

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 08-May-2016

The Ascension of The Lord
(World Communications Day)

Jesus ascended to heaven so that his influence and power might be felt not just in one place but in all the world. Today he is present everywhere through his Church, bringing all people to God.



Christ Our Light
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150 Years



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

The Ascension of Jesus

After his Resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples many times. Knowing that in a short while he would no longer be physically present with them, he was preparing them to continue his Mission. Before ascending to Heaven Jesus promised them that when He left, He would send them the Holy Spirit, saying: You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; then you will be My witnesses in all Judea and Samaria and from one end of the earth to the other."

Jesus continues to be very much present in our lives today. He is present in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. He is present in the Word that is spoken to us from the Scriptures. He is present in each person we encounter. In today's second reading we pray, in the words of St Paul, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, will also give us a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring us to full knowledge of him. We are being challenged today to look around us and see in what ways we can continue to be the presence of Christ for others. We together, as a Christian community, make up the Body of Christ and as the prayer of St Teresa reminds us: "Christ has no body now but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks with compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good, Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, Yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now but yours."

On this 'Communication Sunday', this extract is from a Message given by Pope Francis: "As sons and daughters of God, we are called to communicate with everyone without exception. In a particular way, the Church's words and actions are all meant to convey mercy. Communication has the power to build bridges, to enable encounter and inclusion, and thus to enrich society. For this reason, I would like to invite all people of good will to rediscover the power of mercy to heal wounded relationships and to restore peace and harmony to families and communities (Pope Francis)."

Sr. Colette

Reflection for Parents

Jesus assures us in this Gospel reading that we belong to God's family. As parents we work hard to help our children know that they are loved and valued as members of our families. We are a living example of God's love when our children see how we treat them and others and how we forgive one another. It is this acceptance and living unity that shows our children the love God has for Jesus, his Son, and all of us, his children. Today we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. While we bid goodbye to Jesus' earthly form, we are strengthened because we are clothed with power from on high. We rejoice and give thanks for the coming of the Spirit.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

As we bring our needs before God, let us pray in the name of him who sits at the right hand of the Father in glory and who intercedes for us.

Reader

That Christ may enkindle in all his followers an ardent desire for his kingdom.

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

That he may strengthen by the power of that Spirit all those who are working for a just and peaceful world.

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

For those who have nothing to hope for beyond this life, may be granted the gift of faith.

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

That our lives may bear witness to the faith we profess with our lips.

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

For broadcasters and journalists, and all who work in the media, that their work may advance the cause of truth and justice.

**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, through his ascension your Son has become Lord of the universe, to stand above all that is best in life as its source, and above all that is worse as victor; to stand above all powers and authorities as judge, and above all failures and sin as forgiveness and love. We trust you to pray heed to these and all our prayers through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Betsy O’Sullivan, Montenotte.
 Grace Mc Kevett, Dundalk.
 Kathleen Murray, Ballyphehane.
 Mary Connolly, Curraheen.
 Liam Gleeson, Rochestown.
 Eithne Hammond, Lee Court.

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

Neil Hallissey, Muskerry Estate.
 Sean & Cissie Daly, Coolroe.
 Geraldine Daly, Coolroe.
 Josie Murphy, Rockchapel
 Dec. Members of O’Mahony & Green Families.
 Sheila Spillane, Glenflesk.
 Eileen Dwane, Douglas.
 Joan O’Keeffe, Carrigrohane.
 Ellen Ryan, Waterfall.
 Noreen McCarthy, Castlepark.
 Dec. members of Parish Choir.
 Kathleen Cuthbert, Douglas..
 Dec. members of Connaughton family, Galway.
 Michael Maverly, Evergreen Street.
 John & Eleanor O’Mahony, Castletownbere.
 Eileen Foley, Castletownbere.
 Aine Harkin, Moss Grove, Classes Lake.
 William & Mamie Kavanagh, East Gate.
 Bridie Sexton, Hillsboro.
 Catherine & Jeremiah Cunningham, Dillons Cross.
 John Shanahan, Fr. Sexton Park.

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

Ascension Of The Lord

08 Sunday Acts 1: 1-11. Ps. 46. Eph. 1: 17-23 or Heb. 9:24-28, 10: 19-23. Lk. 24:46-53. Lect I: 556
 09 Monday Acts 19: 1-8. Ps. 67. Jn. 16:29-33. Lect I: 576
 10 Tuesday Acts 20:17-27. Ps. 67. Jn. 17:1-11. Lect I: 578
 11 Wednesday Acts 20:28-38. Ps. 67. Jn. 17:11-19. Lect I: 580
 12 Thursday Acts 22:30, 23:6-11. Ps. 15. Jn. 17:20-26. Lect I: 583
 13 Friday Acts 25:13-21. Ps 102. Jn 21:15-19 Lect I: 585
 14 Saturday Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26. Ps. 112. Jn. 15:9-17. Lect I: 1023

Next Sunday’s Readings 15-May-2016

Acts 2:1-11. Ps. 103. Rom. 8:8-17. In. 14:15-16, 23-26. Lect I: 601 & 606.

BAPTISMS

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

Ava Fiona McCarthy, Old Court, Greenfields.
 Beth Marie Twomey, Hillsboro, Model Farm Road.

