

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 06-May-2007

Fifth Sunday Of Easter

Part of the great revelation of the New Testament is the notion that God is coming among us to make all things new; that means removing all the causes of guilt and grief in human life. We show our acceptance of this renewal of our lives by our love for one another.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

A Parable of Change: The Lost Sheep

“Leave the 1, and seek out the 99 strays”

Life is full of changes. There are some changes which we think we will never get used to, but after a while we wonder what all the fuss was about. Just remember the conversion to the Euro. We all had our Euro calculators; dual pricing was in practice long before the changeover and, if like me, you mentally converted prices for a while afterwards, but soon discovered you didn't need to anymore. Now we are at ease dealing in Euro and the pound seems a far distant memory. Through usage and familiarity comes acceptance. Change can be brought to visit us at work, though moving jobs or changes to our routine, which can present a greater personal challenge.

In the church, change is usually ushered in at a pedestrian pace. Just as I started out as an altar server, the mass was changing from Latin to English. This was an easy change, as everybody could now understand the prayers and readings. Those who fasted from meat on Fridays (a terrible sin should you not obey!) were taken by surprise when this law was relaxed. Confusion reigned among many steadfast Catholics as the pace of change quickened; the introduction of female altar servers, lay readers and ministers of Eucharist. (Oh, my God, could women priests be far behind?)

Was this a step too far for some people? When we become entrenched with the familiar, we get comfortable and don't like being disturbed. Then change is seen as a threat, something to shake us up from the safe space where we have anchored ourselves with an image of God that fits our comfort zone. But if to grow is to change, then we are clearly in a stunted place. Our spirituality is like dry bones, unchallenged and dead. To be led from this space into a world of change and personal growth should be seen as a wonderful opportunity to respond to God's constant calling, not as an obstacle; not something to be feared.

This is not welcome news for the rigid Catholic in the pew. They would prefer to turn back the tide and bury themselves in what they perceive as a golden age, viewed through rose tinted spectacles. But the challenge of ministry today is to leave the 1 in the pew and go and seek out the 99 who have wandered off. So much energy and time can be exercised in ministry to the one in the pew, particularly in traditional devotional practices that fail to articulate the spiritual yearnings of the 99. It is a constant tension to serve the one in the pew who, let's face it, can be very demanding, and balance that with seeking out the 99 strays. Both groups are so divergent in their spiritual journey that there is no common currency in the language of today's liturgy to reach the one and the 99. The one in the pew must be willing to accept that changes are inevitable; things can't continue as they have been. The needs of the one in the pew can't always be met at the expense of the 99 who have wandered. Many old and outdated practices that appeal to the minority may have to be abandoned, whilst new fresh ideas must be tested as the momentum to reach the 99 gathers pace.

The one in the pew can be so concerned with maintaining the status quo that any efforts to seek the 99 are perceived in terms of abandoning them. Oh that the one in the pew would offer to join in the search for the 99! What an enriching experience that would be. Together, we could seek new ways of connecting life and liturgy, of hearing the experience of the 99 and what their life story has to offer the church of the future. What possibilities the future of ministry holds could be unravelled together, as we make a journey with the one God, who can be found in places other than the pew!

Sean O'Driscoll

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Aware of the needs of our brothers and sisters throughout the world, and of the goodness and compassion of God, we confidently present our prayers today.

Reader

We pray for our Holy Father, Pope Benedict, that he may be blessed and encouraged in his ministry of leadership in the Church at this time.

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

We pray for Christians everywhere, that they may be renewed in faith and in joy during these Easter days.

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

We pray for newly baptised infants and for their families, and for those adults who have been received into the Church this Easter. May they find within the Christian family the support they need in walking the way of faith.

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

We pray for young people, that they may grow in wisdom and grace. We remember especially those who are students preparing for examinations at this time.

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

We pray for those who are sick or in pain, for those who are mourning the loss of loved ones, and for all who suffer from anxiety or loneliness, that their pain may be eased.

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

We remember our beloved dead, especially our loved ones, May they enter the fullness of joy in their heavenly inheritance.

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

Priest

Loving God, you know our needs before we call; yet you listen to the prayers of your people. Grant these our requests, which we make with confidence in the name of Jesus, your Son, who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

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BAPTISMS

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

William Declan Cronin, Killard, Blarney.
Patrick James Coughlan, 103, Old Court, Greenfields.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Phil (Nora) McDonnell, Coolroe.
Thomas Murray, Pearce Road & Inniscarra.
Paddy Farrell, Dublin & London.

