

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



**St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road**

**Sunday 11-June-2006**

## 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

Today the Church invites us to celebrate the mystery of the Trinity. We begin and end each Mass with the names of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit on our lips.

The Blessed Trinity is one of the difficult areas of the Christian belief to understand. If, indeed, "understand" is the right word to use. The way that St. Patrick is thought to have passed on the idea of the Trinity, with the use of the three leaves of the shamrock, is probably the best known attempt to explain what in our minds is just impossible to explain. Three is simply not the same as One in this world, and can never be.

Yet, there are examples which may be used to try and gain some understanding of what is meant by the Three-In-One of the Trinity.

We might think of the Trinity in terms of a hydro-electric system. First, there is the fast-flowing river gushing along a valley. There long before mankind, never drying up, and bringing life to a land that would be useless without it. Then, through the talents of engineers, builders, designers and labourers, a vast dam is constructed which spans the river to hold back the water. Finally, when it is completed and goes into operation, immense electric power is let loose for the benefit of the people living in that region. Heat, light and power for industry and transport.

All this is from the creative force harnessed by mankind and then set free for great blessings for everyone. The creative Father, is brought to us by the Son, who showed us how to live, and followed by the unstoppable power of the Holy Spirit let loose into the world.

Or, to use the example of water in a different way, we might think of a spring that comes out of the ground up in the mountains. It flows down through the valleys to become a river and then flows into the sea at its estuary. If we think of the spring as the beginning, and the river as the descendant of that spring, with the Spirit covering the world like the seas. All of these aspects of the river and sea are the same water, but different facets and with different functions.

We think of God the Father as our Creator, we think of God the Son as the one who redeemed us, who gave His life to save us. Then, we think of God the Holy Spirit as the present-day source of the power of love in the world.

Yes, the Holy Trinity is a mystery – One God in Three Persons, a God who is within us and yet beyond us. But above all it is a mystery of Love. We celebrate it today. It is not something we can ever hope to understand fully. It is something to believe and to live with love

**John O'Donovan**

### 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

Praising the love and the unity of the Three Persons in God, let us, who share in the life of the Trinity, ask our Father's help in these our needs.

#### Reader

For our bishops, priests, religious and all involved in parish leadership; that they may follow the example of the Lord who showed love in humble service.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who find faith difficult, that they may be inspired by the love of God working through the people around them.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For communities and organisations where there are difficulties, that with sensitivity and patience all may learn to work together in harmony.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For a new spirit and a new heart in each of us: that our lives may be a celebration of Christ's new commandment of love.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For students who are in the middle of their Junior and Leaving Cert Examinations; that they may continue to feel the support of their parents, friends, teachers and community.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For all who have died in Christ; may they enter with him into their eternal inheritance.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

#### Priest

God our Father, today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Trinity. Help us to love others as you, the Son and Spirit have loved us.

*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 :**

Ellie Herlihy-English, Island Way, Muskerry Estate.  
 Sophie McGee, Mill Range, Powdermills.  
 Alicia Leahy, Manor Hill.  
 Ellie Mannix, The Paddocks.  
 John Galvin, Greenfields.  
 Odhran Foley, Farran.  
 Mollie Russell, Lucan.

**MARRIAGES**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

Conor Fitzpatrick & Claire McCarthy, Bridewood.  
 John Paul Loneragan, Toureen, Co. Tipperary & Ann Marie Sheehan, Rosewood.  
 Michael Noonan, Aylsbury Lawn & Maeve Murphy, Saggart, Co. Dublin.  
 James Lynch & Siobhan Holland, Ballyshoneen, Waterfall.  
 John Morris, Innishannon & Evelyn Kelly, Leesdale Avenue.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Marie Collins R.I.P., Knocknagree.  
 Mary Lehane R.I.P., Inniscarra View & Ballyvourney.  
 Mourned by her brother Gerry Ring, England.

