

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 03-May-2009



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Fourth Sunday Of Easter
(Day of Prayer for Vocations)

Sometimes we can lose our sense of direction, we become the prey of empty fears and false pleasures. Today we are reminded that in Jesus we have someone who will always guide us right and protect us. If we listen to him and follow him we will have the fullest possible life.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

The Good Shepherd

The Psalmist says:

*Come in, let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us,
for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand.*

Jesus is the shepherd of that flock, he tells us that he is the good shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. A shepherd watches over the sheep while things are tranquil, guards them from harm and tends them when distressed. He tells us to turn to him in times of worry, trouble or loss, and promises rest for our souls. When we hand ourselves over to his care we can experience that peace of God which passes all human understanding, to guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus Our Lord. We can paradoxically experience this peace of God even in our darkest moments, if we have learned to hand our lives over to the God.

The passage from the Acts of the Apostles today shows us that we can accept or reject the message of Jesus, the word of life. Or we can accept that message, and accept the one sent by the Father, Jesus. If we accept him, he becomes the cornerstone or foundation stone of our lives, giving us stability and security. In the prologue to John's Gospel we are told that to those who accept him, he *gives power to become children of God*. As God's sons and daughters, we have immediate access to the Father in prayer; we don't have to book ahead or make appointments, any more than children have to make appointments with their own parents. St John tells us to think of the love that the Father has *lavished* on us by letting us be called God's children. And Jesus reminds us that the child's place in the household of God is assured. We are speaking here of a reality that worldly values do not recognise or understand; the reality of Christ's values of unselfish and self sacrificing love.

So let's consider renewing our commitment to Jesus during this Easter season, in preparation for the great moment of Pentecost. Here is a prayer (from the *Alpha* Course) that we might consider saying:

*Heavenly Father, I am sorry for the things I have done wrong in my life.
[Take a few moments to ask forgiveness for anything particular that is on your conscience.] Please forgive me. I now turn from everything which I know is wrong.
Thank you that you sent your Son, Jesus, to die on the cross for me so that I could be forgiven and set free. From now on I will follow and obey him as my Lord.
Thank you that you now offer me this gift of forgiveness and your Spirit. I now receive that gift. Please come into my life by your Holy Spirit to be with me for ever. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

Billy O'Sullivan

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

'I know my own sheep and my own know me.' With confidence let us present our needs to the Father who knows our deepest desires.

Reader

For the leaders in the Church throughout the world; that the Lord may grant them the grace and the strength to lead their flock.

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

For our political leaders; that they may receive the wisdom to guide us through times of hardship.

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

For all those who the Lord calls; that they may attune to the voice of the Good Shepherd and follow wherever it may lead.

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

We pray for all those who have suffered abuse of any kind; that the Lord of all tenderness and compassion will restore them and give them peace.

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

We pray for those who are sick; may they receive the Lord's healing touch.

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

For those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith; may they be raised to new life in the name of Jesus.

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

Priest

Heavenly Father, we place our refuge in you. Grant us what we need this day. We make these, and all our prayers in the name of Jesus, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Grief and Loss

When grieving the death of someone we love, we may experience all kinds of difficult and surprising emotions, such as shock, anger, guilt and a deep sadness that sometimes feels like it will never lift. While these feelings can be frightening and overwhelming, it's helpful to know that they are normal reactions. There is no right or wrong way to grieve. Don't compare yourself to other people. Your grief is different from everyone else's even from those around you who are grieving for the same person. Your relationship to the person who died is unique to you and so your grief for them will also be unique. While it may not seem so initially, the pain of grief does lessen in intensity over time. Allowing yourself to feel the different emotions is the first step on the journey towards healing. Sr. Colette

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

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BAPTISMS

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

Michael Daniel Downey, Carriganarra.
 Cody Michael Murphy, Tuairin Glas, Greenfields.
 Killian Harrington-Santos, Westcourt Heights, Ballincollig.
 Exauce Munene, Castle Park, Ballincollig.
 Ange Munene, Castle Park, Ballincollig.
 Prodigie Munene, Castle Park, Ballincollig.
 Sarah Theresa Murphy, Oak Avenue, Bridewood.
 James Patrick Harrington, Manor Hill, Ballincollig.
 Liam Manuel O'Donovan Alvarez, Rosewood, Ballincollig.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Ciara O'Brien, Fermoy.
 Michael Fitzgibbon, Waterfall.

