

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 29-May-2011

Sixth Sunday of Easter

We celebrate the coming of Christ's spirit of truth on the Church, the source of the Church's proclamation of the Christian message in the world.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Christian Life and Witness

We are all called to a life of witness, and our proclamation of Christ is primarily through the witness of our lives. Philip proclaimed Christ in Samaria, and the message was welcomed but this is not always the case, we may have to witness in a hostile environment. There are around us those who reject the message of the gospel, sometimes because it is unwelcome, sometimes because those who present it have discredited the message. Yet those who reject the words of Jesus reject him, and reject the Father who sent him. We in our turn may be called to suffer for the truth, to be subject to a certain amount of mockery or ridicule. And as well as witnessing by our day-to-day behaviour, we may be called to proclaim our faith in words. St Peter tells us to proclaim in our hearts that the Lord is holy, and be ready to answer with respect and courtesy those who ask the reason for our faith. The Christian life is a commitment to live as Jesus wants us to; if we love him, we will keep his commandment to love each other.

There is a cost in being a disciple of Christ and we need the presence of the Lord in our hearts to withstand the pressure, to give us an interior serenity in difficult outward circumstances. Jesus assures us that we will not be alone, "I will not leave you orphans." He promises the Holy Spirit, who will dwell in us. That Holy Spirit gave us Jesus through the Blessed Virgin Mary at the Incarnation, and through the work of his redemption Jesus gave the Holy Spirit to us, poured out at Pentecost and given through the ministry of his followers by baptism and the laying on of hands. The Holy Spirit again gives us Jesus in the Eucharist when at Mass we pray that "by the power of the Holy Spirit the bread and wine may become the body and blood of Jesus." As we are nourished by the Eucharist the presence of God within us is ever renewed. Jesus returned to the Father, and is now present for each of us through his Spirit, in our hearts. He promises us that we can be as close to him as he is to the Father, he invites us to share in his life and to live in the presence of God.

Billy O'Sullivan

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Today 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

We rejoice in the God who has called us out of darkness, and we pray that all the world may be bathed in his wonderful light.

Reader

For the Pope and the bishops: that they may help the People of God to obey Christ's commandments not out of fear but out of love.

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

For government leaders: that they may be guided by the commandments of God.

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

For those who are suffering persecution because of their belief in Christ.

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

For each other: that we may never lose sight of Christ's great commandment, the commandment to love one other.

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

For our own special needs.

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

We pray for our own parish, that we ourselves may become more and more a united family where all are cared for and none are forgotten.

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

Priest

Father of grace who sent us your Son to be a light for our steps and a lamp for our path, help us to listen to his words and to let them guide our lives. We ask you this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

Visit Our Website: www.ballincolligparish.ie

BAPTISMS

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

Daniel O'Reilly, Fairhill.
 Alfie Denis Linehan, Old Court, Greenfields.
 Davis Bochonko, Whitethorn Ave, Inniscarra View.
 Jack Kenneth Ross, Lisheen Fields, Ovens.
 Niall William O'Leary, The Green, Coolroe Meadows.
 Róisín Susan O'Carroll, The Oaks, Bridewood, Ovens.
 John Patrick Kearney, Aylsbury.

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

Patrick Corbett, Marlow, United Kingdom
 Elizabeth (Betty) Stevens, Geraldine Place.

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

Mary Burke, Pine Walk, Muskerry Estate.
 Paul Dillon, Sunday's Well.
 Julie Healy, Innishmore.
 Joe & Breda O'Leary, Ovens.
 Andy & Molly Nolan, Wicklow.
 Josephine Burke, Cashel.
 David & Margaret Rea, Lower Glanmire Road.
 Con & Mary O'Donovan, Station Road.
 Jim Burke, Glanworth.
 Eileen Dwane, Douglas.
 Sheila Spillane, Glenflesk.
 Paddy & Crissie Twomey, Main Street.
 Kathleen Barrett, Beech Park.
 Thomas & Kathleen Holmes, Leo Murphy Terrace.
 Frank O'Callaghan, Grange, Ovens
 Martin Canny, Leesdale
 Dec members of the Linehan Family, Kanturk & London /
 Timothy, Margaret & Vincy O'Mahony, Ballinora
 Sheila Walsh, Castlepark.
 Kitty Barry, Hodder's Villas.
 Denis & Eileen O'Connell, Cloghroe.
 William & Mairead Boyce, Milford.
 Niamh Carroll, Freemount.
 Jeremiah & John O'Leary, Sunningdale & Cloghroe.
 Mary O'Leary, Curraheen & Templemartin.
 Donal O'Donovan, Ballinlough & Blackpool.
 Anne Symth, Carrigdena.
 Thomas & Julia May O'Leary, Turners Cross.
 James Harris, Turners Cross.
 Thomas & Mary Murphy, Kilcorney.
 John Murphy, Kilcorney.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sixth Week Of Easter

