

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 27-April-2008



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

*We celebrate the coming of Christ's spirit of truth  
on the Church, the source of the Church's  
proclamation of the Christian message in the world.*

### *Belonging to Christ*

The Gospel and First Reading encourage us to reflect on how active the Holy Spirit is in our lives. "You know the Spirit because he is with you, he is in you" are the words of Jesus in today's Gospel. In the first reading the apostles prayed for the people of a Samaritan town to receive the Holy Spirit. Having accepted the word of God, the apostles then 'laid hands' on them and they received the Holy Spirit. We're told 'there was great rejoicing in that town'.

Over the past few weeks there has been 'great rejoicing' in our Parish to witness many children from the local schools receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and also two young adults received the Sacrament at the Easter Vigil. I'm sure all of us can remember our own 'Confirmation' day! Perhaps some of us may not remember the significant ritual of the 'imposition/laying on of hands' when the Bishop extended his hands over those to be confirmed and invoked the outpouring of the Spirit in this prayer: "All powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ...send your Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide. Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgement and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in God's presence." When we were anointed with the oil of Chrism we were 'sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit' and strengthened to live our baptismal promises. This seal of the Holy Spirit marks our total belonging to Christ, our enrolment in his service for ever. When we are led by the Spirit, the fruits of the Holy Spirit will be evident in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

In the Gospel, Jesus reassures his disciples and us that we will not be left alone: 'I will not leave you orphans'. The Spirit which sustained his disciples through persecution and martyrdom is the same Spirit who sustains and strengthens us in our faith. We thank God for the gift of faith and the gift of the Holy Spirit. We also thank God for parents, grandparents, priests and teachers who have nurtured our faith.

May we be open to God's Holy Spirit in our lives - the Spirit who leads, guides and inspires us..

Sr. Colette

### *Reflection for Parents*

When children are orphaned, they often hold on to something to remind them of who they are. Orphan Annie had a half of a locket, Oliver Twist had a letter, and some victims of the holocaust had smuggled photographs. Even without the physical presence of their parents, orphaned children very much felt connected to their parents. This is the image Jesus gives us in the Gospel as well. He explains that it is the Holy Spirit that is with us and helps us know we are God's. It is this Spirit that guides us to live the way God wants us to. The Spirit comes to us in a special way at our baptism and guides us, even to our surprise sometimes, and helps us follow the commandments of God.

### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

#### **Priest**

Heavenly Father, you sent the Spirit as an Advocate. Listen favourably to the petitions we make before you this day.

#### **Reader**

We pray for missionaries and those who spread the gospel to faraway lands, especially those who are persecuted for their faith.

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

We pray for those who are preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. May they be blessed in the gifts of the Spirit.

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

We pray for all who are about to receive their First Holy Communion. May this joyous occasion renew and deepen the faith of families.

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

We pray for peace: in our homes, in our communities, in our world and in our hearts.

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

We pray for journalists and reporters. May their work be focused towards the spread of truth.

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

We pray for our own parish, that we ourselves may become more and more a united family where all are cared for and none are forgotten.

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

#### **Priest**

God of glory and majesty, you answer the prayers of your people and encourage us to ask for what we need. We bring our requests to you in confidence, in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, who is Lord forever and ever.

Amen.

*Cry out with joy to God all the earth.*

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**MARRIAGES**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

Vivion Madigon, Liscarroll & Mairead Kelleher, Bridgewater.

**BAPTISMS**

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

Emily Jane McSweeney, The Flits Classis Lake.  
 Stad Lufuluabo, Tuairin Glas, Ballincollig.  
 Soraya Lufuluabo, Tuairin Glas, Ballincollig.  
 Afonso Oisin Nancolo-Mahony, Castlepark.  
 Leah Kate Slattery, Innishmore Square.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Theresa Isherwood, The Mardyke.  
 Eileen Conway, Bishopstown.  
 David O'Connell, Kanturk.  
 Hannah O'Mahony, Ovens.

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

Deceased members of O'Brien family, Castlefarm.

Liam Barrett, Kileens.

Marcella Callanan, Beech Park.

Billy Holmes, Kerry Pike.

Deceased members of O'Sullivan & Holmes families.

Pat & Maureen Warren.

Maureen Cuddihy, Coolroe

Cyril, David & Frances Power, Monkstown.

Deceased members of Osborne family, Blarney.

Mike Cullinane, Coolroe.

Connie Cronin, Waterfall.

Mary Delaney, Maglin.

Tom Murray, Pearse Road & Inniscarra.

Jeremiah & Catherine Cunningham, Dillons Cross.

Eugene Courtney, Glincool.

Tim O'Leary, Sunningdale.

Julia O'Callaghan, Leemount.

Tom O'Donoghue, Inniscarra View.

Con, Bridie & Brian Murphy, Beara.

Margaret Murphy, Greenhills Estate.

Mary O'Sullivan, Leesdale Grove.

Jack Hurley, Inniscarra View.

Ellen Cronin, Mary St.

Maurice Hennessy, Oaklands.