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

John Brennan, Mullingar.
 Marcella Callanan, Beech Road.
 Paul Wall, Churchfield.
 Mike Cullinane, Coolroe Heights.
 Rodger & Elizabeth O'Donnell, Galbally.
 Ann Linehan, Pouladuff.
 Margaret Murray, Newmarket.
 David & Kitty Desmond, College Road
 Dan & Nora Murray, Dooniskey & Mallow.
 Pauline, Paddy & Gerry Sheehan, Curraheen.
 Noreen Attridge, Schull.
 Josephine Halligan, Rosewood & Caislean.
 John Shanahan, Fr Sexton Park.
 Michael Leahy, Blackrock.
 Patricia Murphy, Uam Var Drive.
 Marcella Callanan, Beech Rd, Muskerry Estate.
 John Murphy, Powdermills.
 Ned Horgan, Bandon.
 Michael Marverly, Evergreen Road.
 Josie Murphy, Rockchapel.
 Frances Murphy, Ballincollig & Douglas.

Colaiste Stiofain Naofa

5 Week Education Taster Course for adults (mornings).
 Subjects include

Art, Business, Carpentry, Computer Studies, Drama Studies,
 Garden Design, Nutrition, Heritage Studies, Textiles, Social Studies,
 Communications.

Open Meeting on Tuesday, 5th May at 11.00 am. All welcome.

Old Testament

A four night introduction to the Old Testament presented by Fr. Charles Conroy MSC., Emeritus Professor of Old Testament, Gregorian University, Rome. 8.00 pm to 9.30 pm on Thursdays 7th /14th /21st/ 28th May 2009 in Bru Columbanus, Cardinal Way, Wilton. Cost €20 {€10 Seniors/ Students}. Bookings and information from Fr. Sean O'Sullivan at 021 4357765 or email are@corkandross.org **All are welcome.**

Focus

A 12 month full time training programme will commence shortly in Macroom for persons with mental health difficulties. It is being run by National Learning Network and offer offers people the opportunity to enhance personal development skills, improve their physical and mental health and explore future options. Call 087 6674282

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Fourth Week Of Easter

03 Sunday Acts 4:8-12. Ps 117. 1 in 3:1-2. Jn 10:11-18. Lect I: 490
 04 Monday Acts 1:1-18. Ps 41. Jn 10:1-10. Lect I: 496
 05 Tuesday Acts 11:19-26. Ps 86. in. 10:22-30. Lect I: 499
 06 Wednesday Acts 12:24-13:5. Ps 66. Jn 12:44-50. Lect I: 501
 07 Thursday Acts 13:13-25. Ps 88. Jn 13:16-20. Lect I: 503
 08 Friday Acts 13:26-33. Ps 2. Jn 14:1-6. Lect I: 505
 09 Saturday 13 Saturday Acts 13:44-52. Ps 97. Jn 4:7-14. Lect I: 508

Next Sunday's Readings 10-May-2009

Acts 9:26-31. Ps 21. 1 Jn 3:18-24. Jn 15:1-8. Lect I: 514

Fleadh Cheoil Chorcaí 2009 Ballincollig
May 6 - 10

The 48th Fleadh Cheoil Chorcaí will take place in Ballincollig hosted by Craobh Niall Ó Cathasaigh branch of Comhaltas next weekend. The organising committee has worked hard to ensure that everyone will have a great weekend and has organised a wide range of music, singing and dancing events around the Fleadh Cheoil. Events start on Wed 6th May in Ballincollig GAA at 8 pm with an Oíche Ceoil and Sean-Nós dancing in Ballincollig GAA, Thursday night Oíche Amhránaíochta and tribute to Maire Bean Uí Chrualaóí 7.30 pm in Oriel House Hotel, Friday night Official Opening and Tribute Concert to Martin Power 8 pm in Coláiste Choilm. Competitions in music, singing, and comhrá gaeilge will take place in Coláiste Choilm on Saturday from 10 am and Sunday from 10 am. Céilithe, 9.30 pm Sat night in Éire Óg GAA and 9 pm Sun in Ballincollig GAA. An Open Air Music Session will be held in Ballincollig Shopping Centre on Saturday and Sunday from 3-5 pm for everyone to enjoy. Aifreann Traidisiúnta at 10 am on Sunday 10th May in the Church of St Mary & St. John.

