

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 02-June-2013

The Body and Blood of Christ
Corpus Christi

The sacrifice of Christ re-united us with God, once for all. Every time we celebrate the Lord's Supper and receive his body and blood then through him our union with God is renewed.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Feast of Corpus Christi

Last year Ireland was the host country to the Eucharistic Congress. Parishes from all over the country, including Ballincollig, made the pilgrimage to Croke Park for the final day. I myself have fond memories of travelling by bus with Enniskeane Parish.

Many of the rest of the people of Ireland watched the final day on TV. Let's pause for a moment and recall your own memories. Perhaps you made the trip and therefore you'll have memories of travelling and the journey itself; you would have met with familiar faces but also new faces from your parish; you would have met or seen peoples from many different parts of the world; you would have prayed and recited the rosary; sang a few hymns; helped others around you. You would have stopped for refreshments and meals and recalled some TV film clips of the Congress of 1962.

The event for me again highlighted the oneness and communion of people from every walk of life sharing our faith in the Eucharist.

For me it wasn't so much about Church but about the people who in faith made an effort; people who simply followed that instinctive inner experience of knowing themselves as part of Christ's Body.

This Body of Christ as God's people gathered by faith in the one who nourishes us and gives Himself to us for all time.

This weekend in our own parish I look forward to Ballincollig's little pilgrimage of Faith during its Annual Eucharistic Procession.

We give thanks for the gift of the Eucharist.

We give thanks for those young and old who nourish us with their faith as in each Mass we indeed Do This in Memory. Perhaps you might recall that as part of Christ's Body when you or I feel fragmented, sometimes insignificant, in need of strength and courage that Christ continues to transform with the gift of His Risen Spirit. He takes our offerings as we are so that we might share in the Divine Mysteries of His Presence and Love.

As we walk let us pray for one another; pray for those persons we remembered from last year and finally pray for a welcome of the faithful departed into the heavenly banquet.

Dave O'Connell

Reflection for Parents

How many meals do we prepare not knowing exactly who will eat them? As the dynamics of our families change, there may be a few more or a few less at each meal. Sometimes we invite friends or neighbours at the last minute to join us for dinner, or our children may ask if "Johnny can stay for dinner!" We can be creative stretching a meal to feed a few more or have some really great leftovers for the next day's lunch! However they turn out, our meals are opportunities for sharing love--by our efforts in preparation, with those who gather at the table, and the conversation we share as we eat. Mealtime is important for all

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

In celebrating the Eucharist we are doing what the Lord commanded us to do. Let us now pray for the things we need in order to be worthy disciples of him.

Reader

For the Church: that the Eucharist may form its members into a community of love.

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

For well-off countries: that they may share with the poor countries, so that none of God's children will go hungry.

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

For those who have been let down by others and who are hurt and bitter as a result.

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

For all gather here: that we may share in the one bread of life and be filled with Christ like love.

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

For all here present may grow more perfectly into the Body of Christ.

**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

God of power and love, fill our hearts with your love. Give us the grace to rise above our human weakness, and keep us faithful to you and to one another. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

You are a priest forever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.

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BAPTISMS

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

Jack John Buckley, The Abbey, Classes Lake.
Sam Scott Twomey, Aylsbury.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Frank Brennan, Ovens.
Harriet (Rita) Shanahan, Model Farm Road.
Mary Harte, Rathmore & Cork.
Ciaran O’Kelly, Dublin.
Hannah (Joan) Goggins, Fair Hill.

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

Liam Barrett, Blackstone Bridge.
Jeremiah & John O’Leary, Cloghroe.
Kathleen Doyle, Westcourt.
Anne Smyth, Carrigdenne
Donal O’Donovan, Ballinlough/Blackpool
Ellen Collins, Westgate/Ovens
Paddy & Crissie Twomey, Main Street.
Kathleen Barrett, Main Street.
William & Kathleen Ryan, St. Anthony’s Lawn.
Arthur & Mary Wilson, Fermoy.
Jerry Canny, Castle Avenue.
Shelia O’Sullivan, Douglas.
Lorraine Duggan, Chicago.
Billy Desmond, Ovens.
John Cronin, Togher.
Nellie Keohane, Carrigdenne.
Jerry Murphy, West Cottage, Greenfields.
Martin Canny, Leedale.
Thomas, Julia & Mary O’Leary, Turners Cros.s
Thomas & Mary Murphy, Kilcorney.
John Murphy, Kilcorney.

Student's Prayer Card (Ballincollig)

As I begin to study for the exams I face
I ask you Lord for the courage and grace
to meet this challenge and do my best
to stay calm and focused during the test.
This prayer I make to you today,
help me Lord and with me stay.

