

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 17-April-2016

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Day of Prayer for Vocations

Like Paul and Barnabas, those whose vocation it is to preach the gospel, will meet opposition. Today we are encouraged by the thought that the Christ we serve knows his people intimately and promises them eternal life--no opposition can snatch them from the Father's love.

150 Years



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Good Shepherd Sunday

Jesus said, "The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, I know them and they follow me. They will never be lost." Those comforting and re-assuring words come from John; 10. Our Gospel this weekend. For the Hebrews the shepherd was the leader, the protector and the nourisher. The shepherd knew the best route to travel, how to avoid danger and to find food and drink. As well he would lay down his life for his flock if needs be.

In today's gospel, Jesus takes the title to himself in regard to the whole human family entrusted to him by the Father. It was a role he lived to the full even to death.

In continuing the work of Jesus on earth, the church gives that title to those who are called to servant leadership among the people of God. So on Good shepherd Sunday, the church prays especially for those whose vocation is to lead God's people in His ways, to protect them from selfish fear and nourish them with the Good News and the experience of the fathers love.

The need for such faith-filled, caring commitment was never greater. We pray that many new hearts will heed the call in our time and continue the work of Jesus.

George O'Mahony

Reflection for Parents

Our culture has changed since the days of our parents and grandparents when just about anyone dropped in at any time. We now call ahead and make arrangements for our children to visit friends. In comparing our own day to 50 years ago, we begin to really appreciate the invitation of Jesus to follow him, just as we are, anytime of the day or night. Where would we be if we had to call ahead to see if Jesus was available. Today, we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, which is also the Day of Prayer for Vocations. We rejoice that we are God's people, the sheep of his flock, and we pray that the Lord will send labourers to the harvest.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us now bring our needs before the Lord, who is faithful from age to age and whose love is eternal.

Reader

For the Pope and the bishops: that they may faithfully and lovingly watch over the flock of Christ.

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

For Doctors and nurses and all in the caring professions: that the Lord may fill them with a strong and unselfish love.

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

For all those who have no love in their lives, and who are not important or precious to anyone.

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

As the inclement weather continues we pray for all who are struggling and disheartened in these conditions. We ask the Good Lord for an improvement.

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

Today Good Shephard Sunday let us pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

**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

Heavenly Father, grant that what we have said with our lips, we may believe with our hearts, and practice with our lips. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Eileen Moroney, London/Waterford.
Christy O'Donovan, Carriganarra.
Daniel Daly, Newbridge/Kilcrohane.
Angela Shanahan, Oriel House/Sunday's Well.
Greeta Lester, Prosperity Square.

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

Dr. Sean Crotty, Coolroe.
Dan Desmond, Innishmore.
Eleanor O'Halloran, Carrigalme / Fairhill
Margaret O'Donoghue, O'Donovans Crescent.
Dec. members of the Keelan & Lee families, Limerick & Meath.
Annie Kavanagh, Wicklow.
Eileen Murphy, Muskerry Estate.
Dec. members Dobbyn Family, Ballincollig.
John, Bridget & Pat Lee, Inniscarra.
John Lucey, Coolroe.
Gerald, Teresa & Shane Kelly, Allihies, Beara.
Lily Dennis, Castlepark.
Aidan & Maureen Burke, Southern Road.
Michael Burke, Douglas.
Jonny Madden.
Denis Jordan, Willow Drive.
Tom O'Leary, Maglin.
Matt Jennings, Rosewood.
Dec. members O'Mahony family, Newcestown.
Helen Coomey, Carriganarra/Boston.
Catherine Murphy, Powdermills/Bishopstown.
Dec. members Keating family, Cahirciveen.
William Devereux, Clogheen, Co. Tipperary.
Patrick Sheehan, Kilmurray.
Hannah Foy, Whitethorn Avenue.
Eileen Moore, Dublin.
Jim & PJ Burke, Glanworth.
Michael Daly, Blackrock.
Richard Walsh, Ballinlough.
Michael O'Shea, Scoil Eoin.