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

At the very beginning of the Acts of the Apostles we are told of the promise of the Holy Spirit. Then follows an account of the Ascension of Jesus, his departure in a physical sense, from this world. But this is a guarantee of his presence powerfully with us by his Spirit.

Second Reading: Eph 1:17-23

This reading, which is a series of prayerful intercessions, is also addressed to the early Christians. It is clear that union with Christ is what sets Christians apart. The body metaphor characterising the Church is introduced at the end of the reading. As members of this body, believers share in Christ’s fullness and are called to live lives informed by their relationship with Christ.

Gospel: Luke 24:46-53

In today’s gospel, Luke depicts Jesus as delivering one last instruction to his disciples before he ascends into heaven. They are to proclaim to all the nations that Jesus did indeed die and rise again after preaching a radically new message, and they in turn have to bring this new message to the world.

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The Key to Love

The key to love is understanding ... The ability to comprehend not only the spoken word, but those unspoken gestures, the little things that say so much by themselves.

The key to love is forgiveness to accept each other's faults and pardon mistakes, without forgetting, but with remembering what you learn from them.

The key to love is sharing ... Facing your good fortunes as well as the bad, together; both conquering problems, forever searching for ways to intensify your happiness.

The key to love is giving ... without thought of return, but with the hope of just a simple smile, and by giving in but never giving up.

The key to love is respect ... realizing that you are two separate people, with different ideas; that you don't belong to each other, that you belong with each other, and share a mutual bond.

The key to love is inside us all ... It takes time and patience to unlock all the ingredients that will take you to its threshold; it is the continual learning process that demands a lot of work ... but the rewards are more than worth the effort ... and that is the key to love.

Pilgrimage of Mercy

Join the Sisters of Bon Secours on the Diocesan Pilgrimage of Mercy, Sat 14th May meeting at 10.15am Church of St Francis, Liberty St. Further details: Anne-Marie Whelan, Evangelisation & Vocations Officer 0872209994 www.bonsecourssisters.ie

Taize Style Prayer

All young Adults welcome to join us Wednesday 25th May 7.30pm in Casa Maria (Opposite the Bon Secours Hospital, College Road). Prayer, music, tea and chat. Further details: Anne-Marie Whelan, Evangelisation & Vocations Officer 0872209994 www.bonsecourssisters.ie

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

Little Nellie of Holy God

A talk on Little Nellie will be held by John O'Donovan, as heard on 103FM, in the Parish Centre, St. Columba's Church, Douglas, on Friday 20th May @ 8pm.
All welcome

Bulletin Board

Pastoral Development Collection

The annual second collection to fund the work of the Cork & Ross Pastoral Development Office will be taken up this 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.

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

Peace Concert in Knock Basilica

Mayo International Choral Festival is hosting a Peace Concert with the RTÉ Concert Orchestra, in the beautiful surrounds of the fully refurbished Knock Basilica on Saturday, May 14th. This Peace Concert will commemorate the 1916 Rising and World War One. The RTÉ Concert Orchestra will be conducted by David Brophy. The orchestra will perform with a 120 member choir and soloists Anne Marie Gibbons and Owen Gilhooly. For information and tickets, visit www.mayochoral.com.

Cork Simon Community - Garden Tour

On today Sunday May 8th from 12pm – 4pm the Blarney Castle gardens will be made open to the public in aid of Cork Simon Community.
Head Gardener, Adam Whitbourn, will host a guided tour of the grounds at 2pm – leaving from the side avenue entrance.
All donations gratefully welcomed on the day. For further information contact Kate on 021 4929415

'I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples.'
Mother Teresa.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

May-14 & May-15-2016

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Sandra Walsh / Emma O'Connor
Emma O'Connor
8:30 am
Pat Fennell
Kate Healy
10:00 am
Lauree Hegarty
Mary O'Driscoll
12:00 Noon
Sean Hennessy
Shane Lehane

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Fiona Feely
11:00 am
Tomas Buckley
Michael Buckley
12:30 pm
James Nyagaya
Laura O'Leary
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
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	087-2479140
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Fr. Cian O'Sullivan C.C.	021-4876171

Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

09-May-2016 to 15-May-2016
Brid Dunne
Sr. Colette O'Leary

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-14 & May-15-2016

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Bernadette Bell
Betty Casey
Frank Riordan
Siobhan Riordan
Pauline Quane
Aisling Leahy
8:30 am Mary Buckley
Theresa Lucey
Mary B. Murphy
10:00 am Cathy Horgan
Betty Flavin
Anne Spillane
Betty Sheehan
Ann O'Connell
Con O'Connell
12 Noon Seamus O'Donovan
Eleanor Knowles
Catherine Greene
Joan Barrett
Frances Hogan
Mary O'Leary

7:30 pm Geraldine Lynch
Charlie Vaughan
Joan Stephenson
Bernie Bowen
11:00 am Neil Jeffers
Eileen O'Donoghue
Bridie Hanrahan
Padraig Fleming /
Imelda Power
Hugh & Catherine Moran
12:30 pm Tom Murray
John O'Regan
Gerard Dunne
Theresa O'Driscoll
5:30 pm Bernard Curran
John Canty

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