

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 06-May-2018

Sixth Sunday of Easter

What is truth?' asked Pilate. Many people today would rather ask, 'What is love?' We find the answer not in ourselves but only in God. He loves us in giving us his Son. His Son loves us in giving up his life for his friends. This is God's love and we are called to imitate it.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

First Priority

Bridget was widowed at a young age and left with a family of small children. She made a decision that her first priority was her children and she proceeded to devote her life to care for them. To provide for her children and rear them was a fulltime task. Sometimes the going was hard and lonely but Bridget persevered in her calling. Her giving was a giving in love. Such a giving can bring a peace that the self-centred never know.

To be a loving giver is to be truly human. We are made in the image of God the giver of all. He invites us to follow his example, "Love one another as I have loved you, a person can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends." It calls for faith in God to accept the invitation today's gospel puts before us.

GDPR (General Data Protection) comes into force on May 25th 2018. Tue May 1st I had 5 hours training on GDPR. Lots of jargon but a few familiar phrases, My right to privacy, to be left alone. Data is the new oil. In the parish of Ballincollig we have lots of data stored. We need to learn to keep it safely. The new regime will entail some change; Who can request my Baptism certificate?. Who gets my email address?. More information to follow.

Fr. George O'Mahony

We wish all our Readers and Parishioners a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Reflection for Parents

In family life, we have many opportunities to show love in action. Each time we postpone a task to tend to the needs of another, we show ourselves to be on the path to following the example of love shown to us by Jesus. Sometimes the sacrifices we are called upon to make for others are small. But these small choices to love and to serve others prepare us for the larger choices and sacrifices that we may be called upon to make. If we are people who have practiced showing our love for others with generosity, we will also be people who are willing to lay down our lives for those we love.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

We pray for a growing respect for the life of each human person from conception to natural death, and we pray that this respect may be protected in our laws.

Reader

We pray for couples for whom the birth of a child may create particular challenges, that they may find within themselves and in the wider family circle the resources they need to welcome their child with joy and love.

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

We pray for doctors and nurses that they may always see themselves as protectors of human life.

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

We pray for all who are involved in medical research – that they may seek new and better ways to heal the sick and prevent disease and that they may always respect the dignity of each human life from its beginning to its natural end.

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

We pray for the sick and those who live with fear and anxiety.

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

We pray for those who have died; that the Lord may bring them to paradise.

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

For ourselves: that our own special needs may have a place within the presence of God.

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

Priest

Lord God, through the resurrection of your Son, you have kindled in our hearts the hope of eternal life. Guard this hope with your grace, and bring it to fulfilment in the kingdom of heaven. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord has revealed his saving power to the nations.

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Margaret Lehane, Beech Park.
Denis (DenJoe) Dineen, Coachford.

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

Pat Burke, West Village.
Dan & Nora Murray, Doonisky & Mallow.
Mike Cullinane, Coolroe.
Josie Murphy, Rockchapel.
Shaunagh O’Riordan-Long, Wolf Tone Street.
Michael & Helen Byrnes, Clare.
Marjorie O’Connell, Ballincollig/Western Road.
Seán O’Connell, London.
Finbarr Crowley, Coachford.
Liam & Edward Scully, Castlemartyr.
Maurice, Michael & Joan Hennigan, Inniscarra View.
Michael Maverly, Evergreen St.
Patrick Lehane, Ovens.
Dec. Members of the Brennan & Murphy Families, Ovens/ Kilkenny.
Catherine Cunningham , Dillon’s Cross.
Anna Quirke, Coolroe Heights.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sixth Week Of Easter

06 Sunday Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48. Ps 97 1 Jn 4:7-10. Jn 15: 9-17. Lect I: 536
07 Monday Acts 16:11-15. Ps 149. Jn 15:26-16:4. Lect I: 542
08 Tuesday Acts 16:22-34. Ps 137. Jn 16:5-11. Lect I: 544
09 Wednesday Acts 17:15, 22-18:1. Ps 148. Jn 16:12-15. Lect I: 546
10 Thursday Acts 18:1-8. Ps 97. Jn 16:16-20. Lect I: 560
11 Friday Acts 18:9-18. Ps 46. Jn. 16:20-23. Lect I: 562
12 Saturday Acts 18:23-28. Ps 46. Jn 16:23-28. Lect I: 564

Next Sunday’s Readings 13-May-2018

Acts 1:1-11. Ps 46. Eph. 1:17-23. or Eph 4:1-13. Mk 16:15-20. Lect I: 552

BAPTISMS

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

Mable Ruth Ranka-Moleli, Monkstown.
Oghoghosere Megan Ogbomo, Macroom.
Sophie Julia Cummins, Beech Park.
Dylan Neville, Carriganarra.
Jenny Ellen Sheehan, Westcourt.
Neil Andrew Hickey, Old Quarter.

