

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 25-May-2014

Sixth Sunday of Easter

As Jesus prepared to leave the world he promised to give the Holy Spirit to his disciples. We are his disciples and receive his Spirit but only if we love him and keep his commandments.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

The Spirit of Truth

"I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of Truth"

Well the Confirmation Ceremony on Monday last in Christ Our Light was a wonderful event and congrats to all involved in the preparation, hymns etc. In season and out of season we pray for the gifts of God's Holy Spirit to enlighten us in our lives.

As we move into the final days of May and the Bank Holiday weekend I'm reminded that the month of May was a time for serious study revision as examinations at Secondary School and at College approached.

However unfortunate and necessary examinations may be they are part of the world of our education and reality is stark at times and does need facing. Over the years I have found that many Second and Third Level students come under different types of pressure during these times.

I took a particular approach to revision and exams that involved getting a hold of the exam schedule and study the subjects in the order of the schedule. This preparation and working schedule method prevented moments of panic associated with exams as you are completely tuned into the order of the examination subjects. Knowing the next scheduled subject even allows one to drift into the general structure of questions and approach to be taken facing the next exam and the need to adjust to different language techniques and style. Naturally there's also a risk in this method because you might have your own self made schedule and if that's what you feel comfortable with then stay with it. Whatever method one employs the regime of adequate sleeping, eating, recreation and work is very necessary.

This is also the time when thoughts turn to prayer be it yourself or those around you. May the Holy Spirit of Wisdom, Perception, Memory, Peace, Courage and so be available to all and give right perspective before us and offer a good disposition towards care of self. For now let support be there for your fellow students and let others support you in whatever way they can.

Not everybody will appreciate the difficulty that examinations may bring so be patient. For parents and members of the family it is necessary to be sensitive to areas that might cause tension and anxiety. As they say keep the lines of communication as clear and as open as possible.

And when you feel that you're the only one in the same boat remember that there are thousands more paddling and sailing along as best they can.

Dave O'Connell

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 another.

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

For the guidance of the Holy Spirit on all who are faced with difficult and important decisions.

**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 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 word, and to let them guide our lives. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sixth Week Of Easter

25 Sunday Acts 8:5-8, 14-17. Ps. 65. 1 Pet. 3:15-18. Jn. 14:15-21. Lect I :534.
 26 Monday Acts 16:11-15. Ps. 149. Jn. 15:26-16:4. Lect I: 542
 27 Tuesday Acts 16:22-34. Ps. 137. Jn. 16:5-11. Lect I: 544
 28 Wednesday Acts 17:15,22-18:1. Ps. 148. Jn. 16:12-15. Lect I: 546
 29 Thursday Acts 18:1-8. Ps. 97. Jn. 16:16-20. Lect I: 560
 30 Friday Acts 18:9-18. Ps. 46. Jn. 16:20-23. Lect I: 562
 31 Saturday Zeph. 3: 14-18 or Rom. 12:9-16. Ps. Is 12. Lk. 1 :39-56. Lect II: 1040

BAPTISMS

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

Ben O'Mahony, An Caislean View.
 Ella Lily Bradley Farmer, Westcourt.
 Ksawier Jan Stadnicki, Oaklands.
 Eryka Krzysztoy Stadnicki, Oaklands.
 Reuben Samuel Power, Poulavone Manor.
 Liam Aaron Keane, The Elms, Bridewood Ovens.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Rita Hickey, Manor Hill.
 Billy Wilson, Carlow.
 Catherine O'Connor, Maglin.
 John O'Donovan, Rochestown.
 Chrissie Gallagher, Sligo.
 Vincent Murphy, Powdermills/England. **(Funeral Mass Friday 30th May at 11.30am in St. Mary & St John)**

