

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 20-April-2008



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Fifth Sunday of Easter

*Jesus is our way our truth and our life.
We go to the Father through him.*

Lord Show Us the Way

To-day's Gospel is taken from the farewell conversation Jesus had with his disciples on their last evening together before facing his passion and death. They must have been upset, anxious and fearful that Jesus was about to leave them and wondering how they will continue without him. Like the disciples, maybe we too in times of fear and anxiety, of separation and death may feel that all is lost. We may even lose our faith and trust in God. We question our own direction in life and wonder what's going to happen to us and the people who are dear to us. We hear Jesus speak encouraging words to his disciples which he also speaks to us in these situations: "Do not let your hearts be troubled, trust in God still, and trust in me".

Jesus tells the disciples that he is going to the Father's house to prepare a place for them so that they too may be with him. They are puzzled when he goes on to say 'and you know the way to the place where I am going'. Thomas is quick to react: 'Lord we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus reminds them – and us – 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me'.

Jesus' questioning response to Philip can be a challenge for us to reflect on: "have I been with you all this time Philip and you still do not know me?".... How well do I know Jesus and how do I nurture my relationship with him? Are there times that I am as blind as Philip was - blind to the God who walks among us, blind to the possibility that we can make a difference in a world so full of suffering. As a Christian community we are called to journey with Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

We are pilgrims on this journey of faith. Jesus is our way to the Father - he walks with us every day, listening, guiding and supporting us until the day that he himself will come to bring us home to the Father's house - to the place he has prepared for us.

Let us ask Him: 'LORD, SHOW US THE WAY'..

Sr. Colette

Reflection for Parents

Often it is easier for our children to trust the words of Jesus than it is for us. Like the disciples, we can be a bit apprehensive not seeing Jesus. After all, it would be easier to follow someone if we could actually see where he is going! Instead, the words of Jesus challenge us to have faith in him and trust where the journey leads. The example of our lives should always point our children and us toward the rooms Jesus prepares for each of us.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Heavenly Father, you sent your Son, the Way, the Truth and the Life. Hear the prayers we present to you this day. Guide us on the path that leads to truth and life.

Reader

Lord, inspire the leaders of the Church, that they may lead people to Christ, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

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

We pray for those who are bereaved that the Lord may comfort them in their loneliness. We pray also that, as in the First Reading, Christian communities will care for those who live alone.

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

We pray for vocations that men and women who are filled with the Holy Spirit and with wisdom will answer God's call to follow the One who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

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

We pray for those who struggle to make ends meet and for whom each day brings a challenge to put food on the table.

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

We pray for the sick and we ask the Lord to comfort them in their illness.

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

For those who face exams this summer, that God's gifts of serenity and calm may be theirs.

**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 who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Amen.

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

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MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Alan Kelleher, Castle Park & Valerie Moloney, Cederdale.
Damien Murphy, Westcliffe & Emma Barry-Murphy,
Westcliffe.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Ellen O'Brien, Innishmore.
Francis Higgins, Newmarket.
Mary (Chris) O'Sullivan, Ballincollig and late of
Donoughmore.
John Hallahan, Station Road & Birmingham.
Ralph Hill, West Court.
John O'Sullivan, Fairhill.
John Barry, Ahabeg, Castletownbere.
Mary O'Sullivan, Leesdale.
Angela O'Rourke, Greystones.

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

Pat & Nora O'Connor, Inniscarra.
Paddy & Kathleen Troy, Glanmire & Offaly.
Deceased members of Cummins & O'Regan families.
Deceased members of O'Mahony family.
Clare McSwiney, Cloghroe
Con & Julia Harrington, Adrigole.
Helen Notter, Crookhaven.
Nellie Foley, Farran.
Margaret Kenneally, Curraheen.
Michael O'Mahony, Castle Park.
Eileen Murphy, Muskerry Estate.
Edward & Kathleen Duncan, Omagh.
Jeremiah & John O'Leary, Sunningdale & Cloghroe.
Eily Murphy, Church View.
Mary Dooley, Bishopstown.
Kieran O'Shea, Bishopstown.
Sally O'Sullivan, Carriganarra.
Mary Linehan, Inniscarra View.
Hannah O'Leary, Inchigeela.
Eugene Courtney, Glincool.
Lena Dennehy, Castle View.

