

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

150 Years



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 03-May-2015

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

## Jesus said, I am the Vine - You are the branches

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away."

During the week we had our Third Confirmation Day in the parish and next week we will have our Final Confirmation Day for the boys of Scoil Eoin. While up at the home place during the week I saw families gathering with neighbours as they paid a special visit to loved ones and friends. Confirmation Day usually conjures up vivid memories of our own day of Confirmation. As young people we gathered with our parents, teachers, religious and priests with excitement and the energy of young life. All the reflections concerning the gifts of the Spirit and the Third Person of the Trinity would have been explored and examined and prayed about. Indeed I recently took the opportunity to reflect and ask a couple of questions about what happens at Confirmation and what is our understanding of the activity and presence of the Holy Spirit.

In simple terms while we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit at Baptism there is a calling forth of that same Spirit to enable young people and those Confirmed to be strong and courageous witnesses to their faith, to Christ, to the Gospels. "Strong and perfect Christians." The anointing with the sacramental oil of chrism confers a grace upon the Confirmed to enable them to be close to God as they move towards adulthood and a more mature Christian and human response to all aspects of the journey of life. Isn't that what discipleship is about?

Quoting from St Paul's Missal for today

"to be a disciple of Jesus means one who is learning. The way one learns from another is by observing what they do, by trying to capture some of the spirit which animates them, in short, by being with them.

And this is precisely what the image of the vine and the branches intends to convey, namely, that it is by keeping company with the Lord, we develop and grow as followers of his.

As we hear Jesus say to the disciples of His time and unto us, from the youngest to the eldest,

"Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.

As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me."

we invite the Spirit of God to bless us and we invite God's Holy Spirit to be our guide always on our pilgrim way.

Dave O'Connell

## 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.

**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. 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 :**

Ben Colin Linehan, Old Court, Greenfields.  
 Cathal Michael McCarthy , Liseens, Ovens.  
 Jake Donal McGurk, The Grove, Coolroe Meadows.  
 James Anthony Kenneally, Beech Park.

**† IN SYMPATHY †**

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

Canon Vincent Hodnett PP, The Lough/Rosscarbery.  
 Samuel Gilmore, Belfast.  
 Breeda Lynch, Hillsboro.  
 Dettie Woolley, Maple Lawn.  
 Des Teague, Birmingham.

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

Dan & Nora Murray, Dooniskey & Mallow.  
 Mossie Hennessy, Oaklands.  
 Liam Barrett, Blackstone Bridge.  
 Peggie Mitchell, Glasheen.  
 Sally O’Sullivan, Carriganarra.  
 Paddy & Bridget McGrath, Bansha.  
 Jeremiah & Catherine Cunningham, Dillon’s Cross.  
 Edmund & Frances O’Donovan, Cloyne.  
 Paddy Kirstein, Inniscarra View.  
 Shelia Quinan, Glanworth.  
 Con, Bridie, Brian & Dermot Murphy, Castletownbere.  
 Maureen & Ned Kelly, Ballyphehane.  
 Patricia Murphy, Uam Var, Bishopstown.  
 Ultan Leahy, Apsley Court, Killumney.  
 Michael & Margaret Murray, Greenhill Estate, Douglas.  
 John Morrissey, Doneraile.  
 Denis & Eileen O’Connell, Cloghroe.  
 William & Mairead Boyce, Milford.  
 Niamh Carroll, Freemount.  
 Timothy O’Keeffe, Shamrock Drive.  
 Josephine Garry, Douglas.  
 Kathleen Cuthbert, Douglas.  
 Michael & Helen Byrnes, Clare.

**Concert Unitarian Church.**

Cantairi Mhuscraí, Ballincollig, Cantabile Vocal Ensemble Bishopstown and Hermdon Ecumenical Choir, USA will hold a concert in the Unitarian Church Princes, St. on Wednesday 6th May at 8.15pm. Doors open at 7.45pm for a Photography Exhibition. Tickets €15 from: cantabilevocalensemblecorkireland.com or at the door

**Holy Land Pilgrimages**

Do you dream of walking in Jesus “footsteps”? Visiting Bethlehem, and Jerusalem, Galilee by boat, swim in the Dead Sea, Baptism in River Jordan and more.  
 Pilgrimage October 2015  
 For further details contact Lar Cunningham 087 6823989  
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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Fifth Week Of Easter

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

**Next Sunday’s Readings 10/May/2015**

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

**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.

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**Homelessness**

Focus Ireland works to end homelessness at a national level. The South East Regional Team support families and individuals in Waterford, Cork, Wexford, Kilkenny, Carlow and Tipperary through our supported housing. In addition we provide advice and information to those worried about becoming homeless or at risk of homelessness, education services, crèche facilities and after care services to young people coming out of state care. The stretch on our services is immense with a huge increase of 25% in demand in 2014.

At the moment we have a deficit of volunteers to meet our needs regarding forth coming fundraising activities in Cork and county

We need as many willing volunteers as possible to give a little time for tasks such as church gate collections etc. Any person interested in volunteering can visit the Focus Ireland website [www.focusireland.ie](http://www.focusireland.ie) to learn more about our services and then contact the Waterford Fundraising team at [regionalfundraising@focusireland.ie](mailto:regionalfundraising@focusireland.ie)

**Fleadh Cheoil Chorcaí 2015  
Ballincollig, May 7th-10th**

The 54th Fleadh Cheoil Chorcaí will take place next week in Ballincollig from 7th -10th May hosted by Craobh Niall Ó Cathasaigh branch of Comhaltas. A great weekend of traditional music, song and dance incorporating competitions of the highest standard, céilithe, concerts, live outdoor entertainment on the Gig Rig and many more events will be enjoyed by all.