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

Michael Noonan, Parknamore.
Eileen O'Leary, Kilnaglorry.
Ann & Michael O'Farrell, High St.
Paul Wall, Churchfield.
Lena Dennehy, Castle View
Deceased members of O'Brien family, Castlefarm.
Kitty & Jerry Hallahan, Kilmichael & Wales
Jim O'Neill, Poulavone
Maureen Curran, Cahirciveen.
Trevor Kelleher, Rosewood.
Eileen O'Mahony, Leemount.
Sheila O'Riordan, Castle Park.
Michael Maverley, Evergreen St.
Dec. Members O'Mahony family, Ballinora.
Fintan O'Mahony, Courtmacsherry.
Patrica Ginty, Inniscarra View.
Con Murphy, Castletownbere.
Josie Murphy, Rockchapel.
Michael O'Regan, Shamrock Drive, Ovens.
Mary Linehan, Inniscarra View.
Michael & Helem Byrnes, Co. Clare.
Patrick Lucey, Inchigeela.
Jeremiah & Catherine Cunningham, Dillons Cross.
Sheila Quinlan, Glenworth.
Maureen Carroll, Albert Road.
Connie Radley, Carrigrohane.
Mary Ann Radley, Powder Mills.
Dan & Nora Murray, Dooniskey & Mallow.
William Perrott, Glasheen.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Fifth Week Of Easter

06 Sunday Acts 14:21-27. Ps. 144. Apoc. 21:1-5. Jn. 13:31- 33, 34-35. Lect I: 517
07 Monday Acts 14:5-18. Ps 113B.Jn 14:21-26. Lect I: 519
08 Tuesday Acts 14:19-28. Ps 144. Jn 14:27-31. Lect I: 522
09 Wednesday Acts 15:1-6. Ps 121. Jn 15:1-8. Lect I: 524
10 Thursday Acts 15:7-21. Ps 95.Jn 15:9-11. Lect I: 526
11 Friday Acts 15:22-31. Ps 56.Jn 15:12-17. Lect I: 528
12 Saturday Acts 16:1-10. Ps 99. Jn 15:18-21. Lect I: 531

Next Sunday's Readings 13-May-2007
Acts 15:1-2,22-29. Ps. 66. Apoc. 21:10-14,22-23. Jn. 14:23-29. Lect I: 539

Thought for Today

We forget that the vine needs to be pruned. When Jesus was tempted in the desert, the temptation was to rely on prosperity, prestige and power. By resisting that temptation he showed us that we need to be pruned of our self-reliance in order to put our trust in God alone.

***Enhanced Ministry Opportunity:
Calling Ministers of the Eucharist and Lectors***

If you are a Minister of the Eucharist or Lector and you would like to exercise your ministry to the fullest, then come and be trained to lead the community in prayer, at a Service of Word and Communion. These services will be a feature of parish life in the future and now is the time to become familiar with the format. There will initially be 2 nights of instruction and training, followed by an afternoon of Retreat. If you are a Minister of the Eucharist or a Lector this opportunity is for you! Just let any of the parish team know you are interested. If you need any further information, please call us.

Training dates:

Thursday 3rd May in Annex of parish hall 8 pm
Thursday 10th May in St Mary and St John 8 pm

The Annual Eucharistic Procession

Will take place on Saturday 9th June, 2007

Following 6:00 pm Mass.

Further details will be given in a few weeks.

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.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts 14:21-27

Today, we hear how hard Paul and the apostles worked to build up the church. They tended the vineyard.

Second Reading: Apoc. 21:1-5

Only God knows for sure what will happen at the end of the world, but now John gives us some hints. There will be a whole new universe, a new heaven, and a new earth. Suffering and death will be no more; we will live happily with God. This is the future of the Church.

Gospel: John. 13:31- 33

While Jesus was with his disciples at the Last Supper, he pointed toward his future glory following his death and resurrection where he would be reunited with his Father in heaven. He also gave the disciples a command: to love one another. But the disciples didn't have to figure out how to do this on their own. Jesus told them to love one another in the same way he had loved them.

Bulletin Board

May Rosary

Nightly 9 pm at Our Lady's Shrine Curraheen, Waterfall. Families, Parishioners, especially Children are warmly Invited.

Bank Holiday Monday

Please note, No 08:30 am Mass in Christ Our Light.

First Holy Communion

The girls and boys from Scoil Barra will receive their first Holy Communion on Saturday 12th May at 11:00 am in Christ Our Light

Confirmation

The girls from Scoil Mhuire will receive their Confirmation on Monday 14th May at 10.30a m in St Mary & St John.

Morning Masses

Please note on days of Confirmation & Holy Communion there will no Masses preceding these ceremonies in respective Churches.

