

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 25-May-2008

The Body and Blood of Christ
(Corpus Christi)

*The sacrifice of Christ re-united us with Christ, once for all.
Every time we celebrate the Lord's Supper and receive his body
and blood then through him our union with God is renewed.*



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

The Body and Blood of Christ

Jesus chose the time of the Passover to fulfil what he had announced at Capernaum giving his disciples his body and Blood. By celebrating the last supper with his apostles in the course of the Passover meal, Jesus gave the Jewish Passover its definitive meaning. Jesus passing over to his Father by his Death and Resurrection is anticipated in the Supper and celebrated in the Eucharist, which fulfils the Jewish Passover and anticipates the final Passover of the church into the glory of the kingdom. The Acts of the Apostles recount for us the faithfulness of the early Church in Jerusalem to the command of Christ 'Do this in memory of me'; "they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, fellowship, the breaking of bread and the prayers." St Justin wrote to emperor Pius around 155 explaining what Christians did; "On the day we call the sun, all who dwell in the city or country gather in the same place." Nearly a thousand years later the practice of reserving Holy Communion for the sick grew up and at around the turn of the last century the custom of Eucharistic processions developed.

The Christian community is often described as a pilgrim people, journeying with God and for God in our world. The Mass and Holy Communion augment our union with Christ; the principal fruit of Holy Communion is an intimate union with Christ Jesus. Indeed Jesus said, "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me and I in him." Life in Christ has its foundation in the Eucharistic banquet."

The Eucharist strengthens our charity, which tends to be weakened in our daily living. By giving himself to us Christ revives our love and enables us to root ourselves in Him. Sine Christ died for us out of love we ask that love be granted to us by the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Eucharist also commits us to the poor, the weak and voiceless people of our community. To receive the Body and Blood of Christ given for us, we must recognise Christ in the poorest. St. John Chrysostom wrote " You have tasted the Body and Blood of the Lord, yet you do not recognise your brother You dishonour this table when you do not judge worthy of sharing your food someone judged worthy to take part in the meal"

This Saturday after the 6.00 pm vigil Mass join in the Eucharistic procession and as we walk with the Lord we give thanks and also ask for the grace to live our lives as an Eucharistic people..

George O'Mahony

Reflection for Parents

Many times we prepare our children for the "big" events in their lives forgetting how much of life takes place in the ordinary moments. For example, first Holy Communion is often how families choose to dress their children and celebrate after Mass. The really important message of this Gospel reading, however, is how joyful and thankful are we when we receive our one hundredth or one thousandth communion. Our goal might be to help our children continue to be thankful and joyful each time they receive Holy Communion. This can happen when they see how happy we are to receive communion ourselves.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

God constantly nourishes and cares for his people. With confidence we present our prayers.

Reader

For all who celebrate the Eucharist, that their faith may be deepened by the mysteries they celebrate.

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

For priests and those who are preparing for ordination, that they may be blessed in the service of God's people.

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

We pray for those who dedicate their lives to working with the poor and marginalised.

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

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant us to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

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

That the hungry people of the world may be satisfied.

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

We pray for the victims of major natural disasters in China and Burma.

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

Priest

Gracious God, you provide for the needs of your people with loving kindness as you did for the people in the desert. Grant the requests we make this day in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

Visit Our Website: www.ballincolligparish.ie

MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Thomas Brennan, Farran & Niamh Marie O'Regan, Leemount.
Colin Healy, Island Way & Kelly Smith, Glasgow.

BAPTISMS

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

Ben Shane O'Brien, Glincool Villas.
Ewan Max Daly, An Caislean.
Jack Alex Daly, An Caislean.
Nikoden Michalik, The Lawn, Coolroe Meadows.
Conor Thomas Cogan, The Green, Coolroe Meadows.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Carmel Lewsley, Mayfield.
Seamus Doherty, Derry.
Wynn Elder, Toronto, Canada.
Michael O'Donovan.
Eileen McCarthy, Coolea.
Frank O'Callaghan, Ovens.
Corena Crowley, Greenfields & Switzerland.
Noreen O'Leary, Innishmore.

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

Paddy Long, Parknamore.
Lillie Hutchinson, Barrack St.
Pat & Mary Twomey, Ballyburden.
Elizabeth Crowley, Poulavone.
Bill Murphy, Donegal.
Kathleen Doyle, Westcourt.
Monica Monaghan, College Road.
John O'Mahony, Castletownbere.
William Kavanagh, East Gate.
Patrick O'Sullivan, West Cork.
Pat Walsh, Drogheda.
Kitty McCarthy, Kilbrittan.
Niall Barrett, Inniscarra.
Ann Murray, Rosewood.
Denis & Ellen O'Connell, Cloghroe.
Emily Moynihan.
Catherine Deasy, Muskerry Estate.
May Murphy, Blarney.
Vincent Murphy, Sweetbriar, Inniscarra View.
Jerry Murphy, West Cottage, Greenfields.
Denis O'Mahony, Tudor Grove.
Hannah & Peter Crowley, Leemount.
Michael Donovan, West Village.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Eight Week In Ordinary Time

