

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 01-May-2005

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
Innishmore

Do we make others aware of God's love by our words and our actions?

The recent visit to our parish of Comboni Missionaries, Fathers Denis & Pat Wilkinson, brings to mind a story involving another Comboni Missionary. Ethiopia is a land of hardship, with famine, droughts and wars increasing the suffering of the people. For the love of these people, Bishop Gasparini, an Italian Comboni missionary, made Awasa, in Southern Ethiopia his home. He and his small band of Comboni missionaries showed the love of God through their tireless work in training Lay-Catechists, establishing medical clinics in rural areas and providing schools. From having one parish in the early 1960s, the church in Awasa has grown to 17 parishes, with nearly 400 out-stations. There are now hundreds of Catechists and the Catholic population has increased over a thousand fold. Every day over a thousand people are treated in the clinics, and 11,000 children are receiving an education, who would not otherwise have done so. Bishop Gasparini retired in 1993 and explained how he can see the difference that Christ has made in the lives of the people.

We cannot all be missionaries in distant countries but we can help. The people here in Ballincollig have always responded generously. Do we however realize that we can take the love of Christ to the people around us? It has never been easy to Evangelise. In past times persecution has been the response to many who have gone before us. When the Deacon Philip first went to a Samaritan town he was by no means assured of a warm welcome. This was shortly after Stephen, another deacon, had been stoned to death and Saul of Tarsus had begun his persecution of Christians.

In today's reading, Peter's First Letter, we are advised to be prepared to explain what our faith is about and why we continue to be people of hope. But whatever words we use, it is in the way we lead our lives that we are judged. As Bishop Gasparini observed, "It is Christ through the Holy Spirit who makes a difference in our lives and in those of the people who accept Him with joyful hearts."

As Christians we have received the Holy Spirit – a power that is not of our own making. But the Spirit needs our co-operation too. We need to know about our faith in order to share it with others. Talking about it with our friends and family can help us put our thoughts into words. Let us remember that it is in the way we conduct ourselves and in what we do that the message is most effectively conveyed. It is never too late to begin, why not today?

John O'Donovan

Reflection for Parents

When children are orphaned, they often hold on to something to remind them of who they are. Orphan Annie had a half of a locket, Oliver Twist had a letter, and some victims of the holocaust had smuggled photographs. Even without the physical presence of their parents, orphaned children very much felt connected to their parents. This is the image Jesus gives us in the Gospel as well. He explains that it is the Holy Spirit that is with us and helps us know we are God's. It is this Spirit that guides us to live the way God wants us to. The Spirit comes to us in a special way at our baptism and guides us, even to our surprise sometimes, and helps us follow the commandments of God.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us confidently bring our prayers before our loving God.

Reader

For all the People of God, that they may be aware of the gift of God's Spirit constantly guiding them.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For all who are searching for meaning in their lives, for those who are tempted to despair, for those who are trapped in a cycle of violence.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the poor of our world, that their dignity may be respected, and that the goods of this world may be generously shared.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For all who receive the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation around this time, that they may grow in ways of holiness and truth.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For this community and the needs of all here present.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For all who have travelled before us on the road of faith, that they may enjoy the fullness of life with God. We remember especially those mentioned in our Mass today.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest

Father, source of all goodness, hear the prayer we make to you in the name of Jesus, your Son, our Saviour and Lord.

Amen.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

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BAPTISMS

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

Rohan Patrick Ronga, Old Court, Greenfields.
 Cian Traolach O'Brien, 9 Manor Hill.
 Fiona Mairead Young, 98 Shamrock Drive.
 James Christopher Hussey, 44 The Cloisters.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Bridie Herlihy, Magazine Road.
 Bridie Harkins, Boston & Galway.

