

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 05-June-2011

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

Ascension and Witness

As we celebrate the feast of the Ascension of the Lord we look forward to the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. In the reading from the Acts of the Apostles Jesus tells his disciples that they will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on them. We too can experience the spirit of wisdom and perception that Paul speaks of to the Ephesians, enabling us to understand the revelation handed on to us, and to experience in indwelling of the Spirit in our hearts. We are sent to bear witness to Christ: "you shall be my witness," and we go as Christ commanded us in the power he has given us to witness to standards of generosity and goodness in the world of our time and place. And we remember his promise to be with us to the end of time.

Each year at the end of the Easter Season we celebrate the presence of Jesus with us on the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). This year we look forward to the International Eucharistic Congress in Dublin in June 2012 when the Church in Ireland and the Universal Church will give thanks to God for the gift of the Eucharist. The Congress theme is "Eucharist: Communion with Christ and with one another." Our preparation for the Congress has already started. In March the Eucharist was taken as the theme of our Lenten Mission and this week we begin a period of preparation for the 2011 celebration of the Body and Blood of Christ building up to the Corpus Christi procession on the 25th June. The objective is to promote a deepening awareness of the Eucharist, resulting in a deeper commitment to love of neighbour, to social justice and a Christ-like attitude of reaching out to all people in a friendly and accepting way.

There are two solemn Eucharistic processions in our tradition. The first is the procession to the Altar of Repose in the Holy Thursday liturgy, when we commemorate the Gethsemane vigil of Jesus before his passion. The second is the procession on the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ when we publically proclaim Christ in memory of the command to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth, when we bring Christ into all the suffering, isolation, loneliness and temptations of life, to ask his blessing for our town and our parish.

Billy O'Sullivan

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

Let us pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit as Christ urged his disciples to do.

Reader

For the Church: that the Holy Spirit may renew the commitment of its members.

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

For all those who guide the destiny of nations: that the Holy Spirit may open their ears to the voice of conscience.

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

For all whose spirits are crushed: that the Holy Spirit may breathe new life into them.

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

For each other: That the Holy Spirit may warm our hearts with his love.

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

For our own particular needs.

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

We pray for those who have died; that they may follow Christ into a new creation.

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

Priest

God of love, open our minds and hearts to the coming of the Holy Spirit, so that we may be able to follow your Son more faithfully. We ask you this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Con O'Connor, Freemount.

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

Victor McCarthy, Innishmore.

Liam Barrett, Blackstone Bridge.

Thomas O'Sullivan, Kanturk.

Justin & Monica Monaghan, College Road.

John Cavanagh, Wicklow.

Mary O'Connor, Freemount.

Joseph & Josephine Halligan, Rosewood.

Marie Flaherty, Coolroe Meadows.

John Shanahan, Fr. Sexton Park.

Margaret Sexton, Manor Hill.

Daniel Barry, Bishopstown.

Maurice Carey, Rosewood.

Jerry Murphy, West Cottage, Greenfields.

Anne Symth, Carrigdena.

Today is World Communications Day

On the first Pentecost, while praying, the Apostles of Jesus received by the Holy Spirit the gift of communicating the Gospel to the world. How appropriate, then, that the Church celebrates World Communications Day on the Sunday before Pentecost. In his prayer intention this month, the Holy Father asks us to pray anew for grace for communicators, which of course includes ourselves.

In this year's special message for the 45th World Communications Day, "Truth, Proclamation, and Authenticity of Life in the Digital Age," Pope Benedict says that "there exists a Christian way of being present in the digital world: this takes the form of a communication which is honest and open, responsible and respectful of others." Or in the words of this month's intention, he asks that the media "respect the truth, solidarity, and dignity of the people."

Do we think the media is honest? Truth is fair, not weighted right or left. Do the media unite people, recognising our solidarity as human beings who are created equal and have universal needs? Raising fear does not bring people together. Do the media (and advertisers) respect the dignity of people? We have seen human bodies presented as objects to be used for selfish pleasure. We have seen disrespect for vulnerable people of all kinds. Freedom of speech does not permit us to degrade and dismiss one another. Liberty does not allow us to bully and manipulate people.

Media respect the dignity of people when they seek the truth and tell it. God's truth is that we are not isolated as individuals, but connected to others, needing one another's friendship as we work toward the common good.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Ascension Of The Lord

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

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

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

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

09 Thursday Rom 12:1-2, 9-13 or 2 Cor 5:14-21. Ps 33. Mt 19:27-29

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

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

Next Sunday's Readings 12-June-2011

cts 2:1-11. Ps. 103. Cor. 12:3-7, 12-13. Jn. 20:19-23. Lect I: 601

'Mothers Prayers' Groups

Meeting Times:

Wednesday at 10.30 am - *Meeting Room at*

Christ our Light Church

Thursday at 10.00 am - *Library Room,*

Parish Community Hall

All Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers are welcome to come along one of these mornings to pray for their children and the youth of our Parish

Events Coming Up In Ennismore

Ennismore is an oasis of beauty, peace and hospitality. Our centre and our programmes seek to develop and nurture a sense of Sacred and the contemplative dimension to Christian Spirituality.

Modern Culture and Seeing Beyond

John Waters – Author and Newspaper Columnist - June 6th/7th.

The Spirit of Feminist Theology

Anne Francis - June 8th

Contemporary Irish Artists in poetry, drama, painting and sculpture

Enda McDonagh - June 9th/10th.

