

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 05-May-2013



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sixth Sunday of Easter

The night before He died Jesus promised the gift of the Spirit to his disciples. God the Father sends the Spirit to keep the word of Christ and for those who keep that word there is the great promise of Christ's peace - being at home with the Father and the Son.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Jesus' Farewell Gift

In today's Gospel, we hear that the disciples are gathered around Jesus the night before he faces his death on the Cross. All of us experience at some time in our lives the sadness and pain of 'letting go' of a loved one who is dying. The disciples are now facing the reality that Jesus will not be with them much longer. Jesus is aware of their deep sadness and anxiety and tells them 'do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid'. He goes on to reassure them that they will never be alone; that when he is no longer physically present with them, his Father will send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will always be with them to help them and to remind them of all Jesus had said to them.

Jesus' farewell gift and wish for his disciples is a message of peace. "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." As Jesus prepared to return to his Father, and in spite of the suffering he knew he was facing, he was at peace knowing he had accomplished the mission for which he was sent. He teaches us that peace comes from recognizing God's presence in and around us, made possible by the gift of the Holy Spirit. When we allow ourselves to be led by the Spirit, we experience peace. Let us today pray for that gift of peace; peace in our hearts, in our homes, and in the world. Jesus also says, 'if anyone loves me, they will keep my word, and my Father will love them and we shall come to them and make our home with them'. How privileged we are that God wants to make his dwelling in each of our hearts! I ask myself, how aware am I of God's presence in those I meet each day?

Today's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles also reminds us that even today, with all its blessings and resources, the Church still continues to face difficulties in the carrying out of its mission. It is the work of the Spirit in us that enables us to respond to the call of Jesus. We pray to be open to the guidance of the Spirit that Jesus promised us.

Sr. Colette

Reflection for Parents

Today's Gospel is especially helpful when we have to explain death to our children. Jesus told his disciples that if they truly loved him, they would be happy that he was going to be with his Father. While the words are sometimes hard, even for us as we face a loss through death, our faith lets us know that Jesus and our loved ones are truly happy in a way we can't fully understand. Jesus offered the Spirit to the disciples because he knew the days ahead would be hard for them. It is that same Spirit that helps our families and us when we face hard days following a death. The greatest news in this reading is that Jesus will be back for us!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us offer our prayers to the Lord who rules the world with justice.

Reader

We pray for the Church; that the Holy Spirit may enlighten it and guide it to speak out with a voice of joy, which will be heard to the ends of the earth.

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

We pray for our political leaders; that they may rule the world with justice.

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

We pray for peace; that the peace of Christ may rest on each of us and on the world.

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

We pray for each of us present today; that the Holy Spirit may come and teach us everything and remind us of the words of Jesus.

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

We pray for those who are sick; that they may receive comfort in their illness and be restored to full health.

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

For a moment, we remember in silence our own particular needs.

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

Priest

Father in heaven, you sent your Holy Spirit to guide us on the way of truth. Hear our prayers today, which we make in the name of Jesus, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

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MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Robert David Kennedy, Ovens & Fiona Patricia Fitton, Kilnaglory.
Paul James O'Regan, Ardfield & Gemma Louise O'Leary, Muskerry Estate.

Paul Peter Creedon, Aherla & Noreen Teresa Angland, Dripsey.
Donal Gerald Harrington, Bishopstown & Deirdre Angela O'Neill, Bishopstown.

James Nash O'Mahony, Ballingearry, Davina Lipkyte, Muskerry Estate.

Don Patrick Healy, Castlelyons & Karen Paula White, Muskerry Estate.

Paul John Patrick O'Sullivan, Bishopstown & Nicola Jane Bowen, Station Cross,

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

- Noel Murphy, Model Farm Road.
- Michael & Theresa O'Donovan, Skibbereen.
- Hughie & Neil O'Leary, Fairhill.
- Billy Holmes, Kerry Pike.
- Patricia Murphy, Uam Var Avenue.
- Trevor Kelleher, Rosewood.
- Cornelius Barrett, Dripsey.
- Michael Cotter, The Glen & Ballincollig.
- Denis Mannix, Doneraile.
- Val Riordan, Glasheen.
- Finbarr Riordan, Oxford.
- Tessie Sheehan, Cork.
- Michael Maverly, Evergreen Street.
- Jeremiah Henchy, Carrigrohane.
- Vincent Murphy, Inniscarra View.
- Dan & Nora Murray, Dooniskey & Mallow.

