

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 11-May-2014

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Day of Prayer for Vocations

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

“One by one he calls his own sheep.....”

As you read this I think you would agree that from the earliest age you would have learned to recognise voices. The voices of parents, family, friends and even the foe. Somewhere in there, my dear friends, in the midst of our lives, is God’s voice, the voice of the Good Shepherd, trying to guide, lead us, love us, call us.

This Fourth Sunday of Easter is known as Good Shepherd Sunday or Vocations Sunday. Ben Hodnett who has completed his studies with the Diocese is being ordained in the North Cathedral. I myself was ordained there in 1990. In recent years vocations to both priesthood and religious life have declined dramatically in the Western World. The effects of hurt, scandal, secularism, materialism are self-evident.

There is an understandable anxiety about going forward for the priesthood or religious among young people and their parents as a result of system failures and individual failings. The need for the gospel to be preached and the service that it involves will always be with us.

Yet at this time of year, in our homes, community, parish, young people are preparing for their final studies or the work environment. Some will also be thinking along the lines of life commitment decisions amidst changing and difficult times. In the mix is the eternal voice of God’s Spirit and our Spirit as the call of our baptism unfolds in a unique and personal way but also a shared and community way.

It seems to me that test of the voice of the Lord at work in any of our lives is found in our creative commitment and willingness to imitate Christ Himself in our service of love of God and love of neighbour.

Some might do so and consider doing so in priesthood or religious life. As the Shepherd passes our way this day in the scriptures, in our prayer, in the Eucharist, in sacred music and song, in ourselves we create with His grace an opportunity to hear and listen to His call. Where that gift, grace takes one is dependent on the sacred space that is allowed to emerge. If a person decides to commit then the models of Priesthood and religious life, as they are now, are entered into and the decision to a full commitment is taken in tandem between the individual and the diocese or community they join.

Priesthood like any life commitment is challenging but it has been in the giving that I’ve received, in the searching I have found, in the challenges I’ve be humbled and loved.

Dave O’Connell

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us give thanks to the Lord, whose love for us has no end! We bring forward our needs and the needs of the world.

Reader

We pray for the Church; that it may, like Peter in the First Reading, proclaim the gospel fearlessly and inspire all people to turn to the loving embrace of Christ.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for our political leaders; that they may be guided along the right path and protect the most vulnerable members of society.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for vocations; that men and women may be inspired to dedicate their lives to the work of service in the Church and may respond generously to God’s call.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for our parish; that we may work together to build God’s kingdom.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for married couples and families; that they grow in love for one another.

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

Father in heaven, you are the shepherd who looks after and cares for his flock. Grant us what we need today. We make our prayers, as always, in the name of Jesus, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

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

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Fourth Week Of Easter

- 11 Sunday Acts 2:14, 36-41. Ps. 22. 1 Pet. 2:20-25. Jn. 10:1-10. Lect I: 487
- 12 Monday Acts 11:1-18. Ps. 41. Jn. 10:1-10. Lect I: 496
- 13 Tuesday Acts 11: 19-26. Ps. 86. Jn. 10:22-30. Lect I: 499
- 14 Wednesday Acts 1: 15-17. Ps. 112. Jn. 15:9-17. Lect I: 1023
- 15 Thursday Acts 13: 13-25. Ps. 88. Jn. 13: 16-20. Lect I: 503
- 16 Friday Acts 13:26-33. Ps. 2. Jn. 14: 1-6. Lect I: 505
- 17 Saturday Acts 13:44-52. Ps. 97. Jn. 14:7 -14. Lect I: 508

BAPTISMS

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

Levi Mikey Faulkner, An Caislean.
 Callum Martin Horan, Aisling Close.
 Darragh Eoin O’Leary, The Green, Coolroe Meadows.
 Aidan Michael Murphy, Knockburden, Ovens.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

John Murphy, Watergrasshill.
 Tade Daly, Kilmichael.
 Maureen O’Connor, Blarney Street.
 Tom McGrath, Beech Park.
 Norma Donovan, Powdermills Nursing Home.
 Kitty Lynch, Kilnaglory.

