

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 11-May-2008



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Pentecost Sunday

The first coming of the Holy Spirit on the Church was wind and fire and the telling of God's wonderful deeds in many tongues. The Spirit also comes as many gifts for the common good, bringing peace along with God's forgiving power.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Come Holy Spirit

Today we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost - the birthday of the Church. Following the Ascension of Jesus his disciples returned to Jerusalem where, because of their fear of the Jews, they remained behind locked doors in the security of the 'upper room'. Into this room Jesus comes bringing peace. He breathes the Holy Spirit on them. With the gift of the Spirit they are liberated from their fear and empowered to leave the Upper Room to go out to preach the Gospel.

In spite of being a timid little group they now find the courage they never knew they had to go out on to the streets to proclaim the Good News of the Risen Christ. The same disciples who had scattered after Jesus' arrest were now gathering people together for Christ. The disciples who were too scared to appear at the foot of the Cross were now proclaiming God's love. They proclaimed how their lives had been transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit and expressed the wonders God had worked in them.

On that first Pentecost, through the preaching of the disciples, many people became believers. Ever since then, the Gospel message has been proclaimed throughout the world. Proclaiming the Gospel today is not easy; so many reject Christ and his teachings and the Church he founded. Many people, for different reasons, experience being 'locked in' in their own lives, maybe living in fear, and yet wanting to experience liberation and peace. When we look back to what the first disciples encountered we find great reason for hope. If the Holy Spirit could work such wonders in them and through them, then surely he can do great things in us and through us if we allow him.

In today's second reading St Paul says that "no one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless they are under the influence of the Holy Spirit". He goes on to say that there is a variety of gifts, but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people. It is the same God who is working in all of us. Let us ask the Spirit to make us aware of the gifts we have received and to appreciate the different gifts in other people. Realizing that we all have different gifts, we are invited to work together using our gifts, to build up and to serve the needs of our parish community to which we belong. We have been gifted with the Holy Spirit and the Lord continues to work wonders in and through us.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love!.

Sr. Colette

Reflection for Parents

This reading is like the person who got tired of hearing the same excuse: "I'm too busy." We all are given the same 24 hours each day and each one of us chooses how to spend them-of course, we have responsibilities and there are probably things we would rather do, but even so, we determine how we will fill our time. It is the same with gifts. Through the Spirit we are all given gifts and it is up to us how and for whom we will use them. It is our diversity that binds us together as children of God-each one of us using our gifts for the good of all.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us ask the Lord to strengthen us in the Spirit so that we may walk in the way of truth.

Reader

We pray for those who bring the gospel to foreign lands, that the Spirit may guide them in their work.

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

We pray in thanksgiving for the blessings we have received from the Lord.

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

We pray for the faith to proclaim Jesus as Lord.

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

We pray that the various members of our community may use their unique gifts for the benefit of all and to build unity.

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

We pray for those who are working to combat climate change that they may help to 'renew the face of the earth'.

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

For a world plagued by hunger, war and destruction, that the Spirit may renew the face of the earth.

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

Priest

Heavenly Father you sent your Spirit as our guide and advocate. Hear the prayers we now make, in the name of Jesus, your Son, who is Lord forever and ever.
Amen.

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord and renew the face of the earth.

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BAPTISMS

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

Aishling Clare Long, Manor Hill.
 William Patrick Bennett, Limeworth.
 Rory Holden, Veray Crescent, Bray, Co Wicklow.
 Adams Nnaemeka, Lisheens, Ovens.
 Sinead Teresa Corcoran, Oaklands.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Connie Cronin, Inchigeela.
 Tess Murphy, Millstreet.
 Corena Crowley, Greenfield & Switzerland.
 Nell McSweeney, Classis.
 Josie Halligan, Rosewood

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

Liam Murphy, Askeaton.
 Ann & Michael O'Farrell.
 Jeremiah Ring, The Crescent.
 Ned Hogan, Bandon
 Josephine Cuddihy, Tipperary.
 Mary O'Sullivan, Leesdale.
 James, Brenda & Denis O'Donoghue, West Village.
 Mary & Annie Crowley, Bandon & Glasheen..
 Patricia Ginty, Hawthorn Avenue.
 Josie Murphy, Rockchapel.
 Michael O'Regan, Shamrock Drive.
 Deceased Members of the Henchy Family, Carrigrohane
 Kathleen Cuthbert, Douglas.
 William & Nora McGrath, Glasheen.
 John, Helena & Patrick Walsh, Ballinhassig.
 Mai & Jack Finnegan, Killarney.
 Margaret & Michael Murray, Greenhill Estate.
 Nellie Sheehan, Douglas.
 Timothy Murphy, Rockchapel.
 Con & Maureen Cremin, Glasheen.
 Donal Leahy, Leeview, Carrigrohane.
 Kathleen Begley.
 Michael McCarthy.
 Eugene & Frances O'Callaghan, Inniscarra.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sixth Week In Ordinary Time

