

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 26-May-2024

The Most Holy Trinity

What a pity that for many the Trinity is just an intellectual puzzle! For the believer it is a sign of how close God has come to us by revealing (but not reducing) the mystery of his Being. He draws us into the mystery making us his children by the gift of the Spirit.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

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The celebration of Pentecost last weekend marked the end of Easter and the beginning of what the Church calls 'Ordinary Time'. Almost to let us down gently, the two Sundays immediately after Pentecost are 'Trinity Sunday' and 'Corpus Christi'. These are two feasts wherein we return to the sources of our Christian identity: the life of God and the life-giving Body and Blood of Jesus.

There are many traditions associated with Corpus Christi, especially processions where we walk with the Blessed Sacrament. This weekend (May 26th) the Cork City procession will take place for the 98th time. It leaves the North Cathedral at 3 p.m. (It's a week early in order to facilitate the Cork City Marathon.) Our own procession will take place after the 6 p.m. Mass in Saint Mary and Saint John's on Saturday 1st of June. A special welcome is extended to children who made their First Holy Communion this year and their families.

I've often wondered if we prefer pilgrimages to processions in Ireland (think Gougane Barra, or Croagh Patrick in Mayo, or Cnoc Bréanainn in Kerry). My own resolution is to see our procession through the Village as a mini-pilgrimage: a walking with Jesus as his followers today. The Scripture quote emblazoned on the signs advertising the Ballincollig procession capture the pilgrim element well. It's taken from the prophet Micah in the Old Testament: "This is what the Lord asks of you: only this, to act justly, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8)

God Bless

Fr. Ronan Sheehan

Reflection for Parents

The Trinity is a mystery so profound and beyond human understanding that no human words can even approach understanding it. We need to go to another plane of understanding to even begin to grasp it. It can only be understood by love. Think of a baby girl. A baby needs to be given everything in order to survive, she cannot do it herself. For months, all she will understand is the loving arms that support her. The warmth of another body tells her that everything is ok. The only language she can understand is love. When we think of the Blessed Trinity, the only thing we can do is bask in the radiance of the love of the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit, a love that we now share in, by the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection.

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

Happy the people the Lord had chosen as his own.

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† IN SYMPATHY †
 PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :
 Brien Twohig, Park Road.
 John Quirke, Innishmore.
 Nuala Lordan, Enniskeane.
 Noel Molloy, Togher.
 Teddy Neville, Currahaly, Farnanes.
 John Aldworth, Ovens

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS OR OTHERWISE REMEMBERED:
 Patrick O'Driscoll, Castlepark.
 Brendan Keohane, Knockburden.
 Jennifer Forde, Carriganarra Est.
 John Kelliher, Rosewood.
 Seamus Casey, Ballinhassig.
 Con Sexton, Hillsboro.
 Michael Queally, Kilnaglorry.
 Nellie Collins, Ovens/Westgate.
 Michael, Mary & Kieran McNulty, Fr. Sexton Pk.
 Jean Kearney, Beech Rd.,
 Paddy & Jimmy O'Donovan, Leap.
 Denis & Margaret Sheehan, Kilmurray.
 Eileen O'Mahony, Carrigrohane.
 Catherine Moroney, Muskerry Estate.
 Marjorie Moroney, Crosshaven.
 Dan Butler, Clash Rd.
 Denis O'Mahony, City West Mews.
 Michael Quealy, Kilnaglorry.

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading Deuteronomy 4: 32-34. 39-40
 There is always a unique sense of vocation at the Baptism Ceremony. God calls us by name. The parents and the Godparents, their family and the Baptism Team all give a sense of family and community, of being part of an incredible and evolving story, salvation history. We walk in the footsteps of those who lived the 'laws and commandments' and sacrificed so much so that we 'may prosper' today. There is always a unique sense of vocation at the Baptism Ceremony. God calls us by name. The parents and the Godparents, their family and the Baptism Team all give a sense of family and community, of being part of an incredible and evolving story, salvation history. We walk in the footsteps of those who lived the 'laws and commandments' and sacrificed so much so that we 'may prosper' today.

Second Reading Letter from St. Paul to the Romans 8: 14-17
 We are children of God: created by our Abba, heirs with Christ, and led by the Spirit. We have been chosen because of great love.

Gospel Reading Matthew 28: 16-20
 From a great mountaintop, Jesus commissions the disciples to go forth and baptize in the name of God as Trinity. A little bit of hesitation can be a good thing. It's like a safety valve that stops a boiler from overheating. That some of the disciples were hesitant gives us all hope. The problem with the hesitation in our modern world is that there is a fear of proclaiming any message at all. The truth gets strangled in order not to offend. It is the age of the intolerant tolerant.

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Eight Week In Ordinary Time

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

27 Monday 1 Pet 1:3-9. Ps 110. Mk 10:17-27. Lect II: 549

28 Tuesday 1 Pet 1:10-16. Ps 97. Mk 10:28-31. Lect II: 551

29 Wednesday 1 Pet 1:18-25. Ps 147. Mk 10:32-45. Lect II: 553

30 Thursday 1 Pet 2:2-5, 9-12. Ps 99. Mk 10:46-52. Lect II: 555

31 Friday Zeph. 3: 14-18 or Rom. 12:9-16. Ps. Is 12. Lk. 1 :39-56. Lect II: 1040

01 Saturday Jude 17:20-25. Ps 62. Mk 11:27-33. Lect II: 560

Next Sunday's Readings 02-June-2024

Ex. 24:3-8. Ps. 115. Heb. 9: 11-15. Mk. 14: 12-16. 22:26. Lect I:622

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. Sincere thanks to the parents and dedicated teachers who work diligently preparing young people for the sacrament. We also congratulate to the boys and girls of Gaelscoil an Chaisleáin who made their First Communion on Saturday 25 May in Christ Our Light.

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.