

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 29-May-2005

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

The Body and Blood of Christ

The institution of the Eucharist has a special memorial, the Mass of the Lord's Supper, when Christ the Lord shared a meal with his disciples and gave them the sacrament of his body and blood to be celebrated in the Church. The solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) further proposes the cultus of the Blessed Sacrament to the faithful so that they may celebrate the wonderful works of God, signified by the sacrament and accomplished by the paschal mystery of Christ. This solemnity is also intended to teach the faithful how to share in the eucharistic sacrifice and to have it more profoundly influence their life, to revere the presence of Christ the Lord in this sacrament, and to offer thanks due to God's gifts. In its devotion the Church has handed down a distinctive feature of the celebration of this solemnity a procession in which the Eucharist is carried solemnly and with singing through the streets, and the Christian people give public witness to their belief in the sacrament of the Eucharist and to their devotion.

Jesus chose the time of the Passover to fulfil what he had announced at Capharnaum giving his disciples his body and Blood. By celebrating the last supper with his apostles in the course of the Passover meal, Jesus gave the Jewish Passover its definitive meaning. Jesus passing over to his Father by his Death and Resurrection is anticipated in the Supper and celebrated in the Eucharist, which fulfils the Jewish Passover and anticipates the final Passover of the church into the glory of the kingdom. The Acts of the Apostles recount for us the faithfulness of the early Church in Jerusalem to the command of Christ 'Do this in memory of me'; 'they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, fellowship, the breaking of bread and the prayers.' St. Justin wrote to emperor Pius around 155 explaining what Christians did; 'On the day we call the sun, all who dwell in the city or country gather in the same place.' Nearly a thousand years later the practice of reserving Holy Communion for the sick grew up and at around the turn of the last century the custom of Eucharistic processions developed.

The Christian community is often described as a pilgrim people, journeying with God and for God in our world. Holy Communion augments our union with Christ; the principal fruit of Holy Communion is an intimate union with Christ Jesus. Indeed Jesus said, 'He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me and I in him.' Life in Christ has its foundation in the Eucharistic banquet.

The Eucharist strengthens our charity, which tends to be weakened in our daily living. By giving himself to us Christ revives our love and enables us to root ourselves in Him. Since Christ died for us out of love we ask that love be granted to us by the coming of the Holy Spirit.

The Eucharist also commits us to the poor, the weak and voiceless people of our community. To receive the Body and Blood of Christ given for us, we must recognise Christ in the poorest. St. John Chrysostom wrote 'You have tasted the Body and Blood of the Lord, yet you do not recognise your brother. You dishonour this table when you do not judge worthy of sharing your food someone judged worthy to take part in the meal'

This Saturday after the 6.00 pm vigil Mass join in the Eucharistic procession and as we walk with the Lord we give thanks and also ask for the grace to live our lives as an Eucharistic people.

George O'Mahony

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

We are invited to ask for what we need. We now bring our petitions before our loving God.

Reader

That the faith of the church may grow stronger in this year of the Eucharist.

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

That many may hear the call of God to serve as ordained ministers.

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

That parishes may truly become Eucharistic communities.

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

That all who receive Holy Communion this year for the first time be encouraged - and supported by family and faith-community.

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

That the world's hungry may be fed through the generosity of those who have plenty.

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

That those who have died may have eternal life.

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

Priest

Loving God, source of all life and goodness, hear the prayers we make in the name of Jesus, your Son, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

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.

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

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BAPTISMS

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

Cameron Cian Lynch, Sunview Carriganarra.
 Holly Anna Davis, 23, The Groves, Wyndham Downs.
 Ríona Máirín Barry-Smith, 29, The Close, Coolroe Meadows.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Lisa Callan, Beuparc, Navan.
 Clare McCluskey, Beuparc, Navan.
 Sinead Ledwidge, Senthaltown, Navan.
 Deirdre Scanlon, Beuparc, Navan.
 Aimee McCabe, Hayestown, Navan.
 Joan McDonald, Crookstown.

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

Bernard Flanagan, Castlepark.
 Kathleen Doyle, Westcourt.
 Timothy & Helena O'Shea, Donoughmore.
 Kitty Buttimer, Gurran Reigh.
 Dan O'Sullivan, Ovens.
 Sheila Twohig, Ovens.
 Patrica Ginty, Inniscarra View.
 James Hannon, Ballinspittle.
 Peter Keogh, Kilrush.
 John & Josephine Harrington, Union Hall.
 William Carroll, Glasheen.
 Mary McNulty, Fr Sexton Park.
 Vincent McLoughlin, Sligo.
 Patrick O'Riordan, Castle Park.
 Elizabeth Crowley, Poulavone.
 Catherine Deasy, Beech Park.
 Nellie Sheehan, Douglas.
 Dec. members Delaney Family, Carriganarra.
 Kieran McNulty, Fr Sexton Park.
 John & Mary Kelleher, Beaufort, Killarney.
 John Bowan, Shandon Street.
 Aine Smith, Carrigidene.
 Brian McVeigh.
 Patrick & Josephine Murphy, McCurtain Villas.
 Peter & Hannah Crowley, Leemount, Carrigrohane.
 Paddy & Kathleen Troy, Glanmire.
 William & Christina O'Sullivan.
 Margaret & Frank Whelan.
 Michael O'Brien, Ballinhassig.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Ninth Week In Ordinary Time

