

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 22-May-2011

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Most sons resemble their fathers in some way, an expression, the shape of the mouth, but it is only partial. Jesus is the perfect image of his Father, so much so that if we want to get to know God the only way is to get to know Jesus his only Son.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

A Priestly People

God the Father his only Son a gift for us: "he did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for the sake of all of us" (Rom 8: 32). In his farewell discourse at the Last Supper Jesus reveals something of his Father. We are to have faith and trust in God's love for us, trust in the welcome he has for us. The very words Jesus speaks, he tells us, come from his Father, who lives in him. And as we continue our reflections on the Eucharist, in today's reading from the first letter of St Peter we are told that we are "a royal priesthood, a people set apart." We come together at Mass as that priesthood to offer a holy and living sacrifice to God. We offer ourselves too, we are called to be a "living sacrifice, pleasing to God." This is most clearly expressed in our third Eucharistic prayer when we ask the Father to make the bread and wine holy by the power of the Holy Spirit "that they may become the body and blood of your son," and then pray "that we, who are nourished by his body and blood, may be filled with his Holy Spirit, and become one body, one spirit in Christ. May he make us an everlasting gift to you."

Our reading from the Acts of the Apostles tells of the appointment of deacons, of the distribution of roles within the early Church. As St Paul tells us: "there are many different gifts, but it is always the same Spirit; there are many different ways of serving, but it is always the same Lord" (1 Corinthians 12: 4-5). But in our different roles and using the different spiritual gifts God has given us, we all share in the one Priesthood of Christ. In the Eucharist, the Holy Spirit gives us Jesus and as we receive Holy Communion Jesus gives us his Spirit. This giving in utterly generous love is a reflection of the life of love of the Blessed Trinity in which we are invited to share. The Eucharist is not just the centre of the Church, it makes the Church. Christ died once for all, and at Mass the historical event is not just represented, it is "re-present," made present again as priest and people together make the offering of the Body and Blood of Christ.

Billy O'Sullivan

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Will take place on Sunday 29th May, 2011

From 2.30 pm to 7.00 pm in Church of St. Mary & St John

Adoration is in preparation for the Eucharist Procession and the Eucharist Congress 2012.

You are invited to come and spend a half hour with the Lord.

Eucharist Procession

The annual Eucharist Procession will take place on Saturday 25th June 2011 after the 6.00 pm Mass.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. Let us pray with confidence through him who shared our earthly exile in order to bring us to our heavenly home.

Reader

For all Christians: that they may support one another in the journey of faith.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For political leaders: that they may seek and know the guidance and the help of God.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who struggle with their faith: that the light of faith may shine on them.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the poor and the homeless; for orphans and widows.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For ourselves: that our lives may bear witness to the hope we carry in our hearts.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For our deceased relatives and friends: that the Lord may bring them into the light of his presence.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest

Lord, may you support us all day long, till the shadows lengthen, and evening falls, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done; then in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at last. We ask you this through Christ our Lord. Amen

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

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BAPTISMS

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

Samuel Matt Deasy, Chapel Gate.
 Irhosabo Ogbomo, Willowfields.
 Trizah Wangui Kigathi, The Willows, Classes Lake.
 Joseph Kihara Kigathi, The Willows, Classes Lake.
 Alex Anthony Fitzgerald, Ivy Circle, Muskerry Estate.
 Kimberly Holden, Bray.
 Faye Patrick Fitton, Leeview.
 Daniel Eoin Kelly, Wyndham Downs.
 Joey Oliver Idris O'Connor, Citi West Mews.
 Emily Jane O'Leary, The Close, Coolroe Meadows.
 Nathan Arthur Ward, An Caislean.
 Abigail Elizabeth Wilcox, An Caislean.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Donal O'Regan, Montenotte.
 Elizabeth Healy, Coolroe.
 Teddy (Timothy) Walsh, Hillcrest & Bweeng.
 Mary Coughlan, Castlepark & Cloughduv.