Ballincollig Holy Land Pilgrimage

Fly Direct from Cork
16th to 24th October €1,395 pps
Trip of a lifetime, led by Fr. Joe Nagle, OFM Cap
Walk in the footsteps of Jesus, in Bethlehem, Galilee, Jerusalem
and much more.
For full details phone Group Leader Lar Cunningham on
021 487 3364 or 087 6823989

Annual Pilgrimage to Knock

The annual pilgrimage to Knock will take place
on Sunday May 29th 2016.
Bus leaving at 7am at the bus stop outside Garda station.
Early booking advised.
For details contact: Sally 0214870954 or Cathleen 0214874730

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Fourth Week Of Easter

17 Sunday Acts 13:14, 43-52. Ps. 99. Apoc. 1:9, 14-1., Jn. 10:27-30. Lect I: 493
18 Monday Acts 1:1-18. Ps 41. Jn 10:1-10. Lect I: 496
19 Tuesday Acts 11: 19-26. Ps. 86. Jn. 10:22-30. Lect I: 499
20 Wednesday Acts 12:24-13:5. Ps. 66. Jn. 12:44-50. Lect I: 501
21 Thursday Acts 13:13-25. Ps. 88. In. 13:16-20. Lect I: 503
22 Friday Acts 13:26-33. Ps. 2. Jn. 14: 1-6. Lect I: 505
23 Saturday Acts 13:44-52. Ps. 97. Jn. 14:7-14. Lect I: 508

Next Sunday's Readings 24-April-2016

Acts 14:21-27. Ps. 144. Apoc. 21:1-5. Jn. 13:31- 33, 34-35. Lect I: 517

BAPTISMS

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

Sasha Kate Anne Barrett, Ashton Court.
Emma Rose Mulvihill, An Caislean.
Aiden John Murphy, Castlepark.
Adele Anne Becky Poirier, Rosewood.
Joshua Nicolas Connolly Garcia, Westgrove.
Lily Ava Browne, The Lawn, Coolroe Meadows.
Olivia Eileen Walsh, Fionn Laoi.

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts 13:14. 43-52
Paul and Barnabas preach the gospel with courage and with joy.

Second Reading: Apoc. 7.9. 14-17
We are given a vision of a heavenly scene, where the redeemed are gathered around the throne of The Lamb.

Gospel: John 10:27-30
There are two notions that need to be taken on faith as they are presented in the Gospel passage where Jesus identifies himself as the Good Shepherd. The first mystery is that those who are given the gift of faith to hear the invitation Jesus presents, will follow him. The second mystery involves the unbreakable bond that exists between the Shepherd and the person who hears the invitation. Once a person responds to the invitation, he or she belongs to God forever.

"Mothers' Prayers" Group

Continues every Thursday from 10 a.m.
At 'SONAS', Station Road
Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers all welcome!

Musical Matters

Scoil Barra proudly presents 'The Hunchback of Notre Dame' The pupils of 5th and 6th classes at Scoil Barra, Ballincollig are delighted to present their latest musical

'The Hunchback of Notre Dame'

Musical Matinee on Sunday 24th April at 2.30pm. Musical Evening Performances on Monday 25th, Wednesday 26th, Thursday 27th and Friday 28th at 7.30pm. Tickets available from the Secretary's Office, Scoil Barra, Innishmore, Ballincollig from Thursday 14th Tel: 021- 4873459.

Adult €9 Child €6

A great night's entertainment is guaranteed

Come and See

Information Day for Priesthood in the Diocese of Cork & Ross. The Annual Cork and Ross Vocations Information Day will be held on today Sunday April 17th at The Pastoral Development Office, The Parochial House, Ballyphehane (Telephone 021-4537603) from 2.30pm to 5.30pm. The afternoon allows prospective students to explore the possibility of a vocation and make enquiries in an informal setting. Seminarians for the Diocese will also attend. Further information from: Fr. Tom Deenihan (021) 4301717, Fr Charlie Kiely (021) 4537603 or Canon Bertie O'Mahony (021) 4371684.

