

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 13-May-2012



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

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.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Communion

Young lovers gaze into each other's eyes, they gaze at each other. Friends however gaze together and see things in the same way. They have a shared viewpoint and confide in each other. Jesus calls us friends, yet Peter in the house of Cornelius comes to realise that God does not recognise the human distinction between Jew and Gentile, between Christian believer and unbeliever. God does not have favourites. All who seek what is good and true with sincerity are acceptable to him. The Jewish Christians who accompanied Peter on his visit to the pagan house of Cornelius were astonished when the Holy Spirit came upon the unbelievers, on the outsiders. We, like them need to be open to others, to have respect for otherness. God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son for all of us, not just for some.

God's love is a unifying, life giving love, is the source of all authentic human love. That love of God for us is revealed by Jesus and indeed is revealed in the sending of Jesus by the Father. Jesus became a sacrifice for sin, but as our sense of sin is diminished, our gratitude for what Jesus has done, our redemption, is also lessened. If we fail to love, than we have failed to really know God at all.

Jesus has promised us life to the full, and lasting joy. He tells us to remain in his love, so that our joy, our gladness will be complete. He commissions us to share that life, and his love, with others, to bear fruit as branches of the true vine. He gives us a new commandment, "love one another as I have loved you," and we are to share the self-same love he has given us, an unconditional love. We are called to union with each other, into a communion. God chose us, and we respond by loving the brothers and sisters for whom Christ died. To be united with him is to be in a holy communion with him and with all those he loves. As his friends we gaze with him, with his attitude, on other people. To help us to be faithful he gives us the gift of himself in Holy Communion. In the Eucharist he leaves us a lasting and literally tangible presence. We thank him for his great gift simply by accepting it, by coming to Mass, by reverencing the Eucharist and by living the new commandment of love.

Billy O'Sullivan

Thought for Today

People from many different nations can be seen in our location. All are members of God's family like us. There will be peace, only to the extent that humanity sees itself as one family and when the dignity of individuals is accepted as more important than any difference or distinction.

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 strive 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 practise even less.

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

For all gathered here: that we may show love in little ways, especially towards those we meet everyday.

**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 us 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 :

Kitty Anne Hallissey, The Brambles, Classes Lake.
 Mikayla Holly O'Connell, Aylsbury.
 Florence Mary Walsh, Coopers Grange, Old Quarter.
 Charlie Noel Keane, Old Court, Greenfields.
 Max Andrew Lewandowski, Holly Road, Muskerry Estate.
 Alexander Thomas James, Maglin View.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Fr Michael Hourihan, Limerick / USA
 Margaret O'Mally, Greenshill Estate, Douglas
 John Cronin, Deanwood Avenue, Togher
 Michael Cotter, Ballincollig & The Glen.

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

Mary Buckley, Ballintemple.
 David, Frances & Cyril Power, Monkstown.
 Bridget Madden, Old Market Place.
 Sheila O'Donoghue, Crookstown.
 James, Breda & Denis O'Donoghue, West Village.
 James Murphy, Knocknagree.
 Josephine Cuddihy, Tipperary.
 Dan & Margaret Lynch, Ballydehob.
 Neil Hallissey, Muskerry Estate.
 Billy Holmes, Kerry Pike.
 William & Mary O'Sullivan, Kilmallock.
 Pat & Noreen McCarthy, Castlepark.
 Kathleen & Robert Cuthbert, Douglas.
 Patrick & Mary Lehan, Ovens.
 Timothy, Margaret & Vinci O'Mahony, Ballinora.
 Mary Coughlan, Crookstown.
 Nellie Sheehan, Douglas.
 Shelia O'Mahony, South Douglas Road.
 Mary O'Sullivan, Raheen.
 Phlys O'Brien, Glasheen.
 Ned Hogan, Bandon.
 Donal Leahy, Carrigrohane.
 Dominic & Margaret Doyle.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sixth Week Of Easter

13 Sunday Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48. Ps 97 1 Jn 4:7-10. Jn 15: 9-17. Lect I: 536

14 Monday Acts 1: 15-17. Ps. 112. Jn. 15:9-17. Lect II: 1023

15 Tuesday Acts 16:22-34. Ps 137. Jn 16:5-11. Lect I: 544

16 Wednesday Acts 17:15, 22-18:1. Ps 148. Jn 16:12-15. Lect I: 546

17 Thursday Acts 18:1-8. Ps 97. Jn 16:16-20. Lect I: 560

18 Friday Acts 18:9-18. Ps 46. Jn. 16:20-23. Lect I: 562

19 Saturday Acts 18:23-28. Ps 46. Jn 16:23-28. Lect I: 564

Next Sunday's Readings 20-May-2012

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

2012 RETREAT

For Ballincollig Parishioners

Day and date: Friday 25th May 2012
 Venue: St. Dominic's Retreat House
 (Main Building) Ennismore, Cork.
 Time: 10.30 a.m. to 4.00 pm
 Conducted by: Martina Lehan Sheehan
 Cost: €10.00 per person
 A light lunch will be supplied. The talks will be based on methods of prayer and will include the Lectio Divina method of praying Scripture. The day is of special importance for the Scripture and Lectio Divina groups in the parish, but anyone who is interested in improving their relationship with God through prayer or praying with Scripture will be welcome.
 Mass will be celebrated at 3 pm.

