

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 22-April-2007

Third Sunday of Easter

Peter, who denied the Lord three times, three times, affirms his love. He learns that his share in the Lord's care for his people will one day bring him to the martyrdom of death - the early Church was founded on those who joyfully bore witness with their lives.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Called to Serve: Expansion of Lay Ministry

By virtue of our Baptism we are all called to ministry, using the gifts that have been given us. The call to priesthood and religious life is a very specific vocation. For a married couple, their calling, or vocation, is to love one another and to rear their children in love, and by their example to show them the Christian way of life. For many lay members of the church there is a sense of being called to serve in more diverse ways, using the talents and gifts God has given them, and thereby enrich the life of the church through their service.

For some this means serving as Ministers of the Eucharist, as Lectors, singing in the choir, as cantors or in music ministry and in other liturgical roles including altar serving, ushering, collecting, decoration of the liturgical space etc. For Ministers of the Eucharist especially, the calling is one of great significance. It means they are literally bringing Christ to others. This is most visibly seen at mass when the ministers assist the priest distribute the Eucharist. However ministers also take the Eucharist to the sick at home and in nursing homes each week. Eucharistic Ministers can also lead the assembly in a Communion Service in the absence of a priest.

When I was first ordained I ministered in the Diocesan Mission in Peru. The size and population of the parishes was vast, even by Ballincollig standards. In my parish there were 5 churches. It was physically impossible to get to all churches every weekend. However this didn't mean that the churches remained closed and empty. The community gathered at the appointed time on Sunday and if there wasn't mass that weekend, then a lay member of the parish led a Service of Word and Communion. It meant that the people were nourished and nurtured by God's word and sacrament. The people listened attentively as the word of God was proclaimed by the lectors, then they would share their understanding of the gospel and how it related to their lives, followed by intercessions made from the heart. Music ministry was very much to the fore, and finally Ministers of the Eucharist distributed Communion from the tabernacle. The faith and prayer life of the community was kept alive as they ministered to one another. This was a response to their calling as baptised Christians who accepted the role of leading the community in prayer and worship. It was a strengthening of their personal faith and a very necessary outreach to their community. I found it a tremendous support personally, to know that in my absence the different communities were not like sheep without a shepherd. They generously offered their service to the community in a real and effective way that built and strengthened everyone by their witness.

Fast forward 20 years later; here in Cork we are finally getting to grips with the reality that the level of services offered by priests cannot be sustained due to fewer and ageing personnel. The role of the laity in providing leadership is at last being recognised. Some parishes in the Diocese have had worship services led by lay teams in place for many years. Here in Ballincollig parish the weekend workload can be considerably onerous. On Saturdays, there is a morning mass, followed habitually by a Wedding, (funerals too are inevitable), and then the 2 vigil masses, not to mention up to 5 baptisms. The Sunday schedule sees 6 more masses and more baptisms. Just think of the energy required and the personal, emotional giving involved for these celebrations and the toll soon becomes apparent. The most exhausting ministry involves the emotional switch from funeral to wedding to Sunday liturgy in a matter of hours.

Perhaps you can begin to see where this is leading, (burnout is one possibility, though not the preferred option!). The role of the laity taking on responsibility for services is not only desirable, but essential. Sunday masses however will continue unchanged, but Saturday mornings for the summer months will see the introduction of a "Service of Word and Communion", led by a lay member of the parish. In the meantime preparation and training will be given to the lay leaders, (drawn from the Ministers of the Eucharist and Lectors) who feel the calling to respond to a real need in the parish and offer their gifts in this area of service. This new initiative has been discussed at the Parish Pastoral Council. It is an exciting positive step to be celebrated, as the laity take a more central role in leading the community in prayer and worship. Watch this space for further details shortly.

Sean O'Driscoll

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

The Lord who provided a miraculous catch of fish is always willing to provide for the needs of his people. Aware of God's infinite goodness, we present our prayers.

Reader

We pray for our Holy Father, Pope Benedict, for our bishops, priests and all teachers of the faith, that they maybe nourished at the Table of the Lord and strengthened in their ministry to others

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

We pray for Christians everywhere, that they may reveal the goodness of God by their genuine care and concern for the welfare of their neighbours.

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

We pray for a fair and just distribution of this world's goods, and for real help for those who lack life's necessities.

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

For young people who celebrate Confirmation this year, that the gifts of the Spirit may help them live Christian lives.

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

We pray for fishermen and all who make their livelihood from the sea, that they may be protected and blessed in their work.

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

For the members of our community who have died that God's compassionate love may bring them home to heaven.

