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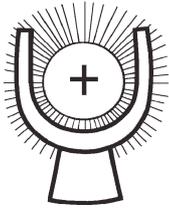
The Body and Blood of Christ
Corpus Christi

*The sacrifice of Christ re-united us with God, 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

Corpus Christi



During this week-end there will be Eucharistic Processions, not only here at Ballincollig but throughout Ireland and the rest of the world. As members of the Body of Christ we are giving witness to our faith and demonstrating our reverence and gratitude for the Blessed Sacrament. So often in the Gospels we see Jesus walking with people, feeding, healing and nourishing them. Jesus continues to reveal himself to us when we hear and see others witness to their faith. In celebrating this feast of Corpus Christi we proclaim our belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. As we accompany Him through our Streets this weekend, we are reminded that as baptised Christians he lives within each one of us; and so we are challenged to be the body of Christ in our world today.

The feast of Corpus Christi is also a celebration of the generosity and hospitality of Jesus. In today's Gospel we see how the people were drawn to Him. He made the crowds welcome and spoke to them about the Kingdom of God. He also cured those who were in need of healing. However, we also see that as night draws on the Apostles want to send the crowd away, so they can get something to eat. Jesus tells them: "you give them something to eat". Their response was to talk about their lack of resources for such a large crowd, but Jesus ignores them and tells them to get the crowds to sit down in groups. Then we see the generosity of Jesus: "who took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, blessed them and broke them and gave to the disciples to place before the crowd". And "they all ate and the surplus taken up, filled twelve baskets of fragments". God's love and generosity shows his compassion for all who are in need. This is a challenging Gospel when we think of all those around us and in our world who are in need in so many ways today. Jesus cares for the whole person, by responding to both their physical and spiritual needs.

Sr. Colette

Reflection for Parents

How many meals do we prepare not knowing exactly who will eat them? As the dynamics of our families change, there may be a few more or a few less at each meal. Sometimes we invite friends or neighbours at the last minute to join us for dinner, or our children may ask if "Johnny can stay for dinner!" We can be creative stretching a meal to feed a few more or have some really great leftovers for the next day's lunch! However they turn out, our meals are opportunities for sharing love--by our efforts in preparation, with those who gather at the table, and the conversation we share as we eat. Mealtime is important for all families, and we need to make every effort to help them become sacred moments of the day. Today as we celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi, we give thanks for the gift of the Eucharist which unites us to the body of Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

In celebrating the Eucharist we are doing what the Lord commanded us to do. Let us pray for the things we need in order to be worthy disciples of him.

Reader

For the Church: that the Eucharist may form its members into a community of love.

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

For well-off countries: that they may share with the poor countries, so that none of God's children will go hungry.

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

For those who have been let down by others and who are hurt and bitter as a result.

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

For all gathered here: that we who share in the one bread of life may be filled with Christlike love.

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

For those who are suffering the effects of war, famine and persecution in particular the people of Aleppo & Nigeria.

**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 power and love, fill our hearts with your love. Give us the grace to rise above our human weakness, and keep us faithful to you and to one another. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

You are a priest forever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Nuala O'Leary, Blarney.
Edward Cavanagh, London / Tipperary.
Archie O'Leary, Currabinny.

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

Lillie Hutchinson, Barrack Street.
Michael Noonan, Parknamore.
Derek & Noreen Buckley, Beech Park.
Paddy Long, Parknamore.
Martina McCarthy, Castle Avenue.
Monica & Justin Monaghan, College Road.
Michael Hegarty, Rosewood.
Hannah & Peter Crowley, Leemount.
Danny Murphy, Ovens.
William & Anthony Ryan, St. Anthony's Lawn.
Michael, Mary & Kieran McNulty, Fr. Sexton Park.
Jean Kearney, Muskerry Estate.
Liam & Edward Scully, Castlemartyr.
Eileen & Denis O'Connell, Cloghroe.
Jeremiah & John O'Leary, Sunningdale & Cloghroe.
Lena Dennehy, Castle View.
William & Mairead Boyce, Milford.
Denis & Niamh Carroll, Freemount.
Timothy O'Keeffe, Muskerry Estate.
Tom Cleary, Ballincollig.
Dec. members of Brennan & Murphy families Ovens & Kilkenny.
Nellie Collins, Ovens/Ballincollig.
Janusz Nowosz, Poland.

