

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 17-May-2009



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

That Your Joy May Be Complete

One of the great joys in life is knowing that we are in fact loved, loved and accepted for ourselves. God loved the world, loved us, so much that he gave his only son that we might be saved, have life. God's love fills the earth, extend as the psalmist says to the ends of the earth. We are naturally drawn to a vision of peace and joy, and we note that the commandment to love one another does not look too hard. God wants us to be joyful. Rejoice always, this is the will of God for you (c. f. 1 Thess 5:16, 18). Jesus asks us to remain in his love, so that our joy may be complete. We try to respond.

But what do we do. When we know we are loved, as well as feeling good, we grow, become more alive. God loved us first. We respond to God's love by reflecting that love, by becoming generous, loving people, loving with a love that is kind, gentle, patient, makes allowances and is other-centred. If we are to remain in his love, there must be communication. We can talk to him in prayer, but what about his side of the conversation? How do we listen to him? The best way of hearing the words of God for us is to read his word, to be like the man in Psalm 1 who takes delight in the law of the Lord, in Scripture, in the Bible. This is not a matter of Bible Study as such, it is a matter of coming to know God more and more rather than merely knowing about him. Reading the Bible for a few minutes every day can result in a transforming relationship with God through Jesus, as we speak to and hear from the person we read about in the Gospels. And as we listen to him in our heart, our characters become more like his.

Jesus reminded us in last week's gospel that cut off from the vine we wither, without him we can do nothing. If we read the Bible prayerfully then we can more easily remain in his love, and be guided and strengthened to withstand the storms of life.

Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. (Mat 7:24-25)

That is how we can remain in Jesus, how our lives can be filled with his love and our joy be complete.

Billy O'Sullivan

Grief and Loss (4)

In the Grief process, Shock and Disbelief are a normal initial reaction. It is hard to take in the news that someone you love has died; you feel stunned and numb. This numbness is nature's way of protecting one from the full impact of the death and the intensity of acute emotional pain, helping you to get through the early days and weeks. During this initial time you are surrounded by relatives/friends. It can often be months (or longer) when reality sets in and the full impact of your loss is felt, that you may feel isolated and alone, especially if you no longer have the initial caring support. It is helpful to talk through your feelings with someone at this time. Facing grief is painful, yet it is the beginning of a journey that eventually bring healing. Here in the Parish we have a Bereavement support group and any of us are available for a chat at any time. Sr. Colette

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

We present our needs to God, who loved us so much that he sent his only Son into the world so that we could have life through him.

Reader

For the Church; that she may continue to spread the gospel to the ends of the earth.

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

For the leaders in our community; that they may strive to create a society that works to benefit every member.

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

For peace; peace in our homes, peace in our world, peace in our hearts.

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

We pray that we may become a community that actively cares for and protects the most vulnerable in our society.

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

For the needs of our parish.

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

For those who have died, today we remember in a special way the victims of the Famine; may they experience the ultimate joy of rising with the Lord.

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

Priest

God of love, hear the prayers we make this day. Grant us what we need. We make these and all our prayers in the name of Jesus, your Son.
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 :

Ava Mary O'Sullivan, Limeworth, Ballincollig.
 Celina Rose Vanessa Burke, Wyndham Downs.
 Cara Grace Cotter, The Heathers, Classes Lake.
 Tara Grace O'Leary, Grange Manor, Ovens.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Gwen Healy, The Rise, Bishopstown.

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

Niall Purcell, Kilcrea Park.
 Mchael Noonan, Parknamore.
 Paul Dillon, Sunday's Well.
 Ann O'Reagan, Grange Park.
 Ellen Murphy, Windsor, Ovens.
 Andy Nolan, Wicklow.
 Tony O'Sullivan, Station Road.
 Barry Kelly, The Crescent.
 Mary & Con O'Donovan, Station Road.
 D.J. O'Mahony, Clash Road.
 Denis O'Brien, Clash Road.
 John & Kate Murray, The Square.
 Madge Hayes, Doonbeg
 Frank O'Callaghan, Ovens.
 Vincent Murphy, Inniscarra View.
 Sheila O'Mahony, South. Douglas Road.
 Mary O'Sullivan, Raheen.
 Bridie Sexton, Hillsboro
 Eileen & Denis O'Connell, Cloghroe.
 Timothy Murphy, Rockchapel.
 Dr Jim O'Neill, Ballincollig.
 Donal Leahy, Leeview, Carrigrohane.
 Nancy Kelleher, Ballymakerra
 Brian McVeigh, Larne.

