

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 14-May-2023

Sixth Sunday of Easter

As Jesus prepared to leave the world he promised to give the Holy Spirit to his disciples. We are his disciples and receive his Spirit but only if we love him and keep his commandments.



Christ Our Light
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Belonging to Christ

The Gospel and First Reading encourage us to reflect on how active the Holy Spirit is in our lives. "You know the Spirit because he is with you, he is in you" are the words of Jesus in today's Gospel. In the first reading the apostles prayed for the people of a Samaritan town to receive the Holy Spirit. Having accepted the word of God, the apostles then 'laid hands' on them and they received the Holy Spirit. We're told 'there was great rejoicing in that town'.

Over the past few weeks there has been 'great rejoicing' in our Parish to witness many children from the local schools receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and also two young adults received the Sacrament at the Easter Vigil. I'm sure all of us can remember our own 'Confirmation' day! Perhaps some of us may not remember the significant ritual of the 'imposition/laying on of hands' when the Bishop extended his hands over those to be confirmed and invoked the outpouring of the Spirit in this prayer: "All powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ...send your Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide. Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgement and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in God's presence." When we were anointed with the oil of Chrism we were 'sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit' and strengthened to live our baptismal promises. This seal of the Holy Spirit marks our total belonging to Christ, our enrolment in his service for ever. When we are led by the Spirit, the fruits of the Holy Spirit will be evident in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

In the Gospel, Jesus reassures his disciples and us that we will not be left alone: 'I will not leave you orphans'. The Spirit which sustained his disciples through persecution and martyrdom is the same Spirit who sustains and strengthens us in our faith. We thank God for the gift of faith and the gift of the Holy Spirit. We also thank God for parents, grandparents, priests and teachers who have nurtured our faith.

May we be open to God's Holy Spirit in our lives - the Spirit who leads, guides and inspires us.

Deacons in Cork & Ross

The Diocese of Cork & Ross invites those who feel a call to be deacons to make contact with its' Co-Ordinator of the Permanent Diaconate, Fr. Bernard Cotter, Co-PP, Union Hall, by text or WhatsApp on 087 901 0627. Full information on the role of deacons is given on our diocesan website (www.corkandross.org/vocation/the-permanent-diaconate.) Please pray that those called to the ministry may respond positively.

Faith and Freedom

Alpha continues in the "Annex" of the Ballincollig Community Hall at 7.30, Thursday 18th May. Next session "How Can I Make the Most of the Rest of My Life?" and "How Can I Resist Evil?" Contacts 086/8200933 087/2185282 085/1555000

LECTIO DIVINA

Lectio Divina is cancelled until further notice.

Pentecost Sunday Retreat Afternoon (Free Event)

Rochestown Park Hotel

28th May 2.30p.m. - 6.30p.m. (Tea/Coffee provided)

This retreat will interweave Music, Meditation, Poetry, Scripture and Ritual. The afternoon hosted by Martina Lehane Sheehan and the Ruah Retreat Team will also draw from Martina's new book 'The Promise' which portrays the courageous journey of her husband's illness and death. This unique experience offers connection to anyone who knows broken dreams and seeks to rise again.

Please note new Emergency/Priest on Duty in Parish Number is: 087 4021357

Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

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† IN SYMPATHY †
 PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :
 Gary Hartnett, Rosewood.
 Marie Kelly, Bishopstown.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS OR OTHERWISE REMEMBERED:
 Cathie & Peter O'Neill, Powdermills.
 Con & Mary O'Donovan, Station Road.
 Ben Sweeney, Muskerry Estate.
 John Coleman, Elm Lawn.
 Adrian Boyde, Coolroe.
 Eily & Jack Murphy.
 Ellen McDonald, Donoughmore.
 Pat Burke, West Village.
 James Griffin.
 James O'Donoghue, West Village.
 Noreen McCarthy, Castle Park.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17
 With great success, Philip went to Samaria to proclaim the Christ and work miracles. When the apostles heard about Phillip's work, they sent Peter and John to pray that the Samaritans receive the Holy Spirit.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18
 Jesus "suffered for sins once." He was put to death as far as fleshly existence goes but received life according to the spirit.

