

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 13-April-2008

Fourth Sunday of Easter
(VOCATIONS SUNDAY)

Jesus is the good shepherd and guardian of our souls. Today we rejoice in the Lord our shepherd who calls us to himself.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Fourth Sunday of Easter - Vocations Sunday

Today is designated Vocations Sunday. There are many vocations in the Christian life, each of us has benefited and many continue to benefit from the vocation of our parents. Being a parent is a twenty-four seven calling and I am not sure if a retirement date is yet agreed. Parents bring us to life, through their love, attention and sacrifices they help us to grow and mature. Their lived faith is the great building block for our faith in God and an encouragement to everybody in walking with Christ. Today let us thank God for the goodness of our parents and the inspiration they are to their families.

We are asked to focus today on vocation to the priesthood and religious life. Just as Christ invited individuals to accompany Him during His life on this earth, he continues to invite individuals to walk with him today. Hearing the Lord's call and saying yes to it is a big step that takes courage and faith. Simon and Andrew, James and John heard Christ's call 'follow me' they put their trust in the Messiah and they believed that God would achieve great things through Christ and his generation.

The person responding to the Lord's call today needs to believe that the Eucharist is the cornerstone of life, whose hope is founded on a living faith, shared and nurtured in a living community. The person will also need to be prepared to go the extra mile for Christ and risk surrendering personal freedom for security in the Lord. Only God's grace will inspire such living. It is our responsibility to create an atmosphere where such a call can take root.

Living and ministering in a variety of parishes and situations has given me lots of joy and fulfilment. During difficult days there was support and encouragement. Let us all pray that some will respond to the Lord's call "come, follow me".

George O'Mahony

Reflection for Parents

Imagine your child wandering off in a crowd of strangers - perhaps at an amusement park or a shopping mall. After an anxious period of separation, your child hears your voice above all the others calling out his or her name. The relief and joy your child would feel is the same emotion Jesus promises us when we follow his voice. The thieves that separate us from our children are not necessarily people. Sometimes we allow thieves of busyness, work priorities or even social engagements to steal control of our lives. This Gospel reminds us it is better to listen to the trusted voice of the Good Shepherd.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Lord, our Shepherd, you invited us individually to become members of your flock. You know us intimately, and know our deepest desires. Hear the prayers we present before you this day.

Reader

We pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Lord may you provide shepherds to tend to your flock.

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

We pray for those who are preparing for, or who have recently received, the sacrament of confirmation. May the Holy Spirit guide them in their lives and lead them towards the green pastures where they will thrive.

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

For those who find themselves faced with difficult decisions at this time; that the Lord may guide them along the right path.

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

For those who are persecuted through no fault of their own and for those who are falsely imprisoned. May the Lord give them the strength to survive their ordeal.

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

For those who have recently been welcomed into the Church; that their Christian journey may be one filled with grace.

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

For those who serve and lead in the church, that they may be inspired and strengthened in their vocation.

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

Priest

God, our Father, hear the prayers we make before you this day confident that you will hear them. We make these, and all our prayers, through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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BAPTISMS

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

Sam Timothy O'Shea, Lee Court.
 Charlie Declan O'Shea, Lee Court.
 Martin Alfred Neary, Innishmore Court.
 Laura Catherine McElwaine, Old Court.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Annie Crowley, Copeen.
 Frances Murray, Ballincollig & Douglas.
 Ralph Hill, Westcourt.
 John O'Sullivan, Fairhill.

