

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 21-April-2013



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Fourth Sunday of Easter
(Vocations Sunday)

Like Paul and Barnabas, those whose vocation it is to preach the gospel, will meet opposition. Today we are encouraged by the thought that the Christ we serve knows his people intimately and promises them eternal life--no opposition can snatch them from the Father's love.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Good Shepherd Sunday

"The sheep that belong to me, listen to my voice, I know them and they follow me," This Sunday is some times called Good Shepherd Sunday as the gospel often speaks of Christ as the shepherd and his flock of sheep. Today is also often called Vocations Sunday.

Some professions in life are referred to as vocations, immediately nursing, teaching, a doctor or any of the caring professions fit comfortably with the label vocation. Parenting is the great vocation for Christians. Parents are life giving, they nurture their children; they encourage, protect and provide for their children. Parents love their children and this love leads them to make sacrifices for them week after week. Parents strive to provide an environment for their children to ensure that they can develop their talents and potential.

Vocation then for believers reminds us that in whatever role I have in life I can bring hope, peace, and love to all whom I deal with. I do this by respecting others, encouraging others, praying for them, being willing to forgive and enabling others to reach their fulfilment as human beings. Hopefully living and working in such a way will enable me to find happiness and fulfilment. Vocations Sunday calls us to pray constantly for vocations to the religious life and priesthood. A priest is first of all called to come to know Christ, to live a Christ centered life and to find happiness and fulfilment in his life. A priest is also called to be of service to people, to encourage people to trust that Christ is close to us even in the darkest moments. I thank God for the joy, happiness and fulfilment I have in my life most days. During the other days it is good to know that people keep me in their prayers. Please pray for vocations to the priesthood, that the Lord of the harvest will provide. Thank you.

George O'Mahony

Reflection for Parents

Our culture has changed since the days of our parents and grandparents when just about anyone dropped in at any time. We now call ahead and make arrangements for our children to visit friends. In comparing our own day to 50 years ago, we begin to really appreciate the invitation of Jesus to follow him, just as we are, anytime of the day or night. Where would we be if we had to call ahead to see if Jesus was available. Today, we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, which is also the Day of Prayer for Vocations. We rejoice that we are God's people, the sheep of his flock, and we pray that the Lord will send labourers to the harvest.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us now bring our needs before the Lord, who is faithful from age to age and whose love is eternal.

Reader

For the pope and the bishops: that they may faithfully and lovingly watch over the flock of Christ.

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

For doctors and nurses and all in the caring professions: that the Lord may fill them with a strong and unselfish love.

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

For all those who have no love in their lives, and who are not important or precious to anyone.

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

For all gathered here: that each of us, no matter what our state in life, may strive to be people who care.

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

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life: that the Lord may inspire men and woman to devote their lives to caring for his flock.

**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, grant that what we have said with our lips, we may believe with our hearts, and practice with our lives. We make our prayers through Christ our Lord. Amen.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

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BAPTISMS

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

Fionn Keith Nolan , The Green, Coolroe Meadows.
Colm Tadhg Ahern, Apt 3 Tara, An Caislean.
Ben Tommy Cronin, The Cedars, Classes Lake.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Tony Carroll, Berrings/Ballincollig.
Mary O'Mahony, Caheragh.
Donal Lynch, Ballingearry.
Terence McSweeney, Ballyvourney.
Hannah Foye, Inniscarra View.
Oliver Ford, Coppeen.

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

Eileen Murphy, Muskerry Estate.
Jack O'Farrell, Ballydehob.
Timothy O'Leary, Togher.
Catherine Hayes, Clonmult.
Christy Daly, Mayfield.
Maureen Cuddihy, Coolroe.
Paddy Healy, East Gate.
John & Mary Lucey, Coolroe.
Jim & P.J. Burke, Glanworth.
Neil Donovan, Raheen.
William Kavanagh, East Gate.
Breda Murphy, Inniscarra View.
Ellen Mehigan, Greenmont Avenue.
Thomas & Mary Delaney, Maglin.
Peg Collar, Manor Hill.
Mary Linehan, Inniscarra View.
Cornelius, Kate & daughter Anne Twomey, Macroom.
Hadie Walsh, Mayfield.
Minnie Fitzgerald, Connelly Road, Ballyphehane.

**Retreat for Ballincollig Parishioners
(Year of Faith)**

Day and date: Saturday 11th May 2013
Venue: St. Dominic's Retreat House
Ennismore, Cork.
Time: 10.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.
Conducted by: Martina Lehane Sheehan
Cost: €10 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.