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

Tim Lucey, Industry Place,
 Eugene Courtney, Glincool Lawn.
 Noel Murphy, Model Farm Road.
 Patricia Ginty.
 Mary & Denis Lucey, Ballingearry.
 Joseph & Margaret Kavanagh, Powdermills.
 Paddy Walsh, Ballinhassig.
 John & Hellen Walsh, Ballinhassig.
 Michael Maverley, Evergreen.
 Francis Murphy, Dublin.
 Con & Mary O'Donovan, Station Road.
 Mary Linehan, Inniscarra View Est.
 Peter & Lil McGuire, Glincool Park.
 Sally O'Sullivan, Carriganarra.
 Pat O'Shea, Ballinora.
 Dan Joe O'Shea, Station Road.
 Angela Bernardi, Magazine Road.
 Denis McDonald, Coolroe.
 Eileen O'Leary, Kilnaglory.
 Connie Radley, Carrigrohane.
 Mary Ann Radley, Powder Mills.
 Tom Moloney, Mallow.
 Maureen Callanan, West Village.
 Liam Barrett, Lower Killeens.
 Bill O'Connell, Pouladuff.
 Patsy Moynihan, Inniscarra.
 Eileen O'Donovan.
 Frances Mitchenson, Birmingham.
 Thomas Lynch, Carrignavar.
 Donal J. O'Shea, Castlewhite.
 James, Breda & Denis O'Donoghue.
 Hughie & Tim O'Leary, Fairhill.
 Cecelia Hurley, Fairhill.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Family Centre, Station Road, Ballincollig, Co Cork
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Saturday Club Crèche – 10.00 am – 2.00 pm

As a facility to our Non-National residents of Ballincollig, a **FREE** crèche is now in operation on Saturdays from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm – staffed by fully trained staff and volunteers. All Non-Nationals resident in Ballincollig are welcome to come along and see our facilities – meet our staff, have a cup of tea and chat anytime between 10.00 am – 2.00 pm.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sixth Week Of Easter

- 01 Sunday Acts 8:5-8, 14-17. Ps. 65. 1 Pet. 3:15-18. Jn. 14:15-21. Lect 1:534.
- 02 Monday Acts 16:11-15. Ps. 149. Jn. 15:26-16:4. Lect 1: 542
- 03 Tuesday 1 Cor 15:1-8. Ps. 18. Jn. 14:6-14. Lect II: 1017
- 04 Wednesday Acts 17:15,22-18:1. Ps. 148. Jn. 16:12-15. Lect 1: 546
- 05 Thursday Acts 18:1-8. Ps. 97. Jn. 16:16-20. Lect 1: 560
- 06 Friday Acts 18:9-18. Ps. 46. Jn. 16:20-23. Lect 1: 562
- 07 Saturday Acts 18:23-28. Ps. 46. Jn. 16:23-28. Lect 1: 564

Next Sunday's Readings 08-May-2005
 Acts 1: 1-11. Ps. 46. Eph. 1: 17-23. Lk. 24:46-53. Lect 1:549

Reflection on the Eucharist

The late Pope John Paul II dedicated 2005 to the Eucharist, to help us to appreciate the Eucharist as a source of nourishment for our spiritual life, M/s Anne Irwin a catechist will give a talk "Reflection on the Eucharist" on Tuesday May 10th in the Annexe room of the community centre at 8. 00 pm. All parishioners are welcome, especially ministers of the Eucharist.
 Looking forward to seeing you there.

Table Quiz

In Aid of OutReach Moldova

(Outreach Moldova is an Irish charity that brings medical and humanitarian assistance to severely disabled, orphaned and abandoned children in the Republic of Moldova)

Venue: Ballincollig GAA Pavilion
 Date & Time: Sunday 8th May at 8.30 pm
 Cost: €30 per table of 4

Knock Pilgrimage

Legion of Mary Annual Pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday 29th May. Bus fare €18.00. Tea/coffee/scone €4.00. Full Irish Breakfast €8.50 per person. Evening meal €19.00 per person. Bus leaving village at 7.00 am sharp. Early booking.
 Phone Sally 4870954, Marie 4872464, Mary 4870006.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

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 Philip'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.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Conleth 04-May-2005

First bishop of Kildare, was originally a native of Oirthear Life, the eastern plain of the Liffey. He was probably born about the middle of the fifth century and ostensibly belonged to one of the ancient families engaged in the craft of metalworking. Conleth obviously felt, however, that his vocation lay elsewhere, so abandoning all vestiges of his former life; he began his religious career as an anchorite near the ancient assembly place of Connell. Although this embryonic community soon began to flourish under the guiding hand of Conleth, he was not destined to remain in its patronage. St. Brigid's convent on the outskirts of the Curragh had expanded at a phenomenal rate since its inception, and desperately required the presence of a bishop to minister and perform pastoral duties to the ever increasing community. Saint Conleth (first bishop of Kildare) was consecrated circa 490 and joined the flock of St. Brigid shortly thereafter. After a fruitful and lengthy association with Brigid, Conleth decided to make the pilgrimage to Rome, however during the journey he was accosted by a ravenous pack of wolves and slaughtered. Conleth's remains were subsequently enshrined in the Cathedral of Kildare in 799, thirty six years before the Viking invasion, and it is precisely this Nordic conquest which caused Conleth's remains to be returned to Connell. It is unknown whether they were moved due to fore knowledge of the imminent attack, or simply reinterred after they had been discarded by treasure hungry Vikings. What is certain, however, is that Conleth was buried at the site of his vocational conception which remained as a testament to his piety, humility, and indomitable faith