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

Student's Prayer Card (Ballincollig)

As I begin to study for the exams I face
I ask you Lord for the courage and grace
to meet this challenge and do my best
to stay calm and focused during the test.
This prayer I make to you today,
help me Lord and with me stay

Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can read
Mark Twain

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

29 Sunday Gen. 14:18-20. Ps. 109. 1 Cor. 11:23-26. Lk. 9:11- 17. Lect I: 625

30 Monday 2 Pet 1:2-7. Ps 90. Mk 12:1-12. Lect I: 562

31 Tuesday Zeph. 3: 14-18 or Rom. 12:9-16. Ps. Is 12. Lk. 1 :39-56. Lect II: 1040

01 Wednesday 2 Tim. 1:1-3,6-12. Ps. 122. Mk. 12:18-27. Lect II: 566

02 Thursday 2 Tim. 2:8-15. Ps. 24. Mk. 12:28-34. Lect II: 568

03 Friday Ezek. 34: 11-16. Ps. 22. Rom. 5:5-11. Lk. 15:3-7. Lect I: 634

04 Saturday 2 Tim. 4: 1-8. Ps. 70. Mk. 12:38-44. Lect II: 572

Next Sunday's Readings 05-June-2016

1 Kg 17:17-24. Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13. Gal 1:11-19. Lk 7:11-17. Lect I: 863

BAPTISMS

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

Caragh Jacquina O'Leary, Castlepark.
Ted Matthew O'Brien, Valley View Grange Manor, Ovens.
Robin Mia Cal, Beech Park.

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Gen 14:18-20

The story of Melchisedech, priest who offers bread and wine and receives God's blessing, is often understood as a foreshadowing of the Eucharist, which we celebrate.

Second Reading: 1 Cor 11:23-26

This is St Paul's account of Eucharistic celebration in the early Church.

Gospel: Luke 9:11b-17.

Jesus continued to teach the crowds that had gathered until late in the day when his disciples came to him and said that Jesus should let the crowd go so that they might find food and a place to stay. Jesus told the disciples to feed the crowd themselves, but they knew it would be impossible because they only had five loaves of bread and two fish among them. Jesus instructed the disciples to divide the people into groups of fifty. Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, blessed and broke them and shared them among the people. Not only was this food sufficient for the crowd but they had twelve baskets of leftovers.

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Oh For the Good Old Days

We met and we married a long while ago,
 We worked long hours, when wages were low.
 No T.V., no wireless, no bath, times were hard,
 Just a cold water tap and a walk up the yard.
 No holiday's abroad, no posh carpet on floors,
 But we'd turf on the fire and we didn't lock doors.
 Our children arrived, no pill in those days,
 And we brought them all up, without any state aid.
 They were quite safe to go out and play about,
 And old folks could go for a walk after dark.
 No Valium, no drugs and no LSD,
 We cured most of our ills with a good cup of tea.
 But if you were sick you were treated at once,
 No fill up that form and come back in six months.
 No vandals, no muggings, there was nothing to rob,
 And we felt quite rich with a couple of bob.
 People were happier in those far off days,
 Kinder and caring in so many ways.
 Milkman and paper boys would whistle and sing,
 A night at the pictures was our one mad fling.
 We all get our share of troubles and strife,
 We just have to face it, that's the pattern of life.
 But now I'm alone I look back through the years,
 I don't think of the bad times, the troubles and tears
 I remember the blessings, our home and our love
 And that we shared them together
 I thank God above.

Anam Cara Cork

Are facilitating a Special Remembrance Evening on Wednesday 1st June in the Clayton Hotel, Silver Springs, Tivoli, Cork from 19:30-21:00. This special Remembrance Event is just for bereaved parents. This event will be taking place instead of our usual Parent Evening. To help us plan this event please let us know if you will be attending. We will need you to RSVP to info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888 888 before Monday 30th May.

Cuan Mhuire, Farnanes Annual Hillwalk

18km Fundraising Hillwalk in Ballyheigue, Co. Kerry
 Saturday 25th June
 Pre-registration recommended - €20 per adult, family €50
 For further details
 Please contact either Catherine or Orla
 on 021-7335994 or farnanes@cuanmhuire.ie

Pioneer Diocesan Mass

Gold, Silver and Diamond jubilee pins will be presented at the Pioneer Diocesan Mass which will take place at 8p.m. in St.Columba's Church, Douglas on June 22nd 2016. For further information contact Sorcha on 0863642619 or sorchaol@gmail.com

Music Morning

Final monthly Music Morning for this season will take place in the Ballincollig Library on Tuesday May 31st at 11.00am.
 It will be presented by Maurice Linehan.
 All most welcome, A cuppa will be served.

