

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 19-May-2013



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

## Pentecost Sunday

*The first coming of the Holy Spirit on the Church was wind and fire and the telling of God's wonderful deeds in many tongues. The Spirit also comes as many gifts for the common good, bringing peace along with God's forgiving power.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

### ***Come Holy Spirit***

Today, the Feast of Pentecost, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles who were gathered together in Jerusalem. On that first Pentecost, having heard the disciples speak in their own languages about the marvels of God, many people became believers. Ever since then, the Gospel message has been proclaimed throughout the world. As members of Christ's body we too are called to witness to God's life-giving Spirit dwelling in each one of us. In our parish many times during the year we experience joy and hope at witnessing children affirming their faith in God through the Sacrament of Confirmation; we experience it when parents bring their child for Baptism and when children come to the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist for the first time. Every time we gather around the Table of the Lord to celebrate the Eucharist we renew our faith and receive the nourishment of Word and Sacrament which strengthens us in our Mission.

Am I open to God's Spirit guiding my daily life? We pray for the grace to be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit and to recognize not only how the Spirit has gifted us in individual ways, but also to appreciate the Spirit's different gifts in other people. May we live out in our lives the fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness and self-control.

In the two second readings for this weekend, St Paul reminds us that 'everyone moved by the Spirit is a child of God and since the Spirit of God has made his home in us, we are heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory'. We are also reminded that 'the Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to prayer properly, the Spirit himself expresses our pleas in a way that could never be put into words - for God knows everything in our hearts'.

Let us pray today for ourselves and the entire Church that we may all be renewed by the power of the Holy Spirit. We pray too that the Holy Spirit will enlighten all those in our Parish who are preparing for Examinations. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in us the fire of your love!

*Sr. Colette*

### ***Reflection for Parents***

Our children often come to us frightened about one thing or another. It is our job to calm their fears and generally we do a pretty good job. But sometimes, our doubts or concerns are the same as theirs. When this happens, we're not always sure how to answer them and after reading today's Gospel we may think that our faith is not strong enough. But doubt does not necessarily mean a lack of faith. Sometimes the best thing we can do is tell our children we wonder about the same things they do and then together think about how our faith helps us answer the concern. Generally, these conversations revolve around a serious illness or death in the family and what happens when we die. It's not "lack of faith" that causes us to not know. It is a "lack of knowledge," because it's true, none of us knows exactly.

### **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

#### **Priest**

Let us pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit into our lives, into the Church and into the world.

#### **Reader**

For all Christians: that the Holy Spirit may gather all the followers of Jesus into the unity of the Body of Christ.

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

For world leaders: that the Holy Spirit may guide and enlighten them in their work for justice and peace.

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

For all those who mourn: that the Holy Spirit may dry their tears.

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

For all gathered here: that the Holy Spirit may teach us wisdom and simplicity of heart.

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

For people who feel isolated or unloved, that we may help them to realise the gifts they have to offer.

**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**

God our Father, grant that the Holy Spirit may enlighten our minds, purify our hearts, and strengthen our wills, so that we may be recognised as true followers of Christ. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.***

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**BAPTISMS**

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

Chloe Emma McGillicuddy, The Willows, Classes Lake.  
 Evan Brian O'Mahony, Ballyshoneen, Waterfall.  
 Eabha Jane Walsh, Elm Lawn, Muskerry Estate.  
 Josephine Kay Gea Duffy, The Green Coolroe Meadows.  
 James Michel Gea Duffy, The Green, Coolroe Meadows.  
 Saoirse Bridget Quinn, Church View.  
 Kate Louise Quigley, Coopers Grange, Old Quarter.  
 Alice Emma Corrigan, Highfield Park.

**† IN SYMPATHY †**

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

Paddy Hegarty, Caheragh.  
 Noreen Donovan, Blackrock.  
 Liam Houlihan, Elm Lawn.  
 James Brick, Tudor Grove.  
 Peggy Galvin, Model Farm Road.  
 Julia Delaney, Coolroe.  
 Frank Brennan, Ovens.  
 Bernard Connaughton, Minnesota / Galway.  
 Mary Mollohan, Dublin / Terelton.  
 Julia O'Donovan, Rosewood.  
 Eileen Murphy, Waterfall.