29 Sunday Deut. 8:2-3, 14-16. Ps. 147. 1 Cor. 10:16-17. Jn. 6:51-58. Lect I: 617
 30 Monday Tob. 1 :3,2:1-8. Ps. 111. Mk. 12:1-12. Lect II: 107
 31 Tuesday Zeph. 3: 14-18 or Rom. 12:9-16. Ps. Is 12. Lk. 1 :39-56. Lect II: 1040
 01 Wednesday Tob. 3:1-11, 16-17. Ps. 24. Mk. 12:18-27. Lect II: 112
 02 Thursday Tob. 6:10-11, 7:1,9-14,8:4-9. Ps. 127. Mk. 12:28-34. Lect II: 115
 03 Friday Deut. 7:6-11. Ps. 102. 1 In. 4:1-16. Mt. 11: 25-30. Lect I: 628
 04 Saturday Is. 61 :9-11. Ps. 1 Same 2. Lk. 2:41-51. Lect II: 1043

Next Sunday's Readings 05-June-2005
 Hos. 6:3-6. Ps. 49. Rom. 4: 18-25. Mt. 9:9-13. Lect I: 663

First Friday

Friday 3rd June 2005
 Church of St. Mary & St. John
 Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament
 Following 9:30 am Mass, Rosary at 6 pm,
 Directed prayer beginning at 7 pm
 Benediction at 7:30 pm and Mass 8:00 pm.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Monthly Collection
 Next Weekend
 4th & 5th June 2005
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Lough Derg

Four day pilgrimage to Lough Derg
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Apostolate of Our Lady of Fatima

All-Night Vigil at Knock

Friday 3rd June 2005
 Feasts' Of The Sacred Heart of Jesus
 and
 The Immaculate Heart of Mary
 €20.00 Return
 Bus will leave St. Mary & Johns' Church
 at 3:45 pm sharp.
 Further Details Telephone 4872611 or 4870374.

TROCAIRE

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you most sincerely for your support for Trocaire's Lenten Campaign this year. We here in Trocaire are all aware that your support is absolutely vital to the success of our Campaign. Each year, we take encouragement from the wonderful efforts made throughout the country - in distributing the Lenten boxes, in encouraging support amongst parishioners and also in collecting and counting the coin. It is these concrete efforts, at parish level, that enable us to continue our long-term work with the poorest communities in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

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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.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Kevin 03-June-2005

St Kevin (Coemgen or Keivin) was born to a wealthy family in Ireland in 498. He was baptised by Saint Cronan and at seven he was put under the guidance of St Petrocus. After five years with him he was placed under the care of three anchorites (Dogain, Lochan, and Enna). He spent three years under their guidance studying the Holy Scriptures before taking on the monastic habit. Some time later he founded a great monastery at Glendalough.

The reputation of Saint Kevin and his monastery attracted a growing number of pilgrims, thus making Glendalough into a great and holy place. Saint Kevin then was elevated to the status of bishop, and erected a church there under the invocation of Saints Peter and Paul. Saint Kevin's patience was also the stuff of legend: a story is told that once a bird laid an egg in the palm of his hand. Saint Kevin, not wanting to harm the egg, remained motionless until the egg was hatched. Among the many miracles attributed during his life, is the story of a fellow monk who asked him to fetch some firewood from the kitchen. When Kevin answered that he had nothing to carry the wood in, the monk instructed him to carry the wood in with his hands and arms, which he did. However, the saint carried against his chest and in his arms burning firewood, which at no time burned or left marks.

Like those of Saint Francis of Assisi, many stories abound regarding his relationship with animals. A pack of wild dogs tried to attack him, but at the sight of his presence, they became like tame little puppies instead of devouring him. It's also told of a small bird which once built a nest in his hand, which he kept extended and open during in the same position for the entire incubation of the egg, until the chick hatched. Another story is told of a hunted wild boar which sought refuge in the saints' cave and survived due to the hunting dogs' refusal to enter the cave. Another story tells of a time when the saint was in kneeling in prayer on the banks of a lake, when his Psalm prayer book fell in the water. An otter returned the book to him dry and intact. Saint Kevin died on July 3rd, 618. His feast is celebrated on the third of July in both Orthodox and Western calendars. However in Ireland it is celebrated on the 3rd of June.

Student Exams

This is the main time of year for exams. I take this opportunity to wish those sitting exams the best of luck and lots of wisdom.

Fr. George

Parish Council

Suggestion boxes are in place in both churches, your suggestions to the parish council are very welcome. Please ensure your comments are signed..

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St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Karen Sheehan
8:30 am
Elizabeth Daly
10:00 am
Elaine Murphy
12:00 Noon
Oliver O'Donovan

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Fiona Feely
11:00 am
Margaret Healy
12:30 pm
Dick Beamish
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 & 8 pm	Friday	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)	Saturday	9:00 am & 8 pm (Vigil)

CONFESSIONS

After 10:00 am Mass & before 6:00 pm Mass **Saturday** After 9:00 am Mass

BAPTISMS

5:00 pm **Saturday** 7:15 pm
12:45 pm **Sunday**

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Jun-04 & Jun-05-2005



St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Patsie Murphy
 Breda Foley
 Mary Walsh
 Geraldine Hegarty
 Finbarr Lehane
 Ann O'Reilly

8:30 am Theresa Lucey
 Rita Murphy

10:00 am Tadgh Murphy
 Mary Murphy
 Joan Tobin
 Tony O'Leary
 Betty Sheehan

12 Noon Michael Crowley
 Breda Lenihan
 Noel Hennessey
 Marie O'Callaghan
 Rena O'Connor
 Angela Roche

8:00 pm Jim Cahill, Kit Cahill
 Sheila O'Connor
 John Canty

11:00 am Brid Healy-Harris
 Angela Cunningham
 Laurence Cunningham
 Anne O'Connell

12:30 pm Eileen Garvey
 Sally Power
 Breda Callanan
 Marie O'Brien

5:30 pm Neil O'Donoghue
 Phil O'Connell

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