Sr. Gemma O'Dwyer, Parish Sister.

Trevor Kelleher, Rosewood.

Helen & Michael Byrnes.

Margaret Bernardi, Magazine Road.

Dan Joe Shea, Station Road.

Connie Radley, Carrigrohane.

Edmond O'Donovan, Cloyne.

John Lucey, Coolroe.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sixth Week Of Easter**

27 Sunday Acts 8:5-8, 14-17. Ps. 65. 1 Pet. 3:15-18. Jn. 14:15-21.  
 Lect I :534.

28 Monday Acts 16:11-15. Ps. 149. Jn. 15:26-16:4. Lect I: 542

29 Tuesday 1 Jn 1:5-2:2. Ps. 102. Mt. 11 :25-30. Lect II: 1009

30 Wednesday Acts 17:15,22-18:1. Ps. 148. Jn. 16:12-15. Lect I: 546

01 Thursday Acts 18:1-8. Ps. 97. Jn. 16:16-20. Lect I: 560

02 Friday Acts 18:9-18. Ps. 46. Jn. 16:20-23. Lect I: 562

03 Saturday 1 Cor 15:1-8. Ps. 18. Jn. 14:6-14. Lect II: 1017

**Next Sunday's Readings 04-May-2008**

Acts 1: 1-11. Ps. 46. Eph. 1: 17-23. Lk. 24:46-53. Lect I:549

***Suicide Prevention***

***A Priority for The HSE South***

Suicide has a devastating effect on people's lives. The Health Service Executive (HSE) South are keen to inform the public that they have developed a range of services in the area of suicide prevention as well as support in the aftermath of suicide. People, who feel they are in a crisis for whatever reason, need to know they are not alone. Help, advice and support is available through confidential help-lines. Help is at hand for people who are feeling suicidal and for families or friends who are concerned about someone. A range of services are provided by the HSE South to help address the issue of suicide in the Cork and Kerry region. These services include;

- Suicide Prevention Helpline - 1800 742 745: a free phone help-line opens daily from 6.00 pm - 10.00 pm for people suicidal or equally for a family member or friend who is concerned about someone. People can ring the number and talk, in complete confidence, to someone who will listen and offer help and support.
- Farm & Rural Stress Helpline - 800 742 645: a free phone help-line opens 6.00 pm - 10.00 pm daily targeted specifically at farmers and people who live in rural areas. 'The Farm & Rural Stress Helpline' is aimed at people who may be feeling down, suffering from stress or depression or those who are concerned about someone. The helpline is staffed by health professionals who can offer callers support and advice in complete confidence.
- Suicide Bereavement Support Service: Health professionals have been specially trained to work with families and people in a community who have been affected by suicide. This is a free service and tailored to suit individual situations.
- More Information Available: John Paul O'Shea, National Communications Unit, HSE South, Aras Slainte, Wilton Rd Cork Tel: 021 4923736 Fax: 021-4545005 Email: johnpaul.oshea1@hse.ie or visit www.hse.ie

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**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17  
 With great success, Philip went to Samaria to proclaim the Christ and work miracles. When the apostles heard about Phillip's work, they sent Peter and John to pray that the Samaritans receive the Holy Spirit.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18  
 Jesus "suffered for sins once." He was put to death as far as fleshly existence goes but received life according to the spirit.

Gospel: John 14:15-21  
 At the Last Supper Jesus told his apostles he would be leaving them to return to the Father. In today's Gospel, he reassures them and us that we will not be alone. The Holy Spirit was sent to the disciples and is with each of us as a special helper and friend until Jesus returns to us. In the meantime, we continue to show our love for Jesus by following his commandments.

**“Understanding the Cycle of Depression and How to Spot the Signs”**

Run by Ballincollig Community School Parents Association, and presented by psychologist and psychotherapist Sarah McGillicuddy BA Psych (hons); HG dip.P.  
 Many parents worry about depression in their teenagers, and wonder about how to deal with it. This talk will show what to look out for, what kinds of thinking styles to be aware of, and how to help your child if you feel they are depressed.  
 Date: Wednesday April 30<sup>th</sup>  
 Time: 7:45 pm  
 Venue: Ballincollig Community School

**Muslim Women in Cork - Who are we?**

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April, at 7 pm  
 Parnell Room, Victoria Hotel, Patrick Street, Cork  
 Come hear our stories & what it means to be Muslim Women in Cork  
 The purpose of this event is to help the community in Cork integrate and understand each other better. We hope to give a truer picture of what it is like to be a Muslim women then the misleading one that is sometimes portrayed in the media. We have practicing Muslim women from all over the world in our group who live in Cork and made Ireland their home including many Irish Muslim women.

**Most Rev. John Buckley DD**

**Bishop of Cork and Ross**

Tuesday April 29<sup>th</sup> marks the 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop John

*We wish him continued good health and spiritual guidance*

**'Feile Gharrai'**

**'Celebrations of the Fields'**

Today Sunday, April 27, from 11 am until 4.30 pm at Colaiste Choilm Admission €5, children are free.

