

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 14-May-2006

## Fifth Sunday Of Easter

*Part of the great revelation of the New Testament is the notion that God is coming among us to make all things new; that means removing all the causes of guilt and grief in human life. We show our acceptance of this renewal of our lives by our love for one another.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

### Jesus said, I am the Vine - You are the branches

Finally the confirmation ceremonies for 2006 are coming to a conclusion. Carrying on with the everyday curriculum is part of every sixth class pupil's agenda. Plans are also being made for the transition to second level education. This is the stage in life when young people reach eleven, twelve and thirteen years of age; some young people get their eye teeth. They want to spend more time with their friends, remain out later, more independence not to mention more pocket money. I, for one, would wish to see these young people reaching their potential and making a future and a life for themselves, to put it in the words of Christ 'that they may have life and have it to the full'. I believe that parents and many concerned adults in our community are trying hard to help young people and accompany them on the road to adolescence so that they may grow in confidence and respect for themselves and others. However, we live in a world/society where greed and profit, even at the expense of young lives, is justifiable to some.

Some years ago, taking the pledge for a period in the teen years helped some to avoid the excesses of alcohol and the abuse of drugs. The pledge may still serve a purpose but more is needed. How do we, as a caring community, propose to help our young people to survive in a world/society where it is cool to binge drink, dabble in illicit drugs, abuse prescribed drugs. How are we to learn to respect others in a society where aggression, violence and disregard of others is the norm.

Learning to say NO is vitally important but so difficult, -- how many of us can say NO to a stranger not to mention saying NO to a friend? Education at home to healthy attitudes in the use of Alcohol and Cigarettes. Trying to raise an awareness of the risks involved in drug taking -- I readily admit this is easier said than done but I believe we owe it to our decent young people to support and guide them as best we can.

I suggest we might look at ourselves with a critical eye and ask what kind of role model am I to anyone in my use or abuse of Alcohol, Cigarettes and Drugs.

Perhaps it might focus our minds to realise that there are several unscrupulous people in every community, hell bent on making vast sums of money at the expense of young people beginning their lives.

May the Holy Spirit give parents the courage and wisdom in their task of nurturing their families.

George O'Mahony

### Thought for Today

We forget that the vine needs to be pruned. When Jesus was tempted in the desert, the temptation was to rely on prosperity, prestige and power. By resisting that temptation he showed us that we need to be pruned of our self-reliance in order to put our trust in God alone.

### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

#### Priest

As branches of the vine, we now turn to God our Father as we present our prayers.

#### Reader

We pray for all who feel separated from Jesus, the True Vine, because of loneliness, sickness or prejudice.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for our Holy Father, Pope Benedict, for Bishops, Priests and all who serve in Church leadership, that they may be guided and inspired.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Let us pray for the children who are receiving their First Holy Communion this month, for their teachers and parents, that they welcome Jesus into their lives.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for all students preparing for examinations at this time, that they may prepare wisely and well and be given all the help and support they need.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for the sick and the elderly in our community.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Let us pray for our beloved dead, that they may enter the fullness of life. We remember especially all those mentioned in our Mass today.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

#### Priest

Loving Father, you care for your people with unflinching love. Hear our prayers we bring before you this day and grant us what we need, through Jesus Christ, your Son.

Amen

*You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.*

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**BAPTISMS**

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

Conor Denis Sean Murphy, Grange, Ovens.  
 Jack Francis Murphy, Westbury Heights.  
 Darragh David Leggett, Ashton Court.  
 Ian Walski, Ballyvolane.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

May O'Brien R.I.P, Friars Walk.  
 Mourned by her son Declan, Oaklee.  
 Michael Cullinane R.I.P., Coolroe Heights.  
 Mourned by his wife Jacqueline & Family.  
 Trevor Kelleher R.I.P, Rosewood.  
 Mourned by his parents John, Mary & Family.  
 Catherine McCarthy R.I.P., Kilbrittain.  
 Mourned by her daughter-in-law, Miriam McCarthy, Oaklands.  
 Bridie Murphy R.I.P., Castletownbere.  
 Mourned by her daughter Stephanie Murphy, Inniscarra View.  
 Vincent Murphy R.I.P, Inniscarra View.  
 Mourned by his wife Mary.

