

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 04-June-2006



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Pentecost Sunday

The first coming of the Holy Spirit on the Church was wind and fire and the telling of God's wonderful deeds in many tongues. The Spirit also comes as many gifts for the common good, bringing peace along with God's forgiving power.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Pentecost, Birthday of the Church

Pentecost saw the birth of a new community, the new people of God. Today then is the birthday of the Church. This is the day the Apostles left the upper room, where they had been hiding for fear of the Jews, and went out fearlessly to preach the Gospel. They could not have done this without "power from on high", that is the Holy Spirit.

Now there was a group of men who came together, very ordinary men who had little faith in their own abilities. They were to build, as it were, a spiritual stairway to Heaven. It was not only they who conceived the idea, but their Master. Before His death, He told them not to begin until He sent them "power from on high".

On Pentecost Day, the Spirit descended on these men, the Apostles and they set forth to build a new community, the community of the new people of God. They spoke a new language, it was the language of love and co-operation, a language all people of Goodwill understood. For love transcends speech. It shines in the face and is felt in the clasp of a hand. Hence it can unite people of different languages.

Today is the birthday of this great happening. It is the birthday of the Church, the community of the flowers of Jesus. On this day the infant church left the cradle and took its first steps, not faltering, but boldly, thanks to the power of the Holy Spirit. God knows down the ages it has been seen its fair share of troubles, problems and setbacks. But it is still being built today.

It is assembled here in front of our eyes today, and it is something marvellous. Not that it is made up of saints. It is rather like the field Jesus spoke about – a mixture of wheat and weeds. When we are gathered here in church we do so as friends. Here those factors that have traditionally divided people, such as class, colour, age, wealth and so on, count for nothing. There is a great levelling off. We realize that before God we are all equal.

The things that divide us are trivial, the things we have in common are tremendous. Deep down we all have the same needs – to be valued and to belong – members of God's people on pilgrimage to the Kingdom of Heaven.

This is the wonderful thing that began on Pentecost. We too are builders of this spiritual stairway. Let us pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in all our lives especially at this time.

John O'Donovan

Thought for Today

Jesus promised the Holy Spirit to lead us into the complete truth and tell us of the things to come (Gospel). The Spirit makes us grow more like Christ and makes us witnesses to the Gospel. We need to open our minds and hearts in order to be guided by the Spirit of God into the way of truth.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Our Easter festival concludes with today's celebration. Through our prayer, let us entrust our lives to the Lord.

Reader

For the leaders of Christ's Church, that they may recognise the Spirit's work, and protect and foster it, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

That we devote ourselves to constant prayer as did Mary and the apostles after Christ's ascension.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For all those finishing another year in school/college, may they enjoy the simple thing in life this summer.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For students who are about to sit their Junior Cert and Leaving Cert Examinations. That as they feel the support of their parents, families and friends, they realise that their best is good enough.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

As we travel on our roads this bank holiday weekend, may we have regard for others and ourselves and encourage safety, care and respect for all road users.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who are sick, lonely or distressed, may they be comforted, strengthened and healed.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest

Father, fill us with your Spirit as you fill us with your life. Help us to grant forgiveness, as you have forgiven our sins. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord and renew the face of the earth.

Visit Our Website: www.ballincolligparish.ie

BAPTISMS

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

Sinead Margaret Forde, Model Farm Road
 Muirne Ida Curtin, Aylsbury Downs
 Sean Douglas Delaney, Coolroe Meadows
 Pen-Elkie Tiendioh, Oaklands
 Ciara Okonkno O'Callaghan-Dega, Classes Lake
 Ben Thomas Kiely, Fernwalk
 Ciara Julia Cronin, Berryfield
 Lucy Mary Dorney, Kilnaglory

MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Conor Fitzpatrick & Claire McCarthy, Bridewood.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Margaret McMahon R.I.P., Model Farm Road.
 Mourned by her daughter Sheila Cahill, Greenfields.
 Peggy Murphy R.I.P., Westgate.
 Mourned by her daughter Mandy Murphy, Westgate
 Jim Murphy R.I.P., Crosshaven,
 Mourned by Ed. Hogan, Carriganarra
 Girlie Holly R.I.P., Wilton Road.
 Mourned by Ed Hogan, Carriganarra.
 Peggy Hughes R.I.P., Donegal.
 Mourned by her brother Tony Campbell, Chelmsford.
 John Sheehan R.I.P., Bishopstown & Kilmurry.
 Mourned by Tom, Betty Sheehan & family, Carrigrohane.
 Martina McCarthy R.I.P., 60, Castle Avenue.
 Mourned by her husband Donagh and family.

