

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

150 Years



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 26-April-2015

Fourth Sunday Of Easter
(Day of Prayer for Vocations)

Sometimes we can lose our sense of direction, we become the prey of empty fears and false pleasures. Today we are reminded that in Jesus we have someone who will always guide us right and protect us. If we listen to him and follow him we will have the fullest possible life.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Good Sheperd Sunday

The image of the shepherd was very important in both the Old and New Testaments. The Shepherd knew his sheep individually and called each one by name. A shepherd in those days walked ahead of the sheep seeking out safe pastures for them. The sheep followed the Shepherd, because they recognized his voice, and they trusted him. A lot of sacrifice was required of a person who was a shepherd since he was responsible for the total welfare of his flock of sheep - by guarding, feeding and protecting them. In the Gospel Jesus calls himself the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep - paying the ultimate sacrifice by freely dying on the Cross because of his great love for us. As our Shepherd, Jesus knows each one of us individually and continues to seek out those who may have strayed from God's path, promising to nurture and protect all entrusted to his care. Whenever we encounter difficulties in our life's journey, the presence of Jesus reassures us that we are not abandoned, he is there leading and guiding us.

Peter reminded his listeners in our first reading, that it is only in Jesus' name we are saved. We hear how he and John courageously answered their calling to serve the Lord. Having been arrested for preaching the resurrection of Jesus, and healing a cripple, they stood before the rulers, the elders and the scribes to account for their actions. Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter responded that his good works were performed in the name of Jesus Christ.

Today is also World Day of Prayer for Vocations; a day when we are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call to each of us and to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. As baptised Christians all of us are called to know love and serve the Lord and be witnesses of His love in our lives. Today is an opportunity for each of us to reflect on how am I responding to God's call in my life right now? Where is God calling me to make my own unique contribution based on the particular gifts and talents God has given me? Each vocation challenges us to live our faith more deeply and to follow Christ more closely. As we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, let us pray to the Lord that we may follow His example of self-giving love.

Sr. Colette

Thought for Today

Jesus speaks of the freedom of the Good Shepherd in laying down his life. Faced with the needs of others, we can at times feel trapped into looking after them, caught by duty, obligation or guilt. We can become like the hired hands that do a job without care for the person. Perhaps you have experienced both attitudes, caring for others under duress and by free choice. What difference did it make when you chose to care for the other, even in circumstances where you had little option?

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

St John reminds us that we are God's children. Let us bring our needs before God, confident that he will listen to us because we are his children.

Reader

For the leaders of the Church: that they may be true shepherds to the flock of Christ.

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

For those who make our laws and who apply them: that the Lord may bless them with the gifts of wisdom and compassion.

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

For those who feel that nobody cares about them and for those whose work is hard and unrewarding.

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

For our lapsed brothers and sisters: that they may find their way back to the flock Christ nourishes.

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

For all gathered here: that we may see our work as a service to others, and put our hearts into it and that we may be people who care about those around us, and so imitate the love of the Good Shepherd.

**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

God of compassion, grant that we may never doubt the love of Christ, the Good Shepherd, and show our gratitude by loving one another. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen,

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

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BAPTISMS

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

- Cian Leo O'Regan, Leslies Arch, Old Quarter.
- Maya Marie O'Regan, Leslies Arch, Old Quarter.
- Emillia Rose Begala, Westcourt Heights.
- Millie Noreen Doyle Kelleher, Pinewalk, Muskerry Estate.
- Abigail Rose Twohig, Parknamore Rise
- Thomas Michael Crowley, Westgrove.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

- Dan Desmond, Innishmore.
- Jimmy McQuaid, Fermanagh.
- Elizabeth (Lily) Dennis, Castlepark.
- Eleanor O'Halloran, Carrigaline.

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

- Noel Murphy, Model Farm Road
- Neil & Mary Prenderville, Lower Road.
- Jack & Ann O'Farrell, Ballydehob.
- Timothy O'Leary & Family, Gurranabraher.
- Eugene Courtney, Glincool Lawn.
- Mike Cullinane, Coolroe.
- Vera Walsh, The Maltings.
- Kevin Kiely, North Mall.
- Jeremiah & Catherine Cunningham, Dillon's Cross.
- Dan McCarthy, The Crescent.
- Aidan, Maureen Burke & Family, Southern Road.
- Gearoid O'Cathain, Inniscarra View.
- Michael O'Mahony, South Douglas Road.
- Mary & Teresa Delaney, Maglin.
- John Murphy, Watergrasshill.
- John Meehan, Model Farm Road/Glasgow.
- Mary Linehan, Inniscarra View.
- Jack Hurley, Hawthorn Avenue.
- Lil O'Connell, Turner's Cross.
- Frank Brennan, GrangeOvens.
- Breeda Murphy, Inniscarra View.
- Thomas O'Donnell, Drimoleague.
- The Harrington family, The Old Square.
- Leslie & Shelia Thomas, London.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Fourth Week Of Easter