CHRIST IS RISEN!

Come and experience **A NEW BEGINNING** during a series of Catecheses for adults (and young people)
 The Church of Christ our Light Ballincollig on
 Mondays & Thursdays at 8 pm
 or
 The Community Hall Ballincollig on
 Sundays & Wednesdays at 8 pm

Society of St. Vincent De Paul

Monthly Collection
 This Weekend April 30th & May 1st 2005
Please Support



The Coeliac Society of Ireland

Date: Tuesday, 3rd of May, 2005
 Place: SMA Hall, Wilton
 Time: 8.00 p.m.
 Summer Party Night
"Bring Something & Taste Something"
 Everyone welcome.

The Rosary

During the month of May, the Fatima Apostolate will be reciting the Rosary each evening, **Monday to Friday**, at **6.30 pm**, in the **Church of St. Mary and St. John**.
 "Come and Pray the Rosary with us."

Fatima Apostolate Group

The monthly meeting of the Apostolate will be held on Monday 2nd May 2005 at 7 pm in the Youth House, Station Road.
Present members and new members are all welcome to attend

Ballincollig Parish Pastoral Council

The next meeting of the council will be held in the Annex Room, Community Centre on Monday May 9th at 7.45 pm

First Friday

Friday 6th May 2005

Church of St. Mary & St. John

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

Following 9:30 am Mass, Rosary at 6 pm,

Directed prayer beginning at 7 pm

Benediction at 7:30 pm and Mass 8:00 pm.

During day children from Scoil Eoin will need to prepare for their First Holy Communion, a marriage is also scheduled for 1 pm. Please note from 11:15 am to 2:30 the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed in the Tabernacle.

First Communion

The boys from Scoil Eoin will receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday 7th May at 11 am in Church of St. Mary and St. John

Playground

Well done to all those who ensured that Ballincollig will have a children's playground; work is progressing towards a June week-end completion. However, there has been some damage done to the site by vandals, resulting in a delay and further expense; could we all play our part in ensuring this kind of behaviour is reported to the Gardai. Thank you.

City of Cork Male Voice Choir

Will sing at the 6 pm Mass on Saturday 7th May
 At Church of St. Mary & St. John

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

May-07 & May-08-2005

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Aine Sheehan
8:30 am
Elizabeth Daly
10:00 am
Tony Hegarty
12:00 Noon
Miriam Maunsell

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Michael Greene
11:00 am
Liam Hayes
12:30 pm
Kay Carew
5:30 pm
Brian O'Donoghue

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 & 8 pm	Friday	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)	Saturday	9:00 am & 8 pm (Vigil)

CONFESSIONS

After 10:00 am Mass & before 6:00 pm Mass **Saturday** After 9:00 am Mass

BAPTISMS

5:00 pm **Saturday** 7:15 pm
12:45 pm **Sunday**

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

May-07 & May-08-2005



St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Patsie Murphy
 Breda Foley
 Mary Walsh
 Geraldine Hegarty
 Betty Sheehan
 Ann O'Reilly

8:30 am Theresa Lucey
 Rita Murphy

10:00 am Tadhg Murphy
 Mary Murphy
 Joan Tobin
 Tony O'Leary

12 Noon Michael Crowley
 Breda Lenihan
 Noel Hennessey
 Marie O'Callaghan
 Rena O'Connor
 Angela Roche

8:00 pm Jim Cahill, Kit Cahill
 Sheila O'Connor
 John Canty

11:00 am Brid Healy-Harris
 Angela Cunningham
 Laurence Cunningham
 Anne O'Connell

12:30 pm Eileen Garvey
 Sally Power
 Breda Callanan
 Marie O'Brien

5:30 pm Neil O'Donoghue
 Phil O'Connell

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