

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 29-April-2012



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

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

The Good Shepherd

The image of the shepherd was very important in both the Old and New Testaments. Much sacrifice was required of a person who was a shepherd since he was responsible for the total welfare of his flock of sheep. A shepherd in those days walked ahead of the sheep seeking out a safe path taking them to the pastures, feeding them and giving them shelter. The sheep followed him, because they recognized his voice, and they trusted him. In the Gospel Jesus calls himself the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep - he paid the ultimate sacrifice by freely dying on the cross because of his great love for us. As our Shepherd, he 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 who had been crucified and whom God had raised from the dead. We need to be reminded that we are spiritual beings with an eternal future - as the second reading today states: 'we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is'.

Each year, the Church sets aside this Sunday as a day of Prayer for Vocations. A vocation is a call from God to offer oneself for some form of service in the Church. Every single one of us has a vocation. For some, it may be as a priest or religious but, whatever our vocation, we are all called to carry on Jesus' mission of spreading the 'Good News'. Today is an opportunity for each of us to reflect on how am I responding to God's call in my life right now? As we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, let us pray to the Lord that we may be His good sheep, listening attentively to His voice, and follow His example of self-giving love.

Sr. Colette

Thought for Today

Christians are called to serve each other, because Christ suffered for us to bring us life. The Good Shepherd knows and cares about each of us. Today we begin a pilgrimage of prayer, more urgent than in the past, that people may hear the call to follow him in religious life; we pray especially that those he calls to serve his people in the priesthood may respond willingly.

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.

**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 ourselves: 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 :

Jake Niall Guerin, The Lawn, Coolroe Meadows.
Isabelle Josephine Burke, Leslies Arch, Old Quarter.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Nan (Nora) Kavanagh, Leemount Cross.
Shelia Kelleher, Ballyphehane.
Ann Leonard, Blackrock.
Jeremy Lynch, Limeworth.
Neil Donovan, Raheen.
Hannah (Haddie) Walsh, Mayfield.

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

Eugene Courtney, Glincool.
Liam Barrett, Kileens.
Jeremiah & Chris O'Sullivan, Clash Road.
Lena Dennehy, Castle View.
Mike Cullinane, Coolroe Heights.
Vera Walsh, The Maltings.
John Meehan, Cork & Glasgow.
Margaret & Michael Murray, Greenhills, Douglas.
Maurice Hennessy, Oaklands.
Alice McCaulay, Powdermills & Glasgow.
Jack Hurley, Hawthorn Avenue.
Lil O'Connell, Turners Cross.
Val & Finbarr Riordan, Glaseen & Oxford.
Margaret & Patrick Cronin, Model Farm Road.
Mary O'Sullivan, Raheen.
Patricia Murphy, Bishopstown.
Humprey Kerins, Kerry.
Dec members of the Kerins & Moynihan families.
Tom Murray, Pearce Road & Inniscarra.
Frances & Edmond O'Donovan, Cloyne & Glanmire.
Paddy Healy, East Gate.
Connie Radley, Carrigrohane.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Fourth Week Of Easter

29 Sunday Acts 4:8-12. Ps 117. 1 in 3:1-2. Jn 10:11-18. Lect I: 490
30 Monday Acts 1:1-18. Ps 41. Jn 10:1-10. Lect I: 496
01 Tuesday Acts 11:19-26. Ps 86. in. 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. Jn. 14:6-14. Lect II: 1017
04 Friday Acts 13:26-33. Ps 2. Jn 14:1-6. Lect I: 505
05 Saturday 13 Saturday Acts 13:44-52. Ps 97. Jn 4:7-14. Lect I: 508

Next Sunday's Readings 06-May-2012

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

"Mothers' Prayers"

Continue

Every Wednesday at 10.30 am
Meeting Room at Christ our Light Church

Every Thursday at 10.00 am
Library Room, Parish Community Hall

We welcome Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers to join us in prayer for our children and the youth of our parish on one of these mornings.