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

Therese Browne.  
 Teresa O'Connell.  
 Deceased members of O'Connell & Browne Families.  
 Mary Ellen Harrington, Farranree.  
 Jeremiah Callanan, Poulavone.  
 Patrick & Mary Lehane.  
 James, Breda & Denis O'Donoghue, West Village.  
 Daniel & Hannah O'Connor.  
 Daniel & Hannah Dempsey, Lee Mount.  
 Jeremiah Lynch, Carrigdenne.  
 Patrick & Bridget Couch, Douglas Street.  
 Thomas Lynch, Carrignavar.  
 Breda O'Leary.  
 Arthur & Mary Wilson, Fermoy.  
 Con Cremin, Glasheen Road.  
 Denis Mahony, Lee Road.  
 Denis Murphy, Powdermills.  
 Donal Leahy, Lee View, Carrigrohane.  
 Eileen O'Sullivan, Inniscarra.  
 Eileen, Dan & John O'Mahony, Carrigrohane.  
 Elizabeth, Tom & Eugene McCarthy, Glasheen.  
 Gerard Finbarr O'Sullivan, Raheens.  
 Jerry & Hannah Goulding, Inniscarra.  
 Joe Mahony, Lee Road.  
 John Corkery, Aherla.  
 John O'Sullivan, Poulavone.  
 John Shanahan, Fr. Sexton Park.  
 Kate & Fred Nash, Powdermills.  
 Margaret O'Sullivan, Poulavone.  
 Mary & Patrick Lehane, Ovens.  
 Noreen McCarthy, Castle Park.  
 Patricia Ginty, Hawthorn Avenue.  
 Siobhan O'Hegarty, Wilton Avenue.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Fifth Week Of Easter**

14 Sunday Acts 9:26-31. Ps 21. 1 Jn 3:18-24. Jn 15:1-8. Lect I: 51  
 15 Monday Acts 14:5-18. Ps 113B. Jn 14:21-26. Lect I: 519  
 16 Tuesday Acts 14:19-28. Ps 144. Jn 14:27-31. Lect I: 522  
 17 Wednesday Acts 15:1-6. Ps 121. Jn 15:1-8. Lect I: 524  
 18 Thursday Acts 15:7-21. Ps 95. Jn 15:9-11. Lect I: 526  
 19 Friday Acts 15:22-31. Ps 56. Jn 15:12-17. Lect I: 528  
 20 Saturday Acts 16:1-10. Ps 99. Jn 15:18-21. Lect I: 531

**Next Sunday's Readings 21-May-2006**

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

**May Holy Rosary**

Queen of the May Rosary Apostolate  
 May Holy Rosary in honour of our Blessed Lady continues every evening during the month of May at 9.00 pm at Our Lady's Grotto, Curraheen.  
 This rosary is for the intention of Pope Benedict XVI who has asked the faithful to pray for Him.

Please join us.

Further enquiries to: Teresa (023) 46470  
 Marie (0504) 54177

God Bless You and Thank You

**Ballincollig Special Olympics**

Soccer Club Fun Table Quiz  
 Venue: GAA Club, Ballincollig  
 Time: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 9.00 pm  
 €40 per team (maximum 5 persons)  
 To pre-book your table contact:  
 Billy O'Brien (087) 1355135  
 Martina McCarthy (087) 9972818  
 Seamus Goggin (085) 1741463  
 Catrina Breen (087) 2184880

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**Correction**

We regret an error in our issue of 30-April-2006  
 The Sympathy notice published should have read  
 Michael O'Flynn R.I.P., Enniskeane.  
 Mourned by Eileen Murphy, Knockburden

**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Acts 9: 26-31  
 When St. Stephen was stoned to death because of his preaching Paul (then known as Saul) was in charge of the execution. Now, however, after his conversion on the road to Damascus, he returns to Jerusalem and takes up where Stephen left off: preaching the same message. Again this preaching arouses the same fury and the Disciples, fearing for his life, sent him away to his home town of Tarsus.

Second Reading: 1 John 3: 18-24  
 Love of God and of the neighbour are inseparable. In practising either we must not rest satisfied with expressions of devotion and good will. Only when charity is active does conscience assure us that we are leading sincere Christian lives. Two things sum up what is most pleasing to God; faith in the divine personality of Jesus Christ and brotherly love according to Christ's instructions.

Gospel: John 15: 1-8  
 In this allegory the cultivation of the vine is attributed to God the Father. A fruitless branch is lopped off like Judas. The pruning clean of the Apostles is the result of the words Jesus spoke to them. A separated vine branch is useless. It is destined for the fire. Fruitfulness and discipleship go together.

***A Retreat For The Ballincollig Parishioners***

Day & Date: Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2006  
 Venue: The Meditation Centre,  
 St. Dominic's Retreat House,  
 Montenotte, Cork.  
 Time: 10.30 am – 4.00 pm  
 Conducted by: Fr. Joe Ralph O.P.  
 Cost: €12.00 per person

Soup, tea, coffee and rolls will be supplied. The talks will be based on the Lectio Divina method of praying Scripture. The day is of special importance for the Scripture (Lectio Divina) groups in the parish, but anyone who is interested in Scripture or praying with Scripture will be welcome.

