

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 14-June-2009

The Body And Blood Of Christ
(Corpus Christi)

The sacrifice of Christ re-united us with Christ, 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

Feast of Corpus Christi

Preparation is a large part of our daily lives. We prepare for work and for school. We prepare for holidays. We prepare for meals and for special celebrations. The more important the event, the more we prepare. On this feast of Corpus Christi, it may be an opportunity to ask myself how do I prepare each time I come to Mass and receive Holy Communion? Our Eucharistic celebration may sometimes, speaking for myself, become routine. This came home to me recently when someone asked me why do we trace the sign of the cross on our forehead, lips and heart when the priest introduces the Gospel and as we respond 'Glory to you Lord'. In this gesture, of the sign of the cross, we are asking the Lord to be in our mind, on our lips and in our heart not only as we listen to the Gospel but as we then strive to live it in our daily lives. I may have known the answer, yet how often do I remember the significance of this gesture!

We come to our Eucharistic celebration bringing with us our joys, sufferings, concerns and hopes. We come in community with other people who believe what we believe and who hunger for the same food for which we hunger. In the third Eucharistic Prayer we pray: 'grant that we, who are nourished by his body and blood may be filled with his Holy Spirit and become one body, one spirit in Christ'. We are challenged to be the body of Christ for all we meet on our daily journey. We all need the witness of each other's love and faith. The story is told of a catechist who was meeting with an adult preparing to receive the sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time. The catechist was explaining our belief that Jesus is really present in the Eucharist. The man he was instructing seemed confused and when the catechist asked what he did not understand, the man replied, "If you really believed that Jesus was present in the bread, wouldn't you be more loving and respectful towards each other?"

How is my life being transformed each time I receive the Eucharist?

This Saturday evening we publicly express our reverence and gratitude for the Eucharist by participating in our Eucharistic Procession after the 6 pm Mass.

Sr. Colette

Grief and Loss (8)

When faced with the death of someone we know and love, people often question their faith and what we believe. We may ask where is God in all of this? As you struggle with the many questions surrounding the death, God walks beside you as you mourn. He embraces those who die with welcoming arms. With that belief, we can celebrate that for our loved one the pain is over and a new life with Christ has begun. Life and death, grief and loss, are all part of the life that God gives us. Let the prayer of the Good Shepherd be our prayer: 'even though I wander through the valley of darkness, you are at my side comforting me' (Psalm 23) In life, and in death, and in life beyond death, we are not alone - God is always there with us. I pray that our compassionate God will grant all who mourn, comfort, strength, healing and peace. Sr Colette

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

God constantly nourishes and cares for his people. With confidence we present our prayers.

Reader

For all who celebrate the Eucharist; that their faith may be deepened by the mysteries they celebrate.

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

For priests and those who are preparing for ordination; that they may be blessed in the service of God's people.

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

We pray for those who dedicate their lives to working with the poor and marginalised.

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

For all those who are preparing for exams at this time; that they may be guided and blessed during this stressful time.

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

It is in the very nature of our God to bless and protect. We pray for a renewed commitment on the part of all of us to protect and nurture our children.

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

For those who have died; that they may drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.

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

Priest

Gracious God, you provide for the needs of your people with loving kindness. Grant the requests we make this day in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name.

Visit Our Website: www.ballincolligparish.ie

BAPTISMS

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

Moya Deasy, Ballyleigh Waterfall.
Ben Anthony Cotter, Elm Lawn Muskerry Estate.
Adam Patrick Heidt, Glendower Court.
Kate Elizabeth O'Shea, The Vale, Coolroe Meadows.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Jim Galvin, Model Farm Road.
Patrick (Paddy Joe) Hennerty, Waterfall.