GAA Celebrating 125 Years

On Sunday May 10th to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the founding of

Cumann Luath Cleas Gael

Parishioners are invited to come to the 10 am Mass in St. Mary & St. John wearing their county Jerseys. This Mass is a joint celebration with the holding of Fleadh Cheoil Chorcaí 2009 in Ballincollig. We hope to see all 32 counties represented at this Commemorative Mass.

The Pyke Theatre Group

Will start their Monthly Social on May 12th with Mass at 8 pm celebrated by the parish priest Most Rev. George O'Mahony. PP

for

Deceased members, relatives and friends of
 The Pyke Theatre
 Music by Pat Clohessy.

All are welcome.

See you at the Rugby Club at five to eight.

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts 4: 8-12
 Peter, who had once trembled before a servant maid is now fearless before the High Priest through the grace of the Holy Spirit as Jesus had promised. Instead of defending himself he preaches the new Faith. Salvation comes through the person of Christ, not through the rigorous observation of the Law, as the Jews believed.

Second Reading: 1 John 3: 1-2
 Because God has adopted the faithful into his family the world hates them. But the adoption entitles them to a future state of glory, like that of God himself. The true nature of this glorification is not yet clear; but after this life faith will give way to the vision of God.

Gospel: John 10: 11-18
 The image of the shepherd and the sheep is taken from many passages in the Old Testament. The single sentence "I am the good shepherd" would have called up much of sacred scripture for those listening to Jesus. In this lovely poetic passage, Jesus speaks of the affection that unites him with his followers. He looks beyond the Jewish nation to the whole gentile world where "the other sheep" await the call of the good shepherd. So much does the Good Shepherd love his sheep that he is prepared to lay down his life for them.

The Coeliac Society of Ireland

Southern Branch will hold the following meeting in May:
 Date: Tuesday, May 5th 2009
 Place: S.M.A. Centre, Wilton, Cork
 Time: 8.00 pm
 Topic: Summer Party Night. "Bring something, taste something."
 All Welcome

Respond Housing Association.

"Respond! Housing Association, a registered charity, have recently acquired 24 newly built apartments at Bridgefield Close, Curraheen. We are inviting applications from *elderly persons* for these apartments. Potential applicants should be registered on the Cork County Housing List. For further information, please contact
The Allocations Office,
Respond! Housing Association, St. Francis Gardens,
Thomas Davis St, Blackpool, Cork or telephone 0818 357901

Ballincollig Scouts

Last Saturday the Beaver section went to Fota (I know, and yes it rained). The bus collected them from the Scout Hall and off they went. When they arrived in Fota it was still raining hard, so they braved the elements like the good Beavers that they are and walked all over Fota. The animals had more sense and very few were out to be viewed. After a while the leaders decided to head for the restaurant and all the leaders and Beavers had hot chocolate. They had enough of Fota for one wet day and rang the coach to come and collect them early. They returned to the Scout Hall for some games, despite the rain they all enjoyed the day.
 The Scouts were out on Sunday training the upcoming shield, in the morning they had to build a dresser and a wash stand, after several attempts they got it right. After lunch they built a Ballista which worked very successfully as the ball they launched from it vanished over the roof of the Scout hall. They have one more practice weekend before the competition.
Around the campfire man began his first steps in community life, in living together, Democracy, religion, drama, art all have beginning in that remote nomadic period. There is no finer way for youth to learn the essentials of life and social behaviour than by camping out.

Bulletin Board

First Holy Communion

Gaelscoil Uí Ríordáin, Saturday 9th May 2009

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place **Saturday 9th May 2009 at 1.00 pm** in the **Library Room, Community Hall, Station Road**. The presentation lasts for approximately forty minutes. The following questions are addressed, What is Baptism? What are the symbols used in the Sacrament of Baptism? How can the family become involved in the ceremony? Parents might book the baptism a few weeks in advance to give ample time to take part in the preparation.

Mass Envelope Collection

Next Weekend 9th & 10th May for Parish Pastoral Services

New Ministers of the Eucharist

Presently in Ballincollig Parish we are inviting parishioners to volunteer to become Ministers of the Eucharist. You are invited to minister in either Christ Our Light Church or St Mary & St John Church approximately once a month at a week end Mass (rota will be provided).

The requirements are that you are:

- A person 18 years or over
- A person with faith in the Eucharist and are anxious to deepen own faith through ministry
- A person willing to serve and minister to others.