**Retreat for Ballincollig Parishioners
(Year of Faith)**

- Day and date: Saturday 11th May 2013
- Venue: St. Dominic's Retreat House
Ennismore, Cork.
- Time: 10.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.
- Conducted by: Martina Lehane Sheehan
- Cost: €10 per person

A light lunch 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 and 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 Tuesday 7th May.

I am interested in attending the retreat on Saturday 11th May

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No: _____

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sixth Week Of Easter

05 Sunday Acts 15:1-2,22-29. Ps. 66. Apoc. 21:10-14,22-23. Jn. 14:23-29. Lect I: 539

06 Monday Acts 16:11-15. Ps 149. Jn 15:26-16:4. Lect I: 542

07 Tuesday Acts 16:22-34. Ps. 137. Jn. 16:5-11. Lect I: 544

08 Wednesday Acts 17:15,22-18:1. Ps. 148. Jn. 16:12-15. Lect I: 546

09 Thursday Acts 18:1-8. Ps. 97. Jn. 16:16-20. Lect I: 560

10 Friday Acts 18:9-18. Ps. 46. Jn. 16:20-23. Lect I: 562

11 Saturday Acts 18:23-28. Ps. 46. Jn. 16:23-28. Lect I: 564

Next Sunday's Readings 12-May-2013

Acts 1: 1-11. Ps. 46. Eph. 1: 17-23 or Heb. 9:24-28, 10: 19-23. Lk. 24:46-53. Lect I:

Senior Help Line

A Third Age programme, is a national confidential telephone listening service for older people provided by trained older volunteers for the price of a local call anywhere in Ireland, **LoCall 1850 440 444**. Would you be interested in taking part in a walking tour of the Camino de Santiago to raise funds for this valuable Third Age service. If so contact Neil at nbruton@thirdageireland.ie or 0834260081

Lough Derg Pilgrimage & Retreats

This Year of Faith journey to Lough Derg, where pilgrims have been *gathering* for over 1,000 years, and celebrate your faith with people from every parish in Ireland. For information contact Maureen in the Lough Derg Office Tel: 071 9861518 / email: info@loughderg.org

The Dyslexia Association

Cork Branch are holding a Summer School this year from August 19th to 23rd inclusive. Venue - Bishopstown Community School from 10 am to 2 pm, inclusive of 1 hour of Art each day. Cost €160. Please contact Noel Geaney (noelgeaney2@hotmail.com) - (087) 1246190 directly to book a place or for more information

Experienced Caregivers Required

Home Instead Senior Care is looking for reliable, flexible Caregivers for the elderly in their own homes in the Ballincollig area. Fetac level 5 (or in process of completing) is desirable and own transport is essential. Please call 021 500 2205 Email CV to cork@hisc.ie

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts 15:1-2. 22-29

One problem in the early Church was whether Christ meant his message for the Gentiles or only for the Jews. The apostles met in council at Jerusalem and decided to preach to the whole world.

Second Reading: Apoc 21:10-14. 22-23

The ancient Jews loved the city of Jerusalem, the site of the temple and the centre of their religion. In the Second Reading for today, John describes the Church as triumphant as a new and glorious city, the New Jerusalem. That new city is a symbol of the Church as she is today and she will be in the future.

Gospel: John 14:23-29.

In this Gospel, Jesus prepared his disciples for his return to God. Jesus promised them that the Holy Spirit would live within them and provide strength and courage. The Spirit would always be available to help them as a counsellor and advocate. Through the Spirit, they would recall the words and teachings of Jesus and even come to understand these things in a way that they could not before. In addition the disciples would receive peace from the Spirit. The peace of the Spirit would be a "shalom" kind of peace which provided a special inner serenity.

The Permanent Diaconate

Bishop John Buckley has issued a statement to an effect that he has decided to introduce the permanent diaconate in our diocese. Following the information sessions that were held throughout the diocese in 2010 Bishop Buckley has reflected on the observations made and believes that this is the opportune time to introduce this ancient order into the local church. In this, Bishop Buckley is following the practice of many countries that have done so over the past 50 years and, more recently, many Irish dioceses who have introduced the Diaconate. This development will be in tandem with the main pastoral thrust of the diocese which has seen growing involvement of lay people in the leadership and life of our parishes. One of the deacon's main functions will be to ensure that this development is consolidated.

