

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



**St. Mary & St. John
Station Road**

Sunday 22-May-2005

The Most Holy Trinity

What a pity that for many the Trinity is just an intellectual puzzle! For the believer It is sign of how close God has come to us by revealing (but not reducing) the mystery of his Being. He draws us into the mystery making us his children by the gift of the Spirit.



**Christ Our Light
Innishmore**

A God of Tenderness and Compassion

Patrick Kavanagh was an Irish poet. As a human being he was a mixture of genius and cantankerousness. He could be difficult, impossible even, but he had his gifts, a gift for words and a gift for insight. He could say beautiful things in beautiful ways. He was living in Dublin in 1939 when the Second World War broke out. In neutral Ireland, that time was known as 'The Emergency'. The effects of the war however, were felt everywhere. War became the dominant fact of life. Kavanagh at this thought and was moved to defend the supreme importance of personal life. He wrote these words –

'Beyond the headlines
Then I saw the wild geese flying
In fair formation to their babes in Inchicore
And I knew that these wings would but wear the wings of war
And a man's simple thoughts outlive the day's loud dying.
Don't fear, don't fear, I said to my soul,
The bedlam of time is an empty bucket rattled,
'Tis you who will say in the end who best battles.
Only they who fly home to God have flown at all.'

Here is a beautiful and defiant statement of the value of simple things. Wild geese are far more important than the roar and rage of war. A person's quiet thoughts are more valuable than the loud babble of the street. And in all the rumpus of life, it is the practice of holiness, of personal loving that really counts in the end. God is to be found in these simple things and the noise and the clutter of modern life are distractions on our journey towards God.

The God that we believe in is a God of love and kindness, not a distant God to be frightened of and not a vengeful God to run away from. Long ago, in the desert of Sinai, the Jewish people gave their allegiance to a God "of tenderness and compassion", a God who is slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness. We are the fruits of God's love. St. Paul urges us to be happy, to try and be perfect, to help one another, to live in peace, to be the children of God.

In a world full of the noise of warfare, terrorism and the bickering of nations, the individual person can seem to be of no value. But it is our individuality – the fact that God created us, as we are, unique and special, and capable of giving and receiving love – which makes each and everyone of us important. Since we are all created equal in God's eyes, if I am not important, then no one is.

We are all put here in this world to love, and by doing so we all bear witness to God's loving kindness.

John O'Donovan

Reflection for Parents

Jesus told Nicodemus that God would save those who believe; those who do not believe have already been condemned. Sometimes it is hard for us to get our children to know what is good for them, like eating their vegetables, getting a good night's sleep, or watching less television. As parents, we often have to model the behaviour we want them to have. Children are quite open to the notion of God, and often they lead adults to greater faith. Our first responsibility to our children and their development of faith is to constantly seek God in our own lives. Our example is invaluable.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

When we pray as community to the Father, through the Son, in the Holy Spirit, we glorify the name of the Trinity. And so we pray:

Reader

For Christians everywhere that they may grow in faith and in the knowledge of the triune God.

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

For an end to war and violence in our world.

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

For unity among Christians.

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

For all students preparing for examinations at this time.

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

For people who suffer, in mind or body, that they may experience healing and new strength.

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

For our beloved dead, especially those mentioned in our Mass today, that they may enter the eternal life that Jesus promises to all who follow him.

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

Priest

Father of mercies, you have given us your Son Jesus as Redeemer and the Holy Spirit as Sanctifier; hear the prayers of your people. Through Christ, Our Lord.

Amen.

To you glory and praise for evermore.

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BAPTISMS

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

Sarah Teresa Graham, 49, Church View.
Gavin Hugh O'Neill, 77, The Green, Coolroe Meadows.
Darragh Michael Green, 39, The Green, Coolroe Meadows.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Patrick Forde, Ballypehane.
Nora Murphy, Eyeries.

