

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 15-May-2016

Pentecost Sunday

*The first coming of the Holy Spirit on the Church was wind and fire and the telling of God's wonderful deeds in many tongues. The Spirit also comes as many gifts for the common good, bringing peace along with God's forgiving power.*



**Christ Our Light  
Innishmore**

150 Years



**St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road**

## ***Come Holy Spirit***

Today, the Feast of Pentecost, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the first disciples of Jesus who were gathered together in Jerusalem. On that first Pentecost, having heard the disciples speak in their own languages about the marvels of God, many people became believers. As members of Christ's body we too are called to witness to God's life-giving Spirit dwelling in each one of us.

Am I open to God's Spirit guiding my daily life? We pray for the grace to be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit and to recognize not only how the Spirit has gifted us in individual ways, but also to appreciate the Spirit's different gifts in other people. May we live out in our lives the fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness and self-control.

In the two second readings for this weekend, St Paul reminds us that 'everyone moved by the Spirit is a child of God and since the Spirit of God has made his home in us, we are heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory'. We are also reminded that 'the Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our pleas in a way that could never be put into words 'for God knows everything in our hearts'.

Ever since that first Pentecost, the Gospel message has been proclaimed throughout the world. Proclaiming the Gospel today is not easy; so many reject Christ and His teachings and the Church He founded.

Let us pray today that we may all be renewed by the power of the Holy Spirit. We pray too that the Holy Spirit will enlighten all those in our Parish who are presently doing Exams and also those preparing for Examinations.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit...

Holy Spirit, grant me your gifts of wisdom; understanding and knowledge. Enlighten my mind and inspire me during these days of study and examinations.

*Sr. Colette*

## ***Reflection for Parents***

Our children often come to us frightened about one thing or another. It is our job to calm their fears and generally we do a pretty good job. But sometimes, our doubts or concerns are the same as theirs. When this happens, we're not always sure how to answer them and after reading today's Gospel we may think that our faith is not strong enough. But doubt does not necessarily mean a lack of faith. Sometimes the best thing we can do is tell our children we wonder about the same things they do and then together think about how our faith helps us answer the concern. Generally, these conversations revolve around a serious illness or death in the family and what happens when we die. It's not

## **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

**Priest**

Let us pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit into our lives, into the Church and into the world.

**Reader**

For all Christians: that the Holy Spirit may gather all the followers of Jesus into the unity of the Body of Christ.

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

For world leaders: that the Holy Spirit may guide and enlighten them in their work for justice and peace.

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

For all those who mourn: that the Holy Spirit may dry their tears.

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

For all gathered here: that the Holy Spirit may teach us wisdom and simplicity of heart.

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

For those who are suffering the effects of war, famine and persecution in particular the people of Aleppo & Nigeria.

**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**

God our Father, grant that the Holy Spirit may enlighten our minds, purify our hearts, and strengthen our wills, so that we may be recognised as true followers of Christ. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.***

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Clair O’Sullivan, Currihaly / Farnanes.  
Edward Kavanagh, London & Tipperary.  
Maurice Hennigan, Inniscarra View.  
Shaunagh O’Riordan-Long, Wolf Tone Street.  
Pat Burke, West Village.  
Moire O’Brien, Ballincollig/ Dripsey.

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

Paul Dillon, Sunday's Well.  
Jack & Ann O’Farrell, Ballydehob.  
James O'Donoghue, West Village.  
Teresa O’O’Farrell, Station Road.  
James & Irene White, Leemount.  
Eugene Barry-Murphy, Farran.  
Niall Purcell, Kilcrea Park.  
Julie O’Donovan, Rosewood.  
Mary & Patrick Lehane, Ovens.  
Timothy O’Leary, Togher.  
Catherine (Babe) Murphy, Powdermills.  
Ellen Murphy, Winsor.  
Nellie Sheehan, Douglas.  
Sile O’Mahony, South Douglas Road.  
Michael Barry, Clonakilty.  
Dec. members Troy & Herlihy families.  
John Kelleher, Rosewood.  
Joan O’Keeffe, Carrigrohane.  
Gretta O’Regan, Drinagh.  
Donal Leahy, Lee View, Carrigrohane.  
Michael & Helen Byrnes, Clare.  
Con & Maureen Cremin, Glasheen.

**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

Pentecost Sunday

15 Sunday Acts 2:1-11. Ps. 103. Rom. 8:8-17. In. 14:15-16, 23-26. Lect I: 601 & 606.  
16 Monday Jas 3:13-18. Ps 18. Mk 9:14-29. Lect II: 537  
17 Tuesday Jas. 4: 1-10. Ps. 54. Mk. 9:30-37. Lect II: 540  
18 Wednesday Jas 4:13-17. Ps 48. Mk 9:38-40 Lect II: 542  
19 Thursday Jas 5:1-6. Ps 48. Mk 9:41-50. Lect II: 543  
20 Friday Jas 5:9-12. Ps 102. Mk 10:1-12. Lect II: 545  
21 Saturday Jas 5:13-20. Ps 140. Mk 10:13-16. Lect II: 547

**Next Sunday’s Readings 22-May-2016**

Prov. 8:22-31. Ps. 8. Rom. 5: 1-5. In. 16: 12-15 Lect I: 615

**BAPTISMS**

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

Ava Louise McGrath, Westcliffe.  
Rachel Deasy-Rubio, Carrigdene.  
Damien Joaquin, Parknamore Rise.

