

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 26-June-2011

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

Forty Years A-Growing

The Communications Group of the Parish Council has arranged this week's celebration of the fortieth anniversary of the ordination to the priesthood of our Parish Priest, Fr George O'Mahony. A Parish Mass of thanksgiving will be celebrated in the Church of St Mary and St John at 7.00 pm on Monday June 27th and all are welcome. Fr George will be joined by priest colleagues and friends with whom he has worked over the years of his ministry. As already stated in the Parishioner there will be a celebration meal in Oriel House Hotel at 8.30 pm, of necessity tickets are required for this.

A native of Drimoleague, Fr George was ordained in Dunmanway on the 19th June, 1971. He has served the Lord in Woolwich, Ardfield, Ballydehob, Farranree, Douglas, Knocknaheeny (as Parish Priest) and lastly in Ballincollig. He has offered and continues to offer his life as a living sacrifice to God, labouring in the vineyard of the Lord, and has bourn the heat of the day. In recent weeks we have heard many stories of that service from people in all the parishes in the Diocese where he has worked, and these are stories of substantial achievement, from the community centre in Ballydehob to the building of the Church in Rochestown, stories about parish initiatives and faith formation.

Today's feast of the Body and Blood of Christ ("Corpus Christi") reminds us of the centrality of the Eucharist in our Christian lives. The Eucharist is the "source and summit" of our faith and for the Eucharist we need priests. Through the ministry of priests we are nourished by the Bread of Life and the liturgical life of the parish is made possible. At a time of falling numbers of priests Fr George gives an important example of forty years of faithful service to the people of God.

Fr George presides over a vibrant and lively parish in Ballincollig with an effective Parish Pastoral Council and a wide range of activities with many "extra" faith events, such as the recent outdoor Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. He also serves as Pastoral Area Coordinator for the parishes of Ballincollig, Kilmurry and Ovens. This most pastoral priest is a man of enthusiasms and an extremely hard worker, with an ability to go the heart of any matter under discussion, sometimes to the discomfort of others (especially curates). We thank him for his service here and wish him well for the future. "Ad multos annos."

Billy O'Sullivan

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

As one body, we prayer to the living Father who gives life to the world.

Reader

For Christians: that the celebration of the Eucharist may form them into a community of love.

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

For all government leaders: that they may spear no efforts to ensure that all of God's children have enough to eat.

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

For the lonely, who are hungering for the bread of companion; and the sick that are hungering for the bread of health.

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

For each other: that we may hunger for a life of goodness and holiness.

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

For our own special needs.

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

For those who have died, that having shared the Bread of Life, they may be raised up as Jesus promised.

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

Priest

Father, may the food we eat at this banquet make us strong, and bind us together in unity and peace. We ask this through the same Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Dinny Harrington, Farranree.
Annie Thompson, Inchigeela.
Eamon Sheahan, Silverwood.
Angela O'Connell, Westgate.
Gretta Bourke, Foxford, Co. Mayo.
Sean Dunne, Listowel.
Elaine O'Driscoll, Model Farm Road / Australia.
Maureen Synan, Passage West.

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

Noel Sexton, Gardiners Hill.
Timothy Murphy, Muskerry Estate.
Lena & John Gaffney, Carrigrohane.
Imelda McGinn, Bracknagh.
Bill Fitzgerald, Liscarroll.
Timothy O'Leary, Bishopstown.
Declan O'Rourke, Castlepark.
Jimmy & Nora Barrett, Kilcrea Park.
Mary J Heavey, Rosewood.
Noreen Keyes Douglas
William, Nora & Denis Slyne, Knocknagallagh, Bandon.
Kieran McCarthy, Dunmanway.
James Shannon, Glincool.
Finbarr Dalton, Flynn's Cross.
Pat, Nora & Fiona O'Connor, Inniscarra.
Elizabeth Murphy.
Julia Collins, Station House.
Michael O'Sullivan, Carriganarra.
Barry Kelly, The Crescent.
Kathleen Lehane, Macroom.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time