29 Sunday Acts 8:5-8, 14-17. Ps. 65. 1 Pet. 3:15-18. Jn. 14:15-21. Lect I: 534.
 30 Monday Acts 16:11-15. Ps. 149. Jn. 15:26-16:4. Lect I: 542
 31 Tuesday Zeph. 3: 14-18 or Rom. 12:9-16. Ps. Is 12. Lk. 1:39-56. Lect II: 1040
 01 Wednesday Acts 17:15,22-18:1. Ps. 148. Jn. 16:12-15. Lect I: 546
 02 Thursday Acts 18:1-8. Ps. 97. Jn. 16:16-20. Lect I: 560
 03 Friday Acts 18:9-18. Ps. 46. Jn. 16:20-23. Lect I: 562
 04 Saturday Acts 18:23-28. Ps. 46. Jn. 16:23-28. Lect I: 564

Next Sunday's Readings 05-June-2011

Acts 1: 1-11. Ps. 46. Eph. 1: 17-23. Lk. 24:46-53. Lect I:549

'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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**Will hold
 Blood Donor Clinics
 In the
 GAA Pavilion, Ballincollig**

Monday, May 30th 4.30 pm – 8.00 pm
Tuesday, May 31st 4.30 pm – 8.00 pm.

Blood is urgently required

Please make a special effort to attend.

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17
 With great success, Philip went to Samaria to proclaim the Christ and work miracles. When the apostles heard about Phillip's work, they sent Peter and John to pray that the Samaritans receive the Holy Spirit.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18
 Jesus "suffered for sins once." He was put to death as far as fleshly existence goes but received life according to the spirit.

Gospel: John 14:15-21
 At the Last Supper Jesus told his apostles he would be leaving them to return to the Father. In today's Gospel, he reassures them and us that we will not be alone. The Holy Spirit was sent to the disciples and is with each of us as a special helper and friend until Jesus returns to us. In the meantime, we continue to show our love for Jesus by following his commandments.

Al-Anon & Alateen

For families & friends of problem Drinkers
 Confidential Helplines
 Dublin 01 873 2699
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Gramophone Recital

Final musical morning in Ballincollig Library
 at **11.00 am on Tuesday 31st May, 2011.**
 This month's musical choice is presented by
 Joan Kennelly..
 Admission free all are welcome

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

When children are orphaned, they often hold on to something to remind them of who they are. Orphan Annie had a half of a locket, Oliver Twist had a letter, and some victims of the holocaust had smuggled photographs. Even without the physical presence of their parents, orphaned children very much felt connected to their parents. This is the image Jesus gives us in the Gospel as well. He explains that it is the Holy Spirit that is with us and helps us know we are God's. It is this Spirit that guides us to live the way God wants us to. The Spirit comes to us in a special way at our baptism and guides us, even to our surprise sometimes, and helps us follow the commandments of God.

Bulletin Board

Pastoral Development In The Diocese

Three years ago Diocesan structures were re -arranged. Parishes were grouped together throughout the diocese. This arrangement is called clustering. Ballincollig is clustered with Ovens / Farran, Kilmurry, Cloughduv and Canovee. This is partly an effort to formalise the support the priest's of neighbouring parishes give to one another. It also involves the parish councils working closer together. During the past three years representatives from the parish councils met on a regular basis resulting in penitential services and in service for Ministers of the Eucharist being organised.

Bishop Buckley has arranged a number of meetings for the co-ordinators of the clusters. The main item on the agenda for these meetings is the declining number of priests available for fulltime appointments and the increasing age profile of the diocesan clergy, with now very few priests under sixty. The recommendation is that each cluster is to prepare for a reduction in the number of priests. At present there are five priest's fulltime in our cluster serving three parishes with seven churches and providing seventeen Masses each weekend. We are asked to reorganise Masses and Mass times so that four priests can continue to celebrate Mass in each of the churches at weekends. Reducing the present schedule from seventeen Masses to fifteen and perhaps twelve Masses at weekends is a huge challenge and we need to be ready for the situation when it arises.

First Friday

Friday 3rd June, is the first Friday of the month. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St Mary & St John from 6.30 pm to 8 pm, you are invited to come and spend some time with the Lord. There is Mass in St Mary & St John on Friday evening at 8.00 pm. The priests of the parish visit the sick of the parish on the first Friday of each month; please let us know if you have a family member or neighbour who is sick or housebound.

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

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.

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

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Jun-04 & Jun-05-2011

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

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

10:00 am
Grace Buttimer
Orla Horgan
12:00 Noon
Declan Chalmers
Chloe Dalton O'Connor

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Niamh Murray

11:00 am
Cormac Manning
Marie Ni Niada
12:30 pm
Cathy Naughton
Una Lynch
5:30 pm
Emily Hardman



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Jun-04 & Jun-05-2011

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm	Eileen Murphy Ted Nelligan Eileen Corkery Ann O'Connell Sheila Walshe Ann McCarthy	7:30 pm	John O'Donoghue Mary Dineen Kathleen Daly Mairead Keenan Kay O'Sullivan
8:30 am	Helen Kelly Mary O'Connor Michael Crowley	11:00 am	Mary O'Mahony Mona Bowen Billy Barry Mary Aylward Pauline Baston
10:00 am	Fionnuala McDonagh Mary Buckley Breda Ring Mary O'Regan John Henchy Martin O'Leary	12:30 pm	Mary Twomey Maura O'Driscoll Mary Lehane Dympna Byrne Suzanne Leetch
12 Noon	Ann-Marie Cosgrove Phil Kennedy Ellen O'Sullivan Ursula McAuliffe Sally Crowley	5:30 pm	Shelia Curran Elizabeth O'Sullivan

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. 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.

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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**