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

Mary Ann Finn, Ballyduff
 Deceased members Mulcahy Family, Cobh
 Teddy Roche, Inniscarra View
 John Cotter, 5 Innishmore Lawn
 John Kelleher
 Deceased members Kelleher & Lucey Families
 Maura Walsh
 David Lynch
 Denis Horgan, Blarney St.
 Con & Mary O'Donovan, Station Road.
 Deceased members of the McSweeney Family.
 May & Jack Finnegan, Killarney.
 Ann Smyth, Carrigdene.
 Denis & Margaret Murphy, Currabeg, Ovens.
 Tim & Joan Murphy, Currabeg, Ovens.
 Denis, Margaret & William Flavin, Woodside, Carrigrohane.
 Breda Healy, Waterfall.
 Sheila & Patrick O'Riodan, Castle Park.
 Patrick O'Leary, St. Enda's, Gurrabraher.
 Gerry Murphy, West Village, Greenfield.
 Thomas, Julia & Mary O'Leary, Turners Cross.
 Thomas & Mary Murphy, Kilcorney.
 John Murphy, Kilcorney.
 Jerry O'Callaghan, Lee View, Carrigrohane.
 Catherine Hogan, Ballinlough.
 Donal O'Donovan, Ballinlough & Blackpool.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Ninth Week In Ordinary Time

04 Sunday Acts 2: 1-11. Ps. 103. Gal. 5: 16-25. Jn. 15:26-27. 16:12-15. Lect I: 601 & 604
 05 Monday 2 Pet 1:2-7. Ps 90. Mk 12:1-12. Lect I: 562
 06 Tuesday 2 Pet. 3:11-15, 17-18. Ps. 89. Mk.12:13-17. Lect I: 564
 07 Wednesday 2 Tim. 1:1-3,6-12. Ps. 122. Mk. 12:18-27. Lect II: 566
 08 Thursday 2 Tim. 2:8-15. Ps. 24. Mk. 12:28-34. Lect II: 568
 09 Friday Col. 1:24-29. Ps. 15. Mk 10:17-30. Lect. II:1345
 10 Saturday 2 Tim. 4: 1-8. Ps. 70. Mk. 12:38-44. Lect II: 572

Next Sunday's Readings 11-June-2006
 Deut 4:32-34. 39-40. Ps 32. Rom 8:14-17. Mt 28:16-20. Lect I: 613

The Annual Eucharistic Procession

Will take place on 17th June, 2006
 Following 6:00 pm Mass.

Meeting of Procession Organisers will take place on 8th June next at 8.00 pm at the Parochial House

Ballincollig Secular Franciscan Order

The monthly Mass and meeting will be held on Thursday 8th June at 11.00 am in St. Mary & St. John Church
 Rosary will be recited at 10.40 am (Sharp)

Mass Diary

The Mass Book in both churches opens on Saturday 10th June for the Months of July, August and September 2006.
 We kindly request parishioners not to double book the same intention in both churches.

STEP

Coming soon to the YMCA is the latest STEP training course. STEP is the Support Training and Enterprise Programme and provides training in computers, job seeking skills, communications and more. If you are 17-25 years old and looking for an opportunity,
 Contact James at 4877770
 Places are limited. Training allowance is payable.

Catholic Newspapers

The Voice and the Universe newspapers are available on a weekly basis at the back of both. churches.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts 2: 1-11

You will notice the phrases "what sounded like a powerful wind", " something that seemed like tongues of fire". This is not an exact visual description of the Holy Spirit. John is speaking in symbols. Fire symbolised the power and the presence of God. The wind is a symbol of the Holy Spirit who would soon disperse the little group to the four corners of the world. Writing of the miracle of Pentecost, when the Apostles spoke in many languages, the early Christian writers drew the parallel between the tower of Babel when God confused languages to punish mankind for their pride and Pentecost when the Spirit of God brought all to unity again.

Second Reading: Galatians 5: 16-25

The old Law of the Bible was mainly negative. Do not do this or that. Christian liberty is positive. It encourages us to go way beyond the Law and sets no limits to the good we can do in our lives. If we follow the Spirit and follow His promptings we will achieve complete victory over ourselves.

Gospel: John 15: 26-27; 16:12-15

The Holy Spirit is a real person distinct from the Father and the Son. Towards the world he is an accuser from whom there is no escape. Towards the Apostles he is Christ's great substitute to guide them into all religious truth. Bitter critics of the Church should remember that they are attacking a Church that will have as its guide the Holy Spirit for ever.

Preparation for Baptism

Baptism is our first step on the journey of Faith, the sacrament of initiation into the Christian faith and the Life of Christ. It is also a sacrament of welcome into the Christian community. The importance of preparation for Baptism was highlighted at the Parish Council and also by some parents requesting help for themselves. For the past number of months a group of parishioners have come together to provide some resources and help for parents bringing their children to Baptism. On Saturday 10th June our next meeting for parents who wish to have their children baptised in the parish of Ballincollig will take place. This is an opportunity to prepare for the sacrament of Baptism. I am confident that this presentation will be of benefit to parents and godparents in their role as Christian educators.

Ballincollig Shopping Centre

Prayer Room is now open during

Shopping Centre business hours.

Room is located on Third Floor adjacent to the lift.

AL-ANON

Are you concerned about someone else's drinking?

