

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 24-April-2016

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.

150 Years



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Love One Another

The Gospel message today is very clear, "Love one another as I have loved you." We like to presume that we understand more than previous generations about the complexity of human nature and the mixed motives behind everything we do. But I wonder is there still much to be learned from previous generations. We do well to remind ourselves that there are many kinds of love. Sometimes we love another because they are useful to us; we get to mix with influential people who may be a stepping stone for our ambitions. That is more selfishness than love." I want something from you but I don't want you."

The second kind is romantic love, this is the kind of affection we bear another person because of the pleasure the other gives us. We are infatuated with the other person but it is not love.. We think it is the other person we love but more often we are loving ourselves. Usually this is temporary.

The third kind of love is based upon equality. We respect others because they are fellow citizens. We recognise their liberties in order that ours may be recognised in due course. The reason for contributing to the good of others is the expectation of some reward.

The fourth type of love is the love of humanity in general. This is occasionally summed up "I love humanity but I can't stick people."

Christian love is loving others when there is no gain in it for us. This love perseveres in times of difficulty even hostility. This love helps to build an enduring relationship. It expresses itself in service, affection and self sacrifice. The starting point for us are the words of Christ "As the father has loved me, so I have loved you." The Father's love for us is enduring, unearned and prepared to pay whatever price is necessary even risking being ridiculed and giving one's life.

George O'Mahony

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 may 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 those who face exams this summer, that God's gifts of serenity and calm may be theirs.

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 we may 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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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

John O'Regan, Bantry.
Liam Gleeson, Rochesstown.
Olivia Guzman, Chicago.
Dermot Crowley, Mallow/Coachford.
Matthew O'Leary, Carriganarra Estate.
Mary Cole, Cardiff & Rahalisk, Macroom.

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

Frank & Nan Kavanagh, Leemount.
Mike Cullinane, Coolroe.
Pat Spillane, Fair Hill.
Neil & Mary Prenderville, Lower Road.
Mary Sexton, Douglas.
Jeremiah & Catherine Cunningham, Cork City.
Paddy Deasy, Model Farm Road.
Catherine & Michael Hayes, Clonmult.
Mary & Thomas Delaney, Maglin.
William Walsh, Carrigrohane.
Peg Collar, Manor Hill.
Breeda Murphy, Inniscarra View.
Bernard O'Brien, Hawthorn Avenue.
Breeda Lynch, Hillsboro.
Mary Linehan, Inniscarra View.
Michael O'Mahony, South Douglas Road.
John Meehan, Cork & Glasglow.
Margaret & Michael Murray, Greenhills.
Lil O'Connell, Turner's Cross.
Joan & Tim Murphy, Currabeg.

Scoil Mhuire

The Parents and Friends Association are organising a clothing recycling collection day on Thursday April 28th 2016. Please support us by bring any used / old clothes to the school office during the school opening hours from 9am to 2.45pm.

Ballincollig Holy Land Pilgrimage

Fly Direct from Cork
16th to 24th October €1,395 pps
Trip of a lifetime, led by Fr. Joe Nagle, OFM Cap
Walk in the footsteps of Jesus, in Bethlehem, Galilee, Jerusalem and much more.
For full details phone Group Leader Lar Cunningham on 021 487 3364 or 087 6823989

Ballincollig Community School

The Parents' Association in the school are holding a recycling day on Monday 25th April. Clothing Recycling Collection All clean clothes, paired shoes, bed linen welcome. No duvets or pillows please.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Fifth Week Of Easter

24 Sunday Acts 14:21-27. Ps. 144. Apoc. 21:1-5. Jn. 13:31- 33, 34-35. Lect I: 517
25 Monday 1 Pet 5:5-14. Ps 88. Mk 16:15-20. Lect II: 1005
26 Tuesday Acts 14:19-28. Ps 144. Jn 14:27-31. Lect I: 522
27 Wednesday Acts 15:1-6. Ps 121. Jn 15:1-8. Lect I: 524
28 Thursday Acts 15:7-21. Ps 95. Jn 15:9-11. Lect I: 526
29 Friday 1 Jn 1:5-2:2. Ps 102. Mt 1:25-30. Lect II: 1009
30 Saturday Acts 16:1-10. Ps 99. Jn 15:18-21. Lect I: 531

Next Sunday's Readings 01-May-2016

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

BAPTISMS

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

Lucy Alexandria Curtin, Aylsbury.
Caoimhe Jane McCarthy, Leesdale Drive.
Aoife Mary O'Grady, The Close, Coolroe Meadows.
Alex Daniel Donnellan, Old Court, Greenfields.

