

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 08-May-2011



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Third Sunday of Easter

Sudden, unexpected death shocks and confuses us; it is all the more bitter when it comes to someone whose life is full of promise. Such a death was not futile for Jesus because it was part of God's purpose. Like Him we may be called to "suffer these things and enter into glory".



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

The Bible and The Mass

In the introductory rites of the Mass we gather ourselves as God's people and then we listen to the Word of God. The Liturgy of the Word is a core part of our Mass as our minds and hearts are nourished by Sacred Scripture. Familiarity with Scripture helps us appreciate biblical allusions in the Mass prayers, to understand for example that in the New Covenant in Jesus' blood we become God's family, each becoming a beloved daughter or son. In the biblical world a "covenant" was a kinship agreement by which the parties became as family to each other, often ratified by sacrifice and a covenant meal. The new covenant is established at the Last Supper, and our Eucharist is still a "kinship meal" to ratify that covenant. All the promises of the Old Testament covenants with Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses and David are fulfilled in Jesus and in the New Covenant in his blood. The Eucharist recalls many images in the Old Testament, including the bread and wine offered by Melchizedek and the offering of Isaac in the book of Genesis; the Passover in Egypt and the feeding of the children of Israel in the desert, recounted by the Book of Exodus; the banquet for all peoples in Chapter 29 of Isaiah.

In the Gospel for this Sunday we hear the story of the disciples on the Road to Emmaus. Their hearts burned within them as Jesus explained the scriptures to them, and they recognised him with at the breaking of bread. Listening to the scriptures came before the breaking of bread, the order we still follow at Mass. Pope John Paul II commented that the reason "the words of God...are like human language is so that they may be understood by all, they must not remain distant." Yet we have in our Irish Catholic tradition something of a sad biblical deficit, a lack of familiarity with the Bible, nearly fifty years after the second Vatican Council reminded us that "ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." We pray therefore that our hearts may be open to the Word of God when we hear it proclaimed at Mass so that we may be truly prepared to participate in our Sunday Eucharist. We pray also that the "words of God" referred to by Pope John Paul may become more and more familiar to us as we begin or continue to read our own Bibles at home.

Billy O'Sullivan

Reflection for Parents

To travel from Jerusalem to Emmaus, the disciples had to go west. But after their encounter with Jesus, they returned to Jerusalem, an eastward Journey. We often equate endings with sunsets and new beginnings with sunrises. It is helpful to recall that on the next morning, the apostles walked toward the rising sun. How many sunsets find us falling into bed collapsed from exhaustion? Isn't it true that after a good night's rest we meet the sunrise with new energy and hope? This Gospel gives us the courage to start again, each new day, with fresh enthusiasm and energy for ourselves, our families, and our God.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

As people of faith and hope, we pray God to show us the path of life.

Reader

For the Pope and the bishops: that they may lead people of God with courage and love.

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

For our political leaders: that they may never take the easy way and so abandon the right way.

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

For those who are sad and disillusioned: that Christ may renew their faith and hope.

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

For each other: that, especially in dark moments, we may put our trust in God and in his love for us.

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

For all our dear ones whom death has taken away from us: that the Lord may bring them to a place of refreshment, light and peace.

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

For our own special needs: Let us pray to the Lord.

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

Priest

All-powerful God, in your mercy inflame our hearts and raise our spirits, so that we may journey towards your kingdom with renewed hope. We ask you this through the same Lord. Amen

Show us, Lord, the path of life.

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BAPTISMS

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

Eoghan Patrick O'Sullivan, Carriganarra Estate.
 William Gerard Garrett McCabe, Crohane, Ballinscarty.
 Eloise Johanne Murphy, Old Court, Greenfields.
 Lucy Alice O'Keefe, The Meadows, Classes Lake.
 Eoghan Hugh Creedon, Beech Park.
 Darragh William Brian Downey, Castlepark.
 Emma Sarah Hanlon/Mahar, The Brambles Classes Lake.
 Aoife Margaret Cassidy, The Green Coolroe Meadows.
 Cillian Noel Daly, The Ave., Bridewood, Ovens.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Patricia (Patsy) Higgins, East Gate.
 Bridget Hurley, Farranferris Avenue.

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

Cyril, David & Frances Power, Monkstown.
 Deceased members Murphy & Brennan Families, Ovens.
 Michael O'Regan, Ovens.
 Jim & Nora Hanniffy, Galway.
 Joan O'Leary, Ballinhassig.
 Nelly Crowley, Kilmichael.
 Kitty & William Murphy, Powdermills.
 Con, Bridie & Brian Murphy, Castletownbere.
 Ann Linehan, Pouladuff.
 Joan O'Keefe, St Mary's Terrace.
 Patricia Murphy, Bishopstown.
 Michael Maverley, Evergreen Street.
 Jeremiah & Hannah Henchy, Carrigrohane.
 Vincent Murphy, Inniscarra View.
 Ellen Sheehan, Greenmount.
 Josie Murphy, Rockchapel.
 Pat Lucey, Inchigeela.
 Patrick, Jane, & Paddy Ahern, Magazine Road.
 Helen & Michael Byrnes, Mountshannon.
 Con Cremin, Glasheen Road.
 Neil McSweeney, Classis, Ovens.
 Daniel & Mary O'Mahony, Bandon.
 Patrick & Margaret O'Mahony, Clash.
 Paul Wall, Churchfield.
 Tim & Mary O'Leary, Macroom.
 Patrick Herlihy, Bishopstown.
 Jeremiah & Catherine Cunningham, Dillons Cross.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Third Week Of Easter