The Sunday 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) on or before Tuesday 7th May.

I am interested in attending the retreat on Saturday 11th May

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No: _____

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Fourth Week Of Easter

21 Sunday Acts 13:14, 43-52. Ps. 99. Apoc. 1:9, 14-1, Jn. 10:27-30. Lect I: 493
22 Monday Acts 1:1-18. Ps 41. Jn 10:1-10. Lect I: 496
23 Tuesday Acts 11: 19-26. Ps. 86. Jn. 10:22-30. Lect I: 499
24 Wednesday Acts 12:24-13:5. Ps. 66. Jn. 12:44-50. Lect I: 501
25 Thursday 1 Pet 5:5-14. Ps 88. Mk 16:15-20. Lect II: 1005
26 Friday Acts 13:26-33. Ps. 2. Jn. 14: 1-6. Lect I: 505
27 Saturday Acts 13:44-52. Ps. 97. Jn. 14:7-14. Lect I: 508

Next Sunday's Readings 28-April-2013

Acts 14:21-27. Ps. 144. Apoc. 21:1-5. Jn. 13:31- 33, 34-35. Lect I: 517

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 or 0834260081

Lough Derg Pilgrimage & Retreats

This Year of Faith journey to Lough Derg, where pilgrims have been *gathering* for over 1,000 years, and celebrate your faith with people from every parish in Ireland. For information contact Maureen in the Lough Derg Office Tel: 071 9861518 / email: info@loughderg.org

David Coleman Talk for Parents

David Coleman, clinical psychologist, author and TV presenter will speak on "Supporting Teenage Mental Health in the Home" on Thursday 25th April, 7.30pm at Silver-springs Moran Hotel. Tickets are €20 from Rose Communications, Tel: 086 811 4944, email: Mary-Rose@rosecommunications.ie or visit the Events page on: www.rosecommunications.ie

Experienced Caregivers Required

Home Instead Senior Care is looking for reliable, flexible Caregivers for the elderly in their own homes in the Ballincollig area. Fetac level 5 (or in process of completing) is desirable and own transport is essential. Please call 021 500 2205 Email CV to cork@hisc.ie

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts 13:14. 43-52
Paul and Barnabas preach the gospel with courage and with joy.

Second Reading: Apoc. 7.9. 14-17
We are given a vision of a heavenly scene, where the redeemed are gathered around the throne of The Lamb.

Gospel: John 10:27-30
There are two notions that need to be taken on faith as they are presented in the Gospel passage where Jesus identifies himself as the Good Shepherd. The first mystery is that those who are given the gift of faith to hear the invitation Jesus presents, will follow him. The second mystery involves the unbreakable bond that exists between the Shepherd and the person who hears the invitation. Once a person responds to the invitation, he or she belongs to God forever.

Anam Cara

The national organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Professional Bereavement Talk at the Silver Springs Hotel in Tivoli Cork on Wednesday 1st of May 2013 from 19:30 to 21:30.

This event is open to all bereaved parents and offers an opportunity to hear a professional with in-depth experience of parental bereavement talk about the effects of grief on the family after the death of a son or daughter.

This event is offered free of charge to parents to book a place or for further information please contact info@anamcara.ie call 01 4045378 or visit www.anamcara.ie.

**The Creation by Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)
Fundraising Concert At Saints Peter And Paul's
Cork
April 27th 2013 at 8pm.**

The East Cork Choral Society and Orchestra, in association with the Seafield Singers, announces a performance of Joseph Haydn's 'The Creation' on Saturday April 27th at 8.00p.m. at St. Peter and Paul's Church, Paul Street, Cork City. The musical director for the evening is Mr Colin Nicholls and the soloists are Eoghan Desmond, Robert Craig and Edel Shannon. Tickets are very reasonably priced at €15 especially as proceeds from the performance will go towards the restoration of the Church's historic Bryceson and Moreton Organ. Tickets are available from Pro Musica, Oliver Plunkett Street, at the church, from East Cork Choral Society members and from the Sacristy, Saints Peter and Paul's, Cork (Telephone 021-4276573).

Haydn's 'The Creation' is considered by many to be his greatest work. In it, Haydn uses colourful music to convey the story of the Book of Genesis with grace and charm in keeping with his philosophy, to 'worship God with a cheerful heart'. The performance at St. Peter and Paul's Church, Cork promises to be a special treat and one not to be missed as this wonderful Pugin church has a fabulous acoustic and is full of atmosphere. Parking is available in the Paul Street Car Park which is a hundred metres from the Church.