The permanent deacon shares with the bishop and priest in the sacrament of orders. He can perform many functions currently associated with the priest: baptisms, weddings, funeral preaching. But, he brings the grace of his ordination to all aspects of his life and is expected to have a particular care for the poor. The Diaconate is open to married and single men alike; married men must be at least 35 on applying; celibate men can be accepted at 25. The upper age limit is 63 at ordination. The preparation takes four years. It consists of an introductory year aimed at helping a candidate to discern if he has a vocation and a three year study programme which is approved by the Pontifical University at Maynooth. The introductory year will begin in September next and those interested should contact their local priest or the Diocesan Director of the Permanent Diaconate: Canon Bertie O'Mahony.

Troubled by someone else's drinking?

Try Al-anon. Local Meetings S V de P Centre Station Road
Thursdays 8.30 pm. Phone: 021 4311899.

Bulletin Board

Bank Holiday Monday

Monday May 6th Morning Mass at 9.30 am in Church of St. Mary and St John.

Envelope Collection

Envelope collection next weekend at all Masses 11/12 May for Diocesan Parish Pastoral Services. This service provides support for Parish Councils and Clusters.

Next Confirmations

Scoil Mhuire Thursday May 9th
Gael Scoil Monday May 13th

First Holy Communion Dates

Scoil Eoin Saturday May 18th
Scoil Mhuire Saturday May 25th

Altar Servers

Volunteers are invited to serve as Altar Servers in both Churches. Please contact any priest, together with parents, or contact parish office Phone: 021 4871206.

Coeliac Host.

Coeliac Host is available at all Masses in both churches. Generally the Priest celebrating the Mass has the Coeliac Host. To help the Celebrant you might please let him know before the Mass.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on **Saturday June 8th 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.

Fr. George

Community Work/Development Studies

The Community Development Programme at the Cork Institute of Technology is inviting applications from candidates who have experience in community work and/or qualifications in similar areas for advanced entry to the second and fourth year of the full-time BA and BA Honours in Community Development commencing September 2013 .

We would love to hear from you, for an informal discussion please contact:

Dr. Margaret O'Keeffe, Cork Institute of Technology,

T: 021 – 433 5931. E: margaret.okeeffe@cit.ie

Paddy Anderson, Cork Institute of Technology

T: 021 – 433 5932, E: paddy.anderson@cit.ie

Come and See

The Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary are holding 'Come and See' days in May for single women. If you would like to explore your vocation with us, then please book one of the following dates: May 11th; 12th; 18th; 19th; 25th or 26th, by contacting Sr Una by email at unashjm@aol.com. Venue is in Sacred Heart Convent, Blackrock, Cork. 9am - 5pm.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

May-11 & May-12-2013

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

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

10:00 am
Margot Twomey
Kaylyn Lordan
12:00 Noon
John Dorgan / Noella Ngenwie
Catherine O'Sullivan

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Jessica Lingard
Morgan Smith
11:00 am
Cormac Manning

12:30 pm
Adaugu Ebili
Caterina Nugent
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	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. Dave O'Connell C.C.	087-2479140
Fr. James McSweeney	021-4873308

Social / Coffee Mornings

Continue every Friday morning in parish house "Sonas" on Station Road at 10 am.
Everyone welcome as it is an ideal opportunity to get and know people from our community.

Pieta House – Suicide Crisis Centre

Darkness into Light - 5k Event
4am Saturday morning 11th May, 2013.
Join us for this symbolic event
20 Venues Nationwide
See dil.pieta.ie for more details or phone Dublin 01 6282111 or Limerick 061 484444

Golf Invite

Columban Annual Golf Outing at Royal Tara Golf Club. Thursday May 16th.

The proceeds from the day will go towards our **work in Myanmar**. We are trying to build up the team that is already working under restrictions within the country. You can get further details on our website www.columban.com.

Tee Time: 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Maximum Handicap 1s:
18 for Under 60s 24 for over 60s

Dinner at Royal Tara ? Circa 5.30 p.m.

We may even have a 9 hole, or even a putting competition in response to popular demand!

Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can read



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

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St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

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

7:30 pm Anne O'Regan
Mairead Murphy
Finbarr Murray
Lettie Kelly
Mary Murphy

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Rita Murphy
Denis Healy / Tom Butler

11:00 am Seamus O'Connell
Mary O'Connell
Alan O'Riordan
Geraldine Keohane
Gerard Murray

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

12:30 pm Lucy O'Callaghan
Jackie Sheehan
Mary Green
Michael O'Leary
J.P.O'Leary

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

5:30 pm Noelle Buckley
Mary Breen

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