**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Acts: 2:1-11  
When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Second Reading: Rom. 8:8-17  
We are always faced with the choice between following our nobler or our meaner instincts in the conduct of our day-to-day lives. Paul calls this living according to the Spirit or living according to the flesh - and then he suggests that the most vital, life-giving choice we can make is to let the Holy Spirit be our guiding light.

Gospel: John 14:15-16, 23-26  
If we obey god's commandments then we will be given the Holy Spirit and he will abide in us for ever. Jesus was saying that the Holy Spirit will be in us forever if we continue to obey god's commandments for our lifetime. God always travels with his people. We pray today for a new outpouring, come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of our faithful.

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**Ecuador Earthquake**

Hispanic Festival in Benefit of the Victims of the Earthquake in Manta, Ecuador  
 Invited Artists from Ecuador, Bolivia, Brazil, Spain, Mexico and Ireland  
 All proceeds to the Medical Centre, Parish of San Patricio, Manta, Ecuador.  
 Venue: Aula Máxima UCC  
 University College Cork  
 Saturday 21st May at 19:30pm  
 Tickets: €20  
 Tickets for the event are for sale from the Parish Office in Togher Mon - Fri from 10am to 12noon and will also be available at the door on the night

**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

**The Pastoral Development Office**

Wishes to thank you most sincerely for the collection taken up last weekend to support the work and administration of the Pastoral Development Office in the Diocese. We look forward to meeting many of you over the coming year at our events, courses and conferences.

**Concert / Workshop**

**By Notre Dame University Folk Choir**

The University of Notre Dame Folk Choir with their Director Steven Warner are visiting our Diocese on Thursday 26th May to give a concert/workshop at the Honan Chapel, UCC from 12:30pm to 2:00pm. The choir is internationally renowned for its vocal harmonies and their Director for his many compositions of liturgical music including "Set your hearts on the higher gifts", "Lead Kindly Light" and many more. Every participant will receive a music book to take home with them – so a donation is kindly requested from all who attend. To book places contact Pastoral Development Office 021 4537601 or by email karen.kent@corkandross.org

**Bulletin Board**

**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.

**Mass Diaries**

Mass Diaries to book Mass intentions for July, August & September will open in both churches on Saturday June 11th at 9.00am.  
 Priority will be given to those booking 1st Anniversary Mass.

**Baptism Preparation**

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday June 11th 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.

**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.

**Confirmation**

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

**Confirmation Dates 2016**

Friday 20th May Gaelscoil Ui Riordan

**First Holy Communion Dates 2016**

Scoil Eoin Saturday May 21st  
 Gael Scoil Ui Riordan Saturday May 28th

Fr. George

**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 WORD**

May-21 & May-22-2016

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**

Aine Sheehan  
Michael Collins

**8:30 am**

Eadaoin O'Leary  
Gerard O'Leary

**10:00 am**

Louise McCarthy  
Robert Noonan / Declan Crowley

**12:00 Noon**

Tony Lynch  
Shane Tully

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**

Rebecca Feely  
Josh Nyagaya

**11:00 am**

Cormac Manning

**12:30 pm**

Aisling Dore  
Clara Herdman

**5:30 pm**

Christine O'Brien

**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

Fr. George O'Mahony P.P. 021-4871206

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

**Funeral Pastoral Team Rota**

16-May-2016 to 22-May-2016

Joan Barrett

Margot Twomey

**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-21 & May-22-2016

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6.00 pm**

Patsie Murphy  
Pat Moore  
Mary Walsh  
Marie Healy  
Margaret Kearney  
Nora Barry

**7:30 pm**

Sheila O'Connor  
Martin O'Regan  
Brid Healy-Harris  
Kit Cahill

**8:30 am**

Theresa Lucey  
Tom Butler  
Triona Collins

**11:00 am**

Carmel Ryan  
Eileen Byrne  
Bernadett Spillane  
Laurence / Angela Cunn-  
ningham  
David Mahony / Stella  
McVeigh

**10:00 am**

Margaret Bunyan  
Mary Murphy  
Joan Tobin  
Breda Monaghan  
Niamh Nic Gearailt  
Mary Hennigan

**12:30 pm**

Eileen Garvey  
Breda Callanan  
Catherine Freehill  
Betty Walsh

**12 Noon**

Marie Bohan  
Breda Lenihan  
Jacinta Jeffers  
Rena O'Connor  
Sean Farrell

**5:30 pm**

Olan O'Mahony  
Noel Kelleher

**A Prayer for those who suffer from Depression**

Dear Jesus, I walk in the valley of darkness for I suffer from depression. I feel unloved, rejected, useless to myself and useless to others. I feel lost in a world I no longer understand. At times, I want to sleep and never wake up again. Lord, I believe that your love is a transforming love. Jesus, Son of David have pity on me.

Out of the depths, I cry to you. Lord, even though I feel nothing, I still praise you for the wonder of my being. You have formed me in my mother's womb and watched over me to this moment. I am precious in your eyes and you love me. On the Cross, you shed your blood for me. You have carved me on the palm of your hand. For all this I give you thanks and praise. May your precious blood give new life to me and to all those who suffer as I do. Take each one of us and hug us to your sacred and loving heart. Through your glorious wounds may we be healed.

Dear Jesus, when you fed the crowd in the desert, you wished to gather up the fragments lest anything be lost. As I wander through a desert and darkness of my own, I ask you to gather up the fragments of this shattered being, lest anything be lost. Through the prophet, Joel, you promise to restore the years that the locusts have eaten. I ask you, lay your hands gently on my weary head and restore me. Let your face shine upon me and give me back the peace, the joy that has been lost.