

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 01-June-2014

The Ascension of the Lord

World Communications Day

Jesus ascended to heaven so that his influence and power might be felt not just in one place but in all the world. Today he is present everywhere through his Church, bringing all people to God.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

The Ascension

There is a story told that when Jesus returned to heaven after his death, the Archangel Gabriel was surprised to see him back so soon. Thirty years is not a long time especially when you think of the importance and size of the task Jesus was asked to undertake. "Back so soon" Gabriel said to Jesus. "Well, I would have stayed longer but they crucified me" Jesus replied. "Not necessarily", said Jesus. "I called together a group of disciples. They will carry on my work." "And what if they should fail" asked Gabriel. "I have no other plans". Jesus answered.

Jesus had preached the gospel only to Israel. He commissioned the apostles to preach the gospel to all nations. It was a daunting task but he promised to send the Holy Spirit. He assured them that he would be with them always. "I will be with you always, yes to the end of time".

Jesus now depends on us. We are witnesses before the world. It is a daunting task but a great privilege also. When we witness to the truth, justice, love and peace we are witnessing to Jesus. The way to witness to truth is to live truthfully. The way to witness to justice is to act justly in all one's dealings with others. The way to witness to peace is to live in peace with others.

The most effective way to witness to Jesus is to live a Christian life. We can draw encouragement from what Mother Teresa said "I don't pray for success, I pray that I may be a faithful witness."

George O'Mahony

Reflection for Parents

We don't need to go to the four corners of the earth to be missionaries. We are called as parents to the same mission as the apostles. We are the first and most significant teachers of our children. We bring them to baptism and show them the Good News. Not only our actions speak to our children about what we believe and how we hope they live Christian lives, but our efforts to prepare them for the sacraments and come to the Lord's Table every week helps them know the full depth of our faith.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

With joy and hope in our hearts because of the victory of Christ, let us pray in the name of him who now sits at the right hand of the Father in glory.

Reader

For Christians: that they may be faithful witnesses for Christ before the world.

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

For those who hold public office: that they may work for justice and peace.

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

For those without hope.

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

We pray for vocations to the religious life and to the priesthood.

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

For this community: that we may be rooted in love.

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

For a moment, we remember in silence our own particular needs.

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

Priest

Heavenly Father, grant that we may follow your Son faithfully on earth, and come to share his glory in heaven. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

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BAPTISMS

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

Daniel Elliott Foster, Birmingham.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Phil McCarthy, Rochestown Road

John Kellher, Rosewood.

John O'Sullivan, Parknamore.

Noel Madigan, East Gate.

Tom O'Grady, Bantry.

Colette O'Driscoll, Aughaville, Bantry.

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

Gillian Kiely-Smith, Classes Lake.

Pat John O'Callaghan, Kilcorney.

Margaret Mullane, Kanturk.

Patrick P. M. Goodwin, Tralee & Glasheen.

Andy & Molly Nolan, Wicklow.

Maureen Calanan, West Village.

Anne Smyth, Carrigdenne.

Ellen Collins, Ovens/Westgate.

Jerry O'Callaghan, Lee View/Carrigrohane.

May & Jack Finnegan, Killarney.

Ann Murray, Rosewood.

Mary McNulty, Fr. Sexton Park.

Albert & Maureen Donovan, Clonakilty.

Dec members of O'Regan family, Carriganarra.

Tom & Joe Heaton, Pearse Road.

Elizabeth & Gerrard Higgins, Pouladuff.

Nellie Keohane, Carrigdenne.

Monica Monaghan, College Road.

Kathleen Doyle, Westcourt.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Ascension Of The Lord

01 Sunday Acts 1: 1-11. Ps. 46. Eph. 1: 17-23. Lk. 24:46-53. Lect I:549

02 Monday Acts 19:1-8. Ps. 67. In. 16:29-33. Lect I: 576

03 Tuesday Acts 20: 17-27. Ps. 67. In. 17: 1-11. Lect I: 578

04 Wednesday Acts 20:28-38. Ps. 67. In. 17:11-19. Lect I: 580

05 Thursday Acts 22:30, 23:6-11. Ps. 15. In. 17:20-26. Lect I: 583

06 Friday Acts 25:13-21. Ps. 102. In. 21:15-19 Lect I: 585

07 Saturday Acts 28: 16-20, 30-31. Ps. 10. In. 21 :20-25. Lect I:588

Next Sunday's Readings 08/June/2014

Acts 2:1-11. Ps. 103. Rom. 8:8-17. Jn. 20:19-23. Lect I: 601.

