

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 18-May-2014

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

"I am the Way the Truth and the Life"

As Jesus spoke to His disciples he reminded them again and remember that this was after His resurrection as He said: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. Last Sunday He said "I came that you may have life and have it to the full".

Last Saturday – May 10th – lots of people got up at Dawn to take part in walks and runs for the Charity Organisation Pieta House in the Darkness into Light fundraiser. It was a local, national and international event. Joan Freeman, who founded Pieta House, the national centre for the prevention of self-harm or suicide, said it's presence and purpose was to address a taboo subject that was little discussed and rarely understood. The statistics regarding the number of families and communities affected by suicide and self-harm are extremely high. The context for such high statistics in recent years may be attributed to the up and downs of the economy, and perhaps the lesser role of the fundamentals in family, relationship and faith matters.

As people got involved in Saturday's event they raised awareness of the worthy charitable organisations that are providing support and presence. What was striking for me was the very powerful, self-giving, visible, tangible and practical way, that parents, brothers, sisters, relations, and friends, affected by suicide and self-harm, gave their support to Pieta House and other such-like organisations. There was a tremendous value about doing something for themselves and others when there was a time for them when they truly felt helpless. Well done to all who offered light and hope and were truly courageous in their raising awareness.

Those who are suffering might come to know that they are not to go it alone and are encouraged to reach out for help.

In the question of freedom, choice, moral responsibility to oneself and to others we know more about the emotional and psychological effects that are encountered in human life. The complexities behind coming to birth, growing up, development or under development of self-esteem, relationships in family, school, community, work, use or abuse of drugs, legal or otherwise, affect the human spirit and God's indwelling Spirit of light and love. The miracle sometimes is the resourceful human and Divine Spirit that can fortunately break through and offer us insight and grace that allows unconditional love of self, others and God.

May we take every opportunity to nurture the human and divine spirit in ourselves and be a light out of darkness in our complex world?

Dave O'Connell

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 help of God.

**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 the poor and the homeless, orphans and widows.

**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.**

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

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

Priest

Lord, may you support us all day long, till the shadows lengthen, and the 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 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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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Fifth Week Of Easter

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

BAPTISMS

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

John Henry Hayes, The Green, Coolroe Meadows
 Lola Sarah O'Callaghan, The Cloisters.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Christine Kelly, Castlepark.
 Jim Nason, Westgrove Heights.
 Mary O'Donovan, Glasheen.
 Aine Harkin, Ballincollig.

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

Con & Mary O'Donovan, Station Road.
 Jack & Ann O'Farrell, Ballydehob.
 Paul Dillon, Sundays Well.
 Bridget Madden, Blarney Street.
 Daniel Kelly.
 Eugene Barry Murphy, Farran.
 Timothy Murphy, Rockchapel.
 Noreen Spillane, Bishopstown.
 Niall Purcell, Kilcrea Park.
 Margaret & Timothy O'Mahony, Ballinora.
 Jerry Casey, Westgate & Donoghmore.
 Johanna Morrissey, Doneraile.
 Shelia O'Mahony, Loretto Park.
 Julia O'Donovan, Rosewood.
 Mary Fitzpatrick, Westcliffe.
 Marguerite Morrissey, Carrigaline.
 Jeremiah & John O'Leary, Sunningdale & Cloghroe.
 Denis & Eileen O'Connell, Cloghroe.
 John & Eleanor O'Mahony, Castletownbere.
 Eileen Foley, Castletownbere.
 John & Joseph Flynn, Durrus.
 Martha Moloney, Mayo & Florida.
 Jerry Canny, Castle Avenue.
 Denis Griffin, Lispole/Dingle.
 Katerine Garvey, Dingle.
 Madge & Joseph Owens, Thomas Davies Street.
 Nellie Crowley, Kilmichael.

Next Sunday's Readings 25-May-2014

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

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.

The Annual Pioneer Diocesan Mass

The annual Pioneer Diocesan Mass will take place on Thursday 29th May at 8p.m. St. Peter and Paul's Church. Emblems and certificates will be presented after this Mass. Everybody welcome. For further details contact Sorcha 0863642619 or sorchaol@gmail.com

Cuan Mhuire, Farnanes

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

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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Care to Drive

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 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.

The Dyslexia Association of Ireland

Cork Branch are holding a Summer Camp, which will run from July 28th (Monday) to August 1st (Friday) inclusive.

The camp will take place in Bishopstown Community School from 10 am to 2 pm, with Tuition from 10 am to 1 pm and Art from 1 pm to 2 pm each day.
 Age Group 7 - 14. €160 cost.