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. 13:31-35
Jesus has washed the feet of the disciples. Judas is leaving to betray him. Time is running out. The rest of the night with its pain, love and death bed messages is precious. John devotes four chapters of his Gospel to it. Today's short opening reassures the disciples that despite the trauma of the Passion, the Father will glorify Jesus as his son through the love that binds them together. In turn, the disciples must replicate that divine love. The command is not just to love each other, but to love as Jesus loves. This is the challenge.

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Musical Matters

Scoil Barra proudly presents 'The Hunchback of Notre Dame' The pupils of 5th and 6th classes at Scoil Barra, Ballincollig are delighted to present their latest musical

'The Hunchback of Notre Dame'

Musical Matinee on Sunday 24th April at 2.30pm. Musical Evening Performances on Monday 25th, Wednesday 26th, Thursday 27th and Friday 28th at 7.30pm. Tickets available from the Secretary's Office, Scoil Barra, Innishmore, Ballincollig from Thursday 14th Tel: 021- 4873459.

Adult €9 Child €6

A great night's entertainment is guaranteed

SHEP - Community Education Programme

Supporting Yourself as a Parent

- Thursday's 10.00am to 12.30pm
- 14th April to 2nd June 2016
- SHEP Centre Ballincollig, Room 1

For parents of children of any age who are looking for support in staying connected with their children, inspiring them with hope for their future and guiding them towards a fulfilling adulthood. No Charge (supported by ETB)

Visit of Glaslinn Ladies Choir

As part of the Cork International Choral Festival's Sacred Trail we welcome next Sunday May 1st the Glaslinn, Ladies Choir from Bandon.

The choir will sing at the 11.00 A M Mass in the Church of Christ our Light.

Founded in 2005 it has its roots in a community choir that was set up in the late 1960's. The choir is based in Bandon but draws members from many parts of Cork. At present the membership stands at over thirty.

Their repertoire is varied and includes Classical, Religious, Popular and Traditional music. They perform regularly at many concerts, fundraisers and cultural events in the West Cork area. They have also had great success in choral competitions in recent years.

In February 2014, they were awarded first place in two competitions in Feis Maitiú - the Wm Egan Perpetual Cup for Sacred Music and the Lynch Perpetual Cup for Adult Choirs. In the latter competition they received maximum points from the Adjudicator. Then, to their great delight and after a lot of hard work, achieved the same result in Feis Maitiú 2015 - first place in both the Sacred Music and Adult Choirs competitions.

At the 2013 Kenmare Choral Festival, the choir was placed second in both of its competitions - Sacred Music and Light Entertainment. Further success was enjoyed at the 2014 Kenmare Choral Festival. The choir came joint first in the Sacred Music competition and joint third in the Light Entertainment competition. In 2012 the choir had a very successful trip to Vienna and in April 2016 travelled to Berlin to take part in an International Choral Festival there.

The choir is conducted by Antoinette Baker

Antoinette is a graduate of Trinity College Dublin in Music and Irish. In addition she received an MA in Organ Performance from St Patrick's College Maynooth. Antoinette also holds several diplomas in piano and organ including a Fellowship of Trinity College London.

Bulletin Board

Special Collection for Diocesan Needs

The collection for Diocesan needs taken last weekend amounted to €2,755. We thank you for your support and generosity which is very much appreciated.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday May 7th 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.

Children's Mass

The next Children's Mass for children in second class preparing for their first Holy Communion will take place on next Sunday May 1st at 11.00am in Church of Christ Our Light. The Parents of children who are seven and eight are asked to bring them to this Mass. Preparation with the children commences in the main body of the church at 10.45am. The Children retire to the crying room where they celebrate the Liturgy of the Word in a child friendly fashion. They will return to the main church at the start of the offertory procession.

