

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 20-May-2018

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

## Right to Life

Within days Ireland will be facing a Referendum to remove the right to life of the unborn from the Constitution. I am asking you to reflect on a number of issues and misinformation that people have brought to my attention.

Some people fail to see the humanity of the unborn and consequently in the political debates. All of us are alive because our mothers chose to accept the life in their wombs. We cannot deny, now in 2018, that the baby in the womb is alive, vulnerable and an innocent baby, whose safety is in our hands. Many fathers and mothers have seen the amazing ultrasound pictures of their children. The baby's heart starts beating at 21 days after conception. Our Irish language has a beautiful word for the unborn – beo gan breith – which means alive but not born.

It is often said that those who support life are not compassionate. Compassion is not one sided. Compassion for the mother is vital but we must also extend our compassion to the child in the womb. There is no semblance of compassion involved in ending the life of an innocent child. Compassion means that we look after the mother and the child. It is our responsibility as a society to promote every support for women in a crisis pregnancy. We must be there for each other, always, all the days of our life. Pope Francis has very comforting words for those who may have had an abortion and for whom it was a very painful decision. "Do not be discouraged", the Pope said, "Believe in the mercy and forgiveness of the Lord."

Under the provisions of the 8th Amendment, no treatment is ever denied to an expectant mother. The Church teaching is quite clear. A woman in pregnancy must be given every life-saving treatment that she needs, even if the child she is carrying will not survive this life-saving treatment. Doctors have always had to deal with situations where their intervention to save the mother's life has resulted in the unavoidable death of the baby in the womb.

The Church has always taught that abortion is gravely wrong "and is not compatible with our Catholic faith in any way" (Pope Francis). If you vote Yes, you are actually voting for abortion. Many of our brothers and sisters in other Christian churches, in other faiths, and of no faith hold a similar view.

The question before us is quite clear: do we want abortion on demand for any reason up the 12 weeks, which is when 90% of abortions take place? The right to life in the Constitution will be replaced by the right to end the life of an innocent person. The unborn baby will be left with no protection whatsoever. It is remarkable that the State, which, under the Wildlife Act, has so many legal protections for non-human life, is trying to remove the most basic right of the child in the womb.

I commend the work of many pro-life groups – many of whom, of all ages, I have met around the city – to protect the unborn child. They are the voice of the voiceless.

As voters, we are unborn babies' last line of defence. I am encouraging you again to speak to your families and friends about the issues I have outlined but do so with respect and courtesy. Continue to pray for mothers and the unborn at this critical time. In the light of what I have said in my Pastoral Letter, it is essential to vote NO if we are to build a truly compassionate society that values all life.

*Bishop John Buckley*

***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 :**

Denis Dwyer, Leo Murphy Terrace.  
Geraldine Coyle, Powdermills.  
Maurice Moore, Beech Park.

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

Michael Noonan, Parknamore.  
Deceased Members of the O’Mahony & Greene Families.  
Lillie Hutchinson, Barrack Street.  
Eugene Barry Murphy, Farran.  
James Murphy, Knocknagree.  
Jeremiah Nellie Cronin, Kilmichael.  
Timmy Devine, Annascaul, Kerry.  
Sheila Spillane, Glenflesk.  
Eileen Dwane, Douglas.  
Sheila Kenneally, Hilton.  
Seán & Kathleen Gallagher, Galway.  
John, Mary & Geraldine O’Sullivan, Timoleague.  
Breeda Murphy, Inniscarra View.  
Denis Jordan, Willow Drive.  
John O’Donovan, Rochestown.  
Kitty Cronin, Bantry.  
John O’Mahony, Carriganarra.  
John & Eleanor O’Mahony, Castletownbere.  
Eileen Foley, Coachford.  
Timothy O’Keeffe, Shamrock Drive.  
William & Mairead Boyce, Milford.  
Niamh Carroll, Freemount.  
Pat O’Driscoll, Castlepark.  
Ann Murray, Rosewood.  
Niall Purcell, Kilcrea Park.  
Joan Murphy, Rathpeacon.  
Patrick & Catherine Twomey, Roycroft.

**Reflection for Parents**

Families, come to me and I will give you rest  
Dear families, the Lord knows our struggles: he knows them. He knows the burdens we have in our lives. But the Lord also knows our great desire to find joy and rest! Do you remember? Jesus said, ' ... that your joy may be complete'. Jesus wants our joy to be complete! He said this to the Apostles and today he says it to us. Here, then, is the first thing I would like to share with you, and it is a saying of Jesus: Come to me, families from around the world - Jesus says- and I will give you rest, so that your joy may be complete. Take-home this Word of Jesus, carry it in your hearts, and share it with the family. It invites us to come to Jesus so that he may give this joy to us and to everyone. Pope Francis.

**BAPTISMS**

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

Sadhbh Marie Kelleher, Maglin.  
Theo Declan O’Flynn, Highfield Park

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Seventh Week In Ordinary Time

20 Sunday Acts 2: 1-11. Ps. 103. Gal. 5: 16-25. Jn. 15:26-27. 16:12-15. Lect I: 601 & 604  
  
21 Monday Jas 3:13-18. Ps 18. Mk 9:14-29. Lect II: 537  
  
22 Tuesday Jas. 4: 1-10. Ps. 54. Mk. 9:30-37. Lect II: 540  
  
23 Wednesday Jas 4:13-17. Ps 48. Mk 9:38-40 Lect II: 542  
  
24 Thursday Jas 5:1-6. Ps 48. Mk 9:41-50. Lect II: 543  
  
25 Friday Jas 5:9-12. Ps 102. Mk 10:1-12. Lect II: 545  
  
26 Saturday Jas 5:13-20. Ps 140. Mk 10:13-16. Lect II: 547

**Next Sunday’s Readings 27-May-2018**

Deut 4:32-34. 39-40. Ps 32. Rom 8:14-17. Mt 28:16-20. Lect I: 613

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

**Priest**

Let us open our hearts to God's Holy Spirit, as we turn to him in prayer.