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

Michael Noonan, Parknamore.
 Lillie Hutchinson, Barrack Street.
 Ann O'Farrell, Ballydehob.
 Con O'Connor, Kanturk.
 Paddy Long, Parknamore.
 Mary Lee, Kilfinane.
 Niall Purcell, Kilcrea Park.
 Eugene Barry Murphy, Farran.
 Tim & Bridget Kearney, Inchigeela.
 Eileen, Dan & John O'Mahony, Carrigrohane.
 Fr. Joe Fitzgerald, Columban Fathers.
 Mary McNulty' Fr. Sexton Park.
 John & Maureen Burke, Well Road.
 Maurice Carey, Rosewood.
 Patrick & Josephine Murphy, McCurtain Villas.
 Ann Murray, Rosewood.
 Jerry Canny, Castle Avenue.
 Emily Moynihan, Rathmore.
 Norah & Joan McDonnell, Coolroe.
 John O'Mahony, Castletownbere.
 Mary J Heavey, Rosewood.
 Peter & Hannah Crowley, Leemount.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Fifth Week Of Easter

22 Sunday Acts 6: 1-7. Ps. 32. 1 Pet. 2:4-9. Jn. 14: 1-12. Lect I: 511
 23 Monday Acts 14:5-18. Ps. 113. In. 14:21-26. Lect I: 519
 24 Tuesday Acts 14:19-28. Ps. 144. Jn. 14:27-31. Lect I: 522
 25 Wednesday Acts 15: 1-6. Ps. 121. Jn. 15: 1-8. Lect I: 524
 26 Thursday Acts 15:7-21. Ps. 95. Jn. 15:9-11. Lect I: 526
 27 Friday Acts 15:22-31. Ps 56. Jn 15:12-17. Lect I: 528
 28 Saturday Acts 16: 1-10. Ps. 99. Jn. 15: 18-21. Lect I: 531

Next Sunday's Readings 29-May-2011

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17. Ps. 65. 1 Pet. 3:15-18. Jn. 14:15-21. Lect I :534.

'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

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7
 There were complaints that certain widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. Seven deacons were appointed to oversee an equitable distribution of food.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9
 Christ is the cornerstone, precious to God. All who believe are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own" called to proclaim the Gospel.

Gospel: John 14:1-12
 During Jesus' Last Supper, Jesus explained to the disciples what was to happen next in God's plan. Jesus would no longer be visibly among them, but would return to the Father. In heaven, Jesus would prepare a place for each of us to come when he returned to get us. In his discussion, Jesus also made it clear that if we know him, we would also know God—that they are one in the same. The way for us to be with the Father is to follow Jesus.

**International Eucharistic Congress
 Dublin 10th -17th June, 2012.**

Our Diocesan preparations for the International Eucharistic Congress continue in May with the play 'Servant at the Supper'

Tuesday 24th May at 8 pm
 Clonakilty Parish Centre
Wednesday 25th May at 8 pm
 Blackrock Parish Centre.

The play will be followed by reflective discussion and questions and answer session.
Suggested contribution €5 per person to help defray costs.

Numbers in each venue are limited therefore booking is essential.
 Further details from Fr. Christy Fitzgerald 087-2675275 or liturgy@corkandross.org

Servant at the Supper

Costumed as the 'servant girl' who baked the bread and served the wine at the Last Supper, Eleanor Glenn takes her captivated audiences with her as she moves on to witness the crucifixion, the women returning to tell Peter of Christ's Resurrection, the coming of the Holy Spirit and a visit of St. Paul.

This is a 40 minute creative, innovative experience of evangelization, Catholic, scripture-based, one woman performance. Using over 20 direct Bible quotations and inspired by the Holy Spirit, Eleanor Glenn takes her audience into the very heart of the Upper Room to experience first-hand the final days of Christ and our call in this 21st century to be His modern day messengers.

Bulletin Board

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place **Saturday 18th 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.

Mass Book

Diaries to book Mass Intentions for July, August & September will open in both churches on Saturday 11th 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.