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

Noreen Spillane, Bishopstown.
 Dan & Nora Murray, Dooniskey & Mallow.
 Mossie Hennessy, Oaklands.
 Josie Murphy, Rockchapel.
 Julia Daly, Coolroe.
 Cornelius & Eileen Bradley, Leemount.
 Donal Breen, Passage.
 James, Breda & Denis O’Donoghue, West Village.
 Larry Green, West Village.
 Michael Cotter, The Glen.
 Donal Leahy, Leeview, Carrigrohane.
 Denis Mannix, Doneraile.
 Neil Barrett, Dripsy.
 Neil Hallissey, Island Way.
 Hannah Heuston Cuddington, Cheshire.
 Patrick & Mary Lehane, Ovens.
 Mary Coughlan, Crookstown.
 Nellie Sheehan, Douglas.
 Vincent Murphy & daughter Monica, Inniscarra View.
 Patrick & Sheila O’Riordan, Castlepark.
 Eileen Dwane, Douglas.
 Sheila Spillane, Glenflesk.
 Kathleen Cuthbert, Douglas.
 Michael & Helen Byrnes, Co. Clare.
 Kathleen Garvey, Dingle.
 John Shanahan, Fr. Sexton Park.
 Cornelius Bradley, Leemount.

Next Sunday’s Readings 18/May/2014

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

Male, Unemployed/Retired?

Looking for something to pass a few hours a week in your own time?
 An open evening for Men’s Shed will be held in Sonas House, Station Road, Ballincollig, on May 13th from 7.30pm to 10pm.

Muskerry Local history Society

The Society is researching names and information on anyone who served in WW1 and was born or lived in Ballincollig and surrounding parishes . Please send information to worldwaronecork@gmail.com.

“Being the Body of Christ”

We are pleased to welcome internationally renowned speaker Fr Timothy Radcliffe to our diocese in May to speak to us on this theme. He is the author of many books including: Why Go to Church?; Taking the Plunge; What is the point of being a Christian?; I call you friends - to name but a few. The talk is for everyone who is interested in hearing him speak on what this means for us today in our parishes on Sunday 18th May 3:00pm to 5:00pm in Christ the King Church, Turner’s Cross and there is no cost – a donation would be welcome to cover expenses. Most recently he is noted as being one whom Pope Francis contacted to invite to Rome to talk to him about the Church today!

SHEP in collaboration with **We Made This** is running a programme of short (20 hour) course between April and June. Topics amongst others include, Introduction to Personal Development, Men’s Health, Women’s Health, Seasons for Growth – Living with Grief, Loss and Change & Managing Stress in Our Daily Lives. For information or to apply contact Liam or Geraldine at 021 4666180

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The Irish Cancer Society is offering a free transport service to patients undergoing chemotherapy treatments in Cork University Hospital, Kerry General Hospital & the Mercy University Hospital, Cork. For more information, patients can contact their treatment team in the hospital or call Gail on 01 2310 566

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.

Ballincollig Annual Pilgrimage to Knock

Sunday May 25th
 Bus leaving Village at 7.30am sharp
 Contact: Sally 021 4870954 or Cathleen 021 4874730

Garda Notice

A public meeting for all residents of Ballincollig and surrounding areas to discuss issues of Public Safety will be held in the Ballincollig Family Resource Centre, Station Road on Wednesday night the 14th of May 2014 at 7:30pm. Representatives from the Gardai and Cork County Council will be present. Please feel free to attend.
 Any queries to Community Garda
 Liam Linehan @ 021-4214685.

**Evening Certificate in Theology
 UCC September 2014**

UCC is introducing a new certificate in Christian Theology (Study of Religions). Participants take two courses: Topics in Christian Theology which introduces key areas including the person of Jesus, the Bible, the Trinity, the Church and contemporary Christianity; and Perspectives in Christian Theology which explores these themes more fully with readings and applications. In the first term these take place on Monday and Wednesday evenings and in the second term just on Monday evenings. These will be lively and participative sessions.. Alternatively participants can combine Topics in Christian Theology with a course on world religions: Religions in the Contemporary World. For more information about the Christian theology courses please contact Anne Francis 087-228-2134 abfrancis@eircom.net, or for information on any of the three courses contact Dr. Oliver Scharbrodt oscharbrodt@ucc.ie 021-490-2359. For practical information about applying, cost, times and places contact the UCC Centre for Adult Continuing Education, 021 490 4700, email: ace@ucc.ie or check <http://www.ucc.ie/en/casr/>.