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

Michael Noonan, Parknamore.
Denis Murray, Ballingearry.
Lillie Hutchinson, Barrack St.
Breda O'Leary, Classis, Ovens.
Ellen Ryan, Waterfall.
Paddy Long, Parknamore.
Josephine Cuddihy, Tipperary.
James O'Neill, Poulavone.
Kate & Fred Nash, Powdermills.
Eileen O'Mahony, Carrigrohane.
William & Catherine Ryan, St. Anthony's Lawn.
Billy Holmes, Kerry Pike.
William Carroll, Glasheen.
Eleanor Mohally, Hill View, Tramore Road.
Paddy & Joseph Murphy, McCurtains Villas.
Ann Murray, Rosewood.
John O'Mahony, Castletownbere.
Siobhan O'Hegarty, Wilton Avenue.
Eileen Dwane, Douglas.
Catherine O'Sullivan, Keimaneigh.
Michael & Bridget Forde, Curraheen.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Eight Week In Ordinary Time

22 Sunday Ex. 34:4-6, 8-9. Ps. Dan. 3. 2 Pet. 13:11-13. Jn. 3:16-18. Lect II: 611
23 Monday Eccles. (Sir) 17:24-29. Ps. 31. Mk. 10:17-27. Lect II: 94
24 Tuesday Eccles. (Sir) 35:1-12. Ps. 49. Mk. 10:28-31. Lect II: 96
25 Wednesday Eccles. (Sir) 36:1, 4-5, 10-17. Ps. 78. Mk. 10:32-45. Lect II: 986
26 Thursday Eccles. (Sir) 42:15-25. Ps. 32. Mk. 10:46-52. Lect II: 100
27 Friday Eccles. (Sir) 44:1, 9-13. Ps. 149. Mk. 11:11-29 Lect II: 103
28 Saturday Eccles. (Sir) 51:12-20. Ps. 18. Mk. 11:27-33. Lect II: 105

Next Sunday's Readings 29-May-2005

Deut. 8:2-3, 14-16. Ps. 147. 1 Cor. 10:16-17. Jn. 6:51-58. Lect I: 617

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Annual St Padre Pio Mass

The annual St Padre Pio Thanksgiving Mass is on in Enniskeane Parish Church on Friday May 27th at 8:30 pm
The chief celebrant this year is Fr Angelus O.F.M. Cap.
Confessions will be heard from 6.30 pm. before Mass.
Blessing with the Relics of St. Pio will be given after Mass.
Collection for Enniskeane Church Building Fund.

Everybody Welcome.

Eucharistic Procession

This year's Eucharistic Procession will take place on Saturday 28th May 2005 following 6.00 pm Mass at St. Mary & St. John's Church. The procession will be from the Church to East Gate followed by Benediction in Car Park.
Please come along and join in the procession. The tradition of Eucharistic processions is almost one hundred years old and the Feast of Corpus Christi dates to 1264 when it arose as a response to doubts about the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Perhaps in 2005 the Eucharistic Procession brings home to us the availability and nearness of Christ to us humans.

Knock Pilgrimage

Legion of Mary Annual Pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday 29th May. Bus fare €18.00. Tea/coffee/scone €4.00. Full Irish Breakfast €8.50 per person. Evening meal €19.00 per person. Bus leaving village at 7.00 am sharp. Early booking.
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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9

Moses went up Mount Sinai to meet the Lord. He begged the Lord to accompany the Israelites, "a stiff-necked people." He asked God to pardon their wickedness and sin.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Paul encouraged the Corinthians to mend their sinful ways and help one another live in peace. He wrote to them, "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you."

Gospel, John 3:16-18.

As in the past weeks, Jesus' message of commission and obedience is present along with his promise to always be with us. As the disciples were sent out to baptise, they were reminded of God's trinity: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

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SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Philip Neri 26-May-2005

The Apostle of Rome, was born in Florence, Italy, in the year 1515. He was the elder son of Francis Neri and Lucretia Soldi, both descendants of Tuscan families. Of amiable disposition throughout his youth, the young boy soon became known as Philip the Good - "the good Pippo," as he was called. In his early youth, he studied philosophy and later he took an extensive course in theology.