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

Thomas O'Sullivan, Kanturk.  
 Kevin O'Cruallaoi, Maglin.  
 Pearl Collins, Dunmanaway.  
 Deceased Members of the O'Mahony & Greene Families.  
 Peggy Barry.  
 Peggy Lucey.  
 Cyril Kilgrew.  
 Mrs Marne.  
 Tim Hassett, Station Road.  
 John & Agnes Roche, Gurranebraher.  
 Kate Crowley, Manor Hill.  
 Deceased members of the Long Family, Rylane.  
 Nellie Sheehan, Douglas.  
 Maurice Dudley, Edinburgh.  
 Fr. Art Breslan.  
 Connor Ronan, Oaklee.  
 Mark Fogarty, Clash.  
 Paddy & Nan O'Kelly, Douglas.  
 May & Tom Ahern, Carrigaline.  
 Dan Lucey, The Crescent.  
 Daniel McSweeney, Cathedral Road.  
 Frederick Strahan, Dublin.  
 William Perrott, Glasheen.  
 Mai Spillane, Glenflesk.  
 Agnes & John Roche, Gurranebraher.  
 William (Bill) Russell, Bishopstown.  
 Thomas Ahern, Clash.  
 Cora Byrne, Park Road.  
 Patrick & Margaret O'Mahony, Clash.  
 Sheila & Timothy Dineen, Curraheen.  
 Nancy & Pat Manning, Farranree.  
 Mary Kate & Sonny Fennell, Dungarvan.  
 William & Christina O'Sullivan.  
 Margaret & Frank Whelan.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Tenth Week In Ordinary Time**

11 Sunday Deut 4:32-34. 39-40. Ps 32. Rom 8:14-17. Mt 28:16-20. Lect I: 613  
 12 Monday 1 Kgs 17:1-6. Ps 120. Mt 5:1-12. Lect II: 574  
 13 Tuesday 1 Kgs 17:7-16. Ps 4. Mt 5:13-16. Lect II: 576  
 14 Wednesday 1 Kgs 18:20-39. Ps 15. Mt 5:17-19. Lect II: 579  
 15 Thursday 1 Kgs 18:41-46. Ps.64 Mt 5:20-26. Lect II: 581  
 16 Friday 1 Kgs 19:9, 11-16. Ps 26. Mt 5:27-32. Lect II: 583  
 17 Saturday 1 Kgs 19:19-21. Ps 15. Mt 5:33-37. Lect II: 585

**Next Sunday's Readings 18-June-2006**  
 Ex 24:3-8. Ps 115. Heb 9:11-15. Mk 14:12-16, 22:26. Lect I: 622

**Graveyard**

Many graves in the graveyard adjacent to St Mary and St John's church are in need of attention. Families might be good enough to take care of their graves during the coming week.

Fr. George

**Mass Diary**

The Mass diary in both churches is now open to book Mass intentions 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.

**Trocaire**

To date we have received €10,003 in our Trocaire Collection.

Again many thanks to all who contributed.

**Examination Time**

We ask for your continuing support and prayers for our students, who have begun their Leaving & Junior Certificate Examinations. May they be successful in their efforts.

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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.

The Three Readings In Summary:  
Great things happen on mountaintops, and all three readings revolve around the greatness of God and God's love. Moses calls the Israelites to consider the great things done by God, and Paul challenges the Romans to consider the greatness of our Christian heritage. Finally, the conclusion of Matthew's Gospel has Jesus on top of a mountain, sending forth the eleven chosen ones to do great things-to baptize and to teach, and to know that he will be with them until the end of the world.

**Special Collection**

Ballincollig Parishioner & Mass Missalette  
A **Second Collection** will be taken up at all Masses next weekend 17th & 18th June 2006. Your Contribution will help towards the purchasing of the Mass Missalette and the printing costs of The Parishioner.

**Eucharistic Procession**

This year's Eucharistic Procession will take place on Saturday 17th June 2006 following 6.00 pm Mass at St. Mary & St. John's Church. The procession will be from the Church to East Gate followed by Benediction in Car Park. Please come along and join in the procession. The tradition of Eucharistic processions is almost one hundred years old and the Feast of Corpus Christi dates to 1264 when it arose as a response to doubts about the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Perhaps in 2005 the Eucharistic Procession brings home to us the availability and nearness of Christ to us humans.