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

Jeremiah Collins, U.S.A. and Dunmanway.
 Con & Eileen O'Leary, Kilnaglorry.
 Jack O'Farrell, Ballydehob.
 Rose Cahill.
 Sean & Geraldine Daly, Coolroe.
 Frank Manning, Blackrock.
 Mary & Denis Lucey, Ballingearry.
 Deceased members of the Kelleher Family.
 Fr Michael Lucey, Innishannon.
 Tom O'Donoghue, Inniscarra View.
 Tom, Eileen & Jim Madigan, East Gate
 Cora & Maureen Cremin, Glasheen Road.
 Cornelius O'Regan, Carriganarra.
 Brendan O'Mahony, Douglas.
 Sheila, Patrick & Pat (Jnr) O'Riordan, Castle Park
 Mary Herlihy, Rosscarbery
 Tom O'Leary, Maglin
 Paddy Kirstein, Inniscarra View.
 Tony Allen, Inniscarra View.
 John Woods, Carriganarra.
 Michael O'Regan, Shamrock Drive.
 Jim O'Donovan, Union Hall.
 Mary Ellen O'Donovan, Union Hall.
 Brid Healy, Waterfall.
 Pauline, Paddy & Terry Sheehan, Curraheen.

***Summer Camp
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12 weeks of fun filled activities catering for children from 2 to 10 yrs of age

Each week the children will have the opportunity to partake in outdoor play and activities, arts and crafts, music and dance, games and drama.

If you would like to enrol your child for a time during the summer months or you would like more information, then please contact the office @ 021-4901607
 Limited Places available so book early to avoid disappointment

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Fourth Week of Easter

- 13 Sunday Acts 2:14, 36-41. Ps. 22. 1 Pet. 2:20-25. Jn. 10:1-10. Lect I: 487
- 14 Monday Acts 11:1-18. Ps. 41. Jn. 10:1-10. Lect I: 496
- 15 Tuesday Acts 11: 19-26. Ps. 86. Jn. 10:22-30. Lect I: 499
- 16 Wednesday Acts 12:24-13:5. Ps. 66. Jn. 12:44-50. Lect I: 501
- 17 Thursday Acts 13: 13-25. Ps. 88. Jn. 13: 16-20. Lect I: 503
- 18 Friday Acts 13:26-33. Ps. 2. Jn. 14: 1-6. Lect I: 505
- 19 Saturday Acts 13:44-52. Ps. 97. Jn. 14:7 -14. Lect I: 508

Next Sunday's Readings 20-April-2008
 Acts 6: 1-7. Ps. 32. 1 Pet. 2:4-9. Jn. 14: 1-12. Lect I: 511

"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 10:00 a.m.

Car Boot Sale

in aid of Marymount Hospice
 Bishopstown, GAA Club, Cork
 Sunday 20 April 2008
 9.00 am to 4.00 pm
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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 36-41
Peter proclaimed that only in the name of Jesus Christ are sins forgiven and the Holy Spirit received.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20-25
Jesus suffered for the sins of all people, and by his death on the cross, all can live in accord with God's will. People who strayed like sheep "have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls."

Gospel: John 10:1-10.
Using the image of shepherd and sheep, Jesus made an analogy for us to listen to the voice of God. Sometimes we are distracted by other voices that Jesus called "thieves." These thieves rob us of our desire to follow Jesus. True sheep, however, know the voice of the shepherd. The shepherd provides safety and life for the sheep.

Scout News

An extract from the troop log.

A group of 24 scouts from the 49th Cork went to Brinny on Saturday evening to begin training for the Shield. This event is held once a year and it is a competition within the Lee Valley Scout County. Ballincollig scouts are hoping to win the Camp Craft this year & took this weekend as an advantage to train for it. Everything went well with the good weather. We had a good selection of activities to participate in, including pitching our tents, building our gadgets, a night hike, games & free time, which all scouts enjoyed! Spirits are running high & everyone is looking forward to the competition which will held on the 9th, 10th & 11th of May this year.

**Keep up the good work lads
Stephen Murphy.**

Every part of the family constitutes a part of the family tree. Dad is the rough bark and fibre, the rugged part, which supports and protects it. Mum is the heart, which must be sound and true or the tree will die. The daughter may be likened to the leaves and flowers that adorn it. The son is almost always the sap.

Mental Health

Starting in May, there will be a 12-month full time community mental health-training programme in Macroom. The programme offers people the opportunity to enhance personal development skills and explore future options.

