

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

150 Years



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 01-May-2016

Sixth Sunday of Easter

The night before He died Jesus promised the gift of the Spirit to his disciples. God the Father sends the Spirit to keep the word of Christ and for those who keep that word there is the great promise of Christ's peace - being at home with the Father and the Son.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Jesus' Farewell Gift

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus speak reassuring words to his disciples knowing that he will soon be facing his own suffering and death before returning to his Heavenly Father. All of us experience at some time in our lives the sadness and difficulty of 'letting go' of a loved one who is dying. The disciples are now facing the reality that Jesus will not be with them much longer. Jesus is very aware of their sadness, their anxiety and their fear and tells them 'do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid'. He goes on to reassure them that they will never be alone; that when he is no longer physically present with them, his Father will send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will always be with them to help them and to remind them of all Jesus had said to them.

Jesus' farewell gift and wish for his disciples is a message of peace. "Peace I leave with you; my own peace I give to you." As Jesus prepared to return to his Father, and in spite of the suffering he knew he was facing, he received the strength to face the cross. He was at peace knowing he had accomplished the mission for which he was sent. When we remain faithful to God, during the times we face the cross in our own lives, we too will experience his peace.

Jesus also says, 'whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love them and we shall come to them and make our home with them'. There are so many ways in which we can demonstrate our love for God. We love God by keeping his commandments; by nurturing our relationship with him - spending time in daily prayer; receiving the Sacraments; We love God by recognizing his presence in those we meet each day and by reaching out to those in need.. If I'm really aware of God's presence in others, I will treat them with reverence and respect. Jesus continues to offer us his gift of peace, a peace 'that the world cannot give'. Let us pray today for this gift of peace in our hearts, our homes and in our world.

Sr. Colette

Reflection for Parents

Today's Gospel is especially helpful when we have to explain death to our children. Jesus told his disciples that if they truly loved him, they would be happy that he was going to be with his Father. While the words are sometimes hard, even for us as we face a loss through death, our faith lets us know that Jesus and our loved ones are truly happy in a way we can't fully understand. Jesus offered the Spirit to the disciples because he knew the days ahead would be hard for them. It is that same Spirit that helps our families and us when we face hard days following a death. The greatest news in this reading is that Jesus will be back for us!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us pray that God's ways may be known on earth and all people may experience his saving help.

Reader

For all Christians: that they may be makers of peace.

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

For world leaders: that God may guide their feet into the way of peace.

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

For our homes: that peace may reign in them and for parents: that having given life to their children, they may know how and when to let go so that they can live their own lives.

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

For those who are anxious or fearful: that they may know the peace that comes from trusting in God.

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

For peace with our neighbours, and for the courage to seek to be reconciled with anyone with whom we have fallen out.

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

For our loved ones who have died that they may rest in peace of God.

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

Priest

Lord, grant us the serenity to accept the things we cannot change; the courage to change the things we can; and the wisdom to know the difference. Amen.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Bina Coughlan, Kileens.
Michael McAdoo, Rosewood.
Miah O’Sullivan, Station Road.

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

Mossie Hennessy, Oaklands.
Eileen Lynch, Carriganarra.
Dan & Nora Murray, Dooniskey, Mallow.
Noel Murphy, Model Farm Road.
Philomena (Phil) Collins, West Village.
Raymond Harte, Castlepark.
Dec. members of Sheppard & O’Sullivan families.
Dettie Wolley, Maple Lawn.
Sally O’Sullivan, Carriganarra.
Trevor Kelleher, Rosewood.
Seamus Keating, Youghal.
Philomena Collins, West Village.
Ultan Leahy, Kilumney.
Frank Brennan, Grange Cross.
Mary Linehan, Inniscarra View.
Patricia Murphy, Bishopstown.
Val Riordan, Glasheen.
Finbarr Riordan, Oxford.
Noreen Attridge, Schull.

Cork and Ross Vocation’s Commission

We would like to thank all who supported and encouraged those who attended our recent Vocation’s Information Afternoon . We ask to continue to pray for vocations in our diocese.