St Anthony’s Novena

June 4th to June 13th
St Francis Church
Liberty St Cork

Masses times: Morning 10.30am: Evening 7.30pm.
Blessing of Lilies: June 13th 10.30am & 7.30pm

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Ninth Week In Ordinary Time

02 Sunday Gen. 14:18-20. Ps. 109. 1 Cor. 11:23-26. Lk. 9:11- 17. Lect I: 625
03 Monday Tob. 1 :3,2:1-8. Ps. 111. Mk. 12:1-12. Lect II: 107
04 Tuesday Tob. 2:9-14. Ps. 111. Mk. 12:13-17. Lect II: 110
05 Wednesday Tob. 3:1-11, 16-17. Ps. 24. Mk. 12:18-27. Lect II: 112
06 Thursday Tob. 6:10-11, 7:1,9-14,8:4-9. Ps. 127. Mk. 12:28-34. Lect II: 115
07 Friday Ez 34:11-16. Ps 22. Rom 5:5-11. Lk 15:3-7. Lect I: 634
08 Saturday Is. 61 :9-11. Ps. 1 Sam. 2. Lk. 2:41-51. Lect II: 1043

Next Sunday’s Readings 09-June-2013

1 Kg 17:17-24. Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13. Gal 1:11-19. Lk 7:11-17. Lect I: 863

**Year of Faith – Pastoral Area Event
Mass in Kilcrea Cemetery**

As part of marking the Year of Faith within the Pastoral Area of Ballincollig, Ovens & Ballinora Parish members of the Parish Council and fellow Ballincollig Parishioners are joining with the Parish of Ovens / Farran in the celebration of Mass on Friday 7th June, in Kilcrea Cemetery. If you are interested in joining us please assemble with fellow parishioners at Ovens Church by 7.45pm

**Prayer For Students Sitting Examinations
2013 - To be offered during Mass in Ballincollig
Wednesday June to 5th to Saturday 22nd**

Lord, pour out your spirit of wisdom on these students;
help them to remain calm,
to attend carefully to the questions asked,
to think clearly,
to remember accurately,
and to express themselves well.
We commend their studies to your powerful protection.
We implore you to grant them a quick understanding,
a safe judgement and a faithful memory.
Grant that they may reflect the best of the work they
have done
and the best of the teaching they have received.
Accept their best efforts in these examinations
and in the great test of life on earth.
May your love be upon them O Lord,
as they place all their trust in you.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Gen 14:18-20

The story of Melchisedech, priest who offers bread and wine and receives God's blessing, is often understood as a foreshadowing of the Eucharist, which we celebrate.

Second Reading: 1 Cor 11:23-26

This is St Paul's account of Eucharistic celebration in the early Church.

Gospel: Luke 9:11b-17.

Jesus continued to teach the crowds that had gathered until late in the day when his disciples came to him and said that Jesus should let the crowd go so that they might find food and a place to stay. Jesus told the disciples to feed the crowd themselves, but they knew it would be impossible because they only had five loaves of bread and two fish among them. Jesus instructed the disciples to divide the people into groups of fifty. Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, blessed and broke them and shared them among the people. Not only was this food sufficient for the crowd but they had twelve baskets of leftovers.

Documents of Vatican II.

As the year of faith moves on (ends on 24th November 2013- Feast of Christ the King) we may be asking ourselves if we have made some effort to deepen our faith. The door of Faith is opened at one's Baptism but during the year Catholics are asked to open it again, walk through it and rediscover and renew their relationship with Christ and his Church. This year was chosen because it is the 50th Anniversary of the Vatican Council (Vatican II) and among the methods of deepening one's faith, Pope Benedict Recommended the reading of The Documents of Vatican II of which there are sixteen. All these can be read on the Internet or in Public Libraries.

To encourage people to read at least some of the Documents, snippets from them will be given in the " Parishioner" from now until the end of November.

The Laity.

As sharers of the role of Christ as priest, prophet and king, the laity have their work cut out for them in the life and activity of the church. Their activity is so necessary within the Church communities that without it the apostolate of the pastors is often unable to achieve it's full effectiveness.

Vatican II Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity
Apostolicam Actuositatem,10.

