

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 05-June-2005

Tenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Practicing our religion every Sunday can become superficial and can also lead to complacency. The antidote to this false religion is God's mercy—firstly the fact that we need it, secondly that we must offer it to others.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

The Faith of our Youth Restored

As I sit down to write this I am literally in awe. The reason for this is because another person has accepted the story of my experiences in Medjugorje. I use the word accepted, as it is sometimes easier to believe something than it is to accept it. The stories of nine other pupils, one teacher and my own story are entirely true but as the stories are so amazing and the experience has been so life-altering for us, people find it very hard to accept the miracles we've experienced.

The idea to take the trip came from our religion teacher, Ms. Kelleher who was nicknamed Mom on the trip as she truly watched over us like a mother (for which we are extremely grateful). Ms. Kelleher had been to Medjugorje the previous September and constantly praised it. Medjugorje is a town in Bosnia-Herzegovina in which Our Lady has been appearing to six visionaries for the last 24 years. We got permission from our principal, Pat Kinsella and funding from Bishop Buckley, Father George, the Parish and our parents. On the 13th of May, along with our truly blessed spiritual director named Finbarr O'Leary, we flew out of Cork airport along with many more, heading to Medjugorje.

The strangest thing about Medjugorje was the state of peace that had settled itself there as a result of the strength of people's beliefs, for fear is not needed when you have faith. No one there seemed angry or stressed, no one rushed around yet everything was done and everyone smiled at you. The first morning in Medjugorje we went to Mass about 20 minutes early and we were almost unable to fit into the church. All the pews, aisles, in front of the altar and also down the back of the church were lined with people. The Mass lasted an hour yet the time seemed to fly. The church was filled with smiling people praising the Lord and getting into the hymns just as people get into songs at a rock concert.

At night we would have prayer meetings, sing hymns, talk about our experiences or pray the Rosary. None of these activities were forced on you but you truly did want to sing and praise the Lord for your blessings. At the beginning of the trip when I went to these prayer meetings I found them very strange, as well as the experiences people have been through and their closeness with God. I found my want to praise the Lord when after four days I had an inner healing which allowed me to leave my fear behind and open my heart to the Lord.

Every student, together with my teacher also went through this healing but some had more to do than others, but we all found our peace. We climbed Apparition Hill (Podbrdo) and Mount Krizevac as well as meeting and being prayed over by the visionary Vicka whom Our Lady still appears daily to. We witnessed the miracle of the sun pulsating and dancing in the sky at the time of one of the apparitions. Also many others saw, felt or heard their own personal miracles.

The sun dancing in the sky happened at the time my class was to be saying the Rosary but amongst all the excitement, awe and talking we would not have time to say it out in the spot we had chosen as we had to return for dinner. As a result, we decided to say the Rosary while walking through the streets of Medjugorje. The reaction around us was astounding as I assume a group of one adult and ten teenagers between sixteen and seventeen are rarely seen saying the Rosary, not to mind saying it in broad daylight. From that day on we were named the "Ladybird gang". This was also proof the youth has not lost its faith, but rather needs a bit of encouragement to release it from its hiding place.

"No-one comes to Medjugorje except on Our Lady's invitation", is what we are told. The invitation will not be a physical one but rather a calling in your heart or through someone else. The others who were called to Medjugorje along with us in our group were filled with beauty in their souls and warm hearts; they came unsure and left positive.

We were truly blessed with our company and our guide Finbarr.

No one wanted to leave as we had just truly taken a step into heaven when we stepped into Medjugorje. Our faith remains with us.

Written by Jenny Goggin on behalf of Rang Triona, 4th Year, Gaelchoháiste Choilm.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

In your abiding love, O God, you are always present to your people. We bring to you, with confidence, our petitions for the needs of our world.

Reader

We pray for the church throughout the world, that it may be ever more truly sign of hope for all people.

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

We pray for our Holy Father, Pope Benedict that he may be gifted with all that is needed to lead the church at this time.

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

We pray for an end to war in our world, and for relief and comfort for all who are suffering from the effects of war, violence, or displacement.

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

We pray for governments, scientists, environmentalists and those charged with making laws to preserve the quality of the world's resources, that they may be given wisdom and the support of all citizens.

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

We remember the sick and all who suffer. We pray for them and for all who provide them with care.

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

We pray for all students doing examinations at this time.

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

Priest

God of abiding mercy, you never fail to care for your people and to hear the prayers we make to you in the name of Jesus, your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

I will show God's salvation to the upright.

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BAPTISMS

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

James Daniel Farrell, Kilnaglory.
 Ryan Christopher Twohig, 12, Leesdale Drive.
 Jack Daniel Murray, 18, The Elms, Bridewood.
 Ella Beth McCarthy, 40, The Green, Coolroe Meadows.
 Patrick Adam English, 4, The Sycamores, Classis Lake.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Monica Murphy, Glasheen Road.
 Kathleen Casey, Curraheen.
 Julia O'Shea, Barraduff, Killarney.
 Patrick Twomey, Coolea.
 Eileen Desmond, Dillon's Cross.
 Betty Sweeney, Greystones.

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

Mary Ann Finn, Ballyduff.
 Thomas O'Sullivan, Kanturk.
 Mary Brennan, Mullingar.
 Dec. Mems Greene & O'Mahony families, Fermoy & Ballincollig.
 Ann Greenside, Kinsale & London.
 Joe Donovan, Inniscarra.
 Mrs O'Leary, Tralee.
 Albert & Maureen O'Donovan, Clonakilty.
 Mildred McCarthy, Union Hall.
 David Murphy, Poulavone.
 Dr. Margie Cuthbert-Bergin, Perth.
 The Crowley family.
 Crissy Twomey, Main Road.
 Kay Barrett, Beech Park.
 Jerry & Nora O'Sullivan, Minister Cross.
 Betty O'Callaghan, Blackpool.
 Jerry Murphy, West Cottage, Greenfield.
 Kate Crowley, Manor Hill.
 William Boyce.
 Niamh Carroll.
 Liam Scully, Castlemartyr.
 Adam Fenlon, Ascension Heights.
 Mark Fogarty, Clash Road.
 Catherine Hogan, Ballinlough.
 Donal O'Donovan, Ballinlough / Blackpool.
 Jerry O'Callaghan, 3, Lee View, Carrigrohane.

Reflection for Parents

As our children grow and socialise with other children in the neighbourhood, schools, or faith communities, we may not always be pleased with their choice of friends. It's always a good idea to be in touch with our children's friends; but at the same time, we need to risk a little, too. Your children and your family may be an instrument of God's love and compassion for someone who may be looked down upon by others.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Tenth Week In Ordinary Time

05 Sunday Hos. 6:3-6. Ps. 49. Rom. 4: 18-25. Mt. 9:9-13. Lect I: 663
 06 Monday 2 Cor. 1 :1-7. Ps. 33. Mt. 5:1-12. Lect II: 124
 07 Tuesday 2 Cor. 1: 18-22. Ps. 118. Mt. 5: 13-16. Lect II: 126
 08 Wednesday 2 Cor. 3:4-11. Ps. 98. Mt. 5: 17-19. Lect II: 128
 09 Thursday Col. 1 :24-29. Ps. 15. Mk. 10: 17-30. Lect II: 1345
 10 Friday 2 Cor. 4:7-15. Ps. 115. Mt. 5:27-32. Lect II: 132
 11 Saturday Acts 11:21-26, 13:1-3. Ps. 97. Mt. 10:7-13. Lect II: 1058

Next Sunday's Readings 12-June-2005
 Ex. 19:2-6. Ps. 99. Rom. 5:6-11. Mt. 9:36-10:8. Lect I: 666

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Monthly Collection

This Weekend
 4th & 5th June 2005
Please Support

Lough Derg

Four day pilgrimage to Lough Derg
 Leaving Grand Parade on Sat 11th June at 9 am
 For further details phone 4893453

A Student's Prayer at Exam Time

You know Lord, no matter how often exams come along, it's always the same. I've been through all this before: the late nights, the cramming, the funny feeling in the pit of my stomach; and there always seems to be so much still left to do. You would think I might be getting used to it now. I'm not asking you to make up for what I have not done Lord. What I am asking is a restful night's sleep and freedom from useless worrying. Help me to have confidence in what I have done, and to get it down during the exam in some kind of order. And while I think of it Lord, take care of all the others too! Amen.

Mass Book

The Mass Book in both churches opens on 11th June for the Months of July, August and September 2005

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Hosea 6:3-6
 God requires love, fidelity, compassion, and a personal relationship. God desires love, not sacrifice.

Second Reading: Romans 4:18-25
 Like Abraham who trusted in God's Word, we are to believe in the power of God to accomplish in us what we cannot accomplish ourselves.

Gospel: Gospel, Matthew 9:9-13
 Jesus made his mission clear when he ate with tax collectors and sinners. Some chose to judge him by his company. Instead, Jesus explained that a person in good health would have no need for a doctor. Likewise, only sinners need the salvation Jesus promised.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Colman of Dromore 07-June-2005

The first bishop of Dromore in County Down, was this St. Colman, who founded a monastery there, probably about the year 514. He was venerated from early times in Scotland as well as in Ireland, and under the date of June 7 we find him mentioned in several of the ancient calendars of both Countries--sometimes as Mocholmuc, or Mocholmog--"my dear little Colum". The Felire of Oengus describes him as "the great descendant of Artae", but nothing is actually known of his parentage and of his career. The manuscripts of a much later date which profess to relate his life are full of anachronisms and extravagant stories. As there are over two hundred Irish saints of the name of Coman, it is scarcely to be wondered at if their histories have become confused. According to tradition, St. Colman of Dromore was born in Dalriada. After receiving his early training at Nendrum from St. Coelan, he became a disciple of St. Ailbe of Emly.

Among his friends was St. Macanisius, whose advice he sought as to his future career. "It is the will of God that you erect a monastery within the bounds of Coba plain", was the answer he received. He accordingly set to work and established his community by the river Lagan which passes through Dromore. The most famous of his pupils was St. Finnian of Moville. St. Colman seems to have died about the middle of the sixth century or somewhat earlier, and was probably interred at Dromore, though the Breviary of Aberdeen gives Inchmacome as his place of burial.

Special Collection

Ballincollig Parishioner & Mass Missalette
 An **EXIT COLLECTION** will be taken up after all Masses weekend 18th & 19th June 2005. Your Contribution will help towards the purchasing of the Mass Missalette and the printing costs of The Parishioner.

Yoga

Beginners Hatha Yoga Classes at the Feelgood Centre
 Exchange House, Main St., Ballincollig
 Starting Monday 13th of June
 10 – 11:15 am €70 for a 6 week course
 Contact: Louise 086-8608730

Eucharistic Procession

Thanks to the all who took part in our Eucharistic Procession on Saturday last. A special thanks to the Alter Society and those who set up the Alter; the Choir; those who led the Rosary; the Scouts; the Gardai who looked after traffic and the people involved in the procession; to Healy amplification, to all involved in the clean up and grass cutting at Church View and to the businesses and homes on Station Road and the Main Road who decorated their windows.

Fr. George

Fatima Apostolate Group

The monthly meeting of the Apostolate will be held on Monday 6th June 2005 at 7 pm in the Youth House, Station Road. Present members and new members are all welcome to attend

FÁS eCollege

FÁS has established an Internet based training service called eCollege, which offers a range of flexible learning opportunities. It can be accessed at www.fas.ie (and select the eCollege option). It is available to everybody and offers over 100 courses that can be taken online in the following categories: - Business, Office Applications, Web Design/Programming, Technical Support, Soft Skills/ Personal Development and Health & Safety. Most courses are certified; the cost is modest; payment can be made online.

Ballincollig Secular Franciscan Order

The monthly Mass and meeting will be held on Thursday 9th June at 11.00 am in St. Mary & St. John Church
 Rosary will be recited at 10.40 am (Sharp)

Knock

Franciscan Pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday June 26th. Departs Liberty St. at 7:45 am. Tickets €16 available at St. Francis Friary, Mass Office, Liberty Street.

Cork International Folk Dance Club

Will be dancing all through the summer!
 Music and dance from all over the world
 Tuesdays 8-10 pm €4 nightly
 Carrigrohane Parish Hall
 (down the hill from St. Peter's Church)
 Men and women of all ages and fitness levels are very welcome.
 Free Admission on the first night if you'd like to come and try it out (for more info phone Larry 4886541 or Patsy 4872550)

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Jun-11 & Jun-12-2005

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Sandra Walsh
8:30 am
Annette Collins
10:00 am
Grace Buttimer
12:00 Noon
Declan Chalmers

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Michael Greene
11:00 am
Maura McNamara
12:30 pm
Kay Carew
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	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
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

Jun-11 & Jun-12-2005



St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm	Aisling Kelly Eileen Murphy Ted Nelligan Angela Murphy Ann O'Connell Sheila Walshe	8:00 pm	John O'Donoghue Eleanor O'Donoghue Kathleen Daly
8:30 am	Helen Kelly Annette Murphy	11:00 am	Mary O'Mahony Mona Bowen Billy Barry
10:00 am	Miriam Maunsell Mary Buckley Breda Ring Jerry O'Connor Mary O'Regan	12:30 pm	Mary Twomey Terry O'Driscoll Bernie O'Driscoll Maura O'Driscoll
12 Noon	Louie O'Leary John Walshe Pat Kelleher Irene O'Brien Ellen O'Sullivan Chris Cotter	5:30 pm	Garreth Irish Shelia Curran

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