

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 15-May-2011

Fourth Sunday of Easter  
(Vocations Sunday)

*Sometimes we can lose our sense of direction, we become the prey of empty fears and false pleasures. Today we are reminded that in Jesus we have someone who will always guide us right and protect us. If we listen to him and follow him we will have the fullest possible life.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

## Offering Ourselves

The readings for this fourth Sunday of Easter speak of repentance, recognising God's voice, being redeemed by the suffering of Christ and having life to the full. In this they mirror the movement in our celebration of the Eucharist, when we repent, listen to the Word of God, participate in the sacrifice of Jesus at Calvary and are nourished by his life-giving body and blood. Our Mass is a covenant meal, and we are children of God through the new and eternal covenant in Jesus' blood and are enabled to live a life of inner peace, that "peace of Christ which is beyond human understanding." The celebration of the memorial of Jesus' Passion is not a matter of ritual, but of an interior reality, a movement of our hearts. Our repentance involves a renewing of attitude, causing us to be gentle, kind and accepting of other people. Jesus tells us that as the sheep of his flock, his followers recognise his voice and listen to him. As we become familiar with God's Word we learn to recognise that voice and are guided by him. Jesus tells us he came so that we would have life, and have it to the full. We learn from his word how to live life to the full, to live with an inner peace.

Our redemption is the work and gift of the Holy Trinity: the Son who offers himself, the Father to whom he offers himself and the Holy Spirit through whom he offers himself.

St Peter reminds us of Jesus' suffering, and that we are healed by his wounds. Jesus offered himself and we too may offer ourselves as a living sacrifice. We offer our body and blood, our life and our death. Our life includes all our little occasions of life, to be lived in love and in a loving way. Our death includes all our little deaths, our humiliations, our failures, sicknesses, agedness, everything that mortifies us. The bread we offer is the bread of obedience, of love. As we are united with Jesus in his offering, God's creature goes back to him in a free and spontaneous act of love. And our offering is there, to be put into practice, after Mass! To be put into practice throughout our lives, and in our terminal weakness at the end of life; we can do this in the power of the Holy Spirit working in us, dwelling in us.

*Billy O'Sullivan*

## Reflection for Parents

Imagine your child wandering off in a crowd of strangers—perhaps at an amusement park or a shopping mall. After an anxious period of separation, your child hears your voice above all the others calling out his or her name. The relief and joy your child would feel is the same emotion Jesus promises us when we follow his voice. The thieves that separate us from our children are not necessarily people. Sometimes we allow thieves of busyness, work priorities or even social engagements to steal control of our lives. This Gospel reminds us it is better to listen to the trusted voice of the Good Shepherd.

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

### Priest

Gathered together in the Lord's house, we trust him to surround with goodness and kindness all for whom we pray.

### Reader

For all Christian leaders: that they may be true shepherds to the people of God.

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

For those who hold public office: that they may give a generous service to others.

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

For parents, teachers, priests, and other leaders: that they may be true shepherds to those in their care.

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

For each other: that all of us may realise that we can imitate the Good Shepherd by the concern we show for others.

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

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life: that more people may hear the call to become shepherds to the flock of Christ.

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

For our own special needs: We pray to the Lord.

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

### Priest

Father, you sent Christ your son among us that we might have life, and have it to the full. Help us to listen to his voice, so that he can guide us along the path of eternal life. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen

*The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

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**BAPTISMS**

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

Luke Michael Brauckmann, Mill Range.  
 Evan Anthony Burke, The Meadows.  
 Daniel Liam Cregg, Classes Lake.  
 Lauren Stephanie Coffey, Coolroe Meadows.  
 Holly Louise Mary O'Callaghan, Daffodil Fields.  
 Rian Daniel Matthew O'Callaghan, Daffodil Fields.  
 Sarah Louise O'Mahony, Greenfields.

**MARRIAGES**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

Mark Cullinane & Gillian Roirdan, Ballyburden.  
 Alan Hackett & Carol O'Sullivan, Greenfields  
 Sean O'Mahony & Sarah Kidney, Muskerry Estate.  
 Joseph Crowley & Tracy Madden, Classes Lake.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Bridget (Biddy) Hurley, Farranferris Avenue.  
 Joan Leavey, Healy's Bridge.  
 Patricia (Patsy) Higgins, East Gate.  
 Paddy Mc Grath, Bansha, Tipperary.  
 Terry O'Brien. Ballincollig & Schull.  
 Cornelius (Neil) Hallissey, Muskerry Estate.  
 Tim Buckley, Mayfield.