Ennismore Events

Fr. Peter Hannan S.J. will be with us from the 5th – 9th June with a retreat entitled "Come & See" (John 1:39) Renewing the Christian vision through prayer, film, music etc.
Cost: €200 Residential

Christian Holistic Spirituality

We are still welcoming applications for our Christian Holistic Spirituality Programme which is to begin again this Autumn – For brochure and application form contact the office

Meditation

Also just to note that our Thursday evenings on Meditation to the Heart will suspend from mid – June for the Summer. It will continue again in Sept. For further details on any of our programmes contact us at 021 4502520 or Ennismore@eircom.net

Bulletin Board

Eucharistic Procession

The procession will be held this year **on Saturday June 1st after the 6 pm Vigil Mass in the Church of St Mary & St John.** The route will be from the Church at approx. 6.40pm to the entrance to Castlepark and back to the green in Church View for Benediction. I take this opportunity to invite you and your family to take part in the Eucharistic Procession. I especially invite you to bring your child who received First Holy Communion recently. It would be appreciated if homes on route of the procession could be suitably decorated in honour of the Blessed Eucharist. Seats will be available near the altar at Church View for the elderly or people suffering from injury.

First Friday

Friday June 7th is the first Friday of the month. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St Mary & St John from 6.30pm to 7.45pm, you are invited to come and spend some time with the Lord. There is Mass in St Mary & St John on Friday evening at 8.00pm. 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.

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the girls in Scoil Mhuire and boys in Scoil Eoin who made their First Holy Communion recently. Sincere thanks to the parents and dedicated teachers who work diligently preparing young people for the sacraments.

Mass Diary

Diaries to book intentions July, August, and September will open in both churches on Saturday June 8th at 9.00am.

Altar Servers

Volunteers are invited to serve as Altar Servers in both Churches. Please contact any priest, together with parents, or contact parish office Phone: 021 4871206.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on **Saturday June 8th 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.

Taize Cake Sale

The Taize cake sale last week end was a great success. Many thanks to the young people who helped with the baking, serving etc. Thanks also to the many parishioners who bought the cakes; your generosity was greatly appreciated. The money raised will go toward expenses for the f trip to Taize in July.

Fr. George

Pro Life Campaign

The Pro Life Campaign is holding a National Vigil Saturday 8th June, 3pm to 4pm in Merrion Sq., Dublin

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Jun-08 & Jun-09-2013

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)

Sean Collins
Kate Collins
8:30 am
John Healy
Kerry O'Leary
10:00 am
Shannon O'Brien
Erin Holmes
12:00 Noon
Sean Hennessy
Shane Lehane

7:30 pm (Vigil)

Pauline Collins
Niall Cronin
11:00 am
Jack Dorgan
Harry O'Brien
12:30 pm
Kay Carew
Jane O'Leary
5:30 pm
Marlyn O'Connor / Kevin Tuohy

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

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Wednesday

8:30 am

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Thursday

8:30 am

9:30 am

Friday

8:30 am & 8 pm

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

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Fr. Dave O'Connell C.C.

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Fr. James McSweeney

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Social / Coffee Mornings

Continue every Friday morning in parish house "Sonas" on Station Road at 10 am.

Everyone welcome as it is an ideal opportunity to get and know people from our community.

Care to Drive

The Irish Cancer Society's Care to Drive service is currently seeking volunteers to drive local patients to and from their chemotherapy treatments in Cork University Hospital & the Mercy University Hospital. We are looking for volunteers from all over Co. Cork – from Youghal, to Kenmare, to Mitchelstown - to pick patients up at their homes, drive them to the door of the hospital, pick them up again when they are finished their treatment and bring them home. The service is free to the patient and drivers expenses are paid. Telephone Gail on 01 2310 566 or email transport@irishcancer.ie

*Make all the friends you can.
Keep all the friends you make.
And when you meet a stranger,
give his hand a hearty shake.
For all the countless treasures
which in time may come your way,
there'll be nothing quite as precious
as the friends you make today.*

Ernest Sidwell

Troubled by someone else's drinking?

Try Al-anon. Local Meetings S V de P Centre Station Road Thursdays 8.30 pm. Phone: 087 6651707.



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Jun-08 & Jun-09-2013

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm

Steve Wills
Margaret O'Sullivan
Danny Farrell
Jim Walsh
Frances O'Brien
Eileen Coughlan

7:30 pm

Anne O'Regan
Mairead Murphy
Finbarr Murray
Lettie Kelly
Mary Murphy

8:30 am

Mary Buckley
Rita Murphy
Denis Healy / Tom Butler

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



Ballincollig Tidy Towns



The next two months is of vital importance to our **Town — Community — Parish**

Judging in The National Tidy Towns begins on June 1st followed by the Entente Florale in July.

The committee / Volunteers are working non stop to enhance our town. **We do need help**, you can help by painting, power washing of walls, removing kerbside weeds, safe disposal of litter / dog fouling, refrain from dumping cigarette butts, chewing gum on our streets, footpaths etc.

In July judges from eleven countries will spend a day in our town looking at all aspects of life in our community.

This is a huge honour for our town to be Ireland's representative for the 2013 competition.

Let us reward our selection by being extra vigilant and helping to make our town a place for Europe to admire & visit.