Latest news available at [www.ballincolligcomhaltas.ie](http://www.ballincolligcomhaltas.ie)  
Ballincollig Comhaltas can also be found on Facebook.  
Contact number is 086 448 1253  
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**Pilgrimage to the Holy Land - June 2015**

Some places still remain for our Trip of a Lifetime to the Holy Land, June 8-18th, 2015. Follow the footsteps of Jesus from the Sea of Galilee to the River Jordan and on to the final days in Jerusalem.

Group Leader Mícheál de Barra;  
Spiritual Director Fr. John Newman  
For information and booking contact

**Children's Corner**

**A Prayer to say...**

Dear Jesus, you are like a vine and I am one of your branches. Please help me to grow your fruit. Help me to share your love with everyone I meet. Amen.

**In the Gospel today...**

Jesus said he is like a vine. All his followers are like the branches. Jesus' followers need to stay with him so they can be looked after. If his followers listen to him and do as Jesus asks, they will be fruitful.

**Bulletin Board**

**Bank Holiday Monday**

Monday May 4th Morning Mass at 9.30am in Church of St Mary & St John.

**Diocesan Collection**

The Diocesan Collection amounted to €3,110. Many thanks for your generosity and I look forward to your continued support.

**Pastoral Development Collection**

The annual second collection to fund the work of the Cork and Ross Pastoral Development Office will be taken up next weekend Saturday/Sunday 9th and 10th May. This annual collection funds the costs of training for parish assemblies and pastoral councils; ministry to young people and young adults; training for parish ministries such as baptism preparation teams, parish catechists, funeral teams; and resources for ongoing formation such as courses, talks and conferences for clergy and laity.

**Eucharistic Procession**

The procession will be held this year on Saturday June 6th after the 6pm Vigil Mass in St Mary & St John's Church. The route will be from the Church 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.

**Trocaire Boxes**

Please return Boxes to the schools or to the church; when returned the money will be lodged in the Trocaire Account.

**Confirmation**

Congratulations to the Boy & Girls who received the sacrament of Confirmation in the Gael Scoil. Sincere thanks to the parents and dedicated teachers who work diligently preparing young people for the sacrament.

**Confirmation Dates 2015**

Friday 8th May Scoil Eoin

**First Holy Communion Dates 2015**

Saturday 9th May Scoil Barra  
Saturday 9th May Our Lady of Good Counsel  
Saturday 16th May Scoil Mhuire  
Saturday 23rd May Gael Scoil

Fr. George

**150th Anniversary Celebrations  
of the Church of St. Mary & St. John.**

Flower Festival in the church will take place on 8th 9th & 10th May, 2015.  
Opening Ceremony Friday 8th May at 7.30pm.  
All Welcome.

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

May/09 & May/10/2015

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**

Adrian Cotter  
Alan Murphy

**8:30 am**

John Healy  
Kerry O'Leary

**10:00 am**

Grace Buttimer  
Orla Horgan

**12:00 Noon**

Declan Chalmers  
Sean Manly

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**

Rebecca Feely  
Josh Nyagaya

**11:00 am**

Cormac Manning

**12:30 pm**

Kay Carew

Jane 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**

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**

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

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**Funeral Pastoral Team Rota**

Week 4th May to 10th 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/09 & May/10/2015

**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  
Tom Butler  
Denis Healy

**11:00 am**

Seamus & Mary O'Connell  
Ciaran Kelleher  
Alan O'Riordan  
Geraldine Keohane  
Gerard Murray

**10:00 am**

Mary Collins  
Christy Roche  
Katie O'Shea  
Joe Coughlan  
Elaine Crowley

**12:30 pm**

Lucy O'Callaghan  
Jackie Sheehan  
Mary Green  
Michael O'Leary  
J.P.O'Leary

**12 Noon**

Oliver O'Donovan  
Sean Hennessy  
Mary McLean  
Eleanor Seymour  
Nora Hennessy

**5:30 pm**

Noelle Buckley  
Mary Breen

**Experiencing Grief and Loss**

*No amount of knowledge can prepare us for the death of a loved one. Grief is the most intense emotion we can experience and each one's journey through it is personal /different. Grief can absorb all our energy, affecting all areas of one's life, physically, emotionally, spiritually. One may feel physically and emotionally drained. Other normal reactions may be difficulty sleeping; loss of concentration; loss of motivation or interest in things that were once enjoyable. It may be a struggle to do everyday things, like cooking, going to work, shopping and meeting people. We may experience anxiety, isolation, and fear. Because it can be difficult to name or talk about these feelings, we may be inclined to isolate ourselves. These reactions are a normal part of grief and loss and it does help to talk about them with someone you trust. While we may even feel God has abandoned us, yet He is there with us. We pray for comfort and strength for all who are grieving today and who struggle with the many feelings and questions surrounding the death of a loved one.*

*(A repeat of the series over the next few weeks of the articles presented by Sr. Colette during 2009)*