Good Luck.

Best of Luck to Fred & Chris Down on their retirement from the shop after 37 years.
“The Corner Shop” by Bridget O’Connor Murphy.
The corner shop has stood many a year.
With people travelling far and near.
For Chrissy’s coleslaw and Denny’s ham.
The best of both in this fair land.
But time goes by, and things must change..
We’re older now – it’s time to go,.
So when it comes to close the door .
The “Corner Shop” will be no more.

First Holy Communion Dates 2018

Saturday 12th May	Scoil Barra/Our Lady of Good Counsel
Saturday 19th May	Gaelscoil Uí Riordáin
Saturday 26th May	Scoil Eoin

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48.
Saint Peter lays down the principle that God chooses his elect no matter what their nationality. All are acceptable if they are in the right disposition. While Peter was speaking the Holy Spirit descended on the Gentiles. It is the only case of the reception of the Holy Spirit before baptism.

Second Reading: 1 John 4: 7-10
The love of God and of the neighbour are so closely related that one cannot exist without the other. When God decided to restore mankind to his original supernatural state his love knew no bounds. He sent his only son into the world to lay down his life for our sins. This was an act of purest love.

Gospel: John 15: 9-17.
The observance of the commandments is the real proof of that union of wills that is called love. Jesus reduces his commandments to one:" that you love one another, as I have loved you." The standard is Jesus' own love.

Ring Found.

An eternity ring was found in St. Mary & St. John’s Church.
Please contact the sacristan for more information.

Defibrillator

DEFIBRILLATOR NOW AVAILABLE IN BOTH CHURCHES
 Trained Personnel, please identify yourself to Parish Office / Sacristan
 Also required Personnel willing to be trained...
 Certified training will be organised and provided in the Parish.
 Please give name if interested to Parish Office / Sacristan.
 PARISH OFFICE 021 4871206

Bulletin Board

Bank Holiday Monday 7th May

Morning Mass only at 9.30am in the Church of St. Mary & St. John.

Coeliac Hosts

Low gluten hosts are available that are suitable for Coeliac. Please inform the priest prior to Mass if possible if you require it.

Family Mass.

The next Family Mass for parents with children in second class preparing for their first Holy Communion will take place on Sunday 6th May 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 these children commences in the main body of the church at 10.45am. .

Communion for the Sick

Remembering and praying by the family of believers is part of every worship especially the Mass. Ministers of the Eucharist or a priest go from the praying community to the sick with Holy Communion. Please let the celebrant of Mass know when you wish communion to be taken to the sick. Bringing Holy Communion to the sick is both a privilege and a responsibility.

Public Rosary.

A public rosary will be recited in the Square, Ballincollig on Saturday, 12th May at 4pm in honour of Our Lady of Fatima, seeking Her intercession for the protection of life.
 Please join us..

Baptism Preparation.

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday 16th June 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..

Pilgrimage to Knock

Legion of Mary annual Pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday, 20th May 2018. Bus leaving at bus stop outside Garda Station at 7.45am sharp. For details contact: Sally 021-4870954 or Cathleen 021-4874730.

Permanent Deacons.

Bishop Buckley invites applications from men interested in serving as Permanent Deacons in the Diocese of Cork & Ross. The minimum age for ordination as a permanent deacon is twenty-five years for a celibate man, and thirty-five years for a married man. The maximum age is sixty years. While married men may be ordained, deacons who are widowed may not remarry. The four-year programme of preparation is part-time, as is the subsequent ministry. Initial contact should be as soon as possible as the application process must be completed in June for a course of preparation beginning in September 2018. It is probable that a course will not commence again in Munster until 2021. Those interested should contact their local priest or the Diocesan Director of the Permanent Diaconate for Cork and Ross, Canon Bertie O'Mahony, PP, Parochial House, Model Farm Road, phone (021) 4346940 or (087) 2519940, or Fr Billy O'Sullivan PP, Turner's Cross, phone (021) 4313103 or (086) 8235291.