Fr. George

Night Vigil

For the holy souls in purgatory will be held in the old church in Knock on Saturday, May 12th from 9 pm to 1 am. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. McNamara OCD. Eucharistic adoration before mass, Confessions also available.

"Mothers' Prayers"

This is an invitation to Mothers, (including Grandmothers, Godmothers) to come together to pray for their children for half an hour approximately once a week in the Meeting Room of Christ our Light Church on **Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m.**

or

The Annexe of the Parish Hall on **Thursday mornings at 10:15 a.m.**

You are very welcome to come along either of these mornings
Sr Colette O'Leary

49th Cork Ballincollig Scout Group

Last Saturday the Tue night Macoimh went on an overnight to Kerry, we left the Scout hall at about 11 am (I say about because one unnamed leader was late) and headed for Killarney, we went straight to Muckcross, where we had lunch and afterwards went on a hike, first around the house and then on to Muckcross abbey. We left Killarney and headed for the Scout hall in Tralee, where we set up our sleeping bags some of the Macoimh started cooking dinner while others played games, after dinner and wash up we went to the local park and played soccer. We returned to the Scout hall had our supper and went to bed. The following morning after Mass we headed for the Aqua Dome where we all had lots of fun splashing about. We headed back to Cork stopping at McDonnell's on the way.

For every boy with a spark of genius, there are a dozen with ignition trouble.

A Retreat for Ballincollig Parishioners

Day and date: Saturday 19th May 2007

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

Time : 10.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Conducted by: Fr. Joe Ralph O.P.

Cost: €14 per person

Soup, tea, coffee and rolls will be supplied. The talks will be based on 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 Scripture or praying with Scripture will be welcome.

Kindly fill in the form below if you wish to attend and hand it into the sacristy (either Church) on or before Monday 14th May

I am interested in attending on May 19th

Name:

Address:

Phone No:

Knock

Legion of Mary Annual Pilgrimage to Knock on Saturday 27th May.

Bus leaving Square 7 am sharp. Early booking advisable.

Bus – Full Irish Breakfast & Dinner €48.50

Bus – Scone – Dinner €44.00

Full monies to paid two weeks in advance.

For details contact Sally @ 4870954

Marie @ 4872464

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Volunteers needed

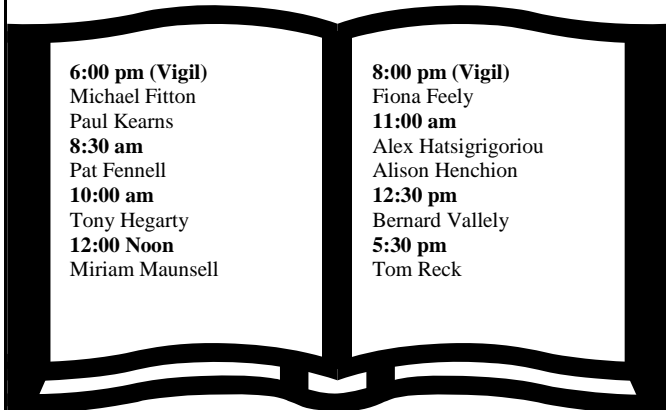
To help in our fundraising office. Experience helpful but not essential.

To help with our Door to Door collections - if you can spare a couple of hours a week to join our fantastic volunteers please contact Niamh @ 021-4377643 or email: niamh@corksimoncommunity.ie

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

May-12 & May-13-2007

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light



6:00 pm (Vigil)
Michael Fitton
Paul Kearns
8:30 am
Pat Fennell
10:00 am
Tony Hegarty
12:00 Noon
Miriam Maunsell

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Fiona Feely
11:00 am
Alex Hatsigrigoriou
Alison Henchion
12:30 pm
Bernard Vallely
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		
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	8 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
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Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C. 021-4877161
Fr. Sean O'Driscoll C.C. 021-4870434
Fr. Anthony O'Mahony

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST



May-12 & May-13-2007

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm	Eileen Murphy Ted Nelligan Angela Murphy Ann O'Connell Sheila Walshe Rita Hodge	8:00 pm	John O'Donoghue Mary Dineen Kathleen Daly
8:30 am	Helen Kelly Breeda Feehily Mary O'Connor	11:00 am	Mary O'Mahony Mona Bowen Billy Barry Mary Aylward Pauline Baston
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
12 Noon	Joy Daly Pat Kelleher Theresa O'Donovan Ellen O'Sullivan Ursala McAuliffe Sally Crowley	5:30 pm	Garreth Irish Sheila O'Connor Elizabeth O'Sullivan



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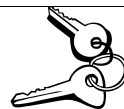
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Saturday	9.30 – 12.30 pm

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Friday	9.30 – 7.30 pm
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