Bookings through Noel (087) 1246190.
 Application forms on request from dyslexiacork@gmail.com

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.

A Mass of Healing and Reconciliation

Organised by the Safeguarding Service of Cork & Ross and the Munster Survivors Support Service, will be celebrated at St. Joseph's Church, Wilton, Cork on Sunday, May 25th at 4.00 pm.

After the Mass, a new national organisation, Towards Peace, will be launched at the Parish Centre, Wilton.

Towards Peace offers spiritual support to those whose faith has been damaged by abuse and who wish to continue their search for meaning and for God.

People affected by abuse, either personally, through friends or a family member, are welcome to attend the Mass and launch on Sunday May 25th next.

Refreshments afterwards.

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.

Mass Diaries

Mass Diaries to book Mass intentions for July, August & September will open in both churches on Saturday June 14th at 9.00am Priority will be given to those booking 1st Anniversary Mass.

Examination Time

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

Car Parking at Church of St Mary & St John and Christ Our Light

Please keep to left hand side as you approach the car parks. This is important from a health and safety point of view. Please also be careful of pedestrians who walk to Mass or from their cars to the church. Take care also not to obstruct entrance and exit to the car parks and church doors.

Congratulations

To the Girls & Boys who made their Confirmation in Scoil Bara; the Boys and Girls who received their First Holy Communion in Gaelscoil Ui Riordan. Sincere thanks to the parents and dedicated teachers who work diligently preparing young people for the sacrament.

First Holy Communion Dates

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

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

Healing Family Tree Mass

Holy Cross Church, Charleville Co. Cork.
 Monday June 2nd @ 3pm

Celebrant: Fr. Eugene Barrett OFM, St. Francis Cork.
 Afternoon Enriched with DVM Chaplet, Family Tree Mass, Eucharistic Adoration and Hymns of praise and worship.
 Talk on the life of St. Gemma Galgani individual blessing with Relic of St. Gemma & St. Pio.

Collection taken up for
 Sr. Muriels Charity in Bosnia Hertzagovina
 Enquires Mary & Gerard Cott 06381206 0861220850
 All Welcome.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

May-24 & May-25-2014

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
 Muireann Nelligan
 Padraig McAuliffe
8:30 am
 John Healy
 Kerry O'Leary
10:00 am
 Tony Hegarty
 William Greene
12:00 Noon
 Catherine O'Sullivan
 Emer Wiseman

7:30 pm (Vigil)
 Pauline Collins
 Niall Cronin
11:00 am
 Maebh Nic Mheanmain
 Lisa Aylward
12:30 pm
 Joseph Manning
 Niamh Murray
5:30 pm
 Marlyn O' Connor

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. Dave O'Connell C.C.	021-4876171 or frdaveoconnell@gmail.com
Fr. James McSweeney	021-4873308

Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

Week 19th May to 25th May

Laurence Cunningham
 Virginia Harrington

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-24 & May-25-2014

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 / Tom Butler
 Mona Holland

10:00 am Margaret Bunyan
 Mary Murphy
 Joan Tobin
 Breda Monaghan
 Niamh Nic Gearailt
 Ann McCarthy

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 Carmel Ryan
 Eileen Byrne
 Bernadett Spillane
 Angela Cunningham
 Laurence Cunningham

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

5:30 pm Olan O'Mahony
 Ann-Marie Whelan
 Noel Kelleher

"Hear The Sound Of The Earth Crying"

A day-long workshop with Kathy Cunningham, Earth Learning Community

We're all aware of the devastation of our Planet, and we are responding in various ways, and at different levels. How do we deepen our response so that the cry of the Earth becomes our cry? In this workshop we will look at ways of unearthing our passion, resilience and creativity, so that we can let in this call of our time. Understanding Earth as the matrix of all life, we will celebrate the beauty, inspiration and healing powers through which she is ever calling us. We will honour Earth's daily gift of food, and look at its key role in healing the ecological crisis. We will draw on the work of Joanna Macy for insights and empowerment on our journey, and also on the work of James Lovelock for Gaian theory. There will also be a focus on climate change and climate justice. The workshop will be experiential, and will include movement and song. No expertise in ecology needed—just a concern for our Planet Home. Sr. Kathy Cunningham co-founded and lives in the earth centre and organic farm "Pairc a' Tobair" near Rosscarbery, Co. Cork. She is a psychotherapist and group facilitator of many years' experience, and a gentle, inspiring voice in these most challenging times.

When: Sat. May 24th 2014 from 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.
 Where: The Granary, Bessborough.
 Cost: €5 – funded by Irish Aid Development Education