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

Church Unity

St. Peter’s Carrigrohane on Monday 16th May, 2016 at 8pm.
Your presence will give witness to the Christian Churches co-operating and praying together.
All welcome.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sixth Week Of Easter

- 01 Sunday Acts 15:1-2,22-29. Ps. 66. Apoc. 21:10-14,22-23. Jn. 14:23-29. Lect I: 539
- 02 Monday Acts 16:11-15. Ps 149. Jn 15:26-16:4. Lect I: 542
- 03 Tuesday 1 Cor. 15:1-8. Ps. 18. Jln. 14:6-14. Lect II: 1017
- 04 Wednesday Acts 17:15,22-18:1. Ps. 148. Jn. 16:12-15. Lect I: 546
- 05 Thursday Acts 18:1-8. Ps. 97. Jn. 16:16-20. Lect I: 560
- 06 Friday Acts 18:9-18. Ps. 46. Jn. 16:20-23. Lect I: 562
- 07 Saturday Acts 18:23-28. Ps. 46. Jn. 16:23-28. Lect I: 564

Next Sunday’s Readings 08-May-2016

Acts 1: 1-11. Ps. 46. Eph. 1: 17-23 or Heb. 9:24-28, 10: 19-23. Lk. 24:46-53. Lect I:

BAPTISMS

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

Connor Stuart Craig, Westcourt.
Oisín William Francis Terry, The Willows, Classes Lake.
Jessica Grace Brett, An Caislean.
Elizabeth Sophia Verling, Manor Hill.
Aoife Mary Geraghty, The Avenue, Classes Lake.

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts 15:1-2. 22-29
One problem in the early Church was whether Christ meant his message for the Gentiles or only for the Jews. The apostles met in council at Jerusalem and decided to preach to the whole world.

Second Reading: Apoc 21:10-14. 22-23
The ancient Jews loved the city of Jerusalem, the site of the temple and the centre of their religion. In the Second Reading for today, John describes the Church as triumphant as a new and glorious city, the New Jerusalem. That new city is a symbol of the Church as she is today and she will be in the future.

Gospel: John 14:23-29.
In this Gospel, Jesus prepared his disciples for his return to God. Jesus promised them that the Holy Spirit would live within them and provide strength and courage. The Spirit would always be available to help them as a counsellor and advocate. Through the Spirit, they would recall the words and teachings of Jesus and even come to understand these things in a way that they could not before. In addition the disciples would receive peace from the Spirit. The peace of the Spirit would be a "shalom" kind of peace which provided a special inner serenity.

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Visit of Glaslinn Ladies Choir

Visit of Glaslinn Ladies Choir
As part of the Cork International Choral Festival's Sacred Trail we welcome to the parish the Glaslinn, Ladies Choir from Bandon.

The choir will sing at the 11.00 am Mass today in the Church of Christ our Light.

Darkness Into Light...

Pieta House in conjunction with the University College Cork have proved that the effects of participating in Darkness Into Light go beyond those of a fundraiser!

Each year thousands upon thousands of people take part in Darkness Into Light, Pieta House's flagship fundraiser, which this year celebrates its eighth year.

Darkness Into Light, supported by Electric Ireland, has become Ireland's largest community fundraising event and, this year, Pieta House, the centre for the prevention of suicide and self-harm expect over 110,000 people to rise early and walk into the dawn in over 100 locations in Ireland and internationally.

Pieta House, in conjunction with Professor Orla Muldoon, Dr. Rachel Msetfi and Michelle Kearns of the University of Limerick, reported new research highlighting the benefits of taking part in the event.

Of those who took part in last year's Darkness Into Light, 2,000 participants were invited to complete an on-line survey comprising of a series of questionnaires measuring exposure to suicide, group identification and Positive Affect.

The findings include;

- A statistically significant increase in levels of well-being after taking part in Darkness Into Light
- Greatest increases for those who had lost someone to suicide
- Darkness Into Light is more than a fundraiser, it's an effective intervention
- The important role of connecting with others to overcome suicidal ideation

Day: Saturday

Date: May 7th

Distance: 5km circuit

Time: 4.15am

Starts/finishes at Áras na Mac Léinn, UCC

Cuan Mhuire, Farnanes Annual Hillwalk

18km Fundraising Hillwalk in Ballyheigue, Co. Kerry
Saturday 25th June

Pre-registration recommended - €20 per adult, family €50

For further details

Please contact either Catherine or Orla
on 021-7335994 or farnanes@cuanmhuire.ie

Prayer is not a burden, but a gift; it is not a constraint, but a freedom; it is not a millstone round our neck, but a source of joy.
Pope John Paul II

Bulletin Board

First Friday

Friday May 6th is the first Friday of the month. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St Mary & St John from 6.30pm to 7.45pm, you are invited to come and spend some time with the Lord. There is Mass in St Mary & St John on Friday evening at 8.00pm. The priests of the parish visit the sick of the parish on the first Friday of each month; please let us know if you have a family member or neighbour who is sick or housebound.

Bank Holiday Monday

Monday May 2nd Morning Mass at 9.30am in Church of St Mary & St John.