You are not alone.

Help is available at the Al-Anon family group

Thursday nights at 8.30 pm

Upstairs at St. Vincent DePaul Room,

Ballincollig Community Hall, Station Road.

Cork International Folk Dance Club

You are invited to a teaching session of dance on Sunday June 11th from 3 - 6 pm

The first hour will be for absolute beginners.

€5 per person Carrigrohane Parish Hall (down the hill from St. Peter's Church)

Men and women of all ages and fitness levels are very welcome.

For more info/directions

Phone Larry 4886541 or Patsy 4872550

Novena in honour of St. Anthony

Sunday 4th June to Tuesday 13th June, 2006

Venue: St. Francis Church, Liberty Street, Cork.

Time: Mornings 10:30 am

Evenings 7:30 pm

Saturday 6:30 pm

Friday 9th 7.:0 pm – Mass for Students' Intentions

Closing Tuesday 13th – Feast of St. Anthony - 10.30 am & 7.30p m with the Blessing of the Lilies.

Preached by: Fr. Caoimhín O'Laoide, O.F.M.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Monthly Collection

This Weekend

3rd & 4th June 2006.

Please Support

Safe Swimming This Summer Safety Steps to Observe.

- ◆ Don't swim alone.
- ◆ Don't swim just after eating.
- ◆ Don't swim when you're hot or tired.
- ◆ Don't swim in strange places.
- ◆ Don't swim out after anything drifting.
- ◆ Don't stay in the water too long.
- ◆ Don't swim out to sea.
- ◆ Swim parallel and close to the shore.
- ◆ Do what the lifeguard tells you.
- ◆ Never use inflatable toys.
- ◆ Pay attention to signs on the beach.
- ◆ Don't be a bully.
- ◆ Learn to use equipment before trying it out.
- ◆ Learn Basic Life Support.

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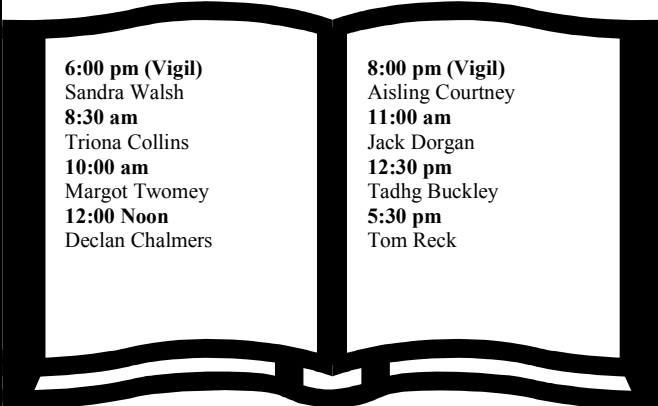
A Student's Prayer At Exam Time

You know Lord, no matter how often exams come along, it's always the same. I've been through all this before: the late nights, the cramming, the funny feeling in the pit of my stomach; and there always seems to be so much still left to do. You would think I might be getting used to it now. I'm not asking you to make up for what I have not done Lord. What I am asking is a restful night's sleep and freedom from useless worrying. Help me to have confidence in what I have done, and to get it down during the exam in some kind of order. And while I think of it Lord, take care of all the others too! Amen.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Jun-10 & Jun-11-2006

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light



6:00 pm (Vigil)
Sandra Walsh
8:30 am
Triona Collins
10:00 am
Margot Twomey
12:00 Noon
Declan Chalmers

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Aisling Courtney
11:00 am
Jack Dorgan
12:30 pm
Tadhg Buckley
5:30 pm
Tom Reck



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Jun-10 & Jun-11-2006

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm	Eileen Murphy Ted Nelligan Angela Murphy Ann O'Connell Sheila Walshe Betty Sheehan	8:00 pm	John O'Donoghue Eleanor O'Donoghue Kathleen Daly
8:30 am	Helen Kelly Annette Murphy Mary O'Connor	11:00 am	Mary O'Mahony Mona Bowen Billy Barry Mary Aylward
10:00 am	Miriam Maunsell Mary Buckley Breda Ring Mary O'Regan John Henchy Martin O'Leary	12:30 pm	Mary Twomey Terry O'Driscoll Bernie O'Driscoll Maura O'Driscoll Mary Lehane
12 Noon	John Walshe Pat Kelleher Irene O'Brien Ellen O'Sullivan Chris Cotter Sally Crowley	5:30 pm	Garreth Irish Sheia Curran

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	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**

PARISH CLERGY

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Monday	Closed
Tuesday	9.30 – 5.00 pm
Wednesday	10.30 – 5.00 pm
Thursday	9.30 – 5.00 pm
Friday	9.30 – 5.00 pm
Saturday	9.30 – 12.30 pm

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Tuesday	9.30 – 5.00 pm
Wednesday	10.30 – 5.00 pm
Thursday	9.30 – 7.30 pm
Friday	9.30 – 7.30 pm
Saturday	9.30 – 5.00 pm