

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 10-May-2015

Sixth Sunday of Easter

What is truth?' asked Pilate. Many people today would rather ask, 'What is love?' We find the answer not in ourselves but only in God. He loves us in giving us his Son. His Son loves us in giving up his life for his friends. This is God's love and we are called to imitate it.

150 Years



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

LOVE and GOD

"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love."
As I mentioned last weekend in my few words of reflection after the Gospel I'm at a total loss when it comes to plants, trees, flowers, gardening. There are those with an eye for gardening who can bring lots of life and colour to a garden even in the smallest places. Others get more adventurous and build green houses in order to grow the rarest plants and fruits. Some former generations of my own family were very good at gardening and earned a living from it. This weekend as part of the commemoration of the 150th Jubilee Year we are holding a Flower Festival and well done to all those who have been working to create such wonderful exhibits. Do you know what the two words that are the most used, overused, misunderstood and more in the English Dictionary? The words LOVE and GOD.

Last week here in the Parishioner I mentioned the Confirmation ceremonies as the young people of our parish were invited to let the Holy Spirit influence their lives in a more concrete, visible way as they journey through life. Full and perfect Christians. It is a hope and prayer of a disciple and the Christian community. Over the next few weeks our more younger members of the community will be receiving their First Holy Communion and if there is one thing that the children do throughout the year it is that they learn a lot about loving Jesus. Loving Jesus in the Bread of Life, in the Eucharist, in each other, in themselves, in their families.

This love is a love spoken of so that they understand Jesus as a God of love. Once children and indeed ourselves believe and understand this love then you and I try to live by that love. As we look at the Gospel Jesus speaks to us of the need to love.

"If you love me you will keep my commandments. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me." The command to love may be viewed as an imposition, instruction, guideline, rule, guide, target, goal, inspiration. Whatever it is let's make love of God and neighbour part of not just our loving God with all our mind but move to the depths of our spirit and heart.

Dave O'Connell

Thought for Today

In today's Gospel we encounter that familiar passage in which Jesus declares that there is no greater love than to lay down one's life for our friends. We often interpret this as making the ultimate sacrifice in extreme circumstances. However, we are more likely to be challenged on this in less dramatic, but often more chronically difficult ways: when we are called to make major adjustments to our way of life in order to find the best facilities for a child with a disability; when we choose to care full-time for an elderly or sick relative; whenever we sacrifice our personal happiness or fulfilment for the benefit of another.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God, because God is love. Let our prayers be an expression of our love for one another.

Reader

For all Christians: that they may be known by their love.

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

For those who govern the nations of the world: that they may stride to rid the world of hatred and fear.

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

For husbands and wives: that in spite of difficulties their love may endure.

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

For those who have known little love in their lives and who practice even less.

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

For all gathered here: that we may show love in little ways, especially toward those we meet every day.

**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

Heavenly Father, your Son commanded us to love one another, and set an example by laying down his life for his friends. Help us to follow his way of love so that we may taste the joy that only he can give us, a joy no one can take from us. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

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BAPTISMS

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

- Senzeni Mayo, Leeview Estate.
- Kyle Youenn Hayes, The Close, Coolroe Heights.
- Siun Anne Healy, Oldcourt, Greenfields.
- Aoife Eibhlin Murray, Nenagh, Co Tipperary.
- Hanna Alicja Urbaniak, The Heathers Classes Lake.
- Clara Katie Skehan, Woodberry, Greenfields.
- Caitriona Mary Donegan, The Heathers, Classes Lake.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

- Philomena (Phil) Collins, West Village.
- Ann Shaw, Ballyphehane.
- Seamus Keating, Youghal & Highfield Park.

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

- Trevor Kelleher, Rosewood.
- Neil Hallissey, Muskerry Estate.
- Sean & Cissie Daly, Coolroe.
- Geraldine Daly, Coolroe.
- Josie Murphy, Rockchapel.
- Dr. Jim O'Neill, Poulavone.
- Eileen Murphy, Muskerry Estate.
- Noreen Spillane, Bishopstown.
- James O'Donoghue, West Village.
- Joan & Andy O'Keefe, Leeview, Carrigrohane.
- Michael O'Leary, Ballinlough.
- Dec. members of Murphy family, Ballyhaunis.
- Dec. members of Twohig family, Kilcrea.
- Mary O'Brien, Carrigrohane.
- Christine Kelly, Castlepark.
- Breda Murphy, Inniscarra.
- Neil Barrett, Dripsey.
- Vincent Murphy & daughter Monica, Inniscarra View.
- Jeremiah & Annie Henchy, Carrigrohane.
- Aine Harkin, Mossgrove.
- Martha Moloney, Mayo/Florida.
- Johanna Morrissey, Doneraile.
- Patrick & Mary Lehane, Ovens.
- Nellie Sheehan, Well Road.
- Shelia Spillane, Glenflesk.
- Eileen Dwane, Douglas.
- Ned & Eileen Hogan, Bandon.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sixth Week In Ordinary Time