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

Priest

God of abundance, you provide for the needs of your people. Hear the prayers we bring to you this day, and help us to follow your Son more closely. This we ask in the name of Jesus, who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

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BAPTISMS

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

Clodagh Bridget Barry, 104, Old Court, Greenfields.
 Jamie Garragher Walsh, 54, Carriganarra.
 Emma May Ross, 8, Parknamore Heights.
 Cian Tadhg McGrath, 30, Kings Hall, Chapelizod, Dublin.
 Eoin Turlogh O'Brien, 21, Westcourt.
 Jersey Lduozee, 9, Parknamore Rise,
 Lilly Teresa Cashman-Hanrahan, 2, The Mews, Chapel Lane.
 Adam Mark O'Mahony, 23, Old Court, Greenfields.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Brian Hannon, Scotland.
 Olive Deasy, Kinsale & Oakley.
 Timothy Murray, Clogheen.
 Eleanor Cummins, Rosenalee.

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

Pat & Nora O'Connor, Inniscarra.
 Richard Murphy, Innishmore Square.
 Marcella Callanan, Beech Road.
 Jack O'Farrell, Ballydehob.
 Helen Notter.
 Tommy Leahy, Killarney.
 Nellie Foley, Farran Road.
 Maureen Cuddihy, Coolroe.
 Eddie & Kathleen Duncan, Omagh
 Deceased members Coady Family, Killenaule & Rosewood.
 Cornelius O'Regan, Carriganarra.
 Robert Cutbert, Douglas.
 Maureen Burke, Southern Road.
 Clare McSwiney, Cloghroe.
 Tommy Carroll, Kilmichael.
 Mary Linehan, Inniscarra View.
 Kathleen & Paddy Troy, Inniscarra View.
 Bridie Murphy, Castletownbere.
 William Murphy, Blarney.
 Bridget & John Lee, Inniscarra View.
 Angelo & Margaret Bernardi, Magazine Road.
 John Lucey, Coolroe.
 Stephen Daly, Inniscarra View.
 Con O'Driscoll, Carriganarra.
 Elizabeth Kilty, Cherry Walk.
 Mary Delaney, Maglin.
 Tony O'Sullivan, Station Road.
 Eileen Burke, Whitechurch.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Third Week Of Easter

22 Sunday Acts 5:21-32,40-41. Ps. 29. Apoc. 5:11-14. In. 21: 1-19.
 Lect I: 468

23 Monday Acts 6:8-15. Ps. 118. In. 6:22-29. Lect I: 472

24 Tuesday Acts 7:51-8:1 a. Ps. 30. In. 6:30-35. Lect I: 474

25 Wednesday 1 Pet 5:5-14. Ps 88. Mk 16:15-20. Lect II: 1005

26 Thursday Acts 8:26-40. Ps. 65. Jn. 6:44-51. Lect 1:479

27 Friday Acts 9: 1-20. Ps. 116. In. 6:52-59. Lect I: 481

28 Saturday Acts 9:31-42. Ps. 115. In. 6:60-69. Lect I: 484

Next Sunday's Readings 29-April-2007
 Acts 13:14,43-52. Ps. 99. Apoc. 1:9, 14-1,. Jn. 10:27-30. Lect I: 493

Reflection for Parents

As parents we know a great deal about caring for sheep in the flock. We work long, hard, and diligently to make sure that our children receive the physical, emotional, and spiritual care they require. We are challenged by this Gospel reading to move outside our immediate "flock" and care for all of God's children. Our own children will learn the essence of this Gospel when they see us reconcile with others and go outside our small worlds to help others.

Inter-Faith Dialogue

Organised by Cork Muslim Women's Group
 7.30 p.m. Tuesday 24th April 2007
 The Purpose of Life from a
 Christian and Muslim Perspective
 Brookfield Health Science Complex, UCC.
 Lecture Hall G01
 Speakers: Sheik Abdur Rahmeen Green,
 London Central Mosque
 Fr. Seán O' Sullivan, Catholic Diocese of Cork and Ross

Biblical Conference

Organised by Cork Theology Forum
 The Bible Tells Me ... So?
 Two Talks by Keith Ward
 Saturday 28th April 2007
 Vienna Woods Hotel, Glanmire, Cork.
 9.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.
 Registration: €20
 (CTF Members €15)
 Includes 11.30 Coffee and Lunch Sandwiches

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The Coeliac Society of Ireland

Date: Tuesday, 1st of May, 2007
 Place: SMA Hall, Wilton
 Time: 8.00 p.m.
 Topic: Summer Party Night "Bring something, Taste something"
All Welcome

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32. 40-41
 Peter and the apostles continue to preach Jesus, even though the High Priest challenges them.
 Second Reading: Apoc. 5:11-14
 The risen Jesus is portrayed as Lamb of God enthroned in heaven.
 Gospel: John 21:1-19.
 For the third time since his resurrection, Jesus appeared to the disciples. It seems that the disciples had returned to their former lives--those they had lived before they left to follow Jesus--because they were fishing in the Sea of Galilee. Jesus stood on the shore and called out to the men in the boat asking if they had caught anything. The disciples replied that they had caught nothing. Jesus then instructed them to cast their net on the right side of the boat. When they did, they had a huge catch of 153 fish. They knew from this sign that it was Jesus on the shore. When they came ashore, Jesus cooked their breakfast of fish. When they finished eating, Jesus asked Peter three times if Peter loved him. This was a great example of reconciliation because the opportunities for Peter to affirm his love of Jesus matched the same number of times he denied knowing him. It was then that Jesus commissioned Peter to care for the sheep in Jesus' flock.