Muskerry Local History Society

April 2008 Lecture
Subject: - Story Blarney Village / Castle.
Featuring: - McCarthy; Pyne; Jeffries; Colthurst;
and Mahony; Dynasties.
Speaker: - Paddy Murphy, Blarney Historian
Venue: - Ballincollig Rugby Club Function Hall
Date & Time: - Tuesday 22nd April @8pm
Admission: - €2.00 for non members
Everyone most welcome.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Fifth Week of Easter

20 Sunday Acts 6: 1-7. Ps. 32. 1 Pet. 2:4-9. Jn. 14: 1-12. Lect I: 511
21 Monday Acts 14:5-18. Ps. 113. In. 14:21-26. Lect I: 519
22 Tuesday Acts 14:19-28. Ps. 144. Jn. 14:27-31. Lect I: 522
23 Wednesday Acts 15: 1-6. Ps. 121. Jn. 15: 1-8. Lect I: 524
24 Thursday Acts 15:7-21. Ps. 95. Jn. 15:9-11. Lect I: 526
25 Friday 1 Pet 5:5-14. Ps 88. Mk 16:15-20. Lect II: 1005
26 Saturday Acts 16: 1-10. Ps. 99. Jn. 15: 18-21. Lect I: 531

Next Sunday's Readings 27-April-2008
Acts 8:5-8, 14-17. Ps. 65. 1 Pet. 3:15-18. Jn. 14:15-21. Lect I :534.

Car Boot Sale

In aid of Marymount Hospice
Bishopstown, GAA Club, Cork
Today Sunday 20 April 2008
9.00 am to 4.00 pm
Support Marymount Hospice Building Fund and have a great day
out for all the family!
Terrific bargains! Bring your goods !Tell your friends !

'Feile Gharrai'

'Celebrations of the Fields'

Next Sunday, April 27, from 11 am until 4.30 pm
at Colaiste Choilm Admission €5, children are free.
Dr. Peter Wyse-Jackson, Director of the National Botanic Gardens will give a presentation on 'Great Gardens of the World - Preserving our World plant Heritage' at 3pm.
At 12 noon: 'Celebrating Trees' with Ted Cooke, Environmentalist.
At 1 pm: Preparing and Cultivating a Herb Garden with Nikki Darrell, Herbalist and Plantswoman, Evergreen Clinic, Cork.
At 2 pm: Preparing a vegetable garden with Jean Perry, Glebe Gardens Baltimore, Co. Cork.
There will be many suppliers of specialist plants, etc, freshly cooked food, bird watch Ireland, beekeepers, masons, live music etc.

Cork Simon Community

There will be an Open Garden in Kilroan, Glanmire, Co Cork on Sunday, 27th April 2008 from 12 noon to 6 pm. Refreshments will be served and admission is at the generous discretion of the visitor. For more information please contact Mairéad on 021 4929401 or email mairiad@corksmoncommunity.ie

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7
 There were complaints that certain widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. Seven deacons were appointed to oversee an equitable distribution of food.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9
 Christ is the cornerstone, precious to God. All who believe are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own" called to proclaim the Gospel.

Gospel: John 14:1-12
 During Jesus' Last Supper, Jesus explained to the disciples what was to happen next in God's plan. Jesus would no longer be visibly among them, but would return to the Father. In heaven, Jesus would prepare a place for each of us to come when he returned to get us. In his discussion, Jesus also made it clear that if we know him, we would also know God—that they are one in the same. The way for us to be with the Father is to follow Jesus.