08 Sunday Acts 2: 14, 22-33. Ps. 15. 1 Pet. 1: 17-21. Lk. 24: 13-35. Lect I: 461
 09 Monday Acts 6:8-15. Ps. 118. Jn. 6:22-29. Lect I: 472
 10 Tuesday Acts 7:51-8: 1. Ps. 30. Jn. 6:30-35. Lect I: 474
 11 Wednesday Acts 8: 1-8. Ps. 65. Jn. 6:35-40. Lect I: 476
 12 Thursday Acts 8:26-40. Ps. 65. Jn. 6:44-51 Lect I: 479
 13 Friday Acts 9: 1-20. Ps. 116. Jn. 6:52-59. Lect I: 481
 14 Saturday Acts 1: 15-17. Ps. 112. Jn. 15:9-17. Lect I: 1023

Next Sunday's Readings 15-May-2011

Acts 2:14, 36-41. Ps. 22. 1 Pet. 2:20-25. Jn. 10:1-10. Lect I: 487

'Mothers Prayers' Groups

Meeting Times:

Wednesday at 10.30 am - *Meeting Room at Christ our Light Church*
 Thursday at 10.00 am - *Library Room, Parish Community 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

A Hint of Summer at Ennismore (June/July)

Exploring Faith in challenging times

June 6/7th

Modern Culture and Seeing Beyond
John Waters

June 8th

The Spirit of Feminist Theology
Ann Francis

June 9th/10th

Contemporary Irish Artists
Fr Enda McDonagh

17th - 23rd July

Seeing Anew
 A gentle journey towards healing
Martina Lehane Sheehan

24th -30th July

Invisible Mystery - Sacredness enfolding us here and now.
Monica Brown & Hilary Musgrave

For further information and bookings

Phone 021 4502520

E-mail: ennismore@eircom.net

Venerable Edel Quinn

Mass to commemorate Venerable Edel Quinn, Envoy of the Legion to East Africa, will be held in St. Augustine's Church on Saturday 14th May at 4 p.m.

Knock

Legion of Mary Annual Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday 29th May 2011. Bus leaving village at 7.00 am sharp. Early booking advised. For details contact Sally (021) 4870954 or Cathleen (021) 4874730.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33
Peter proclaimed that Jesus came with miracles, wonders, and signs so that people could know of God's love.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21
The blood of Christ, as of the sinless, unblemished lamb, delivered believers.

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35
Despondent and discouraged, two of Jesus' apostles walked from Jerusalem to Emmaus. They talked on their way about the events that had occurred in the past several days. A stranger joined them, actually Jesus, but they didn't recognise him at first. Jesus asked the apostles what they had been discussing, and they responded with a summary of the events surrounding Jesus' death. The disciples still did not understand the resurrection, but Jesus questioned their resistance to believe what the prophets had foretold. Despite their hopelessness the apostles invited Jesus to stay with them. He accepted. It was that evening, when Jesus broke bread with them, that the disciples finally recognised the stranger to be Jesus. The next morning, the disciples returned to Jerusalem.

Evangelisation - May '11

What does it mean to evangelise in today's Ireland? Jesus said 'go and make disciples of all nations,' but it can be something we feel unsure about in our own parish.

The next Synod of bishops in Rome will take the theme of Evangelisation and all dioceses are asked to participate in a consultation. The results of our conversations will be included by Bishop Buckley in the response of the Irish Bishops' Conference. This theme will help to focus on how we share the Good News of Jesus with one another and others in our communities, and call us to the heart of the mission of the Church.

Two discussion meetings on this theme will take place as follows:

Monday 16th May 8.00-9.30 pm The Crypt, Dennehy's Cross (to the rear of the church).

Monday 23rd May 8.00-9.30 pm Clonakilty Parish Centre.

All are welcome – and no previous experience or expertise is required. For further details please contact Anne Francis, abfrancis@eircom.net, or 087-228-2134.

Bake Sale in aid of the Belarussian Orphanage Project

The Belarussian Orphanage Project is a voluntary registered Charity working to meet the needs of differently-abled Children and Adults in Institutions and Orphanages in Minsk, Belarus.

Meabh Mac Manamon of Ballincollig, who is in fifth year in Gaelcholaiste Choilm, is travelling to Minsk along with 20 other volunteers in June for 2 weeks to work with the children and adults in Minsk. To do so, each volunteer must raise a minimum of €1,700.