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

Jeremiah Callanan, Poulavone.  
 James Galvin, Model Farm Road.  
 Paul Dillon, Sunday's Well  
 Bridget Madden, Balrney Street.  
 James, Breda & Denis O'Donoghue, West Village.  
 Denis O'Callaghan, Macroom  
 Maureen Callanan, West Village.  
 Josephine Cuddihy, Tipperary.  
 James White, Leemount.  
 Pauline, Paddy & Jerry Sheehan, Curraheen.  
 Sheila O'Mahony, South Douglas Road.  
 Kathleen Cuthbert, Douglas.  
 Nellie Sheehan, Douglas.  
 Gerry & Mary Dempsey, Inniscarra.  
 Sheila Fitzpatrick, Westcliffe.  
 Dec members of the Delaney Family, Carriganarra.  
 Sheila Kenneally, Hilton.  
 Timothy Murphy, Rockchapel.  
 Peggy & Michael McCarthy, Dripsey.  
 Hannie Buckley, Mallow.  
 Donal Leahy, Leevew.  
 Patricia Ginty, Hawthorn Avenue.  
 Ned Hogan, Bandon.  
 Ned Donovan, Cloyne.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Fourth Week Of Easter**

15 Sunday Acts 2:14, 36-41. Ps. 22. 1 Pet. 2:20-25. Jn. 10:1-10. Lect I: 487  
 16 Monday Acts 11:1-18. Ps. 41. Jn. 10:11-18. Lect I: 496 & 498  
 17 Tuesday Acts 11: 19-26. Ps. 86. Jn. 10:22-30. Lect I: 499  
 18 Wednesday Acts 12:24-13:5. Ps. 66. Jn. 12:44-50. Lect I: 501  
 19 Thursday Acts 13: 13-25. Ps. 88. Jn. 13: 16-20. Lect I: 503  
 20 Friday Acts 13:26-33. Ps. 2. Jn. 14: 1-6. Lect I: 505  
 21 Saturday Acts 13:44-52. Ps. 97. Jn. 14:7 -14. Lect I: 508

**Next Sunday's Readings 22-May-2011**

Acts 6: 1-7. Ps. 32. 1 Pet. 2:4-9. Jn. 14: 1-12. Lect I: 511

**'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*

**Events Coming Up In Ennismore**

*Ennismore is an oasis of beauty, peace and hospitality. Our centre and our programmes seek to develop and nurture a sense of Sacred and the contemplative dimension to Christian Spirituality.*

Modern Culture and Seeing Beyond

John Waters – Author and Newspaper Columnist - June 6th/7th.

The Spirit of Feminist Theology  
 Anne Francis - June 8th

Contemporary Irish Artists in poetry, drama, painting and sculpture  
 Enda McDonagh - June 9th/10th.

Art & Creativity  
 Jonnie Fitzpatrick - August 29th.

Creative Cooking  
 Our accomplished chefs in Ennismore - August 30th.

Creative Prayer – Ritual Movement & Meditation  
 Martina Lehane Sheehan - August 31st.

For more information

Phone 021 4502520 or email [ennismore@eircom.net](mailto:ennismore@eircom.net)

**CROWLEY**

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**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 36-41  
Peter proclaimed that only in the name of Jesus Christ are sins forgiven and the Holy Spirit received.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20-25  
Jesus suffered for the sins of all people, and by his death on the cross, all can live in accord with God's will. People who strayed like sheep "have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls."

Gospel: John 10:1-10.  
Using the image of shepherd and sheep, Jesus made an analogy for us to listen to the voice of God. Sometimes we are distracted by other voices that Jesus called "thieves." These thieves rob us of our desire to follow Jesus. True sheep, however, know the voice of the shepherd. The shepherd provides safety and life for the sheep.

**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.

**Vocations Sunday**

*"There is an urgent need, especially nowadays, for a more widespread and deeply-felt conviction that all members of the Church, without exception, have the grace and responsibility to look after vocations".*

*(Pastores Dabo Vobis).*

**What a priest does:**

- Visitation:** To homes, schools, hospitals
  - Accompanies:** People in sickness, death, bereavement, family-personal difficulties.
  - Helps:** Others to pray.
  - Shares:** Happy times weddings, First Holy Communions, Confirmations - local success (in sport etc.)
  - He is there for deeper moments** of searching, of conversion (Sacrament of Reconciliation), of tragedy.
- " May those you are calling to lifelong service in the Church be supported by the faith of the community and the power of the Holy Spirit".*

**Bulletin Board**

**Baptism Preparation**

The next Baptism preparation will take place **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2011 at 12.00 noon** in the **Library Room, Community Hall, Station Road.** The presentation lasts for approximately forty minutes. The following questions are addressed, What is Baptism? What are the symbols used in the Sacrament of Baptism? How can the family become involved in the ceremony? Parents might book the baptism a few weeks in advance to give ample time to take part in the preparation.