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

Rena Dunne, South Douglas Street.
Liam Barrett, Lower Killeens.
Liam Clifford, Bishopstown.
Finbarr O'Brien, Friars Walk.
John Kavanagh, Wicklow.
John Kelleher.
Deceased members Kelleher & Lucey Families
Trevor Da Costa.
Lawrence O'Flynn, Lyras, Aherla.
Tim O'Sullivan, Tudor Grove.
Michael Donovan, West Village.
Mai Spillane, Glenflesk.
Shelia Dineen, Curraheen Cross.
Finbarr O'Brien, Friars Walk.
Kathleen & Dan Dorgan, Powdermills.
Denis & Noel O'Shea, Ballinora.
Jeremiah, Mary & daughter Mary O'Sullivan, Eyerics.
Denis McCormack, Inniscarra View.
Dan Lucey, The Crescent.
Michael Barry, Clonakilty.
Conor Ronan, Oaklee.
John Barry, Carriganarra.
Frederick Strahan, Dublin.
Julia Collins.
Nora O'Regan, Ovens.
May Barry, Inniscarra.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Eleventh Week In Ordinary Time

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

15 Monday 2 Cor. 6:1-10. Ps. 97. Mt. 5:38-42. Lect II: 136

16 Tuesday 2 Cor. 8:1-9. Ps. 145. Mt. 5:43-48. Lect II: 138

17 Wednesday 2 Cor. 9:6-11. Ps. 111. Mt. 6:1-6, 16-18. Lect II: 140

18 Thursday 2 Cor. 11:1-11. Ps. 110. Mt. 6:7-15. Lect II: 142

19 Friday Hos 11: 1, 3-4, 8-9. Ps. Is. 12. Eph. 3:8-12, 14- 19. In. 19:31-37. Lect I: 631

20 Saturday 2 Cor. 12:1-10. Ps. 33. Mt. 6:24-34. Lect II: 146

Next Sunday's Readings 21-June-2009

Job 3:1, 8-11. Ps 106. 2 Cor 5:14-17. Mk 4:35-41. Lect I: 765

Swine Flu -Pandemic

Some points to observe f travelling abroad for summer holidays?

- **Keep your distance:** Avoid close contact with people who appear unwell and who have fever and cough.
- **Clean surfaces:** Clean all kitchen, bathroom and office surfaces including door knobs frequently.
- **Personal Hygiene:** Wash your hands with soap and water frequently and thoroughly for at least 30 seconds. Rinse and dry your hands, using a clean towel and be sure to change towels two to three times a week. In addition, please make sure you minimize hand to mouth contact.

Special Collection

Ballincollig Parishioner & Mass Missalette
An **EXIT COLLECTION** will be taken up after all Masses This weekend 13th & 14th June.
Your Contribution will help towards the purchasing of the Mass Missalette and the printing costs of The Parishioner.

Scoil Mhuire

Part time cleaner required for Scoil Mhuire, Ballincollig from 31st August, 2009. Monday-Friday 15 hours weekly (after school hours).

Apply with C.V. and references to:

The Chairperson, Scoil Mhuire, Parochial House, Ballincollig.
On / before Wednesday 24th June 2009.

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.

Issued by Irish Water Safety www.iws.ie.

Focus Programme

A 12 month full time training programme will commence shortly in Macroom for persons with mental health difficulties. It is being run by National Learning Network and offer offers people the opportunity to enhance personal development skills, improve their physical and mental health and explore future options.
Call 087 667428

Places still available on this programme

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading Exodus 24:3-8
Moses seals the Covenant between Israel and God with the blood of a sacrifice.

Second Reading Hebrews 9:11-15
The old covenant of atoning for sins with the blood of sacrificed animals is compared to the new Covenant of atoning for sins for all time with the blood of Jesus - the perfect sacrifice.

Gospel Mark 14:12-16,22-26
Jesus instructs two of his disciples to go into the city to prepare the group's Passover meal. The disciples find everything just as he predicted. There, Jesus shares his Last Supper, which becomes our Eucharist feast.

The following is food for thought...

The most destructive habit is worry.
The greatest joy is giving.
The greatest loss is that of self respect.
The most satisfying work is helping others.
The most endangered species are dedicated leaders.
Our greatest natural resources are our young people.
The greatest boost we can get is encouragement.
The greatest problem to overcome is fear.
The most effective sleeping pill is peace of mind.
The most crippling parasites to progress are excuses.
The most powerful force in life is love.
The greatest soother and comforter is prayer.
The most dangerous pariah is a gossip.
The world's most incredible computer is our brain.
The worst thing to be without is hope.
The deadliest weapon is a sharp tongue.
The two most powerful words are 'I can'.
Our greatest asset is faith.
The most worthless emotion is self pity.
The most beautiful attire is a smile.
The most appreciated word is 'Thanks'.
The most contagious spirit is enthusiasm.
To the world you may be one person but to one person you may be the world.
Finally, I am never ever on my own. No matter how dark, sad or impossible my personal story is, I can always turn to someone to share my burden.