Confirmation Dates 2016

Monday 9th May	Scoil Mhuire
Friday 20th May	Gaelscoil Ui Riordan

First Holy Communion Dates 2016

Scoil Barra	Saturday May 14th
Our Lady of Good Counsel	Saturday May 14th
Scoil Eoin	Saturday May 21st
Gael Scoil Ui Riordan	Saturday May 28th

Eucharistic Procession

The procession will be held this year on Saturday May 28th after the 6pm Vigil Mass in St Mary & St John's Church. The route will be from the Church to the entrance to Castlepark and back to the green in Church View for Benediction. I take this opportunity to invite you and your family to take part in the Eucharistic Procession. I especially invite you to bring your child who received First Holy Communion recently. It would be appreciated if homes on route of the procession could be suitably decorated in honour of the Blessed Eucharist. Seats will be available near the altar at Church View for the elderly or people suffering from injury.

Coeliac Hosts

The Coeliac Association of Ireland have advised that the low gluten hosts are suitable for Coeliacs.

Fr. George

Music Morning

Monthly Music Morning will take place in the Ballincollig Library on Tuesday April 26th at 11.00am.

It will be presented by Ted Murphy. All most welcome A cuppa will be served.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Apr-30 & May-01-2016

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)

Sean Collins
Ben Purcell

8:30 am

Triona Downey
Riain Brennan

10:00 am

Rory Horgan
Kate Green

12:00 Noon

Oliver O'Donovan
Niamh Heelan

7:30 pm (Vigil)

Pauline Collins
Dylan Ebili

11:00 am

Kristian Calvert
Amy Ni Chearbhaill

12:30 pm

Joseph Manning
Niamh Murray

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

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

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Fr. Cian O'Sullivan C.C. 021-4876171

Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

25-Apr-2016 to 01-May-2016

Tim Murphy

Siobhan Glavin

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.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Apr-30 & May-01-2016

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm

Eileen Murphy
Ted Nelligan
Maurice Bunyan
Sheila Walshe
Katie Collins
Aisling Leahy

7:30 pm

John O'Donoghue
Mary Dineen
Mairead Keenan
Kay O'Sullivan

8:30 am

Helen Kelly
Michael Crowley
Eileen Corkery

11:00 am

Mona Bowen
Diarmuid Horgan
Bill Barry / Sylvia Man-
ley
Mary Aylward
Pauline Baston

10:00 am

Fionnuala McDonagh
Mary Buckley
Fiona Kelly
Katie O'Shea
Martin O'Leary
Andrej Janukowicz

12:30 pm

Maura O'Driscoll
Mary Lehane
Dympna Byrne
Suzanne Leech

12 Noon

Ann-Marie Cosgrove
Phil Kennedy
Ellen O'Sullivan
Ursula McAuliffe
Sally Crowley
Helen Plunkett

5:30 pm

Shelia Curran
Elizabeth O'Sullivan

Ireland's Best Kept Towns Competition 2016

Resulting from Ballincollig's excellent performance in last year's National Tidy Towns Competition, the town has qualified to participate in Ireland's Best Kept Towns Competition for 2016 under the Large Urban Centre Award.

Ireland's Best Kept Towns Competition is an all island initiative organised jointly by the Department and the Northern Ireland Amenity Council and participation is based on a town's performance in Tidy Towns and the Northern Ireland Amenity Council's 'Best Kept Awards' in the previous year. **Adjudication takes place during the month of May** and the results are announced at an awards ceremony in Belfast in June. There are four awards in this year's competition; Best Village, Best Small Town, Best Large Town and Best Large Urban Centre, with one of these going on to take the overall prize.

We ask for the support of the wider community to help us achieve more positive results for Ballincollig, categories to be judged are;

- Presentation of Buildings
- Appearance of Approach Roads and Streets and Public Areas
- Presentation of Natural Environment
- Presentation of Immediate Residential Areas
- Tidiness
- Comprehensiveness
- General Impression