

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 19-May-2024

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

Pentecost Sunday

We celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the promise of the Father. Christ's disciple had kept their heads down, they had kept quiet, not drawing attention to themselves, they were fearful. A sudden change occurred on the morning of Pentecost, they were filled with courage and began to speak openly and powerfully about Jesus, proclaiming that he is risen, that he is Lord. As members of the Church in our time, we can feel fearful, our heads are down, we are shamed by scandals and upset by division, we see falling Mass attendances, we feel disillusioned. We know it should be better, we pray it will be better. The Spirit gives us hope that it will be better, that he will make his Church new and vibrant as on that Pentecost dawn. The Holy Spirit is the Lord and giver of life, the one who renews the face of the earth, and we pray that he will renew the face of our Church.

Jesus promises us that the Spirit will be with us forever, to comfort and guide, to answer our cry. In our troubles we remember that the Spirit offers us love, joy, peace, kindness, gentleness and self-control. To accept these gifts is to become a person of peace, at peace with oneself, with God and with other people. The same Spirit is given to each of us and we are called to be at peace with each other, called to that unity among us for which Jesus prayed to his Father. If we can become less centred on ourselves, and more focussed on God and on our brothers and sisters in Christ, then we will experience the abiding presence of Jesus with us by his Spirit. As he guides and inspires us and gives us the gifts we need for the work of the Lord, we remember that the message of Jesus, the message of life and love, is not spread by powerful human systems, but by the Spirit of God: "not by might, not by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord" (Zech. 4:6). We pray for renewal, for ourselves and for the Church, that we may experience the new life, the enthusiasm and the love of the early Church. Jesus tells us not to be afraid, he is with us and he invites us to share in the life of God the Blessed Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

A Parish Welcome

Ballincollig Parish warmly welcomes the Reverend Robert Ferris, Church of Ireland Rector of the Carrigrohane Union of Parishes, to preach at the 10 a.m. Mass this Pentecost Sunday 19 May in Saint Mary and Saint John's. This is part of a well-established annual 'preaching-swap' that goes back many years in Ballincollig. Last week, Fr Ronan preached at the 10 a.m. service in Saint Peter's, Carrigrohane.

Ballincollig Parish Eucharistic Procession

The Ballincollig annual Eucharistic Procession will take place on Saturday 1st June. 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 Street 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 to attend.



Life in the Spirit

Ballincollig Parish is delighted to host a 'Life in the Spirit' seminar across six Friday evenings, beginning Friday May 10th. Each evening begins at 8 p.m. and concludes with tea at 9:30 p.m. These will take place in the Church of Christ Our Light, Innishmore, Ballincollig, on Fridays May 10th, 17th and 24th, and June 7th, 14th, and 21st.

Open to adults seeking to explore further their faith and how God is alive today in our lives. Each night includes prayer, music, and talks from an experienced team of lay people. Registration not required. For further information, email Father Ronan Sheehan CC: fr.ronan2022@gmail.com

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

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 :
Gerard Kearney, Rosewood.
Phonsie Delaney, Muskerry Est.
David Ross, Wyndham Downs.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS OR OTHERWISE REMEMBERED:
Mary O'Mahony, The Crescent.
Jerry O'Mahony, Ventry.
Mary & Con O'Donovan, Pike Corner, Station Road.
Denis Jordan, Muskerry Est.
Jackie O'Shea, Castlepark.
James O'Donoghue, West Village.
Michael & Mary McCarthy, Goleen.
Adrian Boyd, Coolroe.
Paul Dillon, Sunday's Well.
Eugene Barry Murphy, Farran.
Elizabeth & Seán Crowley, Poulavone.
Niall Purcell, Kilcrea Park.
Peggy Keane, Freemount, Charleville.
Arthur Wilson, Fermoy.
Ellen Mc Donnell, Killeen, Donoughmore.
Carmel Sutton, Bandon.

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.

Collection for Mission and Ministry

The Annual Collection for Mission and Ministry which took place last weekend amounted to €1,530. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Family of Parishes Spring Gathering

Ballinora church invites us to attend on Thursday 23rd May at 7.30pm: Come and join us in celebrating Mary the Mother of God in this lovely month of May. The Service will focus on Mary's Visit to Elizabeth (Feast day is the 31st May). Come and join in this uplifting service of Scripture, time for reflection, Benediction and music by our church choirs which will be led by Ballinora. Many of us have lovely memories of being there last year which was followed by wonderful hospitality and chat in the sunshine.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Seventh Week In Ordinary Time

19 Sunday Acts 2: 1-11. Ps. 103. Gal. 5: 16-25. Jn. 15:26-27. 16:12-15. Lect I: 601

20 Monday Acts 1:12-14. Ps 87:1-2, 3, 5, 6-7, R/ v 3. Jn 19:25-34

21 Tuesday Jas. 4: 1-10. Ps. 54. Mk. 9:30-37. Lect II: 540

22 Wednesday Jas 4:13-17. Ps 48. Mk 9:38-40 Lect II: 542

23 Thursday Jas 5:1-6. Ps 48. Mk 9:41-50. Lect II: 543

24 Friday Jas 5:9-12. Ps 102. Mk 10:1-12. Lect II: 545

25 Saturday Jas 5:13-20. Ps 140. Mk 10:13-16. Lect II: 547

Next Sunday's Readings 26-May-2024

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

MASS TIMES

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
6:00 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 pm to 4 pm in St. Mary & St. John's Church every Friday.

Meditation

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

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the boys and girls in Our Lady of Good Counsel and Gaelscoil an Chaisleáin who received the sacrament of Holy Communion on Saturday, 18th May. Sincere thanks to the parents and dedicated teachers who work diligently preparing young people for the sacrament.

The Cork Diocesan Pioneer Mass

Will take place at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 30th May in the Church of St. Mary and St. John, Ballincollig. Everybody is welcome to this mass to pray for all those who suffer because of addiction to alcohol and other substances. If you or a member of your family are due to receive an emblem for your Pioneer membership as Diamond, Golden or Silver Jubilarian or if you would like to join the Pioneers as an Adult or a Young Pioneer, please contact Sorcha Uí Laoghaire at 086 36 42619 / email sorchaol@gmail.com or Aislinn Cogan 087 969 9488 / Aislinncogan@gmail.com as soon as possible as there will be a presentation of pins after this special Mass. Refreshments will be served afterwards.