

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

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St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

The Most Holy Trinity

What a pity that for many the Trinity is just an intellectual puzzle! For the believer it is a sign of how close God has come to us by revealing (but not reducing) the mystery of his Being. He draws us into the mystery making us his children by the gift of the Spirit.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Trinity Sunday

Trinity Sunday is seen very much as the end of the Easter season. People of my vintage will recall Trinity Sunday was associated with the Easter duty and the final window for same. Meitheals were very popular work events in rural Ireland some decades ago, neighbours worked on these occasions from dawn to dusk to help out some neighbour, (on occasions it involved cutting the turf, at other times mowing the hay) generally they were long days, plenty of labour and some craic. This year a young man, in his early twenties, was at his neighbours Meitheal on a Saturday, he decided at 6 pm he had enough and quick as a flash remembered tomorrow is Trinity Sunday and advised his devout neighbour that he needed to attend to his Easter duty. The neighbour excused the young man from his work but the loss of several hours work grieved him for many a year.

There are many occasions in our lives when words fail us or perhaps it is impossible to choose appropriate words. Sometimes in times of sadness it can be difficult to find appropriate words, a similar situation can arise in moments of great joy, being present on these occasions and giving somebody our attention makes all the difference. To know that there is some one present who cares makes the world of a difference. It saves the sufferer from the feeling of being isolated or worse still being abandoned. Jesus said "Go make disciples of all people, baptise them I will be with you always." Jesus assures his disciples "Trust in me, I'll be with you always." This was the most important assurance he could give His disciples. He didn't guarantee them a trouble free life, not even success; they knew that as long as Jesus was with them, they would have the courage and strength to face whatever difficulties lie ahead. We ask the Lord to assure us that He will be with us in difficult situations. God's closeness shields us against a sense of abandonment and despair.

We begin every Eucharist with the names of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit on our lips. The Holy Trinity is a mystery to be celebrated with childlike love and trust.

George O'Mahony

Thought for Today

The Spirit makes it possible for us to call God "Abba" (Second Reading) – a familiar term used by a child addressing a beloved father. Yet God speaks a word so majestic that nothing like it has ever been heard or imagined (First Reading). This extraordinary familiarity with the infinite God is founded on the fact that the Eternal Son of God has become our brother.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

The Lord looks lovingly on those who revere him and who hope in his love. Our prayers are an expression of our trust in his love.

Reader

For all Christians: that they may be effective witnesses to the love of God.

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

For all rulers: that God may grant them wisdom in their efforts to make the world a better place for everyone.

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

For those who have no belief in God: that they may discover signs of his love in their lives.

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

For ourselves: that we may always have a sense of the presence of God with us in good times and in bad.

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

For all students preparing for examinations at this time.

**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

Father source of all life, be our guide when we stray, our strength when we are weak, and our comforter when we grow discouraged. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Happy the people the Lord had chosen as his own.

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BAPTISMS

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

Adam James Lynch, Woodbine Lawn, Inniscarra View.
 Danielle Sarah Hurley Morey, Willowfield.
 Aaron Brendan Casey, Highfield Park.
 Andrew Thomas Twohig, Parknamore Rise.
 Lauren Elise Twohig, Elm Lawn Muskerry Estate.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Patrick O'Driscoll, Castlepark.
 Shelia Magee, Douglas.

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

Con & Maureen Cremin, Glasheen.
 David & Margaret & Frank Rea, Lower Glanmire
 Noreen Keyes, Douglas.
 James Galvin, Model Farm Road.
 Nora McCarthy, Inchigeela.
 John Kavanagh, Wicklow.
 Anne Smyth, Carrigdenne.
 Margaret & Joseph Owens, Blackpool.
 Annie & Patrick McMahan, Blackpool.
 Hannah & Peter Crowley, Leemount.
 Eileen, Dan & John O'Mahony, Leeview, Carrigrohane.
 William & Catherine Ryan, St. Anthony's Lawn.
 Marie O'Flaherty, Coolroe Meadows.
 Mary McNulty, Fr. Sexton Park.
 Bernie McNanara, Carrigrohane.
 Denis & Ellen Mullane, Tower.
 Brendan Minihane, Caheragh.
 Con & Margaret Forde, Glasheen.
 John Barry, Bishopstown.
 Mary O'Leary, Templemartin & Curraheen.
 Eugene O'Riordan, The Meadows, Classes Lake.