Gospel: John 14:15-21
 At the Last Supper Jesus told his apostles he would be leaving them to return to the Father. In today's Gospel, he reassures them and us that we will not be alone. The Holy Spirit was sent to the disciples and is with each of us as a special helper and friend until Jesus returns to us. In the meantime, we continue to show our love for Jesus by following his commandments.

Mission & Ministry Special Envelope Collection
 The Mission and Ministry special collection takes place at Masses this weekend the 13th/14th May. People have always been very generous to this collection. Last year it amounted to €35,600 and this is much appreciated. Recently Eilis Casey has taken up the role of Parish Life co-ordinator and will soon be joined by a colleague in the role of Faith Formation. Both roles are part of the Office for Mission and Ministry and are funded from this collection. The Office for Mission and Ministry will support/resource parishes and Families of Parishes with training of new Parish Pastoral Councils, baptismal teams, support funeral ministry, and facilitate one-off workshops on such things as Ministers of the Word and Eucharist, altar servers, choirs and music ministry, Alpha courses etc. As we renew our diocese, the need for such vital supports is becoming more evident and all these need to be funded.

Ballincollig Church Cantor
 Tony O'Brien available with accompanist
 To sing at funerals and weddings in Ballincollig.
 Tel. No.: 085 706 7564

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
 Sixth Week Of Easter

14 Sunday Acts 8:5-8, 14-17. Ps. 65. 1 Pet. 3:15-18. Jn. 14:15-21. Lect I: 534.

15 Monday Acts 16:11-15. Ps. 149. Jn. 15:26-16:4. Lect I: 542

16 Tuesday Acts 16:22-34. Ps. 137. Jn. 16:5-11. Lect I: 544

17 Wednesday Acts 17:15,22-18:1. Ps. 148. Jn. 16:12-15. Lect I: 546

18 Thursday Acts 18:1-8. Ps. 97. Jn. 16:16-20. Lect I: 560

19 Friday Acts 18:9-18. Ps. 46. Jn. 16:20-23. Lect I: 562

20 Saturday Acts 18:23-28. Ps. 46. Jn. 16:23-28. Lect I: 564

21-May-2023 Acts 1:1-11. Ps. 46. Eph. 1:17-23. Mt. 28:16-20. Lect I: 549

Mass Times for week ahead

St. Mary & St. John		Christ Our Light
8:30 am & 10 am	Sunday	11 am & 12:30 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
6 pm (Vigil)	Saturday	7:30 pm (Vigil)

Bulletin Board

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.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 3 p.m. until 4 p.m. In St. Mary & St. John's Church every Friday.

Meditation
 Meditation continues every Tuesday in Ballincollig Community Hall after 9.30am Mass. Please feel free to join any Tuesday.

Rosary
 Family Rosary is on every Sunday at 9.15am in St. Mary & St. John Church.

Trocaire Boxes
 Please return Trocaire Boxes to the schools or to the church; when returned the money will be lodged in the Trocaire Account.

First Holy Communion
 Congratulations to the boys in Scoil Eoin and the boys and girls in Gaelscoil Uí Riordáin who received the sacrament of Holy Communion this weekend. Please pray for the girls in Scoil Mhuire who will receive the sacrament of Holy Communion on Saturday, 20th May. Sincere thanks to the parents and dedicated teachers who work diligently preparing young people for the sacrament.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage
 Medjugorje Pilgrimage ex Cork May 31st to June 7th 2023. Only 9 places remaining. Spiritual Director Fr. Ted Sheehan. €849.00 pps. €300 deposit secures place. Contact Sean O'Shaughnessy 086 2959380 or contact Joe Walsh Tours 012410800

Family of Parishes
 The third Prayer service will take place in St. James Church, Ballinora on Tuesday the 30th May at 7.30 p.m. As it will be the Tuesday following Pentecost Sunday, it will be a Reflection on The Fruits of the Holy Spirit in our lives.