

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 06-May-2012

Fifth Sunday Of Easter

Part of the great revelation of the New Testament is the notion that God is coming among us to make all things new; that means removing all the causes of guilt and grief in human life. We show our acceptance of this renewal of our lives by our love for one another.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Vine and Branches

Living a Christian life may I suppose be expected to have positive results. Fruits of a truly Christian life will include service of other people, building up healthy communities, wholesome values and an inner peace amounting to real happiness even in the midst of difficulties in life; and the security of being loving people, and of knowing that we are loved. We learn to focus on what really matters, the things for example that matter to us when we reach the end of our lives. These include family relationships and love, friendship and happiness. Without these things mere material success or prosperity will simple taste like ashes!

When Jesus tells us that he is the vine, and we are the branches, he is using a well understood image of ancient Israel with God as the vine dresser, or cultivator. Connected to him we may expect to bear much fruit, lead truly fruitful lives. But cut off from him we will not produce any fruit at all, our lives will be arid, tasteless and without fruit. Without me, he tells us, you can do nothing, nothing meaningful, that is. He tells us to make our home in him, and experience peace, joy and vibrant life. The branches are nourished and made fruitful by the vine. We receive nourishment from him above all in the Eucharist, in the gift of himself to each of us. "Who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me and I in that person."

We have been running reminders of the Eucharistic Congress in the "Parishioner" for the past few months, consisting of the Congress Logo and a short reflection or scripture verse each week. Eucharistic Congress banners and candles have been placed in both churches. As we enter the final phase of our preparation for the International Congress we reflect on what the Eucharist is, on the gift to us that is Holy Communion. This is the gift that nourishes us and enables us to live a Christian life, knowing the joy of living for one another. Our own Corpus Christi Procession on the 9th June and the Congress from the 10th to the 17th June in Dublin are ways in which we will bring Christ into our streets: into all the suffering, isolation, loneliness, temptations and fears of our lives, as a blessing for our town, our parish, our country and our world.

Billy O'Sullivan

Thought for Today

We forget that the vine needs to be pruned. When Jesus was tempted in the desert, the temptation was to rely on prosperity, prestige and power. By resisting that temptation he showed us that we need to be pruned of our self-reliance in order to put our trust in God alone.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Christ wanted his followers to be united with him and with one another. Let us pray for the gift of unity.

Reader

For the Church: that it may be a true community, producing the fruits of love.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For our civil leaders: that they may help to create a society in which all can enjoy the fruits of freedom and justice.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who are cut off from human companionship, especially shut-ins and outcasts.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who feel that their lives are barren and empty.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For this community: that as we meet around the Lord's Table, he may strengthen our unity and deepen our faith.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For a moment, we remember in silence our own particular needs.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest

Lord our God, in a world of injustice, indifference and unrest, may we be conscious of our calling to produce the fruits of justice, love and peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

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BAPTISMS

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

Hollie Jane Healy, Meadows Fields, Rylane.
 Sophie Marie Barry, Beech Park.
 Gillian Joseph O'Donovan, Distillery Court, The Maltings.
 Liam Joseph Harris, The Green, Coolroe Meadows.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Barry Duggan, Oaklee
 Ellen Mehigan, Greenmount Avenue.
 Fr John L O'Sullivan, Ballydehob, Co. Cork.

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

Eileen Lynch, Carriganarra.
 Con O'Driscoll, Ballincollig & Youghal.
 Kitty McCarthy, Kilbrittain.
 Dan & Nora Murray, Dooniskey, Mallow.
 Tony Barlow, Carrigrohane.
 Patrick & Lena O'Donoghue, Crookstown.
 Josie Murphy, Rockchapel.
 Connie Radley, Carrigrohane.
 Noel Murphy, Model Farm Road.
 Bridget Hurley, Farranree.
 Trevor Kelleher, Rosewood.
 Betsy & Gerard Higgins, Pouladuff.
 Niall Barrett, Dripsey.
 John Shanahan, Fr Sexton Park.
 Ellen Cronin, Mary Street.
 Jim, Eileen & Tom Madigan, East Gate.
 Bridie Sexton, Hillsboro.
 Michael Maverley, Evergreen Street.
 Jeremiah Henchy, Carrigrohane.
 Con & Kate Twomey, Macroom.
 Sally O'Sullivan, Carrigrohane.
 Dec members of the Quinlan family, Glanworth.
 Shelia Spillane, Glenflesk.
 Eileen Dwane, Douglas.
 Cornelius & Mary O'Donovan, Station Road.
 Corena Crowley, Greenfields.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Fifth Week Of Easter

- 06 Sunday Acts 9:26-31. Ps 21. 1 Jn 3:18-24. Jn 15:1-8. Lect I: 514
- 07 Monday Acts 14:5-18. Ps 113B. Jn 14:21-26. Lect I: 519
- 08 Tuesday Acts 14:19-28. Ps 144. Jn 14:27-31. Lect I: 522
- 09 Wednesday Acts 15:1-6. Ps 121. Jn 15:1-8. Lect I: 524
- 10 Thursday Acts 15:7-21. Ps 95. Jn 15:9-11. Lect I: 526
- 11 Friday Acts 15:22-31. Ps 56. Jn 15:12-17. Lect I: 528
- 12 Saturday Acts 16:1-10. Ps 99. Jn 15:18-21. Lect I: 531

Next Sunday's Readings 13-May-2012

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48. Ps 97 1 Jn 4:7-10. Jn 15: 9-17. Lect I: 536

2012 RETREAT

For Ballincollig Parishioners

Day and date: Friday 25th May 2012
 Venue: St. Dominic's Retreat House
 (Main Building) Ennismore, Cork.
 Time: 10.30 a.m. to 4.00 pm
 Conducted by: Martina Lehane Sheehan
 Cost: €10.00 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.
 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) before Monday 21st May

I am interested in attending the retreat on Friday 25th May

Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone No _____

Ballincollig Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

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

The 2012 Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land will depart from Cork Airport on a direct flight to Tel Aviv on Friday October 12th and will return from Tel Aviv on Friday October 19th. The cost of the eight day pilgrimage will be € 1,250 including half-board accommodation and all taxes.