Parental & Sibling Bereavement Support

Anam Cara is an organisation that supports bereaved parents, Anam Cara support groups are situated throughout Ireland and provide parents a safe, comfortable environment where they have the opportunity to connect with other bereaved parents. Anam Cara is an inclusive organisation where parents do not identify themselves by their children's age, how they died, or if their death was recent or many years ago. What Anam Cara provides is a safe place for bereaved parents to connect with others who understand the intensity of the grief and loss.

Anam Cara is holding its monthly Parent Evening on Wednesday 4th of June 2014 from 19:30 to 21:00 at the Silver Springs Hotel, Tivoli, Cork. Anam Cara Services are available free of charge to all bereaved parents.

For further information please see our website at www.anamcara.ie email us at info@anamcara.ie or call 01 4045378

Wishing all our readers a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Prayer For Students Sitting Examinations - 2014

To be offered during Mass in Ballincollig
Wednesday June to 4th to Saturday 21st

Lord, pour out your spirit of wisdom on these students;
help them to remain calm,
to attend carefully to the questions asked,
to think clearly, to remember accurately,
and to express themselves well.

We commend their studies to your powerful protection.

We implore you to grant them a quick understanding,
a safe judgement and a faithful memory.

Grant that they may reflect the best of the work they have done
and the best of the teaching they have received.

Accept their best efforts in these examinations
and in the great test of life on earth.

May your love be upon them O Lord,
as they place all their trust in you.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SHEP in collaboration with **We Made This** is running a programme of short (20 hour) course between April and June. Topics amongst others include, Introduction to Personal Development, Men's Health, Women's Health, Seasons for Growth – Living with Grief, Loss and Change & Managing Stress in Our Daily Lives. For information or to apply contact Liam or Geraldine at 021 4666180

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11
 Christ Jesus, the risen Lord, appeared many times to his disciples. His departing exhortation was that they soon be baptised with the Holy Spirit to strengthen them in their work.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23
 God has put all things under Christ's feet and has thereby exalted him, head of the church, the fullness who fills the universe in all its parts.

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20
 The Gospel reading today concludes the Book of Matthew. It was at this point that Jesus, knowing he was about to return to the Father, commissioned the apostles to carry the message of the Good News into the whole world. They would baptise, make more disciples, and teach the message Jesus had taught them. Jesus made it clear that his ascension did not mark an absence; he would always be with them. This Gospel message is the foundation of the Church and makes clear what we are called to do and be.

The Dyslexia Association of Ireland

Cork Branch are holding a Summer Camp, which will run from July 28th (Monday) to August 1st (Friday) inclusive. The camp will take place in Bishopstown Community School from 10 am to 2 pm, with Tuition from 10 am to 1 pm and Art from 1 pm to 2 pm each day.
 Age Group 7 - 14. €160 cost.
 Bookings through Noel (087) 1246190.
 Application forms on request from dyslexiacork@gmail.com

Youth Retreat

Youth 2000 Ireland will be hosting a youth day retreat in Colaiste Christó Rí, Turner's Cross, Cork City on Saturday 7th June 2014 from 10.30am to 6.30pm. The day will consist of inspirational talks, testimonies, prayer, music and a lot more. This is a great opportunity to find out what your faith is all about in a friendly, chilled out atmosphere. For young people aged 16-35. For more information see www.youth2000.ie or call 086 3049843

Diabetes Ireland

Diabetes affects 1 in 3 families in Ireland with the growth of Type 2 diabetes in particular considered an epidemic by the World Health Organisation and we work to support and meet the needs of the diabetes community nationwide. Diabetes Ireland invites you to hop on your bicycle this June 21 (Limerick) or June 22 (Dublin) and cycle to Change Diabetes. Distance options of 25km family fun cycle, 60km route & 100km route available on each day. Full details at www.diabetes.ie or lo-call 1850 909 909

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

Bulletin Board

Bank Holiday Monday

Monday June 2nd Morning Mass at 9.30am in Church of St Mary & St John.

Children's Mass
 The Children's Mass is this Sunday June 1st at 11am in the Church of Christ Our Light. The children of 2nd class go to the crying room at the beginning of Mass; there they celebrate Liturgy of the Word in a child friendly fashion – word searches, colouring and maze search are some of the methods used. I am inviting Parents to please try and bring your child to this Mass. Looking forward to seeing you there.