Dyslexia Association of Ireland - Cork Branch

This year's **Dyslexic Summer School** is taking place in Bishopstown Community School from 9th to 13th July inclusive. It will involve 3 hours tuition and 1 hour art from 10 am to 2 pm. The cost is Euro 160 per person. If you require further information please ring Noel (086) 8064799. Please email dyslexiacork@gmail.com if you would like a Booking Form



**The Coeliac Society of Ireland
Cork Support Group**

Date: Tuesday 1st May 2012
Venue: SMA Centre Wilton, Cork
Time: 8 pm
Topic: Summer Party (Bring along) & AGM
We ask all to bring a dish/party bites (gluten Free) to share with other and to eat and talk.
All Welcome, €4 entrance fee, refreshment will be provided

Ennismore Retreat Centre

The hugely popular programme in Christian Holistic Spirituality is beginning again in the Autumn. This exploration of Christian Spirituality, an outreach programme of the Priory Institute, consists of eight Saturdays and one residential weekend. It will comprise of input, group process, reflection time, liturgy, etc. Participants will be prepared for walking discerningly with others in their search for spirituality in life events such as loss, bereavement, suffering, transition, life choices, relationship challenges etc. For more information ph: 021 4502520 or email: ennismore@eircom.net

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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.



50th INTERNATIONAL
 EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS
 DUBLIN
 June 2012

At Mass the Eucharistic Prayer is proclaimed by the priest: in the name of Christ, on behalf of the whole assembly. The assent and faith of the people is expressed by the responses, by the acclamation of the Mystery of Faith and especially by the "great Amen."

Note:

We have asked for an increased allocation of tickets for the Croke Park Closing Ceremony on Sunday 17th June and extra spaces are available in the Coaches travelling from Ballincollig on that day. If you wish to avail of one of these please give your name as soon as possible to the Parish Office at 4871206 or one of the church sacristies. (The office is open from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm and from 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm on Monday to Wednesday.)

CURA

Need to Talk?

We are there 6 days a week.

Unplanned pregnancy can be hard to take. Also when baby is born coping can be difficult. We are there to listen and support you.

Call CURA at 021 427 7544

Bulletin Board

First Friday

Friday May 4th 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.

Special Collection for Diocesan Needs

The collection for Diocesan needs will be taken up at all Masses this weekend.

Coeliac Host

Coeliac Host available at all Masses in both churches. Generally the Priest celebrating the Mass has the Coeliac Host. To help the Celebrant you might please let him know before the Mass.

Confirmation Dates 2012

Scoil Mhuire	Fri, May 11 th
Scoil Eoin	Wed, May 16 th

First Holy Communion Dates 2012

Scoil Barra	Sat, May 12 th
Our Lady of Good Counsel	Sat, May 12 th
Gael Scoil	Sat, May 19 th
Scoil Mhuire	Sat, May 26 th

Trocaire Boxes

Thanks to all who returned their Trocaire Boxes to the schools and to the church. Please return any outstanding boxes as soon as possible, when returned the money will be lodged in the Trocaire Account.

Congratulations to the girls and boys who have received the sacraments of Confirmation in recent weeks. Sincere thanks to the dedicated teachers in all the schools who work diligently teaching and especially in preparing young people for the sacraments

Fr. George

Ballincollig Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

"and now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem"

The 2012 Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land will depart from Cork Airport on a direct flight to Tel Aviv on Friday October 12th and will return from Tel Aviv on Friday October 19th. The cost of the eight day pilgrimage will be € 1,250 including half-board accommodation and all taxes.

For the first four days we will be based in Tiberias on the Sea of Galilee and we will be based in Bethlehem from October 16th. Larry Cunningham will be the Pilgrimage Leader and Fr Billy O'Sullivan the Spiritual Director. The Tour Operator is Celebration Travel Ireland Limited.

For further information contact Lar Cunningham at 4873364.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

May-05 & May-06-2012

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Ailish O'Reilly
Daniel McAuliffe
8:30 am
Pat Fennell

10:00 am
Rory Horgan
Kate Greene
12:00 Noon
Declan Chalmers

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Rosarie Cotter
Louise McGrath
11:00 am
Sorcha Nic Mheanmain
Maire Buckley
12:30 pm
Joseph Manning
Niamh Murray
5:30 pm
Brian O'Donoghue

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. Michael O'Mahony C.C.	021-4877161
Fr. Billy O'Sullivan C.C.	021-4876171
Fr. James McSweeney	021-4873308

A Reflection on the Eucharist

Tuesday 1ST May 8 pm – 10 pm

Blackrock Parish Centre

Tuesday 8th May 8 pm – 10 pm

Clonakilty Parish Centre

All welcome!

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.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

May-05 & May-06-2012



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



***For Families of Children Preparing for First Holy Communion
Learning About the Mass with Kath and Qumen***

Prayer after Communion

When everyone has received communion the priest will return to his chair and pray quietly for a few minutes. The choir may sing a song at this time. The priest then stands and prays the Prayer after Communion. During this prayer we pray that we can take what we have received during the Mass with us as we return to our daily lives. We also pray that we can use this to make a difference in our world.