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

Dermot Crowley, Ballyhooly.
 Julia Healy, Innishmore.
 Lillie Hutchinson, Barrack Street.
 Paddy Long, Parknamore.
 Nell Henchin.
 Jim Ahern.
 David Rea, Lower Glanmire Road.
 Michael O'Donovan, West Village.
 Dec. members of O'Donovan family.
 Catherine & Edward Hogan, Ballinlough.
 Hannah & Peter Crowley, Leemount.
 Nan McMahan, Spring Lane.
 Dec. members of McMahan family, Spring Lane.
 Hannah Manning, Aghavrin.
 Niamh Carroll, Freemount.
 William & Mairead Boyce, Milford.
 Dec. members of Boyce & O'Keeffe families.
 Pat O'Driscoll, Castlepark.
 Mary Harte, , South Main St. / Avoncourt.
 Dec. members of O'Driscoll & Sisks Families.
 Mamie & William Kavanagh, East Gate.
 Mary Keohane, Inniscarra.
 Finbarr & Val Riordan, Glasheen / Oxford.
 Martin Canny, Leesdale.
 Denis O'Mullane, Wilton Road.

Next Sunday's Readings 01-June-2014

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

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 27th 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

Music Morning

Season's final Music Morning Tuesday 27th May, @ 11am in the Library. This month's music will be presented by Eddie Hogan. Admission free. All welcome. Cuppa will be served.

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 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 Philip'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.

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

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.

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 today 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

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

First Holy Communion Dates

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

Children's Mass

The Children's Mass is Sunday June 1st at 11am in the Church of Christ Our Light. The children of 2nd class go to the crying room at the beginning of Mass; there they celebrate Liturgy of the Word in a child friendly fashion, word searches, colouring and maze search are some of the methods used. I am inviting Parents to make the effort and bring your child to this Mass. Looking forward to seeing you there.

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-31 & Jun-01-2014

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Adrian Cotter
Alan Murphy
8:30 am
Triona Downey

10:00 am
Eoin McDonagh
Diandra Buckley
12:00 Noon
Declan Chalmers
Niamh Heelan

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Rebecca Feely
Josh Nyagaya
11:00 am
Jacob Derham

12:30 pm
James Nyagaya
Laura O'Leary
5:30 pm
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

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
Fr. George O'Mahony P.P.
Fr. Dave O'Connell C.C.
Fr. James McSweeney

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Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

Week 26th May to 1st June

Tim Murphy
Siobhan Glavin

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.

Does your Spouse have Dementia?

A new study in Trinity College Dublin is looking to gain an insight into the health and wellbeing of those who care for their spouse/partner with dementia. If you are caregiver aged over 50 years and living with a partner who has Alzheimer's disease or another form of dementia you may be interested in taking part. For more information please phone Hannah Jellings or Maria Pertl on 01 896 8414

An Garda Siochana, Baile an Easpaig

The Gardai that are members of the Cork City Hospitals Children's Club are hosting a fun family night at the Cork City Greyhound track on the June 13th. We will have all the Disney Characters on the night for a special race, Micky Mouse, Tiger, Donald Duck and many more. Tickets can be purchased at Wilton shopping centre - €10 or €20 for the whole family.

Dyslexia Association

The Education Sub-Committee has organised an Information Talk on 'Dyslexia and its possible effect on Self-Esteem' to be held in Bishopstown Community School on Wednesday 28th May 2014 7.30pm. Guest Speaker is Mr. Seamas Feehan, Clinical Psychologist. Admission €10.00.

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



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

May-31 & Jun-01-2014

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Eileen Murphy
Ted Nelligan
Eileen Corkery
Maurice Bunyan
Sheila Walshe
Katie Collins

8:30 am Helen Kelly
Mary O'Connor
Michael Crowley

10:00 am Fionnuala McDonagh
Mary Buckley
Fiona Kelly
Mary O'Regan
Teresa O'Driscoll
Martin O'Leary

12 Noon Ann-Marie Cosgrove
Phil Kennedy
Ellen O'Sullivan
Ursula McAuliffe
Sally Crowley
Jim Lordan

7:30 pm John O'Donoghue
Mary Dineen
Kathleen Daly
Mairead Keenan
Kay O'Sullivan

11:00 am Mary Twomey
Mona Bowen
Billy Barry
Mary Aylward
Pauline Barton

12:30 pm Maura O'Driscoll
Mary Lehane
Dympna Byrne
Suzanne Leech

5:30 pm Shelia Curran
Elizabeth O'Sullivan