- 10 Sunday Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48. Ps 97 1 Jn 4:7-10. Jn 15: 9-17. Lect I: 536
- 11 Monday Acts 16:11-15. Ps 149. Jn 15:26-16:4. Lect I: 542
- 12 Tuesday Acts 16:22-34. Ps 137. Jn 16:5-11. Lect I: 544
- 13 Wednesday Acts 17:15, 22-18:1. Ps 148. Jn 16:12-15. Lect I: 546
- 14 Thursday Acts 1: 15-17. Ps. 112. Jn. 15:9-17. Lect II: 1023
- 15 Friday Acts 18:9-18. Ps 46. Jn. 16:20-23. Lect I: 562
- 16 Saturday Acts 18:23-28. Ps 46. Jn 16:23-28. Lect I: 564

Next Sunday's Readings 17/May/2015

Acts 1:1-11. Ps 46. Eph. 1:17-23. or Eph 4:1-13. Mk 16:15-20. Lect I: 552

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48.
 Saint Peter lays down the principle that God chooses his elect no matter what their nationality. All are acceptable if they are in the right disposition. While Peter was speaking the Holy Spirit descended on the Gentiles. It is the only case of the reception of the Holy Spirit before baptism.

Second Reading: 1 John 4: 7-10
 The love of God and of the neighbour are so closely related that one cannot exist without the other. When God decided to restore mankind to his original supernatural state his love knew no bounds. He sent his only son into the world to lay down his life for our sins. This was an act of purest love.

Gospel: John 15: 9-17.
 The observance of the commandments is the real proof of that union of wills that is called love. Jesus reduces his commandments to one: "that you love one another, as I have loved you." The standard is Jesus' own love.

Holy Land Pilgrimages

Do you dream of walking in Jesus "footsteps"? Visiting Bethlehem, and Jerusalem, Galilee by boat, swim in the Dead Sea, Baptism in River Jordan and more.
 Pilgrimage October 2015
 For further details contact Lar Cunningham 087 6823989
 Or email cunningham46@gmail.com

150th Anniversary Celebrations of the Church of St. Mary & St. John.

Flower Festival in the church takes place this weekend.

Viewing Saturday 11am -- 4pm

Viewing Sunday 1pm - 6pm

Followed by closing ceremony.

All Welcome.

Booklet €5 all proceeds to Ballincollig Students with Hope Foundation working with Street Children in Calcutta.

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Homelessness

Focus Ireland works to end homelessness at a national level. The South East Regional Team support families and individuals in Waterford, Cork, Wexford, Kilkenny, Carlow and Tipperary through our supported housing. In addition we provide advice and information to those worried about becoming homeless or at risk of homelessness, education services, crèche facilities and after care services to young people coming out of state care. The stretch on our services is immense with a huge increase of 25% in demand in 2014.

At the moment we have a deficit of volunteers to meet our needs regarding forth coming fundraising activities in Cork and county

We need as many willing volunteers as possible to give a little time for tasks such as church gate collections etc. Any person interested in volunteering can visit the Focus Ireland website www.focusireland.ie to learn more about our services and then contact the Waterford Fundraising team at regionalfundraising@focusireland.ie

Phone Charging Safety Message

Plugging in your mobile phone for an overnight charge or leaving it plugged in while not in use creates the following hazards:

Fire Hazard

If improperly discharged, punctured, or overheated, a battery could catch fire or explode.

Shock Hazard

A short circuit can cause the device to shock you, or lead to overcharging or overheating

What can you do to stay safe?

- Always use a genuine charger that is right for your phone and purchase from a reputable manufacturer.
- Never cover your charger when it is in use.
- Do not overcharge your device. Once your mobile phone is fully charged, disconnect it and turn the charger off
- Never use a charger if it shows any signs of damage or appears not to be working properly
- Do not place phone in areas that may get very hot, such as on or near a cooking surface, cooking appliance, iron, or radiator. Do not get your phone or battery wet.

Children's Corner

A Prayer to say...

Dear Jesus, you told us to love everybody. Sometimes this is really hard. Help me to love everyone I meet today. Amen.