Bulletin Board

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday 31st May, 2014 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.

Trocaire Boxes

Thanks to all who returned their Trocaire Boxes. Please return any outstanding boxes as soon as possible to the schools or to the church; when returned the money will be lodged in the Trocaire Account.

Next Confirmation

Scoil Barra Monday 12th May, 2014

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the Girls who received their First Holy Communion in Scoil Mhuire. Sincere thanks to the parents and dedicated teachers who work diligently preparing young people for the sacrament.

First Holy Communion Dates

Sat. 17th May Gaelscoil Ui Riordan
 Sat. 24th May Scoil Eoin
 Sat. 7th June Scoil Barra & Our Lady of Good Counsel

Vocations Sunday 11th May, 2014

World Day of Prayer for Vocations
 Venue: Muckcross Abbey Killarney, 1.00pm Prayer Service (Mass at 11.30 in the Franciscan Friary)

Coeliac Host

Coeliac Host is available at all Masses in both churches. Generally the Priest celebrating the Mass has the Coeliac Host. To help the Celebrant you might please let him know before the Mass.
Fr. George

Cuan Mhuire, Farnanes

Women's Addiction Treatment Centre are holding a 'Musical Memories' fundraiser on Wednesday 21st May at 2.30pm. Admission fee €5.

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.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

May/17 & May/18/2014

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Aine Sheehan
Michael Collins
8:30 am
Eadaoin O'Leary
Gerard O'Leary
10:00 am
David O'Brien
Debra Daly
12:00 Noon
Oliver O'Donovan
Seamus Monahan

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Nonyi Ebili
Jennifer Nyagaya
11:00 am
Cormac Manning
12:30 pm
Adaugu Ebili
Caterina Nugent
5:30 pm
Siobhan Keane-Hopcraft

MASS TIMES

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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 Except First Saturday of Month	Saturday	4:30 pm First Saturday of Month
12:45 pm	Sunday	

PARISH CLERGY

Priest on Duty	087-2479140
Fr. George O'Mahony P.P.	021-4871206
Fr. Dave O'Connell C.C.	021-4876171 or frdaveoconnell@gmail.com
Fr. James McSweeney	021-4873308

Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

Week 12th May to 18th May

Joan Barrett
Margot Twomey

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.



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

May/17 & May/18/2014

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

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

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Theresa Lucey / Triona Collins
Mary B. Murphy

10:00 am Anne Cahill
Cathy Horgan
Claudine Tiendioh
Betty Flavin
Anne Spillane
Betty Sheehan

12 Noon Helen Plunkett
Seamus O'Donovan
Eleanor Knowles
Catherine Greene
Joan Barrett
Frances Hogan

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

11:00 am Neil Jeffers
Eileen O'Donoghue
Bridie Hanrahan
Catherine / Hugh Moran
Padraig Fleming

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

5:30 pm Bernard Curran
John Canty

Home Share

Home Share is an initiative that provides short breaks for children and adults who attend COPE Foundation. Home Sharers are recruited from the community and the respite care/short break is provided in their family's home.

These short breaks can be for a couple of hours, overnights, week-ends or even longer.

Many families take great joy in caring for their loved ones, however providing this care on an ongoing basis can be extremely tiring and stressful. Having a short break from this care giving can be of huge benefit to the care giver, their family and the person being cared for.

Home Sharers can be working, retired, or unemployed with or without children, single or with a partner.

Training, support and an allowance will be provided to Home Sharers.

Interested?

If you would like more information or if you are interested in becoming a Home Sharer please ring Philip Grant on 021 4643238 or e-mail grantp@cope-foundation.ie