The Irish Blood Transfusion Service

Blood Donors Clinic
Eire OG GAA Hall Ovens
Tuesday 16th June 2009 – Thursday 18th June
3 pm – 5 pm & 7 pm – 9 pm.

Cork Anti Poverty Resource Network Ltd

Has been working on the Northside of Cork for over 30 years providing support to marginalised and disadvantaged through its various projects. It has never received core funding. To continue with our work, which is once again very important as we face into a declining economy, we are holding a fundraising table quiz.

on
Friday 19th June @ 8 pm.
Commons Inn, Cork.
€10 per person Table of 4
Further Information From: 021 4307969

Bulletin Board

Eucharistic Congress

The 50th Eucharistic congress will be held in Ireland in 2012. The previous Eucharistic congress was held in 1932 John McCormack sang at Mass during that occasion. Each congress has a particular theme and a series of talks and reflections that will help to deepen our understanding of the Eucharist. Each parish has been asked to contribute towards the cost of hosting the congress. Next weekend the 20th & 21st of June we are asking parishioners to please make an extra contribution in the collection that will go towards the cost of the funding The Eucharistic Congress.

Examination Time

We ask for your continuing support and prayers for our students as they reach the final stages of their Leaving & Junior Certificate Examinations. May they be successful in their efforts.

Car Parks

Please follow white arrows displayed when parking at both Christ Our Light and St Mary & St John and ensure the exits and accesses are not obstructed.

Eucharist Ministers – St Mary & St John's Church

Many thanks to the Ministers of the Eucharist who phoned to confirm their continued dedication as Ministers. Perhaps you have forgotten, if you wish to continue and have not contacted the Parish Office please phone 021 4871206.

Mass Book

Diaries to book Mass Intentions for July, August & September are now open in both churches . **Fr. George**

Thank You

The Infant Jesus Sisters (Drishane) would like to thank the parish priest - Fr. George O'Mahony, the other priests of the parish and the Parish Council for their kindness and generosity in arranging the recent celebration of our centenary in Ireland and our twenty five years in Ballincollig parish. We thank you for inviting back the sisters who had spent time in the parish, but are no longer resident here. They were very touched by your thoughtfulness. It was even more considerate of you to remember the sisters who had died and to have the living and dead remembered by a candle, inscribed with each person's name. We thank everybody including those who attended the celebration and especially all those who gave their time and energy to make it a success. The Infant Jesus Sisters who were present thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

A sincere thanks once again to all.

Knock Summer Youth Festival 2009.

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MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Jun-20 & Jun-21-2009

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)

Sandra Walsh
Brian Hennessy

8:30 am

Pat Fennell

10:00 am

Eileen O'Connell

12:00 Noon

John Dorgan

Fergal Monahan

7:30 pm (Vigil)

Pauline Collins

Niall Cronin

11:00 am

Alex Hatsigrigoriou

Alison Henchion

12:30 pm

Tadhg Buckley

James Nyagaya

5:30 pm

Marlyn O'Connor

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

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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

Priest on Duty

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MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Jun-20 & Jun-21-2009

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm

Michael Maher

Ber Bell

Betty Casey

Frank Riordan

Siobhan Riordan

Sr. Martha

8:30 am

Mary Buckley

Theresa Lucey

Triona Collins

10:00 am

Anne Cahill

Pat Lee

May Delaney

Cathy Horgan

John O'Donovan

Betty Flavin

12 Noon

Joan Barrett

Sheila Carroll

Seamus O'Donovan

Joe Coghlan

Rose Moore

Catherine Greene

7:30 pm

Geraldine Lynch

Charlie Vaughan

Joan Stephenson

11:00 am

Neil Jeffers

Eileen O'Donoghue

Bridie O'Donnell

Bridie Hanrahan

12:30 pm

Denis O' Mahony

Christine O'Mahony

Tom Murray

John O'Regan

5:30 pm

Bernard Curran

Clare Curran



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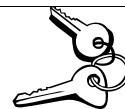
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