You are also invited to nominate a friend or neighbour as a Minister of the Eucharist. (please give full name, address and contact no.) There will be a preparation for all those interested in becoming ministers.
Fr. George

**Missionaries of the Sacred Heart
 Celebrating 100 years in Ireland.**

Centenary Mass: Cathedral of St. Mary & St. Ann
 (North Cathedral)
 3.00 pm Saturday 16th May.
 Refreshment afterwards in St. Vincent's Convent Hall.
 Everyone Welcome.

Marymount Hospice

Collectors required in the Ballincollig area.

Do you have an hour or two to spare?
 Marymount Hospice are seeking help for their Sunflower Collection days 12th & 13th June 2009.
 For further details contact Carmel at 021 4870880 or 0872901351 if you can help.

The Diocesan Advisor for Religious Education

The Diocesan Advisor for Religious Education for Primary Schools visited the schools in the Parish recently, Scoil Naomh Eoin, Scoil Barra and Scoil Mhuire.
 In these schools there is a very high standard in the knowledge and living of Our Catholic Faith. The children are well versed in their prayers; stories and questions of their religion; they take great pride in their written work and in the singing of their songs. The walls of the school are beautifully decorated with the themes of lessons being studied and Sacred Space in their class rooms are frequently updated in line with the Church Calendar. Parents are encouraged to take part in their children's Faith Formation by listening to their oral work and checking and signing their written home work..
WELL DONE TO ALL
 Stella O'Keeffe (Ms). Primary Diocesan Religion Advisor.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

May-09 & May-10-2009

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)

Karen Sheehan
Padraig Graham

8:30 am

Triona Collins

10:00 am

Sean Collins
Katie Collins

12:00 Noon

Oliver O'Donovan

7:30 pm (Vigil)

Pauline Collins
Niall Cronin

11:00 am

Jack Dorgan

12:30 pm

Joseph Manning
Sorcha Nic Mheanmain

5:30 pm

Phil O'Connell

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

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

Saturday

4:30 pm

Except First Saturday of
Month

First Saturday of Month

12:45 pm

Sunday

PARISH CLERGY

Priest on Duty

087-2479140

Fr. George O'Mahony P.P.

021-4871206

Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C.

021-4877161

Fr. Billy O'Sullivan C.C.

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Fr. James McSweeney

021-4873308



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

May-09 & May-10-2009

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm

Eileen Murphy
Ted Nelligan
Angela Murphy
Ann O'Connell
Sheila Walshe
Rita Hodge

7:30 pm

John O'Donoghue
Mary Dineen
Kathleen Daly
Mairead Keenan

11:00 am

Mary O'Mahony
Mona Bowen
Billy Barry
Mary Aylward
Pauline Baston

8:30 am

Helen Kelly
Mary O'Connor

10:00 am

Miriam Maunsell
Mary Buckley
Breda Ring
Mary O'Regan
John Henchy
Martin O'Leary

12:30 pm

Mary Twomey
Maura O'Driscoll
Mary Lehane
Dympna Byrne
Suzanne Leetch

12 Noon

Joy Daly
Pat Kelleher
Helen Plunkett
Ellen O'Sullivan
Ursula McAuliffe
Sally Crowley

5:30 pm

Shelia Curran
Elizabeth O'Sullivan



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Sat 10:30 am - 12 Noon. Phone No. (021) 4871206, Office Secretary Catherine Crowley.**

2009 Retreat for Ballincollig Parishioners

Day and date;

Saturday 9th May 2009

Venue:

The Meditation Centre,
St. Dominic's Retreat House, Montenotte, Cork

Time:

10.30 a.m. to 4.00 pm.

Conducted by:

Martina Lehane Sheehan

Cost:

€10.00 per person

A light lunch - soup, tea, coffee and rolls will be supplied. The talks will be based on methods of prayer and will include the Lectio Divina method of praying Scripture. The day is of special importance for the Scripture (Lectio Divina) groups in the parish, but anyone who is interested in improving their relationship with God through prayer or praying with Scripture will be welcome. The Sunday Mass will be celebrated at 3 pm.

Kindly fill in the form below if you wish to attend and hand it into the sacristy (either Church) on or before Monday 4th May

I am interested in attending the retreat on Saturday 9th. May

Name _____ Address _____

Phone No _____