Siobhan Keane-Hopcraft

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**



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

May-01 & May-02-2010

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Patsie Murphy
Joan Barrett
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
Eileen O'Connell
Niamh Nic Gerailt
Seamus O'Shea

12 Noon Marie Bowen
Breda Lenihan
Noel Hennessey
Jacinta Jeffers
Rena O'Connor
Sean Farrell

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

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

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

5:30 pm Maire McCullagh
Olan O'Mahony

PARISH CLERGY

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