Eileen Ryan and David McCarthy
Rehabilitative Training Instructors
Macroom Focus Programme
Macroom e Building,
Bowl Road, Macroom, Co. Cork.
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Vita Ethiopian Challenge 2008

23rd October - 2nd November

Are you prepared for your challenge of a lifetime?
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For more information contact Jenny in Vita on 01 8820108/
jennydouglas2@vita.ie
or visit the website at www.vita.ie

Bulletin Board

Baptism Preparation.

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday April 26th at 1.00 pm, and will be held in the Community Hall, Station Rd. 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? We recommend parents book baptisms a few weeks in advance in order to give ample time to take part in the preparation.

St Oliver's Cemetery

The new extension to St Oliver's Cemetery is now open. Cork County Council are now selling plots, anybody interested please contact Mr Lane the caretaker at St Oliver's phone 021 4873709.

Trocaire Boxes

Sincere thanks to all who have returned their Trocaire Boxes. Please return any outstanding boxes.

Spring Dues

The Priests of the Parish would like to thank you for returning the Spring Dues Envelopes. Your continued support is much appreciated.

Special Day at Knock

St. Therese National Day at the Basilica of Our Lady, Knock Shrine on Monday 5th May 2008 (Public Holiday) at 3 pm Solemn Concelebrated Mass, Anointing of the Sick and Ceremony of the Blessing of the Rose.

Open Day

Open Day at Colaiste Stiofain Naofa College of Further Education, Tramore Road, Cork on Wednesday 16th April at 11.00am or contact Karen McGrath at (021) 4961020.

Ballincollig Parish Confirmations 2008.

Scoil Mhuire	Thursday 17th April 2008
Scoil Barra	Monday 14th April 2008
Our Lady of Good Counsel	Monday 14th April 2008
Gaelscoil Uí Riordáin	Monday 19th May 2008

Ballincollig Parish First Communions 2008.

Scoil Mhuire	Saturday 26th April 2008
Scoil Eoin	Saturday 24th May 2008
Scoil Barra	Saturday 17th May 2008
Our Lady of Good Counsel	Saturday 17th May 2008
Gaelscoil Uí Riordáin	Saturday 10th May 2008

This Week's Calendar

Monday 14 – Weekday (4th Week of Easter)

Tuesday 15 – Easter Weekday

Wednesday 16 – St Bernadette Soubirous. From February 11th to July 16th 1858 Bernadette witnessed eighteen visions of Our Lady at Lourdes. She is recognised as a saint for her humility and assiduous religious life.

Thursday 17 – Easter Weekday

Friday 18 – St Laserian worked in both Ireland and Scotland in the 7th century and later entered the monastery at Leighlin, where he became abbot. His monastery thrived and gave its name to the diocese established in 1110. He adopted church discipline in accordance with the practices of Rome and introduced the Roman method of dating the celebration of Easter. Laserian died in 639.

Saturday 19 – Easter Weekday

Fr. George

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Apr-19 & Apr-20-2008

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Aine Sheehan
Mark Prendergast
8:30 am
Triona Collins
10:00 am
Sinead O'Connor
Eileen O'Connell
12:00 Noon
Miriam Maunsell
Even Smith

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Rebecca Feely
Jessica Lingard
11:00 am
Meabh Nic Mheanmain
12:30 pm
Margaret Healy
5:30 pm
Marlyn O'Connor

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. Michael O'Mahony C.C. 021-4877161
Fr. Sean O'Driscoll C.C. 021-4870434
Fr. Ted Sheehan 021-4876171



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Apr-19 & Apr-20-2008

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

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Rita Murphy
Mary O'Keefe

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

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

5:30 pm Noelle Buckley
Mary Breen
Siobhan Burke

12 Noon Oliver O'Donovan
Barbara Kelly
Sean Hennessy
Mary McLean
Ellen Seymour
Nora Hennessy



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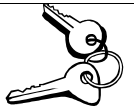
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