Kindly fill in the form below if you wish to attend and hand it into the Sacristy (either Church) on or before Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May.  
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I am interested in attending the retreat on 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2006.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

***First Holy Communion***

The girls and boys of Gaelscoil Uí Ríordáin will receive their first Holy Communion on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00 am in Christ Our Light.

The girls of Scoil Mhuire will receive their first Holy Communion on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00 am in St. Mary & St. John

***AL-ANON***

Are you concerned about someone else's drinking?  
 You are not alone.  
 Help is available at the Al-Anon family group  
**Thursday nights at 8.30 pm**  
 Upstairs at St. Vincent DePaul Room,  
 Ballincollig Community Hall, Station Road.

***St. Padre Pio Thanksgiving Mass***

Venue: Enniskeane Parish Church  
 Date: Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2006 at 8.30 pm  
 Chief Celebrant: Fr. Angelus O'Neill, O.F.M. Cap.  
 Confessions will be held at 6.30 pm.

***Cork Simon Community Volunteers Needed***

Volunteers required for the fundraising office, shop and weekly flier drop. A commitment of a minimum of three hours per week required. For more information please call Mairead on 021 4321166 or email fundraising@corksmoncommunity.ie

***Office Volunteers***

Cork Simon Community is seeking volunteers to help out for a few hours a week in their administrative offices in Cove Street, Cork. Office and computer experience desirable.  
 If interested, please contact  
 Carol or Georgia at: 021-4321051, or email: info@corksmoncommunity.ie

***ISPPC***

Do you have spare time each week to get involved in helping others? Are you a good listener who could offer support to other parents? As a parent, if you have the personal qualities that support listening, being non judgemental and encouraging and have some free time then maybe you would consider volunteering in the ISPPC's innovative parent mentoring programme. Full training provided. For further details phone Carol or Celine 021 4962949

***TROCAIRE***

To date we have received €7,513.00 in our Trocaire Collection.  
 The majority of this came through the Primary Schools of the Parish.  
 Sincere thanks to the pupils and teachers and to all contributors.  
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Please leave your donated goods at:  
 The Square Care Park (Beside Bottle Bank), Ballincollig  
 Contact No. 087 6896576  
 On: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2006 between 9.00 am and 12 Noon

***Muskerry Local History Society***

Dear Members,  
 We regret to inform you, that due to unforeseen circumstances, our May fieldtrip  
**"THE MICHAEL COLLINS TRIAL"**  
 has been postponed to a later date.  
 We have provisionally set Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> as our new date.

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

May-20 & May-21-2006

**St. Mary & St. John      Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**  
Muireann Nelligan  
**8:30 am**  
Niamh Gallagher  
**10:00 am**  
Elaine Murphy  
**12:00 Noon**  
John Dorgan  
Keevesa McGrath

**8:00 pm (Vigil)**  
Amy Ni Cheallaigh  
**11:00 am**  
Chide Ebili  
Karen Flavin  
**12:30 pm**  
Orlaith McVeigh  
**5:30 pm**  
Phil O'Connell

**MASS TIMES**

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon	<b>Sunday</b>	11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm
9:30 am	<b>Monday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Tuesday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Thursday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Friday</b>	8:30 am
10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)	<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 am & 8 pm (Vigil)

**CONFESSIONS**

After 10:00 am Mass & before 6:00 pm Mass      **Saturday**      After 9:00 am Mass

**BAPTISMS**

5:00 pm      **Saturday**      7:15 pm  
12:45 pm      **Sunday**

**PARISH CLERGY**

**Priest on Duty      087-2479140**

**Fr. George O'Mahony P.P.      021-4871206**  
**Fr. John O'Donovan C.C.      021-4870434**  
**Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C.      021-4877161**  
**Fr. Paul O'Donoghue      021-4876055**



**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

May-20 & May-21-2006

**St. Mary & St. John      Christ Our Light**

6.00 pm	Steve Wills Margaret O'Sullivan Rita Aherne Rose Doyle Jim Walsh Frances O'Brien	8:00 pm	Anne O'Regan Mairead Murphy Finbarr Murray
8:30 am	Mary Buckley Rita Murphy Mary O'Keefe	11:00 am	Seamus O'Connell Mary O'Connell Alan O'Riordan Geraldine Keohane
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 John Jeffers Mary McLean Ellen Seymour Nora Hennessy	5:30 pm	Noelle Buckley Mary Breen Siobhan Burke



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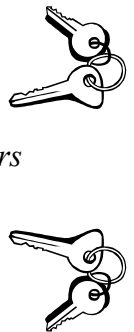
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Wednesday	10.30 - 5.00 pm
Thursday	9.30 - 5.00 pm
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9.30 - 5.00 pm</b>
Saturday	9.30 - 12.30 pm

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