Prayer to Our Lady

Mary, Mother of Jesus and of all the human family, with great joy we call you Blessed. Be close to us always. May no day pass without a prayer to you in our hearts and on our lips. May you be a mother to us throughout all the years of our lives, a mother ever ready to help us. Stay with us, Mary, when there is peace at home, when joy and happiness makes life easy. Stay with us, Mother, whenever we have sickness in the home; it is then we need you most. Should death come to any member of the family, old or young, then comfort us in our grief and wipe away our tears. And, Mary, when we close our eyes in death may we find you waiting to welcome us at the gates of Heaven. Amen

+John Buckley, Bishop of Cork & Ross

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Ninth Week In Ordinary Time

03 Sunday Deut 4:32-34. 39-40. Ps 32. Rom 8:14-17. Mt 28:16-20. Lect I: 613
 04 Monday 2 Pet 1:2-7. Ps 90. Mk 12:1-12. Lect I: 562
 05 Tuesday 2 Pet. 3:11-15, 17-18. Ps. 89. Mk.12:13-17. Lect I: 564
 06 Wednesday 2 Tim. 1:1-3,6-12. Ps. 122. Mk. 12:18-27. Lect II: 566
 07 Thursday 2 Tim. 2:8-15. Ps. 24. Mk. 12:28-34. Lect II: 588
 08 Friday 2 Tim. 3: 1 0-17. Ps. 118. Mk. 12:35-37. Lect II: 570
 09 Saturday Rom 12:1-2, 9-13 or 2 Cor 5:14-21. Ps 33. Mt 19:27-29

Next Sunday's Readings 10-June-2012

Ex 24:3-8. Ps 115. Heb 9:11-15. Mk 14:12-16, 22:26. Lect I: 622

Pieta House

The Centre for the Prevention of Self-Harm or Suicide

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Pieta House opened its doors in Lucan in January 2006. It provides one-to-one counseling for people who have tried to take their life, those who are thinking about it, and those who self-harm, This solution focused approach takes the person in crisis, out of crisis.

Suicide: We work to move the suicidal person away from ideas of suicide as quickly as possible.

Self-Harm: Self-harm is seen as a way of expressing an incredibly strong pent-up emotion; it is an act of survival.

Our ground-breaking approach can involve daily therapy sessions if needed.

Our service is completely free of charge.

Students in Adult Education

Cork County VEC are organising a Coffee morning in aid of Westgate Foundation & ARC Cancer Support House

Thursday 14th June 2012 10 am - 12 am
 VEC Yeats House (behind Bank of Ireland)

Barrack Square, Ballincollig

Meet new friends, have a chat and catch up for charity.

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.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading Deuteronomy 4: 32-34. 39-40
Moses questions the people, 'Has anything as great as this ever happened before?' in order to help them see the awesome greatness of their God.

Second Reading Letter from St. Paul to the Romans 8: 14-17

We are children of God: created by our Abba, heirs with Christ, and led by the Spirit. We have been chosen because of great love.

Gospel Reading Matthew 28: 16-20

From a great mountaintop, Jesus commissions the disciples to go forth and baptize in the name of God as Trinity.

Bulletin Board

Bank Holiday Monday

Monday 4th June only one morning Mass at 9.30 am in Church of St Mary & St John.

Mass Diary

Diaries to book intentions July, August, and September will open in both churches on Saturday June 9th at 9.00 am.

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.

Eucharistic Procession

The procession will be held this year **on Saturday June 9th** after the 6 pm Vigil Mass in the church of St Mary & St John. The route will be from the Church at approx 6.40 pm 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.

Congratulations to the girls and boys who have received the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion 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.

Car Parking at Church of

St Mary & St John and Christ Our Light

Please keep to the left hand side as you approach the car parks. This is important from a health and safety point of view. Please also be careful of pedestrians who walk to Mass or from their cars to the church. Take care also not to obstruct entrance and exit to the car parks and church doors.