**Confirmation**

Gael Scoil Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May

**First Holy Communion**

Scoil Mhuire Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May

**Mass Book**

Diaries to book Mass Intentions for July, August & September will open in both churches on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2011

**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.

**Congratulations** to the girls and boys who have received the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion in recent weeks. Sincere thanks to the dedicated teachers in all the schools who work diligently teaching and especially in preparing young people for the sacraments.

**Fr. George**

**Retreat for Ballincollig Parishioners**

- Day and date: Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2011
- Venue: St. Dominic's Retreat House (Main Building) Ennismore, Cork.
- Time: 10.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.
- Conducted by: Martina Lehane Sheehan
- Cost: €10 per person

A light lunch will be supplied. The talks will be based on methods of prayer and will include the Lectio Divina method of praying Scripture. The day is of special importance for the Scripture and Lectio Divina groups in the parish, but anyone who is interested in improving their relationship with God through prayer or praying with Scripture will be welcome.

The Sunday Mass will be celebrated at 3 pm.  
Kindly fill in the form below if you wish to attend and hand it into the sacristy (either Church) on or before Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

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I am interested in attending the retreat on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

May-21 & May-22-2011

**St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**  
Karen Sheehan  
Padraig Graham  
**8:30 am**  
Pat Fennell

**10:00 am**  
Tony Hegarty  
William Greene  
**12:00 Noon**  
Oliver O'Donovan  
David Drohan

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**  
Rosarie Cotter  
Louise McGrath  
**11:00 am**  
Alex Hatsigrigoriou  
Alison Henchion  
**12:30 pm**  
Tadhg Buckley  
James Nyagaya  
**5:30 pm**  
Christine O'Brien

**MASS TIMES**

<b>St. Mary &amp; St. John</b>		<b>Christ Our Light</b>	
8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon	<b>Sunday</b>	11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm	
9:30 am	<b>Monday</b>	8:30 am	
9:30 am	<b>Tuesday</b>	8:30 am	
9:30 am	<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30 am	
9:30 am	<b>Thursday</b>	8:30 am	
9:30 am	<b>Friday</b>	8:30 am	
10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)	<b>Saturday</b>	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. Michael O'Mahony C.C.** 021-4877161  
**Fr. Billy O'Sullivan C.C.** 021-4876171  
**Fr. James McSweeney** 021-4873308

**Thought For Today**

*The following prayer was found on the body of a young soldier, killed in action during World War 1*

Look God, I've never spoken to you before, but now I just want to say 'hello'. They told me you did not exist but like a fool I believed them. But last night I looked up at the sky from a shell hole. When I saw the beauty of the stars and thought how big the universe is, I knew they were telling me a big lie. I wonder will you shake hands with me when we meet? Somehow I feel you will understand all my failures. It is strange how I had to come to this horrible place to get to know you. What was I doing before this? There isn't much more to say but I'm sure glad I got to know you today. I feel the zero hour will be here soon. This is going to be a horrible fight. Who knows but I may come to your house tonight. I'm crying now. Fancy me crying! I never thought this could happen to me. I have to go now. Strange, since I met you, I'm no longer afraid to die.

**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-21 & May-22-2011

**St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light**

**6.00 pm** Michael Maher  
Bernadette Bell  
Betty Casey  
Frank Riordan  
Siobhan Riordan  
Pauline Quane

**7:30 pm** Geraldine Lynch  
Charlie Vaughan  
Joan Stephenson  
Bernie Bowen

**11:00 am** Neil Jeffers  
Eileen O'Donoghue  
Bridie Hanrahan  
Catherine Moran  
Hugh Moran

**8:30 am** Mary Buckley  
Theresa Lucey  
Triona Collins

**10:00 am** Anne Cahill  
Pat Lee  
Cathy Horgan  
John O'Donovan  
Betty Flavin  
Anne Spillane

**12:30 pm** Denis O' Mahony  
Christine O'Mahony  
Tom Murray  
John O'Regan  
Gerard Dunne

**12 Noon** Helen Plunkett  
Seamus O'Donovan  
Joe Coghlan  
Catherine Greene  
Joan Barrett  
Dymphna Canny

**5:30 pm** Bernard Curran  
John Canty