26 Sunday Deut. 8:2-3, 14-16. Ps. 147. 1 Cor. 10:16-17. Jn. 6:51-58. Lect I: 617
27 Monday Gen 18:16-33 Ps 102. Mt. 8:18-22. Lect II:163
28 Tuesday Gen. 19: 15-29 Ps. 25 Mt. 8:23-27 Lect II: 165
29 Wednesday Acts 12:1-11. Ps. 33.2 Tim. 4:6-8, 17-18. Mt. 16: 13-19. Lect I: 981 or Lect II: 1082
30 Thursday Gen 21:1-19. Ps 114. Mt 9:1-8. Lect I: 169
01 Friday Deut. 7:6-11. Ps. 102. 1 In. 4:1-16. Mt. 11: 25-30. Lect I: 628
02 Saturday Is. 61 :9-11. Ps. 1 Sam. 2. Lk. 2:41-51. Lect II: 1043

Next Sunday's Readings 03-July-2011

Zech 9:9-10. Ps 144. Rom 8:9, 11-13. Mt 11:25-30. Lect I: 673

Pilgrimage to San Giovanni

(Homeland of Padre Pio)

& Montecassino (Abbey founded by St Benedict)
Departing from Cork Airport, Friday 8th July for 7 nts ,
Spiritual Director Fr Eugene Kiely
€899 inc. Contact Joe Walsh Tours 021 4277959
or Ann Fehan 087 2738103

A prayer to Christ the Healer

In the comfort of your love
I pour out to you my saviour,
The memories that haunt me,
The anxieties that perplex me,
The fears that stifle me,
The sickness that prevails upon me,
And the frustration of all the pain that weaves about
within me.
Lord help me to see your peace in my turmoil,
Your compassion in my sorrow,
Your forgiveness in my weakness,
And your love in my need.
Touch me, O Lord, with your healing power
and strength. Amen.

Dyslexia Association of Ireland

The Dyslexia Association are now accepting bookings for their workshop beginning Monday, 12th September.

The venue for the workshops is

Bishopstown Community School, Cork City.

Enquiries to (086) 8064799 or dyslexiacork@gmail.com.

The World Apostolate of Fatima

Knock Pilgrimage

July 10th 2011

Special Welcome to

Sick Children, Holy Communion, Confirmation Children
and under 16's

Bus will leave Ballincollig at 07:30 am

Contact Pat @ 021 4870374

Cost: Adult €25 - Under 16's with Adult €5

Volunteer Missionary Movement (VMM).

We would sincerely like to thank the parishioners of Ballincollig for their generous donation of €4,489 in response to our parish appeal on the weekend of 4th and 5th June, 2011

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Diocese of Cork and Ross

June 17th, 2011.

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

I am writing to you regarding the decline in the number of priests in the Diocese and its implications for all of us. By way of example, in 1998, 154 priests worked in the Diocese. Today the figure stands at 103 and this number will continue to decline in the future. A total of 28 priests from Religious Orders and Societies have temporary assignments in the Diocese but they could be recalled at any time. They serve as chaplains in hospitals, third level institutions, prison, army and navy. A major challenge facing us is to how to cope with this reduction in the number of priests. We have to plan for the future within the doctrine and discipline of the Church.

Given the continuing fall in the number of priests, each pastoral area faces the real prospect of losing at least one priest within a couple of years. I have invited each pastoral area to revise their Mass schedules. Meetings have been held with representatives (priests, and lay people) from each parish to prepare recommendations and workable solutions. Pastoral areas will make every effort to ensure that there is a choice of Mass times available in each area. It may be necessary, however, for people to make adjustments to their regular routine. It is hoped to implement the new schedules at the beginning of 2012.