11 Sunday cts 2:1-11. Ps. 103. Cor. 12:3-7, 12-13. Jn. 20:19-23. Lect I: 601
 12 Monday Jm. 1 :11. Ps. 118. Mk. 8:11-13. Lect II: 525
 13 Tuesday Jm. 1:1-18. Ps. 93. Mk. 8:14-21. Lect II: 527
 14 Wednesday Acts 1: 15-17. Ps. 112. Jn. 15:9-17. Lect I: 1023
 15 Thursday Jm. 2:1-9. Ps. 33. Mk. 8:27-33. Lect II: 531
 16 Friday Jm. 2:14-24,26. Ps. 111. Mk. 8:34-9:1. Lect II: 533
 17 Saturday 21 Saturday Jm. 3:1-10. Ps. 11. Mk. 9:2-13. Lect II: 535

Next Sunday's Readings 18-May-2008
 Ex. 34:4-6, 8-9. Ps. Dan. 3. 2 Pet. 13:11-13. Jn. 3:16-18. Lect II: 611

Clustering of Parishes

Bishop Buckley announced a change in the organisation of parishes at a meeting of parish representatives in March 2008. The decision arose from the efforts of a group of people working in conjunction with Bishop Buckley recommending that the parishes of the diocese be clustered. There will be seventeen clusters and Ballincollig will join Ovens / Farran and Kilmurry (including Cloghdub and Canovee). Each parish will retain its own boundary. This clustering will become effective from September 2008. Each cluster will have a priest appointed as a moderator (organiser).

This proposition of clustering parishes is to deal with reduced number of priests available to work in the diocese, the increasing age profile of the clergy and the small number answering the Lord's call to serve as a priest or religious.

In the earlier church the right of the community to celebrate the Eucharist was taken for granted and the leaders of the communities also lead them in celebration of the Lord's Supper. Perhaps the present difficulties provide an opportunity to review structures of ministry with a view to recognising what developments in ministry structures are now an obstacle to the Church's development.
Fr George

Ballincollig Twinning Group

Concert of Choirs
 Cor Cois Abhann
 Cantain Mhuscraí
 Students of Colaiste Choilm
 La Chorale de Saclay Des Chants
 Saturday 17th May 2008
 Admission Free

Church of Resurrection,

Farranree
 Golden Jubilee
 1958 / 2008
 Flower Festival
 "A Celebration in Flowers"
 Will take place on:
 Saturday 17th May 11 am to 5 pm
 Sunday 18th May 12.30 pm to 6.30 pm

SMA Novena / Retreat

In honour of Our Lady
 Celebration of the Sacraments
 and Reflection, Friday 16th
 May - Friday 23rd May
 2008 each day at 7.30 pm at
 SMA Parish Church,
 Blackrock Rd., Cork
 Novena closes with SMA
 National Pilgrimage to
 Knock
 on Saturday 24th May 2008

Catholic Paper

Copies of the Catholic Paper -
The Universe - are available
 in both Churches every
 week.

Cake Sale

There will be a Cake Sale in Christ Our Light Church after the 11 am Mass On Sunday May 18th. The cake sale is being organised by the members of the Junior Folk Choir. All proceeds will be going to Crumlin's children hospital Dublin.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts: 2:1-11
 When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13
 The apostle Paul wrote that there are many gifts but the same Spirit, different ministries but the same Lord.

Gospel: John 20:19-23
 Jesus appeared and told the disciples, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit."

Scout News

Last Saturday the Scouts went back to Briny Scout centre to practice for the upcoming shield. The scouts first had to pitch there tents, which they did after a time, next they started building their gadgets and while this was going on the younger scouts had found and built a mud slide and also found the river, to keep them occupied some of the senior scouts organised them into teams and they built rafts and raced them down the river. Lunch was then cooked which of course was sausages. After lunch the teams practicing for the shield went back to work while the others had a game of manhunt, it was then time for dinner afterwards we had a game of football and gathered timber for the campfire. During the campfire we had some skits (no budding actors I'm afraid). On Sunday morning we were having some games, when it started to rain, so there was a rush to pack away the tents, we tidied up and after more sausages went home.

Nothing is further than the distance between advice and help.