Bulletin Board

Diocesan Collection

The Diocesan Collection last week end amounted to €3,023. Many thanks for your generosity which is greatly appreciated.

Confirmation

Congratulations to the boys who received the sacrament of Confirmation in Scoil Eoin, and the boys and girls who made their First Holy Communion in the Gael Scoil. Sincere thanks to the parents and dedicated teachers who work diligently preparing young people for the sacraments.

Next Confirmations

Scoil Mhuire Thursday May 9th
Gael Scoil Monday May 13th

First Holy Communion Dates

Scoil Barra &
Our Lady of Good Counsel Saturday April 27th
Scoil Eoin Saturday May 18th
Scoil Mhuire Saturday May 25th

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.

Coeliac Host.

Coeliac Host is available at all Masses in both churches. Generally the Priest celebrating the Mass has the Coeliac Host. To help the Celebrant you might please let him know before the Mass.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on **Saturday June 8th 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.

Fr. George

Croí na Gaeilge

Is holding a Leaving Certificate Honours Irish Intensive 4-Hour Preparation Course for the written exam (worth 50% of total exam marks) on Sunday April 28th from 2-6 pm. Course given by an Experienced Teacher / Exam Corrector and open to all 5th and 6th Year students in Ballincollig and surrounding areas. All Topics Will Be Covered (including poetry, próis, general essay phrases, comprehension, and grammar). Early Booking Is Advisable - (Tel. 085 1541560)

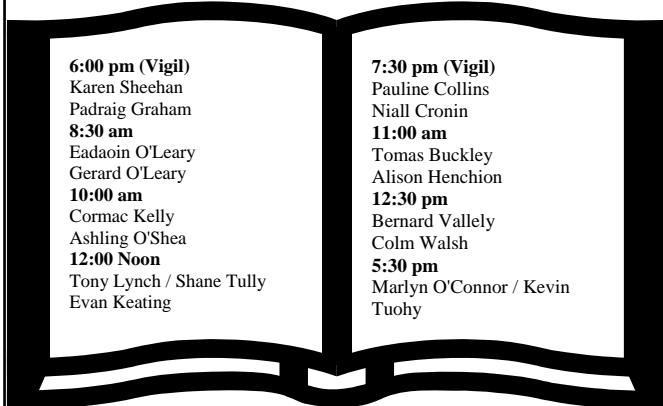
Come and See

The Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary are holding 'Come and See' days in May for single women. If you would like to explore your vocation with us, then please book one of the following dates: May 11th; 12th; 18th; 19th; 25th or 26th, by contacting Sr Una by email at unashjm@aol.com. Venue is in Sacred Heart Convent, Blackrock, Cork. 9am - 5pm.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Apr-27 & Apr-28-2013

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light



6:00 pm (Vigil)
Karen Sheehan
Padraig Graham
8:30 am
Eadaoin O'Leary
Gerard O'Leary
10:00 am
Cormac Kelly
Ashling O'Shea
12:00 Noon
Tony Lynch / Shane Tully
Evan Keating

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Pauline Collins
Niall Cronin
11:00 am
Tomas Buckley
Alison Henchion
12:30 pm
Bernard Valley
Colm Walsh
5:30 pm
Marlyn O'Connor / Kevin Tuohy

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. Dave O'Connell C.C.	087-2479140
Fr. James McSweeney	021-4873308

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.

Celebrating Vocations – Sowing the Seed

Evening prayer to pray especially for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life will take place on **Tuesday 23rd April, 7.30pm Christ the King Church, Turner's Cross**. The homily will be given by Bishop Kieran O'Reilly of Killaloe who is a native of the pastoral area. All are welcome to join with us in prayer.



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

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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 Katie Collins	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

Are You Unemployed Due To Illness, Injury Or Disability?

The National Learning Network specialises in providing high quality work orientated training programmes leading to recognised qualifications for people with injuries, illnesses or disabilities and for early school leavers who may have had learning difficulties at school.

If you feel that our service may be of benefit to you or anyone you know please contact National Learning Network at
021 4341028 (Model Farm Road)
or 021 300144 (Hollyhill)

Dyslexia Association of Ireland

Transition from Primary to Secondary School

The Education Sub-Committee has organised an **Information Meeting on Transition from Primary to Secondary School with a focus on Students with Dyslexia** to be held in **Bishopstown Community School on Monday 22nd April, 2013 at 7.30 pm**.

Guest Speaker is Ms. Teresa Connolly, Guidance Counsellor.
Admission €10.00.

Parents, Teachers, Students - All welcome.

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.