As part of her fundraising, Meabh is holding a bake sale after each of the Sunday masses this weekend in Christ Our Light church. Any support you can give Meabh, or the charity itself would be very much appreciated

Bulletin Board

Envelope Collection

Envelope collection this weekend 7th & 8th May. This special Diocesan Collection is to support the work of the Pastoral Development Office, which has played an integral role in promoting and supporting lay participation in our parishes, through the formation and resourcing of Parish Pastoral Councils and Parish Assemblies and, more recently, through the support they offer to Pastoral Area Co-ordinating Groups. This work, of course, will take on a special significance in the very near future in Pastoral planning in the Dioceses.

Confirmation

Scoil Eoin Monday 9th May

First Holy Communion

Scoil Barra & Our Lady of Good Counsel Saturday 14th May

Trocaire Boxes

Thanks to all who have returned their Trocaire Boxes and to those still outstanding, please return as soon as possible.

May Rosary

The Grotto, Curraheen nightly at 9 pm.
Grotto in Ovens, each Friday night during the month of May at 8.00 pm.

Fr. George

Saint Vincent De Paul & Irish Association of Suicidology

Monday, May 2nd, 2011

The Society of St Vincent De Paul (SVP) has confirmed that it has received training from the Irish Association of Suicidology to enable its volunteers identify clients likely to be suffering from mental health problems.

In a statement SVP confirmed that the initiative started after the Irish Association of Suicidology (IAS) saw an article in a national newspaper last Christmas outlining the depths and complexity of the problems facing people assisted by the SVP due to the economic crisis in Ireland.

Following contact from the IAS to SVP Head Office, a joint training initiative was put in place and funding was secured for the initiative from the National Office of Suicide Prevention.

According to SVP this training initiative has provided mental health awareness training with the focus on three modules, the recession and suicide, identifying the warning signs in others, and understanding bereavement.

The training programme is tailored specifically to the needs of SVP volunteers and staff. The programme provides them with the skills to support clients in a more informed manner. It will also assist those training to take care of their own mental health in the course of their work. After a number of pilot sessions that were run on a regional basis the training is set to be run on a national basis in the coming weeks.

by Sean Ryan

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

May-14 & May-15-2011

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Sandra Walsh
Brian Hennessy
8:30 am
Tom McDonagh

10:00 am
Ciaran Noonan
Shannon O'Brien
12:00 Noon
John Dorgan
Noella Ngenwie

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Michael Greene

11:00 am
Jack Dorgan

12:30 pm
Brian O'Donoghue
Chidera Ebili
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	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

Family Fun Day Fundraiser

Dripsey Sunday 8th of May
Lee Valley Vintage Rally
and Auto Jumble at Kilblafer, Dripsey
All proceeds raised in aid for
Children's Leukaemia Unit, Mercy Hospital, Cork.
Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin, Dublin.
Motor Bike run on day
Start at Viaduct onto Dunmanway and back to Dripsey.
Contact Denis Dineen (087)7460807 or (021)7334421

**Parish Office, The Presbytery, Ballincollig is open Mon - Wed from 9 am - 1 pm & 2 pm - 3 pm.
Sat 10:30 am - 12 Noon. Phone No. (021) 4871206, Office Secretary Catherine Crowley.**

Age Action's Care & Repair Programme

Free Handyman Service for Older People Are you 65+ years of age and living in Cork City and suburbs, Ballincollig, Kinsale, Carrigaline, Glanmire or Carrigtwohill? Do you have a small repair job that you would like to have done for you? Age Action's Care & Repair service uses a pool of trustworthy volunteer handypersons to carry out minor repairs and odd jobs for older people who find it difficult to do these jobs themselves.

Some of the jobs that our volunteers can do include changing light bulbs, changing locks, minor painting and decorating, hanging curtains, minor gardening, minor carpentry and installing smoke alarms. The service is free; you only pay for the materials used. For your bigger jobs that are beyond the scope of our volunteers, we maintain a register of reliable and honest tradespersons whose contact details we can provide for you. We can also arrange regular social visits to older people. All volunteers are Garda vetted and carry official Age Action identification cards. You can arrange to have a job done for you by phoning the Age Action Care & Repair number, 1890 369 369.

Age Action is Ireland's leading charity for older people. We believe that Ireland should be the best place in which to grow older. We work to fight discrimination, promote positive ageing and improve policies and services for all older people. Care & Repair is sponsored by Irish Life.



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

May-14 & May-15-2011

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Steve Wills
Margaret O'Sullivan
Rita Aherne
Danny Farrell
Jim Walsh
Frances O'Brien

7:30 pm Anne O'Regan
Mairead Murphy
Finbarr Murray
Lettie Kelly
Mary Murphy

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Rita Murphy
Denis Healy

11:00 am Seamus O'Connell
Mary O'Connell
Alan O'Riordan
Geraldine Keohane
Gerard Murray

10:00 am Christina Walsh
Peter Reilly
Mary Collins
Christy Roche
Katie O'Shea
Claire Creedon

12:30 pm Lucy O'Callaghan
Jackie Sheehan
Mary Green
Michael O'Leary
J.P.O'Leary

12 Noon Oliver O'Donovan
Miriam Maunsell
Sean Hennessy
Mary McLean
Ellen Seymour
Nora Hennessy

5:30 pm Noelle Buckley
Mary Breen