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

26 Monday 1 Pet 1:3-9. Ps 110. Mk 10:17-27. Lect II: 549

27 Tuesday 1 Pet 1:10-16. Ps 97. Mk 10:28-31. Lect II: 551

28 Wednesday 1 Pet 1:18-25. Ps 147. Mk 10:32-45. Lect II: 553

29 Thursday 1 Pet 2:2-5, 9-12. Ps 99. Mk 10:46-52. Lect II: 555

30 Friday Deut. 7:6-11. Ps. 102. 1 In. 4:1-16. Mt. 11: 25-30. Lect I: 628

31 Saturday Zeph. 3: 14-18 or Rom. 12:9-16. Ps. Is 12. Lk. 1 :39-56.
Lect II: 1040

Next Sunday's Readings 01-June-2008

Deut 11:18, 26-28, 32. Ps 30. Rom 3:21-25, 28. Mt 7:21-27. Lect I: 661

A Retreat for the Ballincollig Parishioners

Day and date: Saturday 31st. May 2008

Venue: The Meditation Centre,
St. Dominic's Retreat House,
Montenotte, Cork.

Time: 10.30 am to 4.00 pm.

Conducted by: Fr. Joe Ralph O.P.

Cost: €15.00 per person

Soup, tea, coffee and rolls will be supplied. The talks will be based on the Lectio Divina method of praying Scripture. The day is of special importance for the Scripture (Lectio Divina) groups in the parish, but anyone who is interested in Scripture or praying with Scripture will be welcome. Kindly fill in the form below if you wish to attend and hand it into the sacristy (either Church) on or before Monday 26th May

I am interested in attending the retreat on Saturday 31st May

Name.....

Address.....

Phone No

A Summer Serenade!

On **May 25th** Opera 2005 presents a fundraising evening of opera favourites and light classics in the **Curtis Auditorium** at the CIT Cork School of Music. The concert features some of Cork's finest talents— well-loved soprano **Mary Hegarty**, baritone **Joe Corbett** and violinist **Elizabeth Cooney**. **Nicole Panizza** will accompany on piano.

Tickets priced at €20 are available from Pro Musica, Oliver Plunkett Street (021-4271659), the Opera 2005 office (021-4215180) and at the door on the night. The concert begins at **8 pm**.

CIT Alumni Reunion Day

Saturday, 7th June 2008, 3.00 pm

Calling All Graduates and Friends

You and all your former classmates are invited to get together to

BBQ Buffet with music from the Aristocrats

Don't delay book your place for reunion day today

Further information and booking forms may be obtained from
alumni@cit.ie or visit www.cit.ie

The success of a Reunion is due to the help of class representatives who encourage members of their class to attend the Reunion. If you would like to ensure successful participation of your class at this event, please contact the CIT Alumni Association on 021 4326589 or email alumni@cit.ie

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16
 Moses reminded the people that for forty years God tested them in the desert. The Lord let them be hungry and fed them manna, showing that God's people do not live by bread alone.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17
 By sharing in the Eucharistic bread, Christians, though many, are one body in Christ.

Gospel: John: 6:51-58
 As much as Jesus' listeners didn't understand how Jesus could really mean that they were to eat his body and drink his blood, Jesus made it very clear that that was precisely what he did mean. Once again, it was hard for the people of Jesus' day (and still hard for us today, too) to understand what Jesus tried to say because they only thought in earthly, literal terms. This Gospel passage gives us one of our firm foundations for the institution of the Eucharist so that, in faith, we will eat the bread that will give us everlasting life.

Scout News

If you would keep young and happy, be good, live a high moral life, practice the principles of the brotherhood of man, send out good thoughts to all, and think evil of no man. This is in obedience to the great natural law; to live otherwise is to break this great Divine Law. Other things being equal, it is the cleanest, purest minds that live long and are happy. The person who is growing and developing intellectually does not grow old, like the person who has stopped advancing, but when ambition, aspirations and ideals halt, old age begins.

The thing we do best in scouting is to create situations in which ordinary boys, thrown back on their own resources under the leadership of one of their own number, find fun, adventure and mutual respect in coping.

My experience as a member of the Scout Group Council has taught me that it is better to remain silent and appear rather useless, than to speak out and remove all doubt.

The World Apostolate of Fatima

Knock
 All-Night Vigil
 Date 30th May 2008
 Cost €25
 Contact: Angela 4872611 or Pat 4870374
 Bus leaves from St. Mary & St. John's at 3:30 pm

Sr. Briega In Cork

Sr Briega will address the gathering at the annual Corpus Christi procession in Cork on today Sunday 25th. The Procession will depart from the Cathedral at 3.00 pm with Benediction in Daunt's Square at 4.00 pm approx. Following the procession, there will be an hour of healing prayer in St. Peter & Paul's Church. Sr Briega & Fr Kevin will lead the hour of prayer.