I am hoping that the greater lay involvement will lead to a realisation of the need for the priest. All our initiatives and new structures do not obscure in any way the irreplaceable role of the priest. Without the priest, there would be no Mass and no Christian community can be built up which does not centre on the Eucharist. I know that you will continue to pray that the Lord's invitation to follow and serve him in priesthood and in religious life will be responded to with generosity.

We must always be people of hope. Hope means that we have a future. Jesus Christ is the source from whom we draw our hope and our life. Pope Benedict has spoken about a new springtime for the Church. Prayer is a vital part of our work. Prayer was central to the life of Jesus. Our work will not be easy but let us not forget that Christ has promised to be with us. 'Christ's power working within us can do infinitely more than we can ask for or imagine'. (St. Paul).

Finally, we turn to Mary in whom the generations who went before us put their trust, and never in vain, to watch over us at this time.

Praying God's blessing on you and your families, I remain,

Yours sincerely in Christ,

+John Buckley,

Bishop of Cork and Ross.

Extract from Pastoral Letter of June 17th 2011

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.

Open Garden

Garden Evening in support of Cormac Donovan O'Neill. A miracle child born with a globally unique illness. Having had 41 operations and being treated now in Great Ormand Street Hospital and Crumlin Children's Hospital in Dublin.

Open Garden in DJ Murphy's Bride Park Cottage, Killumney, Ovens

On today Sunday 26th June 2011
from 12.00 - 6.00

Talk and demonstration on Alpines by
Angela Lawler (Dublin).

Garden walk with Mary McCrum

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Jul-02 & Jul-03-2011

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Sandra Walsh
Brian Hennessy
8:30 am
Eadaoin O'Leary
Gerald O'Leary
10:00 am
Margot Twomey
Lauree Hegarty
12:00 Noon
Oliver O'Donovan
David Drohan

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Rosarie Cotter
Louise McGrath
11:00 am
Sorcha Nic Mheanmain
Jessica Lingard
12:30 pm
Brian O'Donoghue
Chidera Ebili
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	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	

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Thank You

The editorial team of the Parishioner would like to thank our advertisers and contributors for their support during the year. Publication of the Ballincollig Parishioner will resume after the summer break on Sunday 11th September 2011. To all our readers have a safe & wonderful summer
Con, Tom, Oliver & Karen

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Jul-02 & Jul-03-2011



St. Mary & St. John

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6.00 pm Sally Crowley
Ted Nelligan
Eileen Corkery
Ann O'Connell
Sheila Walshe
Ann McCarthy

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

8:30 am Helen Kelly
Mary O'Connor
Michael Crowley

11:00 am Mary O'Mahony
Mona Bowen
Billy Barry
Mary Aylward
Pauline Baston

10:00 am Fionnuala McDonagh
Mary Buckley
Breda Ring
Mary O'Regan
John Henchy
Martin O'Leary

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

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

5:30 pm Shelia Curran
Elizabeth O'Sullivan

Bulletin Board

First Friday

Friday July 1st is the first Friday of the month. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St Mary & St John from 6.30 pm to 7.45 pm, you are invited to come and spend some time with the Lord. There is Mass in St Mary & St John on Friday evening at 8.00 pm. 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.

Peter's Pence Collection

The annual Peter's Pence collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend. Please place your donations in the envelopes provided.

Baptism preparation will resume in the parish on September 10th 2011.

Taize Trip.

Preparations are well advanced for the trip from Ballincollig parish to Taize. Fifty three (53) parishioners will head off by bus to Dublin on Wed 13th of July, fly from Dublin to Cluny, there travel to Annecy, then on Sunday 37th travel by coach to Taize. Taize is a place of pilgrimage in the south of France where teenagers and young people gather for prayer and reflection. Taize is a world renowned for more than fifty years. The group comprises of 44 teens from (15 - 18 yrs) 4 young adults f 18 - 21 yrs) and five adults. The group will return to Ireland on Thurs July 21st.

Fr. George