49th Cork Ballincollig Scout Group

The Scouts have taken a break over Easter, and it gave me time to catch up on some reading I came across a lot of magazines and books giving advice on equipment for hiking. I remember a long time ago, when hiking meant you met at the Scout hall and you bought sausages and you walked to Ballyburden, the waterworks or the Viaduct. It was not from Ballincollig we were hiking either, but Bishopstown, now to go on a hike means meeting at the Scout hall and going by bus somewhere! We always considered hiking a good thing, it kept you fit it was cheap, it's a good way of seeing things without getting car -sick and you chat as you go. Scouters have become experts in hiking so we feel we can impart advice to others.

Footwear is a fundamental part of hiking and it seems to me that for some conditions, particularly where river crossings are envisaged, wellies are a must, not the most fashionable, but are an ideal all weather boot. Good also for crossing fields where cows have been and think also the amount you will save on dubbin. Leather shoes should be avoid as they tend to soil easy and as most people have only one pair, you will spend most of the evening trying to get them clean for school or work on Monday. Sandals should not be worn, particularly those slap slap types, and they tend to pick up dead matches twigs and cig butts, which work their way in between your toes. The constant noise of someone else's sandal slapping all day long would drive anyone insane. If you are wearing boots make sure that they fit, there is nothing worse than having loose boots or wearing several pairs of socks. For every pair of socks you carry, it reduces the carrying capacity of mars bars. On socks you should use nylon ones -they dry much quicker than wool and are not as smelly (or so I'm told) and not as heavy. The good Lord gave wool to sheep and nylon to man.

What fine Scouters we would be if we only did half the things we think others ought to do.

Bulletin Board

First Holy Communion

Scoil Mhuire Saturday 28th April 2007

Confirmation

Scoil Mhuire Monday 14th May 2007
 Fr. George

Alzheimer's Tea Day

Thursday 3rd May 2007

Please join us for a nice "Cuppa" Tea on the above date, and help raise funds for the Alzheimer's Society

€2 per cup

Venue: Residence of Treasa O'Donovan

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All Welcome

St. Dominick's Retreat Centre

Starting Tuesday 24th April for 5 Tuesdays

7.30 - 9.30 pm

Catechesis - Know your Faith

Lecture & Discussion

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Saturday 28th April

10.00 am - 4.30 pm

Listening for God - Music as a doorway to the Sacred.

A Reflective day praying with sound and music.

Carol Dorgan

Spiritual Director/L.R.A.M.

€15 (lunch extra €12/Soup/roll €3.50)

TRÓCAIRE

DJ Ruth Scott is one of the contestants taking part this year in Celebrity Jigs and Reels on RTE1 and she has picked Trócaire as her charity of choice for the show. Ruth has travelled to the Philippines to see Trócaire's work first hand. The new series of *Celebrity Jigs 'n' Reels* will run over eight weeks and viewers will have the opportunity to vote for their favourite dancing celebrity each week. Each celebrity has a chosen charity and all monies raised during the course of the show will go directly to that charity. In 2006 *Celebrity Jigs 'n' Reels* raised over €150,000 for the chosen charities. By voting for Ruth people will be supporting Trócaire's work in the developing world.

"Trócaire is delighted to have been nominated by Ruth as her charity for Celebrity Jigs n' Reels" said Justin Kilcullen, Director of Trócaire. "Ruth has travelled with Trócaire and has seen our work in the Philippines, so it's great that she thinks so much of the work we do to pick Trócaire as her charity. Everyone in Trócaire will be cheering her on and I hope our supporters will get behind her too. We wish her the best of luck with the show!"

To cast your vote during the live programmes text **voteruth** to **53600**, or call **1513 717110**. All the money raised from the texts and votes goes to charity.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Apr-28 & Apr-29-2007

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Karen Sheehan
8:30 am
Susan Fennell
10:00 am
Louise McCarthy
Robert Noonan
12:00 Noon
John Dorgan

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Michael Greene
11:00 am
Chide Ebili
Karen Flavin
12:30 pm
Kay Carew
5:30 pm
Brian O'Donoghue

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	8 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	

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Apr-28 & Apr-29-2007

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Michael Maher
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8:00 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 Con O'Connell
Denis O' Mahony
Christine O'Mahony
Tom Murray
John O'Regan

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

5:30 pm Patsy Galvin
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Prayer is not a burden, but a gift; it is not a constraint, but a freedom; it is not a millstone round our neck, but a source of joy.
Pope John Paul II

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