

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 04-May-2008

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

## *I Am With You Always*

All of us have experienced at some time in our lives the death of someone dear to us and the loneliness and sadness associated with their loss. We remember the sufferings, as well as the love and happiness they encountered in life. We know we will never forget our loved ones - the goodness and example of their lives live on in our hearts and memories. They continue to be very much present to us.

Today we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord. We know that Jesus is no longer with us in the way that he was before the Resurrection and the Ascension. But it does not mean that he is absent. He is still very much present. In the gospel we hear his consoling words: "know that I am with you always until the end of time". He is present in the Word that is spoken to us from the Gospel. He is present in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. He is also present in each one of us.

Before Jesus returned to the Father, he commissioned the apostles to carry the message of the Good News into the whole world. In the Acts of the Apostles we see that when Jesus ascended to heaven, his disciples seemed rooted to the ground as they continued to stare up at the sky and we hear those words to them: 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky?' They are more or less being told that Jesus is not to be found by staring up at the sky, but they must now go back to Jerusalem, where in a few days time they will be filled with the Holy Spirit, so as to bring the Good News of the Risen Christ to 'the ends of the earth'.

We too are being challenged today to look around us and see in what ways we can continue to be the presence of Christ for others. We together, as a Christian community, make up the Body of Christ and as the prayer of St Teresa reminds us:

"Christ has no body now but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks with compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good, Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, Yours are the eyes, you are his body  
Christ has no body now but yours."

Sr. Colette

## *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

We are united to Jesus and the Father in love. Let us express this love by praying for the needs of the Church and the world.

### Reader

We pray for the Church, that all its members may, by the power of the Holy Spirit, bear witness to the gospel.

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

We pray for those who have recently been baptised into the Church, that they may be nurtured in faith.

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

We pray for those who receive the sacrament of Confirmation at this time that they may be filled with grace and the gifts of the Spirit.

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

We pray that all who work in communications and in the media may be blessed in their work, may they search for the truth in order to share it with others.

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

We pray for the needs of this community.

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Lord, graciously hear us.**

### Priest

O God, who sent your Son to remain with us always. Hear our prayers and lead us to glory with your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, who is Lord forever and ever. 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 :**

Brian Conor Cronin, Rosewood.  
Colin Michael Creedon, Muskerry Estate.  
Louise Frances Burke, Old Quarter.  
Ryan Thomas Adam Buckley-Moore, Innishmore.  
Ailis Mary Gleeson, Coolroe Meadows.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †  
**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :**

Ann Bradfield, Coolroe.  
Frank J Forde, Manor Hill.

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

Dan & Nora Murray, Doonisky & Mallow.  
James & Ellen Collins, Dunmanway.  
Paul Wall, Churchfield.  
William Murphy, Blarney.  
Martin Mullderrig, Mayo.  
Lena Dennehy, Castle View.  
Denis Mannix, Doneraile.  
Deceased Members of the O'Mahony & Greene  
Mary Ann Radley, Powder Mills.  
Maureen O'Regan, Tralee.  
Trevor Kelleher, Rosewood.  
Catherine & Patrick Howard, Ballinlough.  
Mildred & David McCarthy, Union Hall.  
Patrica Murphy, Bishopstown.  
Deceased members of the Twohig Family, Kilcrea Park.  
Mary & Daniel O'Leary, Gillabbey St.  
Tommy Carroll, Kilmichael.  
Maureen Curran, Cahirciveen.  
Michael Maverley, Evergreen St.  
Josie Murphy, Rockchapel.  
Daniel & Mary Deady, Cobh.  
Noreen Attridge, Schull.  
Margaret Murray, Greenhills Estate.  
Kathleen Kelleher, Dooneens.  
Peggie McCarthy, Dripsey.  
Denis O'Mahony, Tudor Grove.  
Angelo Bernardi, Magazine Road.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Seventh Week of Easter**

- 04 Sunday Acts 1: 1-11. Ps. 46. Eph. 1: 17-23. Lk. 24:46-53. Lect I: 549
- 05 Monday Acts 19:1-8. Ps. 67. In. 16:29-33. Lect I: 576
- 06 Tuesday Acts 20: 17-27. Ps. 67. In. 17: 1-11. Lect I: 578
- 07 Wednesday Acts 20:28-38. Ps. 67. In. 17:11-19. Lect I: 580
- 08 Thursday Acts 22:30, 23:6-11. Ps. 15. In. 17:20-26. Lect I: 583
- 09 Friday Acts 25:13-21. Ps. 102. In. 21:15-19 Lect I: 585
- 10 Saturday Acts 28:16-20,30-31. Ps 10. Jn 21 :20-25. Lect I: 588