Please park neatly, last Sunday at the 12 pm Mass there were two cars parked badly behind the Church, one blocking the exit and a big space between them.

New Ministers of the Eucharist.

Presently in Ballincollig Parish we are inviting parishioners to volunteer to become Ministers of the Eucharist. You are invited to minister in either Christ Our Light Church or St Mary & St John Church approximately once a month at a week end Mass (rota will be provided).

The requirements are that you are:

- A person 18 years or over.
 - A person with faith in the Eucharist and are anxious to deepen own faith through ministry.
 - A person willing to serve and minister to others.
- Please give you name, address and phone no to Sacristy or Office.

Fr. George



50th INTERNATIONAL
EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS
DUBLIN
June 2012

Eucharistic Congress Prayer

Lord Jesus, you were sent by the Father,
To gather together those who are scattered.
you came among us, doing good and bringing healing,
announcing the Word of salvation
and giving the Bread which lasts forever.
Be our companion on life's pilgrim way.

May your Holy Spirit inflame our hearts,
enliven our hope and open our minds,
so that together with our sisters and brothers in faith,
we may recognise you in the Scriptures
and in the breaking of bread.

May the Holy Spirit transform us into one body
and lead us to walk humbly on the earth,
in justice and love, as witnesses of your resurrection.

In communion with Mary,
whom you gave to us as our Mother at the foot of the cross,
Through you may all praise, honour and blessing be to the Father,
in the Holy Spirit and in the Church, now and forever,
Amen.

Wishing all our readers a safe
and enjoyable weekend.

'Do you need someone to talk to?'

Senior Help Line is a confidential listening service for older people by older people for the price of a local call anywhere in Ireland, LoCall 1850 440 444. Senior Help Line is open from 10 am till 10 pm, 365 days a year.

If you need any further information, please email or phone Neil Bruton Communications & Marketing Officer, nbruton@thirdageireland.ie 0834260081/01-6579068

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Jun-09 & Jun-10-2012

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Muireann Nelligan
Padraig McAuliffe
8:30 am
Pat Fennell

10:00 am
Ciaran Noonan
Shannon O'Brien
12:00 Noon
Oliver O'Donovan
David Drohan

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Rosarie Cotter
Louise McGrath
11:00 am
Maebh Nic Mheanmain

12:30 pm
Cathy Naughton
Una Lynch
5:30 pm
Tom Reck

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	No Morning Mass
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. James McSweeney	021-4873308

Knock Summer Festival

Is a one day event taking place on the **28th-July-2012**. It is for all young people between the ages of **17-30**. On this day young people will come together in a faith setting and to deepen their relationship with Christ, explore, ignite and celebrate their faith. The event will have **interactive talks, prayer, testimonies from young people, drama and music**. We will finish the day with the celebration of the Eucharist, with a step by step guide to the new translation. There will also be a lot of time for young people to engage in conversation, reflect on what they have heard, chill out and have fun!

THE THEME: "ONE"

The theme of this year's festival is 'ONE'. We will be concentrating on three themes of ONE in relation to the Church. One Love, One Community, One Body

Groups & Cost

The festival is free of charge, we are also offering free accommodation for groups over 10, we are also encouraging groups to stay and climb Croagh Patrick on the 29th Reek Sunday. Join us for a pilgrimage to the West!

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Monthly Collection

This Weekend
2nd & 3rd June 2012
Please Support



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Jun-09 & Jun-10-2012

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Steve Wills
Margaret O'Sullivan
Rita Aherne
Danny Farrell
Jim Walsh
Frances O'Brien

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Rita Murphy
Denis Healy

10:00 am Christina Walsh
Peter Reilly
Mary Collins
Christy Roche
Katie O'Shea
Claire Creedon

12 Noon Oliver O'Donovan
Miriam Maunsell
Sean Hennessy
Mary McLean
Ellen Seymour
Nora Hennessy

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

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

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

5:30 pm Noelle Buckley
Mary Breen

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.