First Holy Communion

Gael Scoil Saturday 28th May

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.

Examination Time

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

Fr. George

Concert

St Peter's Church, Bandon
 On Saturday, June 11 at 7 p.m.

The Junior Church Choir from St FinBarre's Cathedral - **The Cathedral Kidz** - will take part. They will be directed by Cathedral Organist **Malcolm Wisener**. Also taking part will be newly-formed all-female choir **Cantabile Vocal Ensemble** conducted by Hungarian-trained **Mary O'Brien**. **Antoinette Baker** will also play some pieces on the organ. This concert will be in aid of the upkeep of the organ at St Peter's Church.

There will be a retiring collection.

Reflection for Parents

Often it is easier for our children to trust the words of Jesus than it is for us. Like the disciples, we can be a bit apprehensive not seeing Jesus. After all, it would be easier to follow someone if we could actually see where he is going! Instead, the words of Jesus challenge us to have faith in him and trust where the journey leads. The example of our lives should always point our children and us toward the rooms Jesus prepares for each of us.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

May-28 & May-29-2011

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Aine Sheehan
Mark Prendergast
8:30 am
Eadaoin O'Leary
Gerald O'Leary
10:00 am
Eileen O'Connell
Diandra Buckley
12:00 Noon
Miriam Maunsell
Christine Coakley

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Fiona Feely

11:00 am
Chidera Ebili
Karen Flavin
12:30 pm
Bernard Valley
Colm Walsh
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**

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

Ballincollig Tidy Towns

Judging in The Cork County Anti Litter Challenge, National Tidy Towns Competitions and our local Estate competitions begins on June 1st, 2011

The committee and volunteers have been very active in recent weeks preparing for these competitions. Having achieved a silver medal in the 2010 National Competition we hope to retain and even do better this year. We totally rely on the community to achieve our goals and we ask all to have respect for property, landscape and be extra vigilant in disposing of litter and any form of waste throughout the summer months.

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.

CLEO, a ministry in post-graduate education under the aegis of the Presentation Brothers, is a collaborative partner of the University of Hull, UK, and provides a three-year, part-time programme leading to the award by the University of Hull of the Advanced Certificate in Applied Educational Studies (after one year), the Advanced Diploma (after two years), and the Masters in Education (after three years). Students may then proceed to one or other of the doctoral programmes of the University, the PhD or the EdD. The MEd is an Honours programme and is recognised for all relevant purposes by the Department of Education and Skills. All lectures are held in Cork, generally at 4.30-6.30 pm on Wednesdays in school term.

Since 1997, almost 200 teachers in the Munster region have taken the CLEO/Hull MEd, a high proportion attaining First Class Honours, a number winning University prizes for their dissertations. Ten have gone on to complete the EdD, ten, the PhD. One of the explicit objectives of the Programme is the preparation of students for positions of leadership in primary and post-primary schools, Catholic schools in particular, and over forty CLEO graduates have been appointed principal subsequent to their completion of the Programme.

Classes are small and academic supervision, advice and support are readily available. A new three-year Programme begins in September, 2011 and requests for application forms and/or further information should be addressed to: Dr. F. J. Steele, MA (NUI), DPhil (Oxon), Director, CLEO, Mardyke House, The Mardyke, Cork. Tel: 021-4271729. E-mail: director@cleocork.com See also www.cleocork.com - **Christian Leadership in Education Office**



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

May-28 & May-29-2011

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Patsie Murphy
Pat Moore
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
Breda Monaghan

12 Noon Marie Bowen
Breda Lenihan
Jacinta Jeffers
Rena O'Connor
Sean Farrell
Mary Hennigan

7:30 pm Sheila O'Connor
Martin O'Regan
Brid Healy-Harris
Kit Cahill

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

12:30 pm Eileen Garvey
Sally Power
Breda Callanan
Catherine Freehill
Betty Walsh

5:30 pm Maire McCullagh
Olan O'Mahony
Ann-Marie Whelan