**Next Sunday's Readings 11-May-2008**  
cts 2:1-11. Ps. 103. Cor. 12:3-7, 12-13. Jn. 20:19-23. Lect I: 601

***Suicide Prevention***

***A Priority for The HSE South***

Suicide has a devastating effect on people's lives. The Health Service Executive (HSE) South are keen to inform the public that they have developed a range of services in the area of suicide prevention as well as support in the aftermath of suicide. People, who feel they are in a crisis for whatever reason, need to know they are not alone. Help, advice and support is available through confidential help-lines. Help is at hand for people who are feeling suicidal and for families or friends who are concerned about someone. A range of services are provided by the HSE South to help address the issue of suicide in the Cork and Kerry region. These services include;

- Suicide Prevention Helpline - 1800 742 745: a free phone help-line opens daily from 6.00 pm - 10.00 pm for people suicidal or equally for a family member or friend who is concerned about someone. People can ring the number and talk, in complete confidence, to someone who will listen and offer help and support.
- Farm & Rural Stress Helpline - 800 742 645: a free phone help-line opens 6.00 pm - 10.00 pm daily targeted specifically at farmers and people who live in rural areas. 'The Farm & Rural Stress Helpline' is aimed at people who may be feeling down, suffering from stress or depression or those who are concerned about someone. The helpline is staffed by health professionals who can offer callers support and advice in complete confidence.
- Suicide Bereavement Support Service: Health professionals have been specially trained to work with families and people in a community who have been affected by suicide. This is a free service and tailored to suit individual situations.
- More Information Available: John Paul O'Shea, National Communications Unit, HSE South, Aras Slainte, Wilton Rd Cork Tel: 021 4923736, Fax: 021-4545005 Email: - [johnpaul.oshea1@hse.ie](mailto:johnpaul.oshea1@hse.ie) or visit [www.hse.ie](http://www.hse.ie)

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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.

**Scout News**

On Friday night both the Tuesday night and Friday night Maccoimh set out for a weekend in Mount Melleray Scout Centre, there was 40 Maccoimh and 6 leaders. After they arrived in the centre and checked into their dorms, they headed out on a night hike around the Mount Melleray farm, for half the hike they had to switch off their torches and got used to the dark, we saw cows and calf's but no sign of any wild animals. The Maccoimh went back to the scout centre for supper and then to bed. Early next morning after breakfast the Maccoimh played basketball, went on the zip line and completed the assault course. After lunch the Maccoimh hiked down to the nearby glen and built shelters, they were of all makes and shapes and most passed the water test. They then had to collect timber, build fires light them and cook sausages. They all hiked back up the hill to the centre for dinner. Afterwards they went on the climbing wall, the games room and after filling up in the tuck shop they sang their hearts out the campfire. The leaders had made hot chocolate, which was very welcome after the Campfire. On Sunday morning after the Maccoimh had tidied their dorm they played games outside, it was then time for Mass and lunch. The bus arrived and after loading all the gear they headed back to Ballincollig.  
*Plan ahead – it wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.*

**Ballincollig Secular Franciscan Order**

The monthly Mass and meeting will be held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00 am in St. Mary & St. John Church  
 Rosary will be recited at 10.40 am (Sharp)

**Africa Day**

The New Communities Partnership (NCP) cordially invite you to a celebration of Africa Day which will take place in Crane Lane Theatre, Phoenix St. on Saturday 24th of May. African Day is an opportunity to celebrate African Diversity and join with Africans around the world in highlighting the cultural and social life of the African Continent. The event will include African music, song, cultural dance and foods as well as drumming workshops and of display of African Fashion and Dress.

The official opening will take place at 2.00 pm by the Lord Mayor of Cork, Cllr Donal Counihan.

**Bulletin Board**

**Bank Holiday Monday**

Please note there will be no 08:30 am Mass in Christ Our Light.

**Parish Account Balance 2007**

On notice boards of both Churches there is a breakdown of the income and expenditure of the Parish Account for 2007. Thankfully there is a reasonable credit balance, our gratitude to you all for your generosity and support.