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

Michael Noonan, Parknamore.  
 Paddy & Kathleen O'Brien, Bandon.  
 Paul Dillon, Sunday's Well.  
 Denis & Eileen O'Connell, Cloghroe.  
 Eugene Barry Murphy, Farran.  
 Timothy Murphy, Rockchapel.  
 Paddy Long, Parknamore.  
 Patrick & Mary Lehane, Ovens.  
 Eamon Staunton, Clash.  
 Niall Purcell, Glasheen.  
 Mary McNulty, Fr. Sexton Park.  
 John Shanahan, Fr. Sexton Park.  
 Mary Coughlan, Crookstown.  
 Betty Barry, The Viaduct.  
 Dec members of the Delaney Family, Carriganarra.  
 Shelia Magee, Ballinlough.  
 Eileen Calnan, Carrigaline.  
 Bill Fitzpatrick, Liscarroll.  
 Timothy O'Leary, Bishopstown.  
 Joe & John Flynn, Durrus.  
 Patrick O'Driscoll, Castlepark.  
 Margaret Bernardi, Magazine Road.  
 Paddy & Bridget McGrath, Bansha.  
 Joe Coakley, Kilmichael.  
 Margaret & Joseph Owens, Blackpool.

**Legion of Mary**

The local branch of the Legion of Mary is grateful to Fr. George O'Mahony PP for allowing its members to speak at the weekend Masses in St. Mary & St. John and Christ Our Light Churches. The Mass goers were very courteous and friendly when speaking to the legionaries after Masses. The weekly meeting of the Legion of Mary is held in the Parish House, Sonas, Station Rd on Saturdays at 3.00pm. For further details contact Mrs Sally Power at 021 4870954.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Feast Of Pentecost**

19 Sunday Acts 2:1-11. Ps. 103. Rom. 8:8-17. In. 14:15-16, 23-26. Lect I: 601 & 606.  
 20 Monday Eccles (Sir) 1:1-10. Ps 92. Mk 9:14-29. Lect II: 81  
 21 Tuesday Eccles. (Sir) 2:1-11. Ps. 36. Mk. 9:30-37. Lect II: 83  
 22 Wednesday Eccles. (Sir) 4:11-19. Ps. 118. Mk. 9:38-40. Lect II: 85  
 23 Thursday Eccles. (Sir) 5:1-8. Ps. 1. Mk. 9:41-50. Lect II: 87  
 24 Friday Sir. 6:5-17. Ps. 118. Mk. 10:1-12. Lect II:89  
 25 Saturday Eccles. (Sir) 17:1-15. Ps. 102. Mk. 10:13-16. Lect II: 91

**Next Sunday's Readings 26/May/2013**

Prov. 8:22-31. Ps. 8. Rom. 5: 1-5. In. 16: 12-15 Lect I: 615

**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](mailto:nbruton@thirdageireland.ie) or 0834260081

**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](mailto:noelgeaney2@hotmail.com)) - (087) 1246190 directly to book a place or for more information

**NAOMI Pre-Marriage Courses**

One full day on Saturday's 10 am – 5 pm  
 Cost: €90 per couple. (The lowest around)  
 Pre-Marriage Course 2013 will be held as follows:

**Sat May 25<sup>th</sup>  
 and  
 Sat June 29<sup>th</sup>**

*Filling up fast so 'sign up today'*

Also counselling to achieve/postpone a pregnancy and couples counselling.

Contact: NAOMI, 119 Patrick Street, Cork

Tel: 021-4272213

Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9.30 am – 1 pm

**CROWLEY**

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**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Acts: 2:1-11

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Second Reading: Rom. 8:8-17

We are always faced with the choice between following our nobler or our meaner instincts in the conduct of our day-to-day lives. Paul calls this living according to the Spirit or living according to the flesh - and then he suggests that the most vital, life-giving choice we can make is to let the Holy Spirit be our guiding light.

Gospel: John 14:15-16, 23-26

If we obey god's commandments then we will be given the Holy Spirit and he will abide in us for ever. Jesus was saying that the Holy Spirit will be in us forever if we continue to obey god's commandments for our lifetime. God always travels with his people. We pray today for a new outpouring, come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of our faithful.