- 26 Sunday Acts 4:8-12. Ps 117. 1 in 3:1-2. Jn 10:11-18. Lect I: 490
- 27 Monday Acts 1:1-18. Ps 41. Jn 10:1-10. Lect I: 496
- 28 Tuesday Acts 11:19-26. Ps 86. in. 10:22-30. Lect I: 499
- 29 Wednesday 1 Jn 1:5-2:2. Ps. 102. Mt. 11 :25-30. Lect II: 1009
- 30 Thursday Acts 13:13-25. Ps 88. Jn 13:16-20. Lect I: 503
- 01 Friday Acts 13:26-33. Ps 2. Jn 14:1-6. Lect I: 505
- 02 Saturday 13 Saturday Acts 13:44-52. Ps 97. Jn 4:7-14. Lect I: 508

Next Sunday's Readings 03/May/2015

Acts 9:26-31. Ps 21. 1 Jn 3:18-24. Jn 15:1-8. Lect I: 514

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts 4: 8-12
 Peter, who had once trembled before a servant maid is now fearless before the High Priest through the grace of the Holy Spirit as Jesus had promised. Instead of defending himself he preaches the new Faith. Salvation comes through the person of Christ, not through the rigorous observation of the Law, as the Jews believed.

Second Reading: 1 John 3: 1-2
 Because God has adopted the faithful into his family the world hates them. But the adoption entitles them to a future state of glory, like that of God himself. The true nature of this glorification is not yet clear; but after this life faith will give way to the vision of God.

Gospel: John 10: 11-18
 The image of the shepherd and the sheep is taken from many passages in the Old Testament. The single sentence "I am the good shepherd" would have called up much of sacred scripture for those listening to Jesus. In this lovely poetic passage, Jesus speaks of the affection that unites him with his followers. He looks beyond the Jewish nation to the whole gentile world where "the other sheep" await the call of the good shepherd. So much does the Good Shepherd love his sheep that he is prepared to lay down his life for them.

Music Morning

Monthly Music Morning in the Ballincollig Library will take place on Tuesday 28th April at 11am.
 It will be presented by Denis O'Callaghan.
 Everyone most welcome.
 A cuppa will served..

Holy Land Pilgrimages

Do you dream of walking in Jesus "footsteps"? Visiting Bethlehem, and Jerusalem, Galilee by boat, swim in the Dead Sea, Baptism in River Jordan and more.
 Pilgrimage October 2015
 For further details contact Lar Cunningham 087 6823989
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61st Cork International Choral Festival

Church of Christ Our Light, Ballincollig
Sacred Trail

On Sunday 3rd May at 11:00 am we will be welcoming
Blackburn People's Choir (UK)
who will be taking part in the Cork International Choral
Festival.

Conductor: Jeff Borradaile.

Blackburn Peoples Choir (U K) was founded in 1998 when
half a dozen people attended a series of Bulgarian folk song
workshops in Blackburn museum. The small group suffered
withdrawal symptoms at the end of the six weeks and so
embarked on a search for funding to start a choir that could
continue to explore unaccompanied harmony singing.
Jeff Borradaile B.Ed. (Hons.) has directed the choir on a
choral journey that has seen the group grow into a choir of
100 singers performing
20 concerts a year raising thousands of pounds for charity
whilst developing the choirs technique and repertoire.
The choir has participated at the Krokstand Man Must Dance
Festival in Sweden in 2006 and 2008, visited Northern Cyprus
in 2009 and 2011, and won trophies at the Isle of Man
festival of Choirs in 2011 and 2013.

Their repertoire is wide, with songs from a range of places
and times- African and world music, folk, gospel, pop, sacred
classical and contemporary, while also keeping a focus on
Estonian choral music. In 2006 the choir was awarded the
Choir of the Year prize by the Estonian Female Choir
Association.

**150th Anniversary Celebrations
of the Church of St. Mary & St. John.**

Flower Festival in the church will take place
on 8th 9th & 10th May, 2015.
Opening Ceremony Friday 8th May at 7.30pm.
All Welcome.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land - June 2015

Some places still remain for our Trip of a Lifetime to the Holy
Land, June 8-18th, 2015. Follow the footsteps of Jesus from
the Sea of Galilee to the River Jordan
and on to the final days in Jerusalem.
Group Leader Mícheál de Barra;
Spiritual Director Fr. John Newman
For information and booking contact
Mícheál at 086-8337681

Children's Corner

A Prayer to say...

Dear Jesus, you are my good shepherd. Help me to follow
you closely. If I feel sad and lost please come quickly and find
me. Amen.

In the Gospel today...