For the first four days we will be based in Tiberias on the Sea of Galilee and we will be based in Bethlehem from October 16th. Larry Cunningham will be the Pilgrimage Leader and Fr Billy O'Sullivan the Spiritual Director. The Tour Operator is Celebration Travel Ireland Limited. For further information contact Lar Cunningham at 4873364.

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts 9: 26-31

When St. Stephen was stoned to death because of his preaching Paul (then known as Saul) was in charge of the execution. Now, however, after his conversion on the road to Damascus, he returns to Jerusalem and takes up where Stephen left off: preaching the same message. Again this preaching arouses the same fury and the Disciples, fearing for his life, sent him away to his home town of Tarsus.

Second Reading: 1 John 3: 18-24

Love of God and of the neighbour are inseparable. In practising either we must not rest satisfied with expressions of devotion and good will. Only when charity is active does conscience assure us that we are leading sincere Christian lives. Two things sum up what is most pleasing to God; faith in the divine personality of Jesus Christ and brotherly love according to Christ's instructions.

Gospel: John 15: 1-8

In this allegory the cultivation of the vine is attributed to God the Father. A fruitless branch is lopped off like Judas. The pruning clean of the Apostles is the result of the words Jesus spoke to them. A separated vine branch is useless. It is destined for the fire. Fruitfulness and discipleship go together.

Bulletin Board

Bank Holiday Monday

Monday May 7th Morning Mass at 9.30am in Church of St Mary & St John.

Envelope Collection

Envelope collection next weekend at all Masses next weekend 12th & 13th May for Diocesan Parish Pastoral Services. This service provides support for parish councils and clusters.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on **Saturday 26th May, 2012 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.

Belarus Project

Jessica Hennigan lives on Station Road, Ballincollig and is a pupil of Colaiste Choilm. She plays Camogie with Ballincollig Club.

Jessica intends travelling to Belarus during the summer. She will visit and work in five orphanages. In each orphanage there are over one thousand residents both children and adults with different disabilities.

Jessica hopes to bring help to these residents. Next weekend Jessica will be looking for your practical support

Confirmation Dates 2012

Scoil Mhuire	Fri, May 11 th
Scoil Eoin	Wed, May 16 th

First Holy Communion Dates 2012

Scoil Barra	Sat, May 12 th
Our Lady of Good Counsel	Sat, May 12 th
Gael Scoil	Sat, May 19 th
Scoil Mhuire	Sat, May 26 th

Fr. George

Venerable Edel Quinn

Mass to commemorate Venerable Edel will be held at St. Augustines Church on Saturday, 12th. May at 4 pm. All welcome.

**Dyslexia Association of Ireland
Cork Branch**

This year's **Dyslexic Summer School** is taking place in Bishoptown Community School from 9th to 13th July inclusive. It will involve 3 hours tuition and 1 hour art from 10 am to 2 pm. The cost is Euro 160 per person.

If you require further information please ring Noel (086) 8064799. Please email dyslexiacork@gmail.com if you would like a Booking Form



**50th INTERNATIONAL
EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS
DUBLIN
June 2012**

In Eucharistic Prayer III we ask:

“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 . . .”

Jesus offered himself:

“take and eat, this is my body which will be given for you.”
We too may offer ourselves as a living sacrifice, our body and blood, our life and our death

Note:

We have asked for an increased allocation of tickets for the Croke Park Closing Ceremony on Sunday 17th June and extra spaces are available in the Coaches travelling from Ballincollig on that day. If you wish to avail of one of these please give your name as soon as possible to the Parish Office at 4871206 or one of the church sacristies. (The office is open from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm and from 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm on Monday to Wednesday.)

Knock

Legion of Mary Annual Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday 27th May 2012.

Bus leaving village at 7.00 am sharp.

Early booking advised. For details contact

Sally (021) 4870954 or Kathleen (021) 4874730.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

May-12 & May-13-2012

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Sandra Walsh
Brian Hennessy
8:30 am
Eadaoin O'Leary
gerard O'Leary
10:00 am
Margot Twomey

12:00 Noon
Sean Hennessy
Shane Lehane

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Michael Greene

11:00 am
Jack Dorgan

12:30 pm
Kay Carew
Jane O'Leary
5:30 pm
Christine O'Brien

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	No Mass
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
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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

Cork Branch of Diabetes Ireland

Will hold a public Information Meeting on living with Diabetes in the Montenotte Hotel, Cork, on Sunday May 13th, 2012 @ 2.30 pm.
For more information contact Charlotte @ 021 4274229 Mon-Fri 9.30-1.30

Troubled by someone else's drinking?
Try Al-anon. Local Meetings S V de P Centre Station Road Thursdays 8.30 pm. Phone: 021 4311899.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

May-12 & May-13-2012



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



**For Families of Children Preparing for First Holy Communion
Learning About the Mass with Kath and Qumen**

Community Announcements

Sometimes, just before the end of Mass, the priest will read a list of things that are happening in the community during the coming week. This reminds us of the importance of the community in which we live. It also reminds us that God's family doesn't just come together on a Sunday in God's house but that there are lots of other times when we gather together. The community might get together for fun, for sporting activities, to help those who are in need or to learn more about their faith.

Whenever we gather we must remember that we are part of God's family.