**“I Have Come That They May Have Life And Have It To The Full” (Jn.10:10)**

Do You Want To Experience Life To The Full?  
 Come And Listen to a catechesis for adults and youth in St. Mark's Centre (opposite Christ Our Life Church) Innishmore, Ballincollig.  
 on Mondays and Thursdays at 8 pm continuing for the next six weeks.

**Bulletin Board**

**Parish Account Balance 2007**

On notice boards of both Churches there is a breakdown of the income and expenditure of the Parish Account for 2007. Thankfully there is a reasonable credit balance, our gratitude to you all for your generosity and support.

**Special Day at Knock**

St. Therese National Day at the Basilica of Our Lady, Knock Shrine on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2008 (Public Holiday) at 3 pm Solemn Concelebrated Mass, Anointing of the Sick and Ceremony of the Blessing of the Rose.

**First Friday**

Friday May 2nd is the first Friday of the month. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St Mary & St John from 10.00 am to 7.30 pm, you are invited to come and spend some time with the Lord on that day. Evening Mass will be celebrated in St Mary & St John 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

**Ballincollig Parish Confirmations 2008.**

Gaelscoil Uí Riordáin	Monday 19th May 2008
<b>Ballincollig Parish First Communions 2008.</b>	
Scoil Eoin	Saturday 24th May 2008
Scoil Barra	Saturday 17th May 2008
Our Lady of Good Counsel	Saturday 17th May 2008
Gaelscoil Uí Riordáin	Saturday 10th May 2008

**This Week's Calendar**

**Monday 28** – St Peter Chanel, priest and martyr. Peter was born in France in 1803 and joined the Marists. He worked on the island of Futana, Oceania, where he was clubbed to death for baptising the chief's son. He is honoured as the first martyr of the Church in Oceania. Also, St Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort, priest. Louis, 1673-1716, was a priest whose calling was to preach missions and to care for the sick and the poor. His writings concern Mary's role in the mystery of salvation. He strongly promoted the praying of the rosary.

**Tuesday 29** – St Catherine of Siena, virgin and doctor of the Church.

**Wednesday 30** – Weekday (6th Week of Easter)

**Thursday, May 1** – St Joseph the Worker.

**Friday 2** – St Athanasius, bishop and doctor of the Church. Athanasius was born in Alexandria in 295. He fought ceaselessly against the Arian heresy, defending the true and equal divinity of Christ.

**Saturday 3** – Saints Philip and James, apostles. In the Gospel of John, Philip asks to see, and having seen, he tells the good news to others. Formerly a disciple of John the Baptist, he became a follower of Christ. James was the son of Alphaeus and a cousin of the Lord. He ruled the Church at Jerusalem, wrote an Epistle and led a life of penance. He converted many people of Jerusalem to the faith and was martyred in the year 62.

**Fr. George**



The Irish Blood Transfusion Service Will Hold A Blood Donor Clinic In

The GAA Pavilion Ballincollig on

Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2008	<b>From 5:00 – 8:00 pm</b>
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2008	<b>From 3:00 – 5:00 &amp; 7:00 – 9:00 pm</b>
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2008	<b>From 3:00 – 5:00 &amp; 7:00 – 9:00 pm</b>
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2008	<b>From 3:00 – 5:00 &amp; 7:00 – 9:00 pm</b>

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

May-03 & May-04-2008

**St. Mary & St. John      Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**  
Muireann Nelligan  
Brendan Collins  
**8:30 am**  
Elizabeth Daly  
**10:00 am**  
Sean Collins  
Katie Collins  
**12:00 Noon**  
Tomas Miller  
Niall Hartnett

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**  
Rosarie Cotter  
Louise McGrath  
**11:00 am**  
Dave Murphy  
**12:30 pm**  
Joseph Manning  
**5:30 pm**  
Emily Hardman

**MASS TIMES**

<b>St. Mary &amp; St. John</b>		<b>Christ Our Light</b>
8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon	<b>Sunday</b>	11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm
9:30 am	<b>Monday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Tuesday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Thursday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am & 8 pm	<b>Friday</b>	8:30 am
10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)	<b>Saturday</b>	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**

**Priest on Duty      087-2479140**  
**Fr. George O'Mahony P.P.      021-4871206**  
**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-03 & May-04-2008

**St. Mary & St. John      Christ Our Light**

**6.00 pm** Patsie Murphy  
Marie Bohan  
Mary Walsh  
Marie Healy  
Margaret Kearney  
Nora Barry  
**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 Noon** Michael Crowley  
Breda Lenihan  
Noel Hennessey  
Jacinta Jeffers  
Rena O'Connor  
Sean Farrell

**7:30 pm** Jim Cahill  
Kit Cahill  
Sheila O'Connor  
John Canty  
**11:00 am** Carmel Ryan  
Angela Cunningham  
Laurence Cunningham  
Eileen Byrne  
**12:30 pm** Eileen Garvey  
Sally Power  
Breda Callanan  
Olan O'Mahony  
**5:30 pm** Neil O'Donoghue  
Phil O'Connell  
Maire McCullagh



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