Together with fourteen companions, he established the Confraternity of the Most Holy Trinity for looking after pilgrims and convalescents. Its members met for Communion, prayer and other spiritual exercises in the Church of San Salvatore, and Philip himself introduced the idea of having exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at least once a month. At these devotions, Philip preached, though a layman, and succeeded in leading many souls to a life of perfection. In the year 1550, he transferred this Confraternity to the Church of the Holy Trinity, and erected a new hospital. His work, blessed by Almighty God, continued to flourish, and in 1551, he was ordained a priest at the age of thirty-six.

As a newly ordained priest, Philip continued his spiritual conferences to ever-increasing numbers, who came seeking his splendid guidance and help. In a short time, several priests and young ecclesiastics associated themselves with him and began to assist him with his conferences and in reading prayers and meditations to the people of the Church of the Holy Trinity. This small group soon became known as Oratorians, because at certain hours each day, they would gather the people together for prayer and meditation. Thus laid the foundation of a new religious society. In 1564, when Philip had formed his congregation into a regular community, he had several of his young ecclesiastics ordained to the holy priesthood. Among them was the famous Caesar Baronius, who later became one of the greatest historians of the church, a cardinal, and in 1745 was declared Venerable by Pope Benedict XIV.

Saint Philip was recognised as one of the best scholars of his age. He was noted also for his kindness and simplicity and was much sought after as a confessor. His sense of humour is of legendary fame. He was beatified by Pope Paul V in 1615 and was canonised a saint by Pope Gregory XV in the year 1622.

First Holy Communion

The Girls of Scoil Mhuire will receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday 28th May at 11 am in church of St. Mary & St. John.

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Military Concert in aid of Cork Simon Community,

City Hall, 8 p.m., Wed 25th May 2005

On 25th May a Concert featuring the *Central Band of the Ministry of the Interior, Minsk, Belarus* and the *Band of the Southern Brigade, Collins Barracks, Cork* in aid of the Cork Simon Community will take place in City Hall at 8 pm. This will be the third date of an all-Ireland tour with the Belarussian Band performing in Belfast and Dublin on preceding nights. By kind offer of Brigadier General Patrick Nash of Collins Barracks, the Cork date will raise funds for Cork Simon Community. The Russian Spectacular will feature the White Russian Central Band from Belarus with Special Guest Soloists from The Bolshoi and dancers from The Belarussian National Folk Dance Academy. Tickets starting at €20 are available from Pro Musica, Oliver Plunkett Street, Cork and the Cork Simon Fundraising Office, 021 4321166. It promises to be a wonderful night of superbly performed music and will be spectacular entertainment for all the family.

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May-28 & May-29-2005

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Aine Sheehan
8:30 am
Aisling Moore
10:00 am
Dave Murphy
12:00 Noon
Tony Lynch

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Rebecca Feely
11:00 am
Joseph Manning
12:30 pm
Bernard Vallely
5:30 pm
Christine O'Brien

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	9:00 am & 8 pm (Vigil)

CONFESSIONS

After 10:00 am Mass & before 6:00 pm Mass **Saturday** After 9:00 am Mass

BAPTISMS

5:00 pm **Saturday** 7:15 pm
12:45 pm **Sunday**

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

May-28 & May-29-2005

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Vera Allen
Ber Bell
Oliver Delaney
Betty Casey
Frank Riordan
Siobhan Riordan
8:30 am Mary Buckley
Theresa Lucey
10:00 am Anne Cahill
Pat Lee
May Delaney
Seamus O'Shea
John O'Donovan
12 Noon Joan Barrett
Sheila Carroll
Marsie Curling
Will Casey
Geraldine Graham

8:00 pm Geraldine Lynch
Charlie Vaughan
Joan Stephenson
11:00 am Marie Ui Chrualaof
Neil Jeffers
Eileen O'Donoghue
Lelia O'Brien
12:30 pm Con O'Connell
Denis O' Mahony
Christine O'Mahony
Tom Murray
5:30 pm Patsy Galvin
Bernard Curran
Clare Curran

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