Scout News

Last Saturday Morning bright and early at 7.30 am, 8 scouts gathered at the scout hall, to head off to Kerry, to take part in the hill walking part of the Scout County Shield. We had entered two teams in the event. When the teams arrived at the base of Mangerton Mountain, their route cards and gear was checked and they set off up the mountain with all their gear including enough food to last 24 hours, tents and sleeping bags. There was a leader tagging along with each team as well. Along the way there were checkpoints as well as bases where they had to carry out set tasks as a team. When they got to the top of Mangerton, (height 839 m.)The snow was coming down heavily and the wind was picking up. The teams had their lunch and set off for the next part of the challenge, which was to hike to their overnight campsite, in Cappagh valley. Sounds easy when you say it, but in reality it was 6k away and in their way a mountain called Stoompa 694m .The teams followed the ridge and down the valley to the campsite (Campsite = flat piece of ground and nothing else) After pitching their tents the scouts set about cooking dinner on their portable stoves, every morsel of food was eaten with great relish. The scouts were fit for nothing but the bed. In the morning after breakfast the tents were packed away and the hardest part of the weekend, the last 5k walk out to the road and home. The teams will have to wait until the weekend of the County Cup to find out their results. *Some of our modern Grandmothers are so young and spry they help scouts across the road.*

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
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 Bowl Road, Macroom, Co. Cork.
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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.

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.

Lost & Found

Two rings, one with a date, have been found during the past month at Christ Our Light Church. They can be claimed from the sacristy at Christ Our Light before or after Mass.

Ballincollig Parish Confirmations 2008.

Gaelscoil Uí Ríordáin 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 Ríordáin	Saturday 10th May 2008

This Week's Calendar

Monday 21 – St Anselm, bishop and doctor of the Church. Anselm, from Lombardy, joined the monastic school at Bec in Normandy in 1059 under the direction of Lanfranc whom he succeeded as Archbishop of Canterbury. He was exiled twice and died in 1109.

Tuesday 22 –Weekday (5th Week of Easter)

Wednesday 23 – St George, martyr. George was venerated as a soldier saint at Lydda in the Holy Land where he was probably martyred around the year 300. His cult may have been popularised in England and Ireland by returning crusaders. He is patron of England, Portugal, of soldiers and of the Scout Movement.

Also, St Adalbert, bishop and martyr. Adalbert, born 956, after being bishop of Prague, went as a missionary among the Prussians on the Polish coast where he was martyred in 997.

Thursday 24 – Easter Weekday

Today is the anniversary for the solemn inauguration in 2005 of Pope Benedict XVI as Supreme Pastor of the Church.

Friday 25 – St Mark, Evangelist. Mark was closely connected with the preaching of Ss Peter, Paul and Barnabas. His Gospel was probably written at Rome, when he was with Paul, and is traditionally viewed as representing St Peter's approach to the meaning of the good news. His symbol is a winged lion.

Saturday 26 – Easter Weekday

Fr. George

Ursuline Service and Spirituality Experience

You Can Make a Difference!

Do you have an interest in exploring spirituality? Do you have an enthusiasm for working with young people? How about giving a week in June to exploring the Ursuline Way of Life through service, working with young people, and spirituality? Want to know more? For further information contact: Sr. Jean Browne, Ursuline Convent, Blackrock, Cork.

Mobile: 087 9391669. Email: irishursulines@eircom.net
 Take the risk. Do something. DARE TO BE DIFFERENT!

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Apr-26 & Apr-27-2008

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Michael Fitton
Paul Kearns
8:30 am
Pat Fennell
10:00 am
Grace Buttimer
Orla Horgan
12:00 Noon
Declan Chalmers

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Michael Greene
11:00 am
Chide Ebili
Karen Flavin
12:30 pm
Kay Carew
5:30 pm
Phil O'Connell

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

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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
Except First Saturday of
Month

Saturday

4:30 pm
First Saturday of Month

12:45 pm

Sunday

PARISH CLERGY

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Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C. 021-4877161

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Fr. Ted Sheehan 021-4876171



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Apr-26 & Apr-27-2008

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
Brid Healy-Harris
11:00 am Marie Ui Chrualaof
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
Carmel Ryan

12 Noon Joan Barrett
Sheila Carroll
Seamus O'Donovan
Joe Coghlan
Geraldine Graham
Catherine Greene

5:30 pm Patsy Galvin
Bernard Curran
Clare Curran



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