**Reader**

May the Lord bless his Church with a new Pentecost; may we and all Christians be open to the gifts and the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

**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.**

May the Spirit of truth enlighten those who serve in civic office. May they seek justice for all, especially the poorest and most vulnerable.

**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.**

**Priest**

Pour out your Spirit upon us, O Lord, as in a new Pentecost, as we make these and all our prayers Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Defibrillator Training**

Training will commence in July  
All volunteers will be contacted nearer the date

**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.

**Down Syndrome Ice Cream Sunday**

27th MAY

Ice Cream will be available after mass on Sunday 27th May, all donations will be given to Down Syndrome Ireland.  
Christ Our Light Church 11am and 12.30 Masses  
St Mary and St John 10am and 12 noon Masses

**Prayer and Adoration**

For the protection of the child in the womb  
Will be held in  
Church of St Mary & St John Ballincollig  
Tuesday May 22 7.00-8.30pm  
Wednesday May 23 7.00-8.30pm

**Balance Summer Camp Fundraiser**

Pop concert with MUSICA Orchestra and Keith Hanley in aid of Balance Summer Camp will take place on Thursday, 31st May at 8pm in Christ our Light Church. Tickets available from Balance Shop and Café and Stalks and Stems, Tramore Road.  
Contact: Annette O'Sullivan 4874883

**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

The first to APOLOGISE is the Bravest.  
The first to FORGIVE is the Strongest.  
The first to FORGET is the Happiest.

**Bulletin Board**

**Annual Eucharistic Procession**

Will take place on Saturday June 2nd 2018  
The Procession will leave the church of St. Mary & St. John immediately after the 6pm Vigil Mass (approx. 6.40pm) and proceed down Station Road, on to the Main St as far as Castlepark and back to Church View for Benediction. You and your family are invited to take part in the Eucharistic Procession. Families of children who received their First Holy Communion and who celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation recently are especially invited to take part. Please make every effort.

**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.

**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.

**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..

**First Holy Communion.**

Congratulations to the boys and girls the Gaelscoil who received the sacrament of Holy Communion on Saturday 19th May. Please pray for the boys and girls in the Scoil Eoin who will receive the sacrament of Holy Communion on Saturday 26th May. Sincere thanks to the parents and dedicated teachers who work diligently preparing young people for the sacrament.

**Diocesan Pastoral Development Collection.**

Thank you from the Pastoral Development Office – Fr Charlie Kelly wishes to acknowledge your generosity to the annual collection taken up last weekend (which amounted to €500.00) and looks forward to meeting many of you over the coming year at the various events in the diocese.

Fr. George

**First Holy Communion Dates 2018**

Saturday 26th May Scoil Eoin

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

May-26 & May-27-2018

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**  
Niamh Riordan

**8:30 am**  
John Healy  
Kerry O'Leary

**10:00 am**  
Marie Bunyan / Amy O'Driscoll  
Daithi O'Floinn

**12:00 Noon**  
Declan Chalmers  
Sean Manley

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**  
Fiona Feely

**11:00 am**  
Ciara Healy  
Yago Greaux

**12:30 pm**  
Kay Carew  
Jane O'Leary

**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  
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**

21-May-2018 to 27-May-2018

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-26 & May-27-2018

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6.00 pm** Eileen Murphy  
Ted Nelligan  
Maurice Bunyan  
Sheila Walshe  
Katie Collins  
Aisling Leahy

**7:30 pm** John O'Donoghue  
Mary Dineen  
Mairead Keenan  
Kay O'Sullivan

**8:30 am** Helen Kelly  
Michael Crowley  
Eileen Corkery

**11:00 am** Billy Barry  
Mary Aylward  
Pauline Baston  
Diarmuid Horgan  
Sylvia Manley

**10:00 am** Fionnuala McDonagh  
Mary Buckley  
Fiona Kelly  
Martin O'Leary  
Andrej Janukowicz

**12:30 pm** Maura O'Driscoll  
Mary Lehane  
Dympna Byrne  
Suzanne Leech  
Mona Bowen

**12 Noon** Ann-Marie Cosgrove  
Phil Kennedy  
Ellen O'Sullivan  
Ursula McAuliffe  
Sally Crowley

**5:30 pm** Shelia Curran  
Elizabeth O'Sullivan

**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Acts 2: 1-11

You will notice the phrases "what sounded like a powerful wind", " something that seemed like tongues of fire". This is not an exact visual description of the Holy Spirit. John is speaking in symbols. Fire symbolised the power and the presence of God. The wind is a symbol of the Holy Spirit who would soon disperse the little group to the four corners of the world. Writing of the miracle of Pentecost, when the Apostles spoke in many languages, the early Christian writers drew the parallel between the tower of Babel when God confused languages to punish mankind for their pride and Pentecost when the Spirit of God brought all to unity again.

Second Reading: Galatians 5:16-25

The old Law of the Bible was mainly negative. Do not do this or that. Christian liberty is positive. It encourages us to go way beyond the Law and sets no limits to the good we can do in our lives. If we follow the Spirit and follow His promptings we will achieve complete victory over ourselves.

Gospel: John 15: 26-27; 16:12-15

The Holy Spirit is a real person distinct from the Father and the Son. Towards the world he is an accuser from whom there is no escape. Towards the Apostles he is Christ's great substitute to guide them into all religious truth. Bitter critics of the Church should remember that they are attacking a Church that will have as its guide the Holy Spirit for ever.