Art & Creativity

Jonnie Fitzpatrick - August 29th.

Creative Cooking

Our accomplished chefs in Ennismore - August 30th.

Creative Prayer – Ritual Movement & Meditation

Martina Lehane Sheehan - August 31st.

For more information

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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.

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Charity Concert

UCC Security and Community Policing, Barrack Street are delighted to once again present their annual charity concert, "A Summer's Evening on the Quad", which this year, raises funds for The Hope Foundation and Bee for Battens. This intimate concert, now in its 6th year takes place on **Friday 10th June** in UCC. The spectacular surroundings of UCC's Main Quad provide the perfect setting for this very special, outdoor, all-seated concert, which boasts an exciting line-up of performers including Ireland's Premier Operatic Soprano, **Cara O'Sullivan** and **Peter Corry**, along with The Band of the Garda Síochána and musical director David Munro.

The Hope Foundation is one of the beneficiaries of this year's event, and funds raised will go towards helping the street and slum children of Calcutta, improving their quality of life, and giving them a brighter future. Currently funding over 60 projects, HOPE reaches out to the most forgotten; offering protection, healthcare, nutrition, education, rehabilitation and a family for life; and to date has reached out to almost 25,000 children through education alone and hundreds of thousands more through primary healthcare, in partnership with Irish Aid.

Tickets are just €30 for this very special evening and are available now from The Hope Foundation on (021) 4292990 or office@hopefoundation.ie.

Bulletin Board

Pastoral Development In The Diocese

Three years ago Diocesan structures were re-arranged. Parishes were grouped together throughout the diocese. This arrangement is called clustering. Ballincollig is clustered with Ovens / Farran, Kilmurry, Cloughduv and Canovee. This is partly an effort to formalise the support the priest's of neighbouring parishes give to one another. It also involves the parish councils working closer together. During the past three years representatives from the parish councils met on a regular basis resulting in penitential services and in service for Ministers of the Eucharist being organised.

Bishop Buckley has arranged a number of meetings for the co-ordinators of the clusters. The main item on the agenda for these meetings is the declining number of priests available for fulltime appointments and the increasing age profile of the diocesan clergy, with now very few priests under sixty. The recommendation is that each cluster is to prepare for a reduction in the number of priests. At present there are five priest's fulltime in our cluster serving three parishes with seven churches and providing seventeen Masses each weekend. We are asked to reorganise Masses and Mass times so that four priests can continue to celebrate Mass in each of the churches at weekends. Reducing the present schedule from seventeen Masses to fifteen and perhaps twelve Masses at weekends is a huge challenge and we need to be ready for the situation when it arises.

Bank Holiday Monday

9.30 am Mass only in St Mary & St John Church

Eucharist Procession

The annual Eucharist Procession will take place on Saturday 25th June 2011 after the 6.00 pm Mass

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place **Saturday 18th June, 2011 at 12.00 noon** 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 Book

Diaries to book Mass Intentions for July, August & September will open in both churches on Saturday 11th June, 2011

Examination Time

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

Fr. George

Society of St. Vincent De Paul

Monthly Collection
 This Weekend 4th & 5th June 2011
 Please Support

*To all our Readers and Parishioners
 have a pleasant and safe weekend*

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Jun-11 & Jun-12-2011

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Brendan Collins
Michael Collins
8:30 am
Triona Downey

10:00 am
Sean Collins
Kate Collins
12:00 Noon
Sean Hennessy
Shane Lehane

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Pauline Collins
Niall Cronin
11:00 am
Maebh Nic Mheanmain

12:30 pm
Adaugu Ebili
Caterina Nugent
5:30 pm
Marlyn O'Connor



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Jun-11 & Jun-12-2011

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Steve Wills
Margaret O'Sullivan
Rita Aherne
Danny Farrell
Jim Walsh
Frances O'Brien

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Rita Murphy
Denis Healy

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

12 Noon Oliver O'Donovan
Miriam Maunsell
Sean Hennessy
Mary McLean
Ellen 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

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

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Fr. Billy O'Sullivan C.C.	021-4876171
Fr. James McSweeney	021-4873308



Will hold Blood Donor Clinics In the Éire Óg GAA Hall, Ovens

Tuesday	Jun 07	5.00 pm – 8.30 pm
Wednesday	Jun 08	5.00 pm – 8.30 pm
Thursday	Jun 09	5.00 pm – 8.30 pm

Blood is urgently required

Please make a special effort to attend.

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The MEd is an Honours programme and is recognised for all relevant purposes by the Department of Education and Skills. All lectures are held in Cork, generally at 4.30-6.30 pm on Wednesdays in school term.

Since 1997, almost 200 teachers in the Munster region have taken the CLEO/Hull MEd, a high proportion attaining First Class Honours, a number winning University prizes for their dissertations. Ten have gone on to complete the EdD, ten, the PhD.

One of the explicit objectives of the Programme is the preparation of students for positions of leadership in primary and post-primary schools, Catholic schools in particular, and over forty CLEO graduates have been appointed principal subsequent to their completion of the Programme.

Classes are small and academic supervision, advice and support are readily available

A new three-year Programme begins in September, 2011 and requests for application forms and/or further information should be addressed to: Dr. F. J. Steele, MA (NUI), DPhil (Oxon), Director, CLEO, Mardyke House, The Mardyke, Cork. Tel: 021-4271729

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