In the Gospel today...

Jesus is teaching his friends about how much he loves us all. Jesus says that he loves us just as much as God the Father loves him. Anyone can be a friend of Jesus. All we have to do is to follow what he says and love one another.

Bulletin Board

Examination Time

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

Trocaire Boxes

Thanks to all who returned their Trocaire Boxes to the schools and to the church. Please return any outstanding boxes as soon as possible, when returned the money will be lodged in the Trocaire Account.

Pastoral Development Collection

The annual second collection to fund the work of the Cork and Ross Pastoral Development Office will be taken up at all Masses this weekend Saturday/Sunday 9th and 10th May. This annual collection funds the costs of training for parish assemblies and pastoral councils; ministry to young people and young adults; training for parish ministries such as baptism preparation teams, parish catechists, funeral teams; and resources for ongoing formation such as courses, talks and conferences for clergy and laity.

Eucharistic Procession

The procession will be held this year on Saturday June 6th after the 6pm Vigil Mass in St Mary & St John's Church. The route will be from the Church to the entrance to Castlepark and back to the green in Church View for Benediction. I take this opportunity to invite you and your family to take part in the Eucharistic Procession. I especially invite you to bring your child who received First Holy Communion recently. It would be appreciated if homes on route of the procession could be suitably decorated in honour of the Blessed Eucharist. Seats will be available near the altar at Church View for the elderly or people suffering from injury.

Confirmation

Congratulations to the boys from Scoil Eoin who received the sacrament of Confirmation in the past week. Sincere thanks to the parents and dedicated teachers who work diligently preparing young people for the sacrament.

First Holy Communion Dates 2015

Saturday 16th May Scoil Mhuire
 Saturday 23rd May Gael Scoil

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on **Saturday June 20th at 12.00 noon** in the **Annex, 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

The Bible should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. The Bible is meant not to inform, but to transform. Men do not reject the Bible because it contradicts itself but because it contradicts them.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

May/16 & May/17/2015

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)

Rosarie Cotter
Laura O'Keeffe

8:30 am

Triona Downey
Riain Brennan

10:00 am

Jordan Crowley
Fergal Monahan

12:00 Noon

Sean Hennessy
Shane Lehane

7:30 pm (Vigil)

Pauline Collins
Morgan Smith

11:00 am

Maebh Nic Mheanmain
Maire Buckley

12:30 pm

Bernard Vallely
Colm Walsh

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

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
Fr. George O'Mahony P.P.
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Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

Week 11th May to 17th May

Michael O'Leary
Kay O'Sullivan

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.



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

May/16 & May/17/2015

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm

Michael Maher
Bernadette Bell
Betty Casey
Frank Riordan
Siobhan Riordan
Pauline Quane

7:30 pm

Geraldine Lynch
Charlie Vaughan
Joan Stephenson
Bernie Bowen

8:30 am

Mary Buckley
Theresa Lucey
Mary B. Murphy

11:00 am

Neil Jeffers
Eileen O'Donoghue
Bridie Hanrahan
Padraig Fleming /
Imelda Power
Hugh & Catherine Moran

10:00 am

Cathy Horgan
Betty Flavin
Anne Spillane
Betty Sheehan
Ann O'Connell
Con O'Connell

12:30 pm

Denis O' Mahony
Christine O'Mahony
Tom Murray
John O'Regan
Gerard Dunne

12 Noon

Seamus O'Donovan
Eleanor Knowles
Catherine Greene
Joan Barrett
Frances Hogan

5:30 pm

Bernard Curran
John Canty

Experiencing Grief and Loss

In the Grief process, *Shock* and *Disbelief* are a normal initial reaction. Its hard to take in that someone you love has died. It is normal to feel numb, which is nature's way of protecting one from the full impact of the death and the intensity of acute emotional pain, helping you to get through the early days and weeks. During this initial time you are surrounded by relatives and friends. It can often be weeks or months when reality sets in and the full impact of your loss is felt. It is then that you may feel isolated and alone, especially if you no longer have the initial caring support. It is helpful to talk through your feelings with someone at this time. Facing grief is painful, yet it is the beginning of a journey that eventually bring healing. Healing happens gradually; there is no 'normal' timetable for grieving. The shock that is felt after the death of a loved one may continue for weeks or months, depending on the circumstances of the person's death. The one you love continues to exist in your memory and in the memory of others. It is helpful to chat about your loved one and your grief with family members and especially to include children who may also be grieving.

(A repeat of the series over the next few weeks of the articles presented by Sr. Colette during 2009)