Jesus says he is the good shepherd. He says that a good
shepherd would die for his sheep. Jesus knows his
sheep and they know him.

Bulletin Board

First Friday

Friday, May 1st is the first Friday of the month. There will be
exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St Mary & St John
from 6.30pm to 7.45pm, you are invited to come and spend
some time with the Lord. There is Mass in St Mary & St John
on Friday evening at 8.00pm. The priests of the parish visit
the sick of the parish on the first Friday of each month;
please let us know if you have a family member or neighbour
who is sick or housebound.

Children's Mass

The "DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME MASS" will take place
Sunday April 26th in the church of Christ Our Light at 11 am.
This Mass, is especially for children in second class preparing
for their first Holy Communion, is organised by the parents.
Please bring your child to this Mass on Sunday and to a Mass
of your choice at other weekends.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday
May 2nd at 12.00 noon in the Annex, 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.

Eucharistic Procession

The procession will be held this year on Saturday June 6th
after the 6pm 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. I take
this opportunity to invite you and your family to take part in
the Eucharistic Procession. I especially invite you to bring
your child who received First Holy Communion recently. It
would be appreciated if homes on route of the procession
could be suitably decorated in honour of the Blessed
Eucharist. Seats will be available near the altar at Church
View for the elderly or people suffering from injury.

Trocaire Boxes

Please return Boxes to the schools or to the church; when
returned the money will be lodged in the Trocaire Account.

Confirmation

Congratulations to the Girls who received the sacrament of
Confirmation in Scoil Mhuire. Sincere thanks to the parents
and dedicated teachers who work diligently preparing young
people for the sacrament.

Confirmation Dates 2015

Thursday 30th April	Gael Scoil
Friday 8th May	Scoil Eoin

First Holy Communion Dates 2015

Saturday 9th May	Scoil Barra
Saturday 9th May	Our Lady of Good Counsel
Saturday 16th May	Scoil Mhuire
Saturday 23rd May	Gael Scoil

Fr. George

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

May/02 & May/03/2015

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
 Muireann Nelligan
 Padraig McAuliffe
8:30 am
 Eadaoin O'Leary
 Gerard O'Leary
10:00 am
 Diandra Buckley

12:00 Noon
 Emer Wiseman

7:30 pm (Vigil)
 Nonyi Ebili
 Jennifer Nyagaya
11:00 am
 Tomas Buckley
 Michael Buckley
12:30 pm
 Joseph Manning
 Niamh Murray
5:30 pm
 Marlyn O'Connor

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. James McSweeney	021-4873308

Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

Week 27th Apr to 3rd May

Joan Barrett
 Margot Twomey

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.



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

May/02 & May/03/2015

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Eileen Murphy
 Ted Nelligan
 Maurice Bunyan
 Sheila Walshe
 Katie Collins
 Aisling Leahy

7:30 pm John O'Donoghue
 Mary Dineen
 Mairead Keenan
 Kay O'Sullivan

8:30 am Helen Kelly
 Michael Crowley
 Eileen Corkery

11:00 am Mary Twomey
 Mona Bowen
 Billy Barry / Diarmuid Horgan
 Mary Aylward
 Pauline Barton

10:00 am Fionnuala McDonagh
 Mary Buckley
 Fiona Kelly
 Mary O'Regan
 Martin O'Leary

12:30 pm Maura O'Driscoll
 Mary Lehane
 Dympna Byrne
 Suzanne Leech

12 Noon Ann-Marie Cosgrove
 Phil Kennedy
 Ellen O'Sullivan
 Ursula McAuliffe
 Sally Crowley
 Jim Lordan

5:30 pm Shelia Curran
 Elizabeth O'Sullivan

Experiencing Grief and Loss

Grief is a normal, though often deeply painful, response to loss. The death of a loved one is the most common way we think of loss. Many other significant changes in one's life can also involve loss and therefore grief; e.g. a relationship breakup; serious illness in a loved one; job loss; loss of a close friendship, etc. Feelings of loss are very personal - the more significant the loss is for you, the more intense the grief is likely to be. When grieving the death of someone we love, we may experience all kinds of difficult and surprising emotions, such as shock, denial, anger, guilt, a deep sadness - that sometimes feels like it will never lift. While these feelings can be frightening and overwhelming, it's helpful to know that they are normal reactions. There is no right or wrong way to grieve. Don't compare yourself to other people. Your grief is different from everyone else's even from those around you who are grieving for the same person. Your relationship to the person who died is unique to you and so your grief for them will also be unique. While it may not seem so initially, the pain of grief does lessen in intensity over time. Allowing yourself to feel the different emotions is the first step on the journey towards healing. Over the next few weeks there will be further short reflections relating to 'Grief and Loss'.

(A repeat of the series over the next few weeks of the articles presented by Sr. Colette during 2009)