

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 22-May-2022

Sixth Sunday of Easter

The night before He died Jesus promised the gift of the Spirit to his disciples. God the Father sends the Spirit to keep the word of Christ and for those who keep that word there is the great promise of Christ's peace - being at home with the Father and the Son.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Prayer for the Synod

We stand before You, Holy Spirit
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts.
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong paths
Nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray for the way of the truth
and what is right.

All this we ask of You
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever.
Amen.

First Reading: Acts 15:1-2. 22-29

One problem in the early Church was whether Christ meant his message for the Gentiles or only for the Jews. The apostles met in council at Jerusalem and decided to preach to the whole world.

Second Reading: Apoc 21:10-14. 22-23

The ancient Jews loved the city of Jerusalem, the site of the temple and the centre of their religion. In the Second Reading for today, John describes the Church as triumphant as a new and glorious city, the New Jerusalem. That new city is a symbol of the Church as she is today and she will be in the future.

Gospel: John 14:23-29.

In this Gospel, Jesus prepared his disciples for his return to God. Jesus promised them that the Holy Spirit would live within them and provide strength and courage. The Spirit would always be available to help them as a counsellor and advocate. Through the Spirit, they would recall the words and teachings of Jesus and even come to understand these things in a way that they could not before. In addition the disciples would receive peace from the Spirit. The peace of the Spirit would be a "shalom" kind of peace which provided a special inner serenity.

Children's Rosary

Children's Rosary is taking place every Sunday morning at 9.15am to 9.45 am before 10 am mass in St Mary and St Johns Church. Please do join us for the Children's Rosary in song and in prayer. All families are welcome. It is vital to pray the rosary daily and with the family to the Immaculate Heart of Mary so as to grow in holiness and purity and to stay close to Jesus and to imitate Our Ladies Immaculate Heart.

Contact Maura Moorcroft, Tel 0894279313 or Jacinta Jeffers 0876052033

Medjugorje Pilgrimage

Medjugorje Pilgrimage ex Cork June 15th - 22nd. Last 8 places available. Cost €749.00 pps. Contact Sean O'Shaughnessy 0862959380 or Joe Walsh Tours on 012410800 to book with this group.

Lough Derg

3 Day Pilgrimage 2022. Leaves Cork Sat. June 11th at 9am returning Tues 14th June. Booking and Information: Paddy 021 4502572

Reflection for Parents

Today's Gospel is especially helpful when we have to explain death to our children. Jesus told his disciples that if they truly loved him, they would be happy that he was going to be with his Father. While the words are sometimes hard, even for us as we face a loss through death, our faith lets us know that Jesus and our loved ones are truly happy in a way we can't fully understand. Jesus offered the Spirit to the disciples because he knew the days ahead would be hard for them. It is that same Spirit that helps our families and us when we face hard days following a death. The greatest news in this reading is that Jesus will be back for us!

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

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† IN SYMPATHY †
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :
Donal O'Leary, Dunmanway.
Eilish Lehane, Ballincollig / Shanagarry.

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

Denis O'Mahony, Citi West Mews.
Michael Quealy, Kilnaglory.
Olive Henchy, Ballyburden.
Phyllis O'Connell, Ballincollig/Collins Barracks.
Jackie O'Shea, Castlepark.
Denis Jordan, Willow Drive.
Mary O'Mahony, The Crescent.
Anthony Allesh, India.
May Keohane, Inniscarra.
Patrick O'Driscoll, Castlepark.
Noel McCarthy, Oaklands.
Eileen O'Mahony, Carrigrohane.
Niall Purcell, Kilcrea Park.
Elizabeth & Seán Crowley, Poulavone.

All Ireland Rosary Rally in Knock

The All Ireland Rosary Rally will take place on Saturday June 4th from 1.30pm in Knock. It will include Holy Mass, the Rosary, the Stations of the Cross and a talk on the Rosary. The Main Celebrant for the Holy Mass is the Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Jude Okolo. Bishop Michael Duignan will deliver the homily. A bus will leave from the following areas that morning. Please book your seat early to avoid disappointment.

Cork City - Kay on 087 116 5669
Cork City - Damien (087 204 9048)
Cork (Inniscarra) - Margaret on 087 900 8235
Cork (Wilton) John Joe (087 130 2763)
Cork (East) Nuala (087 2313762)

The Synod, our Diocese and Parishes

It's not every day that the Holy Father asks every Catholic in the world to have a say in the life of the Catholic Church! During this month of May, our diocese will be opening up ways for people to have a say and to listen and have an input into next year's Synod meeting in Rome which is called by Pope Francis.

The easiest way to find out more and to have your say is to go to <http://synod.corkandross.org> where an online confidential questionnaire is available to be filled in. (It'll take about 15 minutes.)

It's open until May 24th. All the responses will be collated and added to the feedback from meetings being held across the diocese with randomly selected groups during May. A summary document will be forwarded from our diocese at the end of May.
So, it's time to have your say at <http://synod.corkandross.org>.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sixth Week Of Easter

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

23 Monday Acts 16: 11-15. Ps. 149. Jn. 15:26-16:4. Lect I: 542

24 Tuesday Acts 16:22-34. Ps. 137. Jn. 16:5-11. Lect I: 544

25 Wednesday Acts 17:15,22-18:1. Ps. 148. Jn. 16:12-15. Lect I: 546

26 Thursday Acts 18:1-8. Ps. 97. Jn. 16:16-20. Lect I: 560

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

28 Saturday Acts 18:23-28. Ps. 46. Jn. 16:23-28. Lect I: 564

Bulletin Board

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the boys and girls in Gaelscoil an Caisleán and the girls in Scoil Mhuire who received the sacrament of Holy Communion today/yesterday. Please pray for the boys and girls in Scoil Barra who will receive the sacrament of Holy Communion on Saturday next Saturday 28th May. Sincere thanks to the parents and dedicated teachers who work diligently preparing young people for the sacrament.

First Holy Communion Dates 2022

Scoil Barra Saturday 28th May

For both churches we seek the following

Altar Servers

Invite to boys and girls to serve as Altar servers. If interested please call to Sacristy Sunday at mass times and weekdays before or after 8.30am mass in Christ our Light Church or after 9.30am mass in St. Mary & St. John's Church.

Collectors

Collectors needed to collect at the Offertory Collection during Sunday masses.

If interested please give your name in Sacristy.

Readers

Invite to anyone with an interest or would like to be involved in mass as a reader.

Readers needed for all masses at the weekend.

Eucharistic Ministers

Invite to anyone who would be interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister Training will be arranged.

People who have been Ministers and would like to be recommissioned would be very welcome back.

Rota's will be put in place for all of these Ministries.

Parish office number: 089 4008181 or St. Mary & St. John's Church sacristy number: 021-4877943

5.30pm Mass in Christ our Light Church

Please note there will be no 5.30pm Mass in Christ our Light Church after the 29th May until September.

Mission and Ministry Collection

The Mission and Ministry collection taken up recently amounted to €1,990. We appreciate your continued generosity.

Fr. Alan