

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 12-May-2013

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

Feast of the Ascension

Today we celebrate the feast of the Ascension. In both the first Reading and the Gospel we hear two stories from St Luke about Jesus' final conversation with his disciples as he prepares to leave them and return to his heavenly Father. Having spoken to them about his death and resurrection, he then goes on to tell them about the mission he is entrusting to them. In His name, they are to preach repentance for the forgiveness of sins to all nations beginning from Jerusalem. Having given them his final instructions he takes them out to a place near Bethany where he blesses them before being taken up to Heaven. They return to Jerusalem full of joy and praising God, to await the promised coming of the Holy Spirit when they will be empowered to continue the mission of Jesus and to preach in his name. This is the beginning of the Church. The disciples have to face the fact that the physical loss of Jesus means he is present to them in a new way. They are being called to be his witnesses and to make Jesus' presence known throughout the world.

Each of the readings reminds us of our mission, a mission given to the Church and to each one of us by Jesus himself. As baptised Christians we too have received the gift of the Holy Spirit. As the apostles were told to bring the 'good news' of the gospel message to others, we too are challenged to open our hearts and witness to his presence in our lives in our everyday situations! There are times when we may find it difficult to feel Jesus' presence in our own lives. We may even feel that he has abandoned us, particularly in moments of life's deep pains, losses, disappointments, but he continues to look on us with love and he left us with a promise that he will always be with us.

Today is an appropriate opportunity to reflect on the prayer of St Teresa: "Christ has no body now but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks with compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good, Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, Yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now but yours."

Sr. Colette

Reflection for Parents

Jesus assures us in this Gospel reading that we belong to God's family. As parents we work hard to help our children know that they are loved and valued as members of our families. We are a living example of God's love when our children see how we treat them and others and how we forgive one another. It is this acceptance and living unity that shows our children the love God has for Jesus, his Son, and all of us, his children. Today we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. While we bid goodbye to Jesus' earthly form, we are strengthened because we are clothed with power from on high. We rejoice and give thanks for the coming of the Spirit.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

As we bring our needs before God, let us pray in the name of him who now sits at the right hand of the Father in glory and who intercedes for us.

Reader

That Christ may enkindle in all his followers an ardent desire for his kingdom.

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

That he may strengthen by the power of that Spirit all those who are working for a just and peaceful world.

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

That those who have nothing to hope for beyond this life, may be granted the gift of faith.

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

That our own lives may bear witness to the faith we profess with our lips.

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

For all who have received the sacrament of Confirmation this year; that they may be clothed with power from on high and receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit openly, witnessing to Christ in their lives.

**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, through his ascension your Son, has become Lord of the universe, to stand above all that is best in life as its source, and above all that is worst as victor; to stand above all powers and authorities as judge, and above all failures and sin as forgiveness and love. We trust you to pay heed to those and all our prayers through the same Christ our Lord.

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

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BAPTISMS

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

- Zac Ikenna Kelly - Obi, Innishmore Grove.
- Donnacha Cian Casey, Leslies Arch, Old Quarter.
- Faye Clara O'Leary, Castlepark.
- Cillian Aidan Foley, Bridgewater.
- Riley Grace Brown, Wentworth Falls, Australia.
- Oisín David Holden Newton, New Zealand.
- Aoife Sophie Vincent, Maple lawn
- James Timothy Flynn, Distillery Court
- Julie Rose Cantillon Murphy, Uam Var Ave, Bishopstown
- Sadie Faye Morrissey, Westcourt.
- Maximilian Roman Zuchowski, Leslies Arch, Old Quarter.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

- Nora (Nonie) Kelleher, Macroom.
- Leqosna Matilda, Hungary.
- Andy Mylod, Ashburton.
- Catherine Walsh, Westcliffe.
- Catherine Foulkes, Carrigaline.
- Liam Houlihan, Elm Lawn.

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

- Kitty McCarthy, Kilbrittian.
- Josie Murphy, Rockchapel.
- Kathleen Cuthbert, Douglas.
- Jerry & Chris O'Sullivan, Clash Road.
- James, Breda & Denis O'Donoghue, West Village.
- James Murphy, Knocknagree.
- Sheila O'Mahony, Lorreto Park.
- Paul Wall, Churchfield.
- Jeremiah & Catherine Cunningham, Dillons Cross.
- Edmund O'Donovan, Cloyne.
- Peggy, Michael & Hannie McCarthy, Dripsey.
- Sally O'Sullivan, Carriganarra.
- Eileen Dwane, Douglas.
- Shelia Spillane, Glenflesk
- Donal Leahy, Leeview, Carrigrohane.
- Con & Maureen Cronin, Glasheen.

**Society of St Vincent De Paul
Clothes Collection Ballincollig**

Car Park (Behind Down's Supervalu)
Saturday 18th May, 2013- 10.00am – 4.00pm

We are interested in clothes, shoes, bags, curtains, bed linen, towels and bric-a-brac.