**Mass Envelope Collection**

Next Sunday 11th May for Parish Pastoral Services

**Ballincollig Parish Confirmations 2008.**

Gaelscoil Uí Riordáin Monday 19th May 2008

**Ballincollig Parish First Communions 2008.**

Scoil Eoin Saturday 24th May 2008

Scoil Barra Saturday 17th May 2008

Our Lady of Good Counsel Saturday 17th May 2008

Gaelscoil Uí Riordáin Saturday 10th May 2008

**This Week's Calendar**

**Monday 5** – Blessed Edmund Rice (1762-1844). After his young wife's early death, he sold his possessions and dedicated his life to the education of the poor. To advance the work, he gathered like-minded men who took religious vows together to work for the Catholic education of boys.

**Tuesday 6** – Weekday (7th Week of Easter)

**Wednesday 7** – Easter Weekday

**Thursday 8** – Easter Weekday

**Friday 9** – Easter Weekday

**Saturday 10** – Easter Weekday

Fr. George

**SMA Novena / Retreat**

In honour of Our Lady Celebration of the Sacraments and Reflection, Friday 16th May - Friday 23rd May 2008 each day at 7.30 pm at SMA Parish Church, Blackrock Rd., Cork  
 Novena closes with SMA National Pilgrimage to Knock on Saturday 24th May 2008

**"I Have Come That They May Have Life And Have It To The Full" (Jn.10:10)**

Do You Want To Experience Life To The Full?  
 Come And Listen to a catechesis for adults and youth in St. Mark's Centre (opposite Christ Our Life Church) Innishmore, Ballincollig.  
 on Mondays and Thursdays at 8 pm continuing for the next six weeks.

**May - The Month of Mary**

May is traditional the month of growth in regard to nature, and for this reason, May is one of our favourite months. It is extremely beautiful, but it is also important in the Church. May is traditionally the Month of Mary, where we recall the role of Mary in salvation. She is the Virgin Mother of God, whose "yes" allowed Our Lord to take human form. Because of her completely trust in God, she lived her life sinlessly. And, after her life, she was assumed into Heaven by the power of God and crowned as Queen of Heaven and Earth. She is, of course, not divine. We worship only Jesus Christ, but we honour Mary as a saint. Why? The simple answer is because it makes Jesus happy. Most people are honoured to have someone compliment his/her mother, and the same is true for Mary. We honour God by remembering the role of Mary in the beginning of our salvation. And, remember, Devotion to Mary always leads to Jesus Christ!

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

May-10 & May-11-2008

**St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**

Carmel Keane  
**8:30 am**  
 Niamh Gallagher  
**10:00 am**  
 Margot Twomey  
 Jordan Crowley  
**12:00 Noon**  
 Sean Hennessy  
 Shane Lehane

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**

Fiona Feely  
**11:00 am**  
 Alex Hatsigrigoriou  
 Alison Henchion  
**12:30 pm**  
 Tadhg Buckley  
**5:30 pm**  
 Brian O'Donoghue

**MASS TIMES**

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon	<b>Sunday</b>	11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm
9:30 am	<b>Monday</b>	
9:30 am	<b>Tuesday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Thursday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Friday</b>	8:30 am
10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)	<b>Saturday</b>	7:30 pm (Vigil)

**CONFESSIONS**

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

**BAPTISMS**

4:30 pm	<b>Saturday</b>	4:30 pm
Except First Saturday of Month		First Saturday of Month
12:45 pm	<b>Sunday</b>	



**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

May-10 & May-11-2008

**St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light**

<b>6.00 pm</b>	Eileen Murphy Ted Nelligan Angela Murphy Ann O'Connell Sheila Walshe Rita Hodge	<b>7:30 pm</b>	John O'Donoghue Mary Dineen Kathleen Daly Mairead Keenan
<b>8:30 am</b>	Helen Kelly Breeda Feehily Mary O'Connor	<b>11:00 am</b>	Mary O'Mahony Mona Bowen Billy Barry Mary Aylward Pauline Baston
<b>10:00 am</b>	Miriam Maunsell Mary Buckley Breda Ring Mary O'Regan John Henchy Martin O'Leary	<b>12:30 pm</b>	Mary Twomey Maura O'Driscoll Mary Lehane Dympna Byrne
<b>12 Noon</b>	Joy Daly Pat Kelleher Helen Plunkett Ellen O'Sullivan Ursula McAuliffe Sally Crowley	<b>5:30 pm</b>	Garreth Irish Shelia Curran Elizabeth O'Sullivan

**PARISH CLERGY**

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