Bulletin Board

First Friday

Friday June 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.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday June 11th 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.

Mass Diaries

Mass Diaries to book Mass intentions for July, August & September will open in both churches on Saturday June 11th at 9.00am
 Priority will be given to those booking 1st Anniversary Mass.

Examination Time

We ask for your continuing support and prayers for our students as they prepare for their Leaving and Junior Certificate Examinations. May they be successful in their efforts.

Congratulations to the boys who made their First Holy Communion in Gael Scoil Eoin. Sincere thanks to the parents and dedicated teachers who work diligently preparing young people for the sacrament.

Special Diocesan Collection

World Meeting of Families –Dublin 2018
 This weekend 28th/29th of May a second collection will be taken up in all churches in our Diocese towards the cost of hosting this event in Ireland at the invitation of Pope Francis. On Tuesday of this week the date and theme was announced by the Vatican. The theme is "The Gospel of the family, joy to the world" and the meeting will take place from 22nd to 26th August 2018. While the event will take place in Dublin we are all invited to participate – we will begin preparations in Cork and Ross in the autumn. It was in 1994 that Saint John Paul II called the first World Meeting of Families inviting families from across the globe to come together to share faith and to give them the opportunity to share the challenges and celebrate the blessings of family life in society today. Since its inception the Holy Father has attended every World Meeting of Families wherever it has been held and the Irish Bishops have extended an invitation to Pope Francis to come to Ireland to participate in this celebration.

Fr. George

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Jun-04 & Jun-05-2016

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)

Laura O'Keeffe
Alan Murphy
8:30 am
Triona Downey
Riain Brennan
10:00 am
Shannon O'Brien
Erin Holmes
12:00 Noon
Roisin Crewe
Emer Wiseman

7:30 pm (Vigil)

Nonyi Ebili
Jennifer Nyagaya
11:00 am
Jacob Derham
Ciara Healy
12:30 pm
Adaugu Ebili
Caterina Nugent
5:30 pm
Kevin Tuohy

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
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	

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Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

30-May-2016 to 05-Jun-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

Jun-04 & Jun-05-2016

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Steve Wills
Margaret O'Sullivan
Danny Farrell
Jim Walsh
Frances O'Brien
Eileen Coughlan

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Tom Butler
Denis Healy

10:00 am Christy Roche
Katie O'Shea
Elaine Crowley
Anna Buckley
Claire Creedon
Jim Lordan

12 Noon Oliver O'Donovan
Sean Hennessy
Mary McLean
Eleanor Seymour
Nora Hennessy
Chris Walsh

7:30 pm Anne O'Regan
Mairead Murphy
Finbarr Murray
Lettie Kelly
Mary Murphy

11:00 am Seamus & Mary O'Connell
Ciaran Kelleher
Alan O'Riordan
Geraldine Keohane
Gerard Murray

12:30 pm Lucy O'Callaghan
Jackie Sheehan
Michael O'Leary
J.P.O'Leary

5:30 pm Noelle Buckley
Mary Breen
Valerie Barry

A Prayer for those who suffer from Depression

Dear Jesus, I walk in the valley of darkness for I suffer from depression. I feel unloved, rejected, useless to myself and useless to others. I feel lost in a world I no longer understand. At times, I want to sleep and never wake up again. Lord, I believe that your love is a transforming love. Jesus, Son of David have pity on me.

Out of the depths, I cry to you. Lord, even though I feel nothing, I still praise you for the wonder of my being. You have formed me in my mother's womb and watched over me to this moment. I am precious in your eyes and you love me. On the Cross, you shed your blood for me. You have carved me on the palm of your hand. For all this I give you thanks and praise. May your precious blood give new life to me and to all those who suffer as I do. Take each one of us and hug us to your sacred and loving heart. Through your glorious wounds may we be healed.

Dear Jesus, when you fed the crowd in the desert, you wished to gather up the fragments lest anything be lost. As I wander through a desert and darkness of my own, I ask you to gather up the fragments of this shattered being, lest anything be lost. Through the prophet, Joel, you promise to restore the years that the locusts have eaten. I ask you, lay your hands gently on my weary head and restore me. Let your face shine upon me and give me back the peace, the joy that has been lost.