Pastoral Development Collection

The annual second collection to fund the work of the Cork & Ross Pastoral Development Office will be taken up next weekend Saturday/Sunday 7th and 8th May. This annual collection funds the costs of training for Parish Assemblies and Pastoral Councils; training and resourcing parish ministries such as Parish Catechists, RCIA teams, Visitation teams, Baptism Preparation Teams, Young Adult and Youth Ministry; and ongoing formation for all engaged parish ministry such as talks, conferences and courses for clergy, religious and laity.

First Holy Communion

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

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.

Confirmation Dates 2016

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

First Holy Communion Dates 2016

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

Eucharistic Procession

The procession will be held this year on Saturday May 28th 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.

Fr. George

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

May-07 & May-08-2016

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Karen Sheehan
Darragh Lankford
8:30 am
Tom McDonagh
Sean Casey
10:00 am
Margot Twomey
Kaylyn Lordan
12:00 Noon
Declan Chalmers
Sean Manley

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Nonyi Ebili
Jennifer Nyagaya
11:00 am
Jack Dorgan
Jacob O'Brien
12:30 pm
Cathy Naughton
Michelle McCarthy
5:30 pm
Tom Reck

MASS TIMES

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

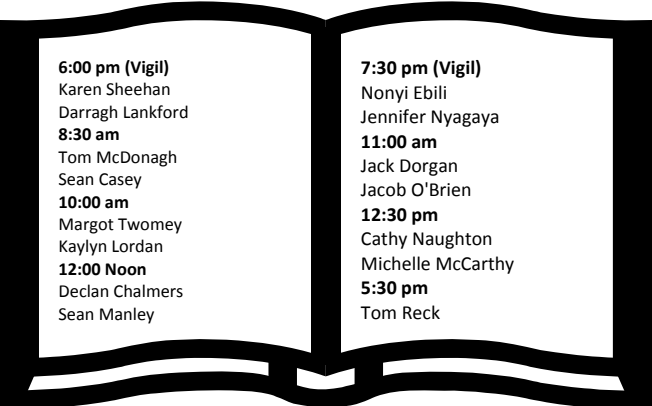
8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon	Sunday	11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm
9:30 am	Monday	No Mass
9:30 am	Tuesday	8:30 am
9:30 am	Wednesday	8:30 am
9:30 am	Thursday	8:30 am
9:30 am & 8 pm	Friday	8:30 am
10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)	Saturday	7:30 pm (Vigil)

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	



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

May-07 & May-08-2016

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Steve Wills
Margaret O'Sullivan
Danny Farrell
Jim Walsh
Frances O'Brien
Eileen Coughlan

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Tom Butler
Denis Healy

10:00 am Christy Roche
Katie O'Shea
Elaine Crowley
Anna Buckley
Claire Creedon
Jim Lordan

12 Noon Oliver O'Donovan
Sean Hennessy
Mary McLean
Eleanor Seymour
Nora Hennessy
Chris Walsh

7:30 pm Anne O'Regan
Mairead Murphy
Finbarr Murray
Lettie Kelly
Mary Murphy

11:00 am Seamus & Mary O'Connell
Ciaran Kelleher
Alan O'Riordan
Geraldine Keohane
Gerard Murray

12:30 pm Lucy O'Callaghan
Jackie Sheehan
Michael O'Leary
J.P.O'Leary

5:30 pm Noelle Buckley
Mary Breen
Valerie Barry

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

Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

02-May-2016 to 08-May-2016
Michael O'Leary
Kay O'Sullivan

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.

Ireland's Best Kept Towns Competition 2016

Resulting from Ballincollig's excellent performance in last year's National Tidy Towns Competition, the town has qualified to participate in Ireland's Best Kept Towns Competition for 2016 under the Large Urban Centre Award.

Ireland's Best Kept Towns Competition is an all island initiative organised jointly by the Department and the Northern Ireland Amenity Council and participation is based on a town's performance in Tidy Towns and the Northern Ireland Amenity Council's 'Best Kept Awards' in the previous year. **Adjudication takes place during the month of May** and the results are announced at an awards ceremony in Belfast in June. There are four awards in this year's competition; Best Village, Best Small Town, Best Large Town and Best Large Urban Centre, with one of these going on to take the overall prize.

We ask for the support of the wider community to help us achieve more positive results for Ballincollig, categories to be judged are;

- Presentation of Buildings
- Appearance of Approach Roads and Streets and Public Areas
- Presentation of Natural Environment
- Presentation of Immediate Residential Areas
- Tidiness
- Comprehensiveness
- General Impression