

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 28-April-2013

Fifth Sunday Of Easter

Part of the great revelation of the New Testament is the notion that God is coming among us to make all things new; that means removing all the causes of guilt and grief in human life. We show our acceptance of this renewal of our lives by our love for one another.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Christ Loves Us

There is a story told about a fifty year old Greek very ill in a hospice in New York. He boasted that he had a good life. He would do it all over again. He would gladly forgo money, health and making it good in America, if only he could have the same wife, the same family and the same love again. Love -- that was what was important in life. Love keeps things together and makes sense of life.

Days before he died he sent for members of his family, who were he said, quarrelsome and at odds with one another. He solemnly told them that they must learn to love one another, they must try harder. Loving was everything. They must believe this as they were the words of a dying man.

Jesus spoke a similar message to his friends the night before he died. He gave them a simple clear message, "love one another as I have loved you.". "By this love you have for one another everyone will know you are my disciples." The ultimate test of success for followers of Christ is "loving as Christ loves us"; sometimes not always easy to love those close at hand, yet these are the people Christ asks us to love. We must begin by loving the people near us. That is where our love must start, but of course it doesn't have to end there.

George O'Mahony

Thought for Today

We forget that the vine needs to be pruned. When Jesus was tempted in the desert, the temptation was to rely on prosperity, prestige and power. By resisting that temptation he showed us that we need to be pruned of our self-reliance in order to put our trust in God alone. In today's Second Reading we hear John tell us how he saw a new heaven and a new earth won for us by the resurrection. Today we pray that we may see the breaking of this new heaven and new earth into our world by following the commandment that Jesus gave us, 'Love one another as I have loved you!.

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Monthly Collection
Next weekend 4th & 5th May 2013
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PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

By the love we have for one another, everyone should know that we are followers of Christ. Let us pray for the gift of love.

Reader

For all the followers of Christ: that their love for one another may be sincere and generous.

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

For those who are well-off that they may share with the less well-off.

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

For those who do not know Christ: that they may see him and meet him in Christians.

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

For this congregation: that we be able to rise above the grudges, jealousies and meanness of spirit which prevent us from loving one another.

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

For all gathered here: that we may not limit our love to our friends, but may try to be kind to everyone.

**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

Heavenly Father, your Son, Jesus gave us a wonderful example of love. Grant that as we receive him in this Eucharist, we may follow his way of love in our daily lives. We ask this through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

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BAPTISMS

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

- Denis John Burke, Lee View.
- Zoe Ellen O'Driscoll, Aylsbury Court.
- Tara Mai Kennelly, Caislean Way.
- Lucy Ann O'Regan, Old Court Greenfields.
- Emma Pamele Daly; Whitethorn Drive, Inniscarra View.
- Cathal Patrick Twomey, West Village.
- Charlie Eugene Thomas Murphy, Old Court, Greenfields.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

- Pauline Clancy, Hazel Grove.
- Joe Kelly, Clonakilty.
- Jerry O'Sullivan, Lauragh.
- Charlotte Anne Cronin, Magazine Road.

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

- Maurice Hennessy, Oaklands.
- Eric Gould, Knocknaheeny.
- Kitty Gould, Knocknaheeny.
- Deceased Members of the O'Mahony & Greene Families.
- Lil O'Connell, Turners Cross.
- Mike Cullinane, Coolroe Heights.
- Francis O'Sullivan, Station Road.
- Vera Walsh, The Maltings.
- Nan Kavanagh, Leemount.
- Michael & Mary Daly, Farranfore.
- Tom O'Donoghue, Inniscarra View.
- John Meehan, Cork/Glasgow.
- Mary Linehan, Inniscarra View.
- Fr. Frank Hourigan, Limerick/Florida.
- Jack Hurley, Hawthorn Avenue.
- Margaret & Michael Murray, Greenhills Estate.
- Noreen Attridge, Schull.
- Hannah Mary O'Sullivan, Ballyvourney.
- Michael & Helen Byrnes, Mountshannon.
- Danjoe O'Shea, The Crescent.
- Tom Murray, Pearse Road.
- Thomas O'Donnell, Drimoleague.

**Retreat for Ballincollig Parishioners
(Year of Faith)**

- Day and date: Saturday 11th May 2013
- Venue: St. Dominic's Retreat House
Ennismore, Cork.
- Time: 10.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.
- Conducted by: Martina Lehane Sheehan
- Cost: €10 per person

A light lunch will be supplied. The talks will be based on methods of prayer and will include the Lectio Divina method of praying Scripture. The day is of special importance for the Scripture and Lectio Divina groups in the parish, but anyone who is interested in improving their relationship with God through prayer or praying with Scripture will be welcome.

The Sunday Mass will be celebrated at 3 pm.

Kindly fill in the form below if you wish to attend and hand it into the sacristy (either Church) on or before Tuesday 7th May.

I am interested in attending the retreat on Saturday 11th May

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No: _____

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Fifth Week Of Easter

28 Sunday Acts 14:21-27. Ps. 144. Apoc. 21:1-5. Jn. 13:31- 33, 34-35. Lect I: 517

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

30 Tuesday Acts 14:19-28. Ps 144. Jn 14:27-31. Lect I: 522

01 Wednesday Acts 15:1-6. Ps 121. Jn 15:1-8. Lect I: 524

02 Thursday Acts 15:7-21. Ps 95. Jn 15:9-11. Lect I: 526

03 Friday 1 Cor. 15:1-8. Ps. 18. Jln. 14:6-14. Lect II: 1017

04 Saturday Acts 16:1-10. Ps 99. Jn 15:18-21. Lect I: 531

Next Sunday's Readings 05-May-2013

Acts 15:1-2,22-29. Ps. 66. Apoc. 21:10-14,22-23. Jn. 14:23-29. Lect I: 539

Senior Help Line

A Third Age programme, is a national confidential telephone listening service for older people provided by trained older volunteers for the price of a local call anywhere in Ireland, **LoCall 1850 440 444**. Would you be interested in taking part in a walking tour of the Camino de Santiago to raise funds for this valuable Third Age service. If so contact Neil at nbruton@thirdageireland.ie or 0834260081

Lough Derg Pilgrimage & Retreats

This Year of Faith journey to Lough Derg, where pilgrims have been *gathering* for over 1,000 years, and celebrate your faith with people from every parish in Ireland. For information contact Maureen in the Lough Derg Office Tel: 071 9861518 / email: info@loughderg.org

The Dyslexia Association

Cork Branch are holding a Summer School this year from August 19th to 23rd inclusive. Venue - Bishopstown Community School from 10 am to 2 pm, inclusive of 1 hour of Art each day. Cost €160. Please contact Noel Geaney (noelgeaney2@hotmail.com) - (087) 1246190 directly to book a place or for more information

Experienced Caregivers Required

Home Instead Senior Care is looking for reliable, flexible Caregivers for the elderly in their own homes in the Ballincollig area. Fetac level 5 (or in process of completing) is desirable and own transport is essential. Please call 021 500 2205 Email CV to cork@hisc.ie

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts 14:21-27

Today, we hear how hard Paul and the apostles worked to build up the church. They tended the vineyard.

Second Reading: Apoc. 21:1-5

Only God knows for sure what will happen at the end of the world, but now John gives us some hints. There will be a whole new universe, a new heaven, and a new earth. Suffering and death will be no more; we will live happily with God. This is the future of the Church.

Gospel: John. 13:31- 33

While Jesus was with his disciples at the Last Supper, he pointed toward his future glory following his death and resurrection where he would be reunited with his Father in heaven. He also gave the disciples a command: to love one another. But the disciples didn't have to figure out how to do this on their own. Jesus told them to love one another in the same way he had loved them.

Anam Cara

The national organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Professional Bereavement Talk at the Silver Springs Hotel in Tivoli Cork on Wednesday 1st of May 2013 from 19:30 to 21:30.

This event is open to all bereaved parents and offers an opportunity to hear a professional with in-depth experience of parental bereavement talk about the effects of grief on the family after the death of a son or daughter.

This event is offered free of charge to parents to book a place or for further information please contact info@anamcara.ie call 01 4045378 or visit www.anamcara.ie.

Pieta House – Suicide Crisis Centre

Darkness into Light - 5k Event

4am Saturday morning 11th May, 2013.

Join us for this symbolic event

20 Venues Nationwide

See dil.pieta.ie for more details or phone Dublin 01 6282111 or Limerick 061 484444

Cork Parkinson Support Group (PAI)

We are holding a coffee morning at the **Community Centre Ballincollig** on **Thursday 2nd May at 10.00am**.

All proceeds will go to the founding of Parkinson's Nurse Specialist for Cork. All Baking Contributions and spot prizes etc greatly welcomed.

As we have a 1,000 patients in the greater Cork Area and no nurse specialist your support is very important and very welcome Pat Walsh Chairman Ph: 087 2460853, Cathryn Power 086 820204, Margaret Garvey 087 7862585 Committee.

Music Morning

Music Morning in the Ballincollig Library from 11 am on Tuesday 30th April. This month's musical choice will be presented by Denis O'Callaghan from Douglas Gramophone Circle. Admission free. All are welcome.

Bulletin Board

First Friday

Friday May 3rd 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.

Confirmation

Congratulations to the boys & girls in Scoil Barra and Our Lady of Good Counsel who made their First Holy Communion. Sincere thanks to the parents and dedicated teachers who work diligently preparing young people for the sacraments.

Next Confirmations

Scoil Mhuire Thursday May 9th
Gael Scoil Monday May 13th

First Holy Communion Dates

Scoil Eoin Saturday May 18th
Scoil Mhuire Saturday May 25th

Diocesan Collection

To date, the Quarterly Collections have proved to be very successful, with the following amounts collected: Quarter 4 2011 €78,000; Quarter 1, 2012 €75,000; Quarter 2, 2012 €67,000, Quarter 3, 2012 €66,000 and Quarter 4, 2012 €65,000.

Many thanks for your generosity.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on **Saturday June 8th at 12.00 noon** in the **Library Room, 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.

Fr. George

Croí na Gaeilge

Is holding a Leaving Certificate Honours Irish Intensive 4-Hour Preparation Course for the written exam (worth 50% of total exam marks) on Sunday April 28th from 2-6 pm. Course given by an Experienced Teacher / Exam Corrector and open to all 5th and 6th Year students in Ballincollig and surrounding areas. All Topics Will Be Covered (including poetry, próis, general essay phrases, comprehension, and grammar). Early Booking Is Advisable - (Tel. 085 1541560)

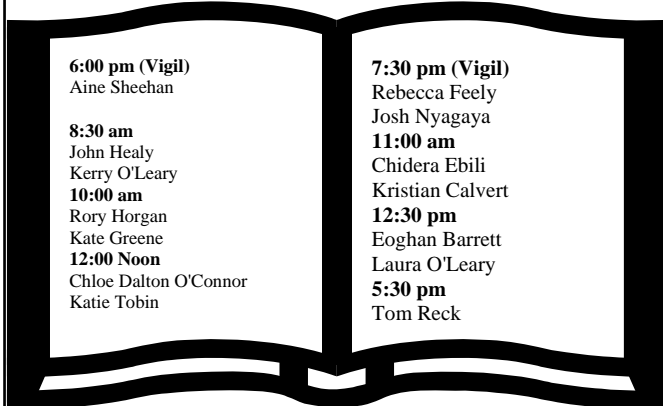
Come and See

The Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary are holding 'Come and See' days in May for single women. If you would like to explore your vocation with us, then please book one of the following dates: May 11th; 12th; 18th; 19th; 25th or 26th, by contacting Sr Una by email at unashjm@aol.com. Venue is in Sacred Heart Convent, Blackrock, Cork. 9am - 5pm.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

May-04 & May-05-2013

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light



6:00 pm (Vigil)
Aine Sheehan
8:30 am
John Healy
Kerry O'Leary
10:00 am
Rory Horgan
Kate Greene
12:00 Noon
Chloe Dalton O'Connor
Katie Tobin

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Rebecca Feely
Josh Nyagaya
11:00 am
Chidera Ebili
Kristian Calvert
12:30 pm
Eoghan Barrett
Laura O'Leary
5:30 pm
Tom Reck

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

Priest on Duty	087-2479140
Fr. George O'Mahony P.P.	021-4871206
Fr. Dave O'Connell C.C.	087-2479140
Fr. James McSweeney	021-4873308

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

May-04 & May-05-2013



St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm	Eileen Murphy Ted Nelligan Eileen Corkery Maurice Bunyan 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 Twomey Mona Bowen Billy Barry Mary Aylward Pauline Barton
10:00 am	Fionnuala McDonagh Mary Buckley Fiona Kelly Mary O'Regan Teresa O'Driscoll Martin O'Leary	12:30 pm	Mary O'Mahony Maura O'Driscoll Mary Lehane Dympna Byrne Suzanne Leech
12 Noon	Ann-Marie Cosgrove Phil Kennedy Ellen O'Sullivan Ursula McAuliffe Sally Crowley	5:30 pm	Shelia Curran Elizabeth O'Sullivan

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.

Home Instead Senior Care

Home Instead Senior Care has launched a campaign called the 'The 40 - 70 Rule' which is designed to help adult children as well as their ageing parent's begin to address difficult issues with each other such as driving, finances, independence, end-of-life- issues, and even romance

Research has revealed nearly one-third of adult children have a major communications obstacle with their parents that stems from continuation of the parent-child role. In other words, it can be difficult to get the conversation going because the child is still in a child rather than an adult role with their parents. Talking sooner is better than waiting until a crisis has occurred. A free copy of the '40/70 & 70/40 Rules' is available from your local **Home Instead Senior Care Office Tel: 021-50002190**

Are You Unemployed Due To Illness, Injury Or Disability?

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Troubled by someone else's drinking?

Try Al-anon. Local Meetings S V de P Centre Station Road
Thursdays 8.30 pm. Phone: 021 4311899.