SHEP - Community Education Programme

Supporting Yourself as a Parent

- Thursday's 10.00am to 12.30pm
- 14th April to 2nd June 2016
- SHEP Centre Ballincollig, Room 1

For parents of children of any age who are looking for support in staying connected with their children, inspiring them with hope for their future and guiding them towards a fulfilling adulthood.

No Charge (supported by ETB)

Ballincollig Community School

The Parents' Association in the school are holding a recycling day on Monday 25th April.

Clothing Recycling Collection

All clean clothes, paired shoes, bed linen welcome. No duvets or pillows please.

Easter 1916 in Cork

Order, Counter-Order and Disorder

Most of the action in relation to the 1916 Rising occurred in Dublin. What happened in Cork at this time? Did the Irish Volunteers in Cork contribute to the Easter Rising? What roles did Terence MacSwiney and Tomás MacCurtain play in Cork? Gerry White, co-author of Baptised in Blood, the story of the Cork Brigade of the Irish Volunteers, will answer these and other questions in a lecture on 'Easter 1916 in Cork - Order, Counter-Order and Disorder'. The lecture, organised by Muskerry Local History Society, will be held in Ballincollig Rugby Club on Monday, 18 April, at 8.00 pm.

Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can read
Mark Twain

Bulletin Board

Special Collection for Diocesan Needs

The collection for Diocesan needs will be taken up at all Masses this week end Sat/Sun 16/17 April .

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday May 7th 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.

Spring Dues

The priests of the Parish would like to thank you for returning the Spring Dues Envelopes. Your continued support is much appreciated.

Trocaire Boxes

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

Children's Mass

The next Children's Mass for children in second class preparing for their first Holy Communion will take place on this Sunday, at 11.00am in Church of Christ Our Light. The Parents of children who are seven and eight are asked to bring them to this Mass. Preparation with the children commences in the main body of the church at 10.45am. The Children retire to the crying room where they celebrate the Liturgy of the Word in a child friendly fashion. They will return to the main church at the start of the offertory procession.

Confirmation Dates 2016

Monday 9th May	Scoil Mhuire
Friday 20th May	Gaelscoil Ui Riordan

First Holy Communion Dates 2016

Scoil Mhuire	Saturday April 23rd
Scoil Barra	Saturday May 14th
Our Lady of Good Counsel	Saturday May 14th
Scoil Eoin	Saturday May 21st
Gael Scoil Ui Riordan	Saturday May 28th

Coeliac Hosts

The Coeliac Association of Ireland have advised that the low gluten hosts are suitable for Coeliacs.

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.

Fr. George

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Apr-23 & Apr-24-2016

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Laura O'Keeffe

8:30 am
John Healy
Kerry O'Leary

10:00 am
Cormac Kelly
Ashling O'Shea

12:00 Noon
Roisin Crewe
Emer Wiseman

7:30 pm (Vigil)

Rebecca Feely
Josh Nyagaya
11:00 am
Sorcha Nic Mheanmain
Maire Buckley

12:30 pm
Bernard Vallely
Colm Walsh

5:30 pm
Liam 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

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
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Fr. Cian O'Sullivan C.C. 021-4876171

Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

Week 18th Apr to 24th Apr

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.

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Caranua Information Morning

Caranua will hold an information event on Saturday 23rd April in Cork. Caranua is an independent State Body set up to help people who, as children, experienced abuse in residential institutions in Ireland and have received awards. We can help by paying for services in the areas of health, housing and education.

This is not a conference and there will not be any speeches. Instead, there will be information stands from a variety of organisations, including Caranua. The event will be held in the River Lee Hotel in Cork from 10am to 1pm on Saturday 23rd April. For more information see www.caranua.ie or Freephone 1800 212 477

A thought for today

Perhaps the most radical statement Jesus ever made is "Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate".