

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 29-April-2007

Fourth Sunday of Easter
(Vocations Sunday)

Like Paul and Barnabas, those whose vocation it is to preach the gospel, will meet opposition. Today we are encouraged by the thought that the Christ we serve knows his people intimately and promises them eternal life--no opposition can snatch them from the Father's love.



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

“Mammy, there’s a man at the door!”

Unexpected visitors (“cold calling”) will most certainly arrive at your door in the coming weeks, with an election around the corner. The cry of “Mammy, there’s a man at the door” will be heard in many households. This type of visit is mercifully brief. Following acceptance of election literature, and promises to remember the candidate on polling day, you can give a sigh of relief and return to your couch undisturbed for the rest of the night.

Do you like unexpected visitors fracturing your routine or plans for the evening? If you have spent an exhausting day at work, collecting the children, cooking dinner, taking care of laundry and other household chores, returning missed calls; all you want to do is relax in front of the telly. And perhaps, sip a glass of merlot to help you unwind? This is not a good time for an unexpected visitor to drop by. With people’s busy lives today, most visitors to our homes come by arrangement or invitation, so that we can have friends around when we are free to entertain and be sociable. An unexpected visitor thwarts our busy routines and tight schedules. Someone that might normally be very welcome, but who arrives unannounced at an awkward moment can leave us frustrated and make us less than receptive, even to the point of being perceived as unfriendly.

Growing up in the country years ago it was a case of the back door never being locked (strangely the front door used to be locked though!) and neighbours dropping in casually at any time. It was as if they were part of the extended countryside neighbourly family. Stopping to chat passed away the night around the fireside, in pre TV/cable/satellite/DVD/wireless internet/home cinema days. However times have changed and in the countryside back doors now tend to be locked too, and people are as likely not to know some of their neighbours, as they are in an urban area like Ballincollig.

What about the priest dropping by to visit? Would he be welcomed with open arms, TV turned off, and all the family gathered to hear his every wise and spiritual utterance? Or perhaps he would be an intrusion into the tranquillity of the evening wind-down? In the past systematic visitation of homes was a routine in some parishes (though my only recollection of a priest visiting my family home was when my grandparents died). Visitation might have had the honourable goal of getting to know parishioners, but to be honest it was often seen as a veiled attempt to collect “Dues” (I still find it that a peculiar term, used to describe donations for the upkeep of the clergy).

However, “Dues” envelopes are now mailed to those identified as past contributors, accompanied with a letter of gratitude, in the interests of accountability. (Please know that your contribution is welcome anytime and your name can be added to the parish database, identifying you as a contributor)

“Cold calling” is something I don’t feel comfortable with. I feel uneasy about intruding on people’s lives, uninvited. For the age we live in, I believe in a model of ministry based on an appointment system. It is an efficient arrangement that works, and accommodates the needs of busy people. It is a model I would be pleased to maintain.

I also appreciate that visiting a home when there is a family member ill or dying is always welcomed and can offer real support and comfort at a stressful time. (The homes of the housebound are visited monthly on first Fridays). Following a funeral, I might make an informal visit to the bereaved. Sacramental moments involve a lot of interaction with people, often including a home visit i.e. before a wedding. I have often been invited to bless homes and I have happily accepted invites to BBQ’s, coffee mornings and other family occasions! If you should like to meet with me, on any issue, please know that you will be welcome. Just ring to set up a time.

Sean O’Driscoll

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

We are always in God's loving care. Our everyday needs are God's concern, and so we bring our requests with confidence.

Reader

That the Church may constantly listen for the voice of the Good Shepherd, and follow faithfully.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

That Christians may continue to value and explore the greatness of their Baptismal calling.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

That the Good News of Jesus may be preached to the ends of the earth.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

That the Lord of the Harvest may inspire many women and men to a radical following of Jesus.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

That families and local communities may continue to be, or become again, fertile grounds where Christian vocations are nourished.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

That young people preparing for First Holy Communion and Confirmation may be filled with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest

Good and gracious God, you care for us with mercy and compassion. Hear our prayers this day, as we seek to follow the Good Shepherd, Jesus your Son who is Lord forever and ever.

Amen.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

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BAPTISMS

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

Ruby Niamh O'Riordan, The Lodge, Ashton Court.
 Margherita Maria Brigid Da Ponte, 27a Innishmore Court.

MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

David O'Brien & Anne Marie Kidney, 40, The Hamptons, Watergrasshill.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Eileen O'Sullivan, Poulavone.
 Brian Hannan, Australia.
 Breda Hayes, Doonbeg, Co. Clare.

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

Noel Murphy, Model Farm Road
 May Creedon, Bishopstown.
 Noreen Green.
 Liam Bennett, Blackstone Bridge.
 Cyril Power, Monkstown.
 Maureen Cremin, Glasheen Road
 Mike Cullinane, Coolroe.
 Noreen Attridge, Schull.
 Margaret Mehegan, Beech Park.
 Nell Murphy, Gurranabraher.
 Nora & Christopher Twomey, Greenmount.
 Eugene Courtney, Glincool Lawn.
 Mary O'Sullivan, Leesdale.
 Jack & Jerry Hurley, Inniscarra View
 Bridget Clifford, Co. Meath.
 Patrick Lehane, Ovens.
 Kitty McCarthy, Kilbrittian.
 Peggy McCarthy, Dripsey.
 Maureen Kenneally, Reenescreea.
 Trevor Kelleher, Rosewood.
 Patrick & Margaret O'Mahony, Clash.
 Sally O'Sullivan, Carriganarra
 Danjo O'Shea, Station Rd.

**Society of St. Vincent De Paul
 Monthly Collection
 Next Weekend
 Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th of May
 PLEASE SUPPORT**



The Coeliac Society of Ireland

Date: Tuesday, 1st of May, 2007
 Place: SMA Hall, Wilton
 Time: 8.00 p.m.
 Topic: Summer Party Night "Bring something, Taste something"
All Welcome

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Fourth Week Of Easter

29 Sunday Acts 13:14, 43-52. Ps. 99. Apoc. 1:9, 14-1, Jn. 10:27-30.
 Lect I: 493
 30 Monday Acts 1:1-18. Ps 41. Jn 10:1-10. Lect I: 496
 01 Tuesday Acts 11: 19-26. Ps. 86. Jn. 10:22-30. Lect I: 499
 02 Wednesday Acts 12:24-13:5. Ps. 66. Jn. 12:44-50. Lect I: 501
 03 Thursday 1 Cor. 15:1-8. Ps. 18. Jln. 14:6-14. Lect II: 1017
 04 Friday Acts 13:26-33. Ps. 2. Jn. 14: 1-6. Lect I: 505
 05 Saturday Acts 13:44-52. Ps. 97. Jn. 14:7-14. Lect I: 508

Next Sunday's Readings 06-May-2007
 Acts 14:21-27. Ps. 144. Apoc. 21:1-5. Jn. 13:31- 33, 34-35. Lect I: 517

Reflection for Parents

Our culture has changed since the days of our parents and grandparents when just about anyone dropped in at any time. We now call ahead and make arrangements for our children to visit friends. In comparing our own day to 50 years ago, we begin to really appreciate the invitation of Jesus to follow him, just as we are, anytime of the day or night. Where would we be if we had to call ahead to see if Jesus was available?

**Most Rev. John Buckley DD
 Bishop of Cork and Ross**

This Sunday 29th April marks the
 23rd Anniversary of the Episcopal
 Ordination of Bishop John

*We wish him continued good health
 and spiritual guidance*

Alzheimer's Tea Day

Thursday 3rd May 2007

Please join us for a nice "Cuppa" Tea on the above date,
 and help raise funds for the Alzheimer's Society

€2 per cup

Venue: Residence of Treasa O'Donovan

"Greystones" Hilton

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All Welcome

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts 13:14. 43-52
Paul and Barnabas preach the gospel with courage and with joy.

Second Reading: Apoc. 7.9. 14-17
We are given a vision of a heavenly scene, where the redeemed are gathered around the throne of The Lamb.

Gospel: John 10:27-30
There are two notions that need to be taken on faith as they are presented in the Gospel passage where Jesus identifies himself as the Good Shepherd. The first mystery is that those who are given the gift of faith to hear the invitation Jesus presents, will follow him. The second mystery involves the unbreakable bond that exists between the Shepherd and the person who hears the invitation. Once a person responds to the invitation, he or she belongs to God forever.

Bulletin Board

May Rosary
Nightly 9 pm at Our Lady's Shrine Curraheen, Waterfall.
Families, Parishioners, especially Children are warmly Invited.

Congratulations
To the Children their teachers and their parents who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday 28th April.

First Holy Communion
The girls and boys from Scoil Barra will receive their first Holy Communion on Saturday 12th May at 11:00 am in Christ Our Light

Confirmation
The girls from Scoil Mhuire will receive their Confirmation on Monday 14th May at 10.30a m in St Mary & St John.
Fr. George

The Pyke Theatre Group

Ballincollig
Monthly Social
Tuesday 8th May in
The Rugby Club, Tanner Park.
Music by
Max Rambles
Tea, Coffee, Sandwiches and cake served during the interval.
Admission €5.00

A Great Night Assured.

"Mothers' Prayers"

This is an invitation to Mothers, (including Grandmothers, Godmothers) to come together to pray for their children for half an hour approximately once a week in the Meeting Room of Christ our Light Church on **Wednesday** mornings at **10:30 a.m.**

or
The Annexe of the Parish Hall on **Thursday** mornings at **10:15 a.m.**

You are very welcome to come along either of these mornings
Sr Colette O'Leary

49th Cork Ballincollig Scout Group

A Scout Fable
One fine summer's day a Scout Commissioner, while inspecting a camp, had the misfortune to trip over a boundary line of a patrol kitchen and fell into the wet pit. As he struggled to his feet (he was of full figure) a wayward wind wafted wood smoke into his face, causing him to cough in the most distressing fashion. This excited a passing wasp, which promptly stung him on the lobe of the left ear, much to the amusement of the Hawk Patrol, who were lined up waiting to be inspected. Unfortunately the Commissioner not only asthmatical but also had a fatal allergy to wasp stings. He had fully intended to give the Hawk's Patrol a bad report on their Camping form but passed away before he could put pen to paper.

Moral: It's an ill wind that blows nobody any good.
Plan ahead – it wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.

TRÓCAIRE

"As you did it to one of the least of these brethren, you did it to me" (Matt 25:40)

Sunday the 29th April marks a Global Day for Darfur and seeks to draw international attention to a crisis at breaking point.

The magnitude of human tragedy in Darfur cannot be captured by the figures of 200,000 thousand dead, 2.5 million displaced and 4 million reliant on international aid, that are commonly used to depict the conflict there. Civilians continue to be attacked, killed, raped and forcibly displaced from their homes, and humanitarian access is imperiled due to this severe insecurity.

On the occasion of the third Global Day for Darfur, let us remember the long suffering people of Darfur and also their neighbours in Eastern Chad who are increasingly facing a similar fate as violence targeted against civilians escalates across the region. Let us pray for peace and reconciliation in Darfur and pray that international leaders be guided by God in a quest for justice and security for the people of Darfur

Trócaire works with local church groups in Darfur providing food, water and healthcare as well as advocating for a political solution, which is critical to resolving this crisis..

**Enhanced Ministry Opportunity:
Calling Ministers of the Eucharist and Lectors**

If you are a Minister of the Eucharist or Lector and you would like to exercise your ministry to the fullest, then come and be trained to lead the community in prayer, at a Service of Word and Communion. These services will be a feature of parish life in the future and now is the time to become familiar with the format. There will initially be 2 nights of instruction and training, followed by an afternoon of Retreat. If you are a Minister of the Eucharist or a Lector this opportunity is for you! Just let any of the parish team know you are interested. If you need any further information, please call us.

Training dates:
Thursday 3rd May in Annex of parish hall 8 pm
Thursday 10th May in St Mary and St John 8 pm
Retreat date to be decided by group

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

May-05 & May-06-2007

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Aine Sheehan
8:30 am
Triona Collins
10:00 am
Hanah Bunyant
Katie Collins
12:00 Noon
Oliver O'Donovan

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Rosarie Cotter
Louise McGrath
11:00 am
Margaret Healy
12:30 pm
Brian O'Donoghue
Lia Breathnach
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	8 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. Anthony O'Mahony



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

May-05 & May-06-2007

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

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

8:00 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
Claire McCarthy

12:30 pm Eileen Garvey
Sally Power
Breda Callanan
Marie O'Brien
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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Saturday 9.30 – 12.30 pm



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Friday 9.30 – 7.30 pm

Saturday 9.30 – 5.00 pm