Sr. Briega McKenna, O.S.C. was born in Ireland and entered the Sisters of St. Clare at the age of fifteen. After going to Tampa, Florida as a teacher, she became crippled by the onset of rheumatoid arthritis. At the age of twenty-four, she was miraculously and instantaneously healed during the celebration of the Eucharist and some time later received, in prayer, the gift of healing for which she has become so widely known.

Bulletin Board

Eucharistic Procession

The procession will be held this year on the eve of the feast of Corpus Christi **May 24th after the 6 pm Vigil Mass** in St Mary & St John's Church. The route will be from the Church to the entrance to Castlepark and back to the green in Church View for Benediction. Perhaps parishioners would be good enough to make plans to take part in this year's procession.

Ballincollig Parish First Communions 2008.

Scoil Eoin Saturday 24th May 2008

Catholic Paper

Copies of the Catholic Paper -**The Universe** - are available in both Churches every week.

This Week's Calendar

Monday 26 – St Philip Neri, priest, was born in Florence but spent most of his life in Rome, where he founded the Congregation of the Oratory to foster good preaching and to promote holiness of priestly life.

Tuesday 27 – St Augustine of Canterbury, bishop. St Augustine was a monk in Rome when sent by Pope Gregory the Great to preach to the English. He set up his see at Canterbury and had much success in converting the south of England.

Wednesday 28 – Weekday (8th Week in Ordinary Time)

Thursday 29 – Weekday

Friday 20 – The Sacred Heart of Jesus. Today's feast is a solemn reminder of the immense love of God for us, revealed in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Saturday 31 – The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Today's liturgy recalls the 'Blessed Virgin Mary carrying her Son within her' and visiting Elizabeth to offer charitable assistance and to proclaim the mercy of God the Saviour.

Fr. George

Vita Ethiopian Challenge – October 2008

In October 2008 the inaugural trip to visit Vita projects in Ethiopia will take place. This trip is designed to introduce you to the many faces of Ethiopia and the difficulties faced by its people. Its purpose is to challenge your views of the developing world, to promote a better understanding of the work of Vita and to see what can be achieved with your support.

The trip will take you to see some of the wonders of ancient Ethiopian civilisation. You will also visit modern developed Ethiopia and be able to compare this with the areas of the country in great need of sustainable livelihoods development which form the major part of the trip.

The cost of taking on this challenge is €4750; this includes your flights, accommodation, meals, internal transport and support for the Vita programmes that you will visit.

For further information please contact Jenny Douglas in Vita on 01 8820108 or email jenny.douglas@vita.ie

Le Cheile Mentoring Project

Are you over 20 years? Have a few hours a week to spare? Are you interested in volunteering?

Le Cheile Mentoring Project is currently recruiting volunteer to work with young people involved in the Young Persons Probation Service.

An information session will be taking place Monday 26th of May at 7 pm in the Probation Offices, St. Nicholas Church, Cove St, Cork.

For Further details please contact Shane @ 086 0472419

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

May-31 & Jun-01-2008

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Karen Sheehan
Padraig Graham
8:30 am
Pat Fennell
10:00 am
Tony Hegarty
William Green
12:00 Noon
Oliver O'Donovan

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Rebecca Feely
Jessica Lingard
11:00 am
Lisa Madden
12:30 pm
Lia Breathnach
Cathy Naughton
5:30 pm
Siobhan Kane

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

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Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C. 021-4877161
Fr. Sean O'Driscoll C.C. 021-4870434
Fr. Ted Sheehan 021-4876171

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

May-31 & Jun-01-2008

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Patsie Murphy
Marie Bohan
Mary Walsh
Marie Healy
Margaret Kearney
Nora Barry

7:30 pm Jim Cahill
Kit Cahill
Sheila O'Connor
John Canty

11:00 am Carmel Ryan
Angela Cunningham
Laurence Cunningham
Eileen Byrne

8:30 am Theresa Lucey
Rita Murphy
Mona Holland

10:00 am Tadgh Murphy
Mary Murphy
Joan Tobin
Tony O'Leary
Phil Kennedy
Denis Healy

12:30 pm Eileen Garvey
Sally Power
Breda Callanan
Olan O'Mahony

12 Noon Michael Crowley
Breda Lenihan
Noel Hennessey
Jacinta Jeffers
Rena O'Connor
Sean Farrell

5:30 pm Neil O'Donoghue
Phil O'Connell
Maire McCullagh

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Sat 10:30 am - 12 Noon. Phone No. (021) 4871206, Office Secretary Catherine Crowley.

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