First Friday

Friday June 6th is the first Friday of the month. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St Mary & St John from 6.30pm to 7.45pm, you are invited to come and spend some time with the Lord. There is Mass in St Mary & St John on Friday evening at 8.00pm. The priests of the parish visit the sick of the parish on the first Friday of each month; please let us know if you have a family member or neighbour who is sick or housebound.

Mass Diaries

Mass Diaries will open in both churches on Saturday June 14th at 9.00am to book Mass intentions for July, August & September. Priority will be given to those booking 1st Anniversary Mass.

Examination Time

We ask for your continuing support and prayers for our students as they prepare for their Leaving and Junior Certificate Examinations. May they be successful in their efforts.

Eucharistic Procession

The procession will be held this year on Saturday June 21st after the 6pm Vigil Mass in St Mary & St John's Church. The route will be from the Church to the entrance to Castlepark and back to the green in Church View for Benediction. I take this opportunity to invite you and your family to take part in the Eucharistic Procession. I especially invite you to bring your child who received First Holy Communion recently. It would be appreciated if homes on route of the procession could be suitably decorated in honour of the Blessed Eucharist. Seats will be available near the altar at Church View for the elderly or people suffering from injury.

Coeliac Host

Coeliac Host available at all Masses in both churches. Generally the Priest celebrating the Mass has the Coeliac Host. To help the Celebrant you might please let him know before the Mass.

Fr. George

".Seek and you will find." Matthew 7:7.

1 Peter
 Every Wednesday night for 5 weeks
 At Sonas House Ballincollig
 In an informal, fun and friendly environment.
 Starting 28th May 2014 @7:30 - 9:15PM
 Contact Ger @ 085 1555000
 Or Mary @ 086 4044473

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Jun/07 & Jun/08/2014

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Rosarie Cotter
Laura O'Keeffe
8:30 am
Tom McDonagh

10:00 am
Grace Buttimer
Orla Horgan
12:00 Noon
Sean Hennessy
Shane Lehane

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Jessica Lingard
Morgan Smith
11:00 am
Sorcha Nic Mheanmain
Máire Buckley/Michael Buckley
12:30 pm
Cathy Naughton
Úna Lynch
5:30 pm
Tom Reck

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	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 & 8 pm	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
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Fr. Dave O'Connell C.C.	021-4876171 or frdaveoconnell@gmail.com
Fr. James McSweeney	021-4873308

Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

Week 2nd June to 8th June

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.

Does your Spouse have Dementia?

A new study in Trinity College Dublin is looking to gain an insight into the health and wellbeing of those who care for their spouse/partner with dementia. If you are caregiver aged over 50 years and living with a partner who has Alzheimer's disease or another form of dementia you may be interested in taking part. For more information please phone Hannah Jellings or Maria Pertl on 01 896 8414

An Garda Siochana, Baile an Easpaig

The Gardai that are members of the Cork City Hospitals Children's Club are hosting a fun family night at the Cork City Greyhound track on the June 13th. We will have all the Disney Characters on the night for a special race, Micky Mouse, Tiger, Donald Duck and many more. Tickets can be purchased at Wilton shopping centre - €10 or €20 for the whole family.

Ballincollig Tidy Towns

Ballincollig is simply the best, please help us keep it better than all the rest
Adjudication for the National Tidy Towns Competition begins officially today June 1st. Our town could be judged today or tomorrow bank holiday Monday or on any day to mid July. Therefore we appeal to all persons in Ballincollig and doing business in Ballincollig to please be aware that all efforts made to improve the appearance of the town must be sustained over a period of time rather than aiming for a specific date.



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Jun/07 & Jun/08/2014

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Steve Wills
Margaret O'Sullivan
Danny Farrell
Jim Walsh
Frances O'Brien
Eileen Coughlan

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Rita Murphy
Denis Healy / Tom Butler

10:00 am Christina Walsh
Peter Reilly
Mary Collins
Christy Roche
Katie O'Shea
Claire Creedon

12 Noon Oliver O'Donovan
Sean Hennessy
Mary McLean
Eleanor Seymour
Nora Hennessy

7:30 pm Anne O'Regan
Mairead Murphy
Finbarr Murray
Lettie Kelly
Mary Murphy

11:00 am Seamus O'Connell
Mary O'Connell
Alan O'Riordan
Geraldine Keohane
Gerard Murray

12:30 pm Lucy O'Callaghan
Jackie Sheehan
Mary Green
Michael O'Leary
J.P.O'Leary

5:30 pm Noelle Buckley
Mary Breen