Gala Charity Evening in Cork School of Music

The state of the art Curtis Auditorium in the new Cork School of Music is the venue for a gala charity evening taking place on Friday May 16th at 8 pm. The Killeagh Choir will be joined by Caintairi Mhuscraí, Cork Sopranos, Mary Hegarty, Angela Hartnett, Mezzo Soprano Marian Crowley, Tenors Robert Craig and Robert Beare, Classical Guitarist Jerry Creedon, and Cellist Carol O'Connor. Sean O'Sé will also perform. All proceeds will go to Cork Simon Community, Bóthar and Bubble. Tickets are €15 and are available from Cork Simon Community on 021 4929401.

A limited number will also be available on the door on the night

Africa Day

The New Communities Partnership (NCP) cordially invite you to a celebration of Africa Day which will take place in Crane Lane Theatre, Phoenix St. on Saturday 24th of May. African Day is an opportunity to celebrate African Diversity and join with Africans around the world in highlighting the cultural and social life of the African Continent. The event will include African music, song, cultural dance and foods as well as drumming workshops and of display of African Fashion and Dress.

The official opening will take place at 2.00 pm by the Lord Mayor of Cork, Cllr Donal Counihan.

Bulletin Board

Eucharistic Procession

The procession will be held this year on the eve of the feast of Corpus Christi May 24th 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. Perhaps parishioners would be good enough to make plans to take part in this year's procession.

Spring Dues

The Priests of the Parish thank you for returning your Spring Dues envelopes. Your continued support is much appreciated.

Mass Envelope Collection

Today Sunday 11th May for Parish Pastoral Services

Ballincollig Parish Confirmations 2008.

Gaelscoil Uí Ríordáin Monday 19th May 2008

Ballincollig Parish First Communions 2008.

Scoil Eoin Saturday 24th May 2008

Scoil Barra Saturday 17th May 2008

Our Lady of Good Counsel Saturday 17th May 2008

This Week's Calendar

Monday 12 – Saints Nereus and Achilleus, martyrs, were martyred in 304 under Diocletian. They were Roman soldiers who, on conversion, refused further military service.

Also, St Pancras, martyr. As a boy of fourteen, Pancras suffered under Diocletian and was martyred in Rome.

Tuesday 13 – Our Lady of Fatima.

Wednesday 14 – ST MATTHIAS, APOSTLE. St Matthias, like all apostles, was chosen to become 'a witness to Christ's resurrection'. He seems to have spent a great deal of time working in Judea; then he travelled east to Cappadocia (now Turkey), where it is said that he was the vital instrument in bringing many pagans back to faith. He is said to have been martyred at Colchis on the Black Sea and his relics brought to Rome by St Helena.

Thursday 15 – St Carthage, bishop.

Friday 16 – St Brendan, abbot. St Brendan was a Kerryman, born in 486. He studied at Clonard under Finian. He visited Scotland and reached the Hebrides and possibly areas beyond. He founded a monastery in Clonfert and died there in 578.

Saturday 17 – Weekday (6th Week in Ordinary Time)

Fr. George

A Summer Serenade!

On **May 25th** Opera 2005 presents a fundraising evening of opera favourites and light classics in the **Curtis Auditorium** at the CIT Cork School of Music. The concert features some of Cork's finest talents– well-loved soprano **Mary Hegarty**, baritone **Joe Corbett** and violinist **Elizabeth Cooney**. **Nicole Panizza** will accompany on piano.

Tickets priced at €20 are available from Pro Musica, Oliver Plunkett Street (021-4271659), the Opera 2005 office (021-4215180) and at the door on the night. The concert begins at **8 pm**.

"I Have Come That They May Have Life And Have It To The Full" (Jn.10:10)

Do You Want To Experience Life To The Full?
 Come And Listen to a catechesis for adults and youth in St. Mark's Centre (opposite Christ Our Life Church) Innishmore, Ballincollig.
 on Mondays and Thursdays at 8 pm

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

May-17 & May-18-2008

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Ailish O'Reilly
Daniel McAuliffe
8:30 am
Susan Fennell
10:00 am
Louise McCarthy
Robert Noonan
12:00 Noon
Tony Lynch
Even Keating

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Murigen Ni Mhathuna
Niamh Murray
11:00 am
Jack Dorgan
12:30 pm
Bernard Vallely
5:30 pm
Christine O'Brien

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

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Fr. Ted Sheehan 021-4876171

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

May-17 & May-18-2008



St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm	Steve Wills Margaret O'Sullivan Rita Aherne Danny Farrell Jim Walsh Frances O'Brien	7:30 pm	Anne O'Regan Mairead Murphy Finbarr Murray Lettie Kelly
8:30 am	Mary Buckley Rita Murphy Mary O'Keefe	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
12 Noon	Oliver O'Donovan Barbara Kelly Sean Hennessy Mary McLean Ellen Seymour Nora Hennessy	5:30 pm	Noelle Buckley Mary Breen Siobhan Burke

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