First Holy Communion.

Congratulations to the girls Scoil Mhuire who received the sacrament of Holy Communion on Saturday 28th April. Sincere thanks to the parents and dedicated teachers who work diligently preparing young people for the sacrament. Please pray for the boys and girls in Scoil Barra and Our Lady of Good Counsel who will receive the sacrament of Holy Communion on Saturday 12th May. Sincere thanks to the parents and dedicated teachers who work diligently preparing young people for the sacrament.

Diocesan Collection.

The quarterly envelope collection in aid of the Diocesan Funds which was taken up last weekend amounted to €2,115.00. We appreciate your generosity.

Diocesan Pastoral Development Collection.

Annual collection for the Diocesan Pastoral Development Office will be taken up at all Masses next weekend – Saturday/Sunday 12th/13th May. Your generosity to this collection enables the office to continue to offer training and formation for pastoral groups and parish ministries, adult faith development opportunities, and the preparatory programme towards the World Meeting of Families.

Darkness into Light 2018.

St. Mary & St. John's and Christ our Light Churches will be opened during the darkness into Light from 4.15am.

Complimentary tea/coffee and refreshments will be available in Christ our Light Church..

Fr. George

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

May-12 & May-13-2018

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Sandra Walsh
Patricia O'Riordan
8:30 am
Pat Fennell
Kate Healy
10:00 am
Lauree Hegarty
Mary O'Driscoll
12:00 Noon
Kate Sheehy

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Rebecca Feely
Josh Nyagaya
11:00 am
Clara Herdman
Hannah Herdman
12:30 pm
Adaugu Ebili
Caterina Nugent
5:30 pm
Tom Reck

MASS TIMES

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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 Except First Saturday of Month	Saturday	4:30 pm 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

07-May-2018 to 13-May-2018
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.



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

May-12 & May-13-2018

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Bernadette Bell
Betty Casey
Frank Riordan
Siobhan Riordan
Pauline Quane
Aisling Leahy

7:30 pm Geraldine Lynch
Charlie Vaughan
Joan Stephenson
Bernie Bowen

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Mary B. Murphy

11:00 am Neil Je ers
Eileen O'Donoghue
Padraig Fleming
Hugh / Catherine Moran
Imelda Power / Martina Woods

10:00 am Betty Flavin
Anne Spillane
Betty Sheehan
Anne O'Connell
Con O'Connell

12:30 pm Tom Murray
John O'Regan
Gerard Dunne
Brid Dunne

12 Noon Seamus O'Donovan
Eleanor Knowles
Catherine Greene
Joan Barrett
Frances Hogan
Mary O'Leary

5:30 pm Bernard Curran
John Canty

Darkness into Light 2018.

Our annual fundraiser in aid of Pieta House takes place on 12th May from Colaiste Choilm at 4.15am. Last year over two thousand people took part in Ballincollig raising over €50,000 for Pieta House. The walk is 5km and you can run or walk at your own pace. Register online or call to Castlewest Shopping Centre this weekend at 2.00pm – 5.00pm if you need help to

Ballincollig Darkness Into Light 2018

Please join us in the Castlewest Shopping Centre where we will be onsite to help you register online and to answer any questions you may have.
(Please ensure you bring your debit / credit card to complete registration)

14 th April	Saturday	2 pm – 4.30 pm	Castlewest Shopping Centre
21 st April	Saturday	2 pm – 4.30 pm	Castlewest Shopping Centre
28 th April	Saturday	2 pm – 4.30 pm	Castlewest Shopping Centre
5 th May	Saturday	2 pm – 5 pm	Castlewest Shopping Centre
6 th May	Sunday	2 pm – 5 pm	Castlewest Shopping Centre

There will be no t-shirt collection this year as t-shirts will be posted directly to your address once you have registered online .

Wake up and walk with us on
Saturday 12th May, Coláiste Choilm @ 4.15 a.m.

Register online at: dil.pieta.ie/Ballincollig and follow us on Facebook at Darkness Into Light Ballincollig