Enable Ireland – Action on Disability

Volunteers required for their Church gate collection on Saturday 30th May & Sunday 31st May 2009.
 Phone: Kerry Mac Mahon 021 4294434.

Attention all Family Carers!

If you caring for a family member at home, you are invited to the family carers FORUM at the **Ambassador Hotel, on Thursday 21st May, at 8 pm.** It's your chance to have your say. Election candidates will attend, so don't miss the opportunity to voice your concerns. All are welcome. Refreshments will be provided. If you need any further information please contact the Carers' Association on 021 4806397

St. Padre Pio

The annual Thanksgiving Mass is on in Parish Church, Enniskeane on Monday May 25th at 8.30 pm. The chief celebrant this year is Fr. Angelus O' Neill O.F.M. Cap. Confessions will be heard by the visiting Capuchin Priests from 6.30 pm. The blessings with the relics of St. Pio will be given immediately after Mass.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sixth Week Of Easter

17 Sunday Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48. Ps 97 1 Jn 4:7-10. Jn 15: 9-17. Lect I: 536
 18 Monday Acts 16:11-15. Ps 149. Jn 15:26-16:4. Lect I: 542
 19 Tuesday Acts 16:22-34. Ps 137. Jn 16:5-11. Lect I: 544
 20 Wednesday Acts 17:15, 22-18:1. Ps 148. Jn 16:12-15. Lect I: 546
 21 Thursday Acts 18:1-8. Ps 97. Jn 16:16-20. Lect I: 560
 22 Friday Acts 18:9-18. Ps 46. Jn. 16:20-23. Lect I: 562
 23 Saturday Acts 18:23-28. Ps 46. Jn 16:23-28. Lect I: 564

Next Sunday's Readings 24-May-2009

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

Muskerry Local History Society

Field Trip May 2009

Subject:- Skiddy's Home and Shandon Area.
 Featuring:- Conducted tour of Cork's unique preserved Almshouse and story of landmark features in Shandon area.
 Speaker:- Alicia St. Leger MA, PhD.
 Historical Researcher
 Venue:- Meet at Shandon Steeple. Shandon.
 Date & Time:- Tuesday 19th May @ 7.00 pm Sharp
 Admission: - €3.00
 Everyone most welcome.

Drishane Sisters 1909-2009

Infant Jesus Sisters this year celebrate 100 years in Ireland and 25 years in Ballincollig. The 6 pm. Mass in St. Mary & St. John's Church Saturday the 23rd of May 2009 is to mark the contribution of the present sisters and their predecessors to the spiritual life of the people of Ballincollig. During those 25 years, through prayer groups, lectio groups and neighbourhood retreats, they have influenced many and deepened the faith within our community. We are privileged to say thank you. You and your family are invited to 6 pm. Mass and refreshments afterwards in the adjoining Scout Hall. Come join in the celebration.

Focus

A 12 month full time training programme will commence shortly in Macroom for persons with mental health difficulties. It is being run by National Learning Network and offer offers people the opportunity to enhance personal development skills, improve their physical and mental health and explore future options. Call 087 6674282

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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.

Writings of St Paul

Fifth and final talk in our series on the writings of St Paul will be held in the St. Mark Centre this week, on Monday and Thursday evenings at 7.30 pm and on Wednesday morning at 10.00 am

	Monday, 7.30 pm	Wednesday 10.00 am	Thursday 7.30 pm
Talk 5	18 th May	20 th May	21 st May

Ballincollig Scouts

Last Friday the scouts went to Killcully Campsite to take part in the County Shield Competition. 7 patrols took part in the weekend. On the Friday night the scouts had to put up their tents, start putting up their sites and eat supper. On Saturday morning the scouts had to put up a fire dresser, prep table and wash stand. The lunch was tested as part of the competition. In the afternoon the scouts took part in bases, which included plane table mapping, first aid, stool making and nettle soup cooking. Later in the afternoon the scouts had to build a pioneering project, which was a Ballista. That evening the scouts dressed up in medieval costumes and attended a banquet. Later at the campfire the scouts performed a skit. On Sunday after breakfast the scouts were off again to more bases which included juggling, printing with potatoes and bamboo pioneering. With the rain coming the scouts took down the site, after the final inspection the scouts attended a scouts own and the presentation. The overall results were 1st 4th cork (by 1 mark) 2nd Ballincollig and 3rd Bishopstown. Ballincollig won the mountains part the competition, the pioneering and the test meal. In all we were very happy with the performance of the scouts. On behalf of all the leaders and the group a very well done to all the scouts.
Behind a good Scouter there are always good scouts

How about giving a week to exploring the Ursuline Way of Life through a Service and Spirituality Experience?