**NAOMI**

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**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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> June to Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2006  
Venue: St. Francis Church, Liberty Street, Cork.  
Time: Mornings 10:30 am  
Evenings 7:30 pm  
Saturday 6:30 pm  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> 7.:0 pm – Mass for Students' Intentions  
Closing Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> – 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.

**A Holiday Prayer**

O God, who after completing the wonders of creation, rested on the seventh day, I thank you for the opportunity you have given me to get away from my usual surroundings, to spend this holiday, this time, apart from daily work and worry. I ask of you dear Lord, to let my time of rest be a time of closer union with you, and help me not to lose sight of you in my pursuit of pleasure. Let me recognise you in my joy and let me see on this holiday, Lord, the beauty, power, majesty and wonder of your creation. Let me see you in the sun and sea, snow and stars, and above all in my fellow pilgrims through life. Grant me Lord to lay down my cross awhile, and gather strength to take it up more willingly, when I resume my usual path through life. Let me see clearly in the fleetness of this holiday my Lord, the shortness of time and the length of eternity. Finally, O Lord grant me the grace of a safe journey through life to my eternal home in the glory of your kingdom. Amen.

**Ballincollig Tidy Towns**

Judging in Cork County Council Inter Town Litter Challenge and The National Tidy Towns competitions is well underway. Unfortunately mid term results show Ballincollig in second last in the Litter Challenge. As we strive to keep our Town tidy, please help by not disposing of litter, cigarette butts, bottles and chewing gum on our streets, we also notice an increase in disposal of domestic rubbish in street bins.  
Ballincollig is our town; let us all respect it by keeping it clean & tidy.

*Often we stand at life's crossroads, and view what we think is the end, but God has a much bigger vision and He tells us its only a bend.*  
  
*"Blessed are those who can give without Remembering and take without forgetting"*

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Jun-17 & Jun-18-2006

**St. Mary & St. John      Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**  
Derval Spillane  
**8:30 am**  
Elizabeth Daly  
**10:00 am**  
Jessica Looney  
Grace Buttimer  
**12:00 Noon**  
Miriam Maunsell

**8:00 pm (Vigil)**  
Pauline Collins  
**11:00 am**  
Lisa Madden  
Cormac Manning  
**12:30 pm**  
Dick Beamish  
**5:30 pm**  
Phil O'Connell

**MASS TIMES**

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon	<b>Sunday</b>	11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm
9:30 am	<b>Monday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Tuesday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Thursday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Friday</b>	8:30 am
10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)	<b>Saturday</b>	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**

**Priest on Duty      087-2479140**

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**Fr. Paul O'Donoghue      021-4876055**



**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Jun-17 & Jun-18-2006

**St. Mary & St. John      Christ Our Light**

6.00 pm	Steve Wills Margaret O'Sullivan Rita Aherne Rose Doyle Jim Walsh Frances O'Brien	8:00 pm	Anne O'Regan Mairead Murphy Finbarr Murray
8:30 am	Mary Buckley Rita Murphy Mary O'Keefe	11:00 am	Seamus O'Connell Mary O'Connell Alan O'Riordan Geraldine Keohane
10:00 am	Christina Walsh Peter Reilly Mary Collins Christy Roche Katie O'Shea Claire Creedon	12:30 pm	Lucy O'Callaghan Jackie Sheehan Mary Green Michael O'Leary
12 Noon	Oliver O'Donovan Barbara Kelly John Jeffers Mary McLean Ellen Seymour Nora Hennessy	5:30 pm	Noelle Buckley Mary Breen Siobhan Burke



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<b>Monday</b>	<b>Closed</b>
Tuesday	9.30 – 5.00 pm
Wednesday	10.30 – 5.00 pm
Thursday	9.30 – 5.00 pm
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9.30 – 5.00 pm</b>
Saturday	9.30 – 12.30 pm

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