**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  
 25<sup>th</sup> May Healing Angels.

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

**Bulletin Board**

**Eucharistic Procession**

The procession will be held this year on **Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup> after the 6 pm 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 8<sup>th</sup> at 9.00am.

**First Holy Communion Dates**

Scoil Mhuire Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup>

**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.

**Baptism Preparation**

The next Baptism preparation will take place on **Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Confirmation**

**Congratulations** to the Girls in Scoil Mhuire and the Girls and Boys in the Gael Scoil who received the sacrament of Confirmation. Sincere thanks to the parents and dedicated teachers who work diligently preparing young people for the sacraments.

**Examination Time**

We ask for your continuing support and prayers for our students as they prepare for their Leaving and Junior Certificate Examinations. May they be successful in their efforts.

Fr. George

**Care to Drive**

The Irish Cancer Society's Care to Drive service is currently seeking volunteers to drive local patients to and from their chemotherapy treatments in Cork University Hospital & the Mercy University Hospital. We are looking for volunteers from all over Co. Cork – from Youghal, to Kenmare, to Mitchelstown - to pick patients up at their homes, drive them to the door of the hospital, pick them up again when they are finished their treatment and bring them home. The service is free to the patient and drivers expenses are paid. Telephone Gail on 01 2310 566 or email [transport@irishcancer.ie](mailto:transport@irishcancer.ie)

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

May/25 & May/26/2013

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

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**  
Adrian Cotter  
Alan Murphy  
**8:30 am**  
Pat Fennell

**10:00 am**  
Louise McCarthy  
Robert Noonan  
**12:00 Noon**  
Miriam Maunsell  
Seamus Monahan

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**  
Chidera Ebili

**11:00 am**  
Jacob Derham  
Paul Donovan  
**12:30 pm**  
Margaret Buckley  
James Nyagaya  
**5:30 pm**  
Christine O'Brien

**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>	7:30 pm (Vigil)

**CONFESSIONS**

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

**BAPTISMS**

4:30 pm	<b>Saturday</b>	4:30 pm
Except First Saturday of Month		First Saturday of Month
12:45 pm	<b>Sunday</b>	

**PARISH CLERGY**

<b>Priest on Duty</b>	<b>087-2479140</b>
<b>Fr. George O'Mahony P.P.</b>	<b>021-4871206</b>
<b>Fr. Dave O'Connell C.C.</b>	<b>087-2479140</b>
<b>Fr. James McSweeney</b>	<b>021-4873308</b>

**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.**

**Knock Shrine**

All Ireland Rosary Rally  
Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup>  
Bus leaving Patrick's Quay @ 6.30am  
€20 Return  
Phone Denise @ 086-0502727

**Knock**

Legion of Mary Annual Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup>.  
**Bus leaving Village @ 7am sharp.** For details contact:  
Sally 021 4870954 or Cathleen: 021 4874730

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

May/25 & May/26/2013

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

**6.00 pm** Patsie Murphy  
Pat Moore  
Mary Walsh  
Marie Healy  
Margaret Kearney  
Nora Barry

**7:30 pm** Sheila O'Connor  
Martin O'Regan  
Brid Healy-Harris  
Kit Cahill

**8:30 am** Theresa Lucey  
Rita Murphy / Tom Butler  
Mona Holland

**11:00 am** Carmel Ryan  
Eileen Byrne  
Bernadett Spillane  
Noel Kelleher  
Laurence / Angela Cunningham

**10:00 am** Margaret Bunyan  
Mary Murphy  
Joan Tobin  
Breda Monaghan  
Niamh Nic Gearailt  
Ann McCarthy

**12:30 pm** Eileen Garvey  
Sally Power  
Breda Callanan  
Catherine Freehill  
Betty Walsh / Liam Buckley

**12 Noon** Marie Bowen  
Breda Lenihan  
Jacinta Jeffers  
Rena O'Connor  
Sean Farrell  
Mary Hennigan

**5:30 pm** Olan O'Mahony  
Ann-Marie Whelan



**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