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 For further information...*

Contact *Sr. Jean Browne*
 Ursuline Convent, Blackrock, Cork
 Telephone: 087 9391669
 Email: irishursulines@eircom.net
 Accommodation will be provided

June 14th to 18th
Cork

Bulletin Board

Parish Account Balance 2008

On the notice boards of both Churches is a breakdown of the income and expenditure of the Parish Account for 2008. One page an account of income for the year and the other the expenditure under various headings. We spent more this year due to water drainage at Christ Our Light, Piped Organ at St Mary & St John and a once off payment to schools. Thankfully there is a reasonable credit balance. Our thanks to you all for your generosity and support.

Tax Return

The parish received a total of €7451.76 from the Revenue Commissioners from returned CHY 2 Certificates. We thank you sincerely for giving generously to this scheme and I hope you will continue for the coming year.

Eucharistic Procession

The procession will be held this year on **June 13th after the 6 pm Vigil Mass in St Mary & St John's Church.**

Trocaire Boxes

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

Confirmation 2009

Gaelscoil Uí Ríordáin Tuesday 19th May 2009

First Holy Communion

Scoil Eoin Saturday 23rd May 2009

New Ministers of the Eucharist

Presently in Ballincollig Parish we are inviting parishioners to volunteer to become Ministers of the Eucharist. You are invited to minister in either Christ Our Light Church or St Mary & St John Church approximately once a month at a week end Mass (rota will be provided). The requirements are that you are:

- A person 18 years or over
- A person with faith in the Eucharist and are anxious to deepen own faith through ministry
- A person willing to serve and minister to others.

You are also invited to nominate a friend or neighbour as a Minister of the Eucharist. (please give full name, address and contact no.) There will be a preparation for all those interested in becoming ministers.

Fr. George

Would You Like To Use Your Skills To Make A Difference?

Since 1960, Viatores Christi (Catholic lay missionary development workers), has aimed to respond to needs overseas and at home by giving people an opportunity to share their lives and skills with those in need. People from all backgrounds and professions join Viatores Christi - people who want to challenge themselves to make a difference in the world, however big or small. Viatores Christi lay missionary development workers are assigned to projects which deal with a range of social and justice issues throughout the world including AIDS/HIV projects, displaced peoples, healthcare, intellectual disability, education and indigenous peoples. We need people from all disciplines, from teachers to electricians, doctors to administrators, farmers to childcare workers. If you are interested in learning more, please come along to our information and recruitment session in Cork on 21st May 2009 at 7.30 pm in SMA Parish Centre, Wilton, Cork.

Marymount Hospice

Collectors required in the Ballincollig area.

Do you have an hour or two to spare?
 Marymount Hospice are seeking help for their Sunflower Collection days 12th & 13th June 2009.
 For further details contact Carmel at 021 4870880 or 0872901351 if you can help.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

May-23 & May-24-2009

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)

Michael Fitton
Paul Kearns

8:30 am

Elizabeth Daly

10:00 am

Louise McCarthy
Robert Noonan

12:00 Noon

Declan Chalmers

7:30 pm (Vigil)

Michael Greene

11:00 am

Jacob Derham

Paul Donovan

12:30 pm

Bernard Valley

5:30 pm

Brian O'Donoghue

MASS TIMES

St. Mary & St. John

8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon

Sunday

Christ Our Light

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

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Fr. Billy O'Sullivan C.C.

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MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

May-23 & May-24-2009

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm

Michael Maher
Ber Bell
Betty Casey
Frank Riordan
Siobhan Riordan
Sr. Martha

7:30 pm

Geraldine Lynch
Charlie Vaughan
Joan Stephenson

11:00 am

Neil Jeffers
Eileen O'Donoghue
Bridie O'Donnell
Bridie Hanrahan

8:30 am

Mary Buckley
Theresa Lucey
Triona Collins

10:00 am

Anne Cahill
Pat Lee
May Delaney
Cathy Horgan
John O'Donovan
Betty Flavin

12:30 pm

Denis O' Mahony
Christine O'Mahony
Tom Murray
John O'Regan

12 Noon

Joan Barrett
Sheila Carroll
Seamus O'Donovan
Joe Coghlan
Rose Moore
Catherine Greene

5:30 pm

Bernard Curran
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