We thank you for your donations in the past and trust your response to this appeal will be equally generous.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Seventh Week Of Easter

- 12 Sunday Acts 1: 1-11. Ps. 46. Eph. 1: 17-23 or Heb. 9:24-28, 10: 19-23. Lk. 24:46-53. Lect I: 556
- 13 Monday Acts 19: 1-8. Ps. 67. Jn. 16:29-33. Lect I: 576
- 14 Tuesday Acts 1: 15-17. Ps. 112. Jn. 15:9-17. Lect II: 1023
- 15 Wednesday Acts 20:28-38. Ps. 67. Jn. 17:11-19. Lect I: 580
- 16 Thursday Acts 22:30, 23:6-11. Ps. 15. Jn. 17:20-26. Lect I: 583
- 17 Friday Acts 25:13-21. Ps 102. Jn 21:15-19 Lect I: 585
- 18 Saturday Acts 28:16-20,30-31. Ps 10. Jn 21 :20-25. Lect I: 588

Next Sunday's Readings 19-May-2013

Acts 2:1-11. Ps. 103. Rom. 8:8-17. In. 14:15-16, 23-26. Lect I: 601 & 606.

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 1:1-11

At the very beginning of the Acts of the Apostles we are told of the promise of the Holy Spirit. Then follows an account of the Ascension of Jesus, his departure in a physical sense, from this world. But this is a guarantee of his presence powerfully with us by his Spirit.

Second Reading: Eph 1:17-23

Paul speaks concretely of life in Christ. It is an empowered life.

Gospel: Luke 24:46-53

Luke stresses that the disciples who witnessed the Ascension were 'full of joy'.

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.

Saturday Workshops

Bru Columbanus, Wilton.

10.15 - 4.30 €50 per day

18th May Confidence Building.

25th May Healing Angels.

Details from: Mary: 087 4187447 - corkpd@gmail.com

www.corkpersonaldevelopment.com

St. Dominic's Retreat Centre

Saturday 18th May 10.30a.m. – 4.30p.m.

Welcoming the Holy Spirit – Day of Renewal

Facilitator: Anne Francis €50 includes lunch

For those interested you can book by email at

Ennismore@eircom.net or 021 4502520

Bulletin Board

Envelope Collection

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

Eucharistic Procession

The procession will be held this year on **Saturday June 1st after the 6pm Vigil Mass in the Church of St Mary & St John**. The route will be from the Church at approx. 6.40pm 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.

Mass Diary

Diaries to book intentions July, August, and September will open in both churches on Saturday June 8th at 9.00am.

Next Confirmation

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

Padre Pio

The annual Saint Padre Pio Mass at Enniskeane Church will be celebrated on Thursday May 23rd at 8pm.

Blessings with relics of Saint Padre Pio from 6.30pm and after the Mass. All welcome.

Prayer is not a burden, but a gift; it is not a constraint, but a freedom; it is not a millstone round our neck, but a source of joy.
Pope John Paul II

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

May-18 & May-19-2013

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Muireann Nelligan
Padraig McAuliffe
8:30 am
Tom McDonagh

10:00 am
Lauree Hegarty
Mary O'Driscoll
12:00 Noon
Oliver O'Donovan
David Drohan

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Rosarie Cotter
Louise McGrath
11:00 am
Maebh Nic Mheanmain
Lisa Aylward
12:30 pm
Joseph Manning
Niamh Murray
5:30 pm
Emily Hardman / Liam Tuohy

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	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.

My thoughts are not your thoughts...

'Says the Lord.

Cork Theology Forum

Open Forum + Summer picnic:

What are your thoughts? An open theology forum to tease out questions which are important to you. Please bring food for thought and something to eat and share as well.
Thursday 23rd May, 7.30-9.00pm, Northridge House, St. Luke's Home, Mahon, Cork. Registration €5.
For details and bookings please contact:
Anne Francis 087-228-2134, abfrancis@eircom.net
Cork Theology Forum is a broad based gathering of people exploring Christian theology and how it applies today.

All welcome.

Edel Quinn

A Mass to commemorate the Venerable Edel Quinn Legion of Mary Envoy to East Africa, will be celebrated at St. Augustines Church at 4p.m. on Saturday 18th. May.

All are welcome.

Troubled by someone else's drinking?

Try Al-anon. Local Meetings S V de P Centre Station Road Thursdays 8.30 pm. Phone: 087 6651707.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

May-18 & May-19-2013

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

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

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Theresa Lucey / Triona Collins
Mary B. Murphy

10:00 am Anne Cahill
Cathy Horgan
Claudine Tiendioh
Betty Flavin
Anne Spillane
Betty Sheehan

12 Noon Helen Plunkett
Seamus O'Donovan
Eleanor Knowles
Catherine Greene
Joan Barrett
Frances Hogan

7:30 pm Geraldine Lynch
Charlie Vaughan
Joan Stephenson
Bernie Bowen

11:00 am Neil Jeffers
Eileen O'Donoghue
Bridie Hanrahan
Catherine / Hugh Moran
Padraig Fleming

12:30 pm Denis O' Mahony
Christine O'Mahony
Tom Murray
John O'Regan
Gerard Dunne

5:30 pm Bernard Curran
John Canty



Table Quiz In Aid Of Ballincollig Tidy Towns

Thursday 30th May @ 9 pm
30 Euro for Table of 4

Please Register for Quiz with Pat Clarke 087/6348807

or

info@ballincolligtidytowns.ie