Kindly fill in the form below if you wish to attend and hand it into the sacristy (either Church) before Monday 21st May

I am interested in attending the retreat on Friday 25th May

Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone No _____

Society of St Vincent De Paul - Ballincollig Urgent Appeal

We urgently need substantial quantities of your old clothes - all types.
 We also need shoes, bric-a-brac and items suitable to be sold in our charity shops or to be recycled.
 We will have a St. Vincent de Paul van, clearly marked and staffed in the main car park in Ballincollig (behind Down's Super-Valu) from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm on Saturday, May 19th, 2012.
 All donations will be gratefully received.
 Enquiries 021 4874626

Knock

Legion of Mary Annual Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday 27th May 2012.
 Bus leaving village at 7.00 am sharp.
 Early booking advised. For details contact Sally (021) 4870954 or Kathleen (021) 4874730.

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.

Bulletin Board

Envelope Collection

Envelope collection next weekend at all Masses this weekend 12th & 13th May for Diocesan Parish Pastoral Services. This service provides support for parish councils and clusters.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on **Saturday 26th May, 2012 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.

Mass Diary

Diaries to book intentions July, August, and September will open in both churches on Saturday June 9th at 9.00am.

Diocesan Collection

The Diocesan Collection. amount to €3845 Many thanks for your contribution. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Eucharistic Congress

Many thanks for all who applied for tickets for the Eucharistic Congress on Saturday 17th June, 2012. . Parishioners will be contacted in due course.

Belarus Project

Jessica Hennigan lives on Station Road, Ballincollig and is a pupil of Colaiste Choilm. She plays Camogie with Ballincollig Club.

Jessica intends travelling to Belarus during the summer. She will visit and work in five orphanages. In each orphanage there are over one thousand residents both children and adults with different disabilities.

Jessica hopes to bring help to these residents. Next weekend Jessica will be looking for your practical support

Retirement

Parishioners will be aware that Pat Kinsella recently retired as principal of Colaiste Choilm. He was principal in Colaiste Choilm since its foundation and built it up to what it is today. Previously to that he taught in BCS. He was one of the first editors of the Ballincollig Parishioner. He is also involved in music and the Folk Group in the Parish. of Ballincollig. He contributed hugely to life of the parish On Saturday 19th May at the Vigil Mass at 6pm in the Church of St. Mary & St John a presentation will be made to mark his contribution to the parish life in Ballincollig.

Confirmation Dates 2012

Scoil Eoin Wed, May 16th

First Holy Communion Dates 2012

Gael Scoil Sat, May 19th
 Scoil Mhuire Sat, May 26th

Fr. George



**50th INTERNATIONAL
 EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS
 DUBLIN
 June 2012**

John 6:58

This is the bread which has come down from heaven; it is not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.

**Gala Fashion Show i
 Oriel House Hotel Ballincollig**

Wednesday 16th May.

Doors open at 7.30 pm. Show starts 8 pm. Tickets €15.

Proceeds go to 5 Charities

Marymount Hospice

Cork Autism Parent 2 Parent Group

Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind

Cystic Fibrosis Society

Special Olympics Munster.

Presented by – Juliet Murphy, Health & Fitness Club

Phone 021 4810830

All Ireland Rosary Rally

Knock Shrine

Saturday 2nd June

Day Return €20

(Bus leaving City Centre @ 6.30 am)

Contact, Denise Hickey @ 0860502727

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

May-19 & May-20-2012

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Karen Sheehan
Padraig Graham
8:30 am
John Healy

10:00 am
Lauree Hegarty
Mary O'Driscoll
12:00 Noon
Tony Lynch
Evan Keating / Shane Tully

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Fiona Feely

11:00 am
Alex Hatsigrigoriou
Tomas Buckley

12:30 pm
Brian O'Donoghue
Chidera Ebili
5:30 pm
Siobhan Keane-Hopcraft

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. Billy O'Sullivan C.C.	021-4876171
Fr. James McSweeney	021-4873308

Cork Branch of Diabetes Ireland

Will hold a public Information Meeting on living with Diabetes in the Montenotte Hotel, Cork, on Sunday May 13th, 2012 @ 2.30 pm.

For more information contact Charlotte @ 021 4274229 Mon-Fri 9.30-1.30

Troubled by someone else's drinking?

Try Al-anon. Local Meetings S V de P Centre Station Road Thursdays 8.30 pm. Phone: 021 4311899.



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

May-19 & May-20-2012

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

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

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Theresa Lucey
Triona Collins

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

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

12 Noon Helen Plunkett
Seamus O'Donovan
Eleanor Knowles
Catherine Greene
Joan Barrett
Dymphna Canny

5:30 pm Bernard Curran
John Canty



For Families of Children Preparing for First Holy Communion Learning About the Mass with Kath and Qumen

Keeping Sunday Special

We know this won't always be easy. There's always some reason for not going to Mass: a football game, training, shopping, a rehearsal, a trip to the seaside. But we should try to keep part of Sunday for God and his family by going to Mass and sharing in the Bread of Life.

Children will need Mummy and Daddy's help with this..

