

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 20-May-2012

The Ascension of The Lord
(World Communications Day)

Jesus ascended to heaven so that his influence and power might be felt not just in one place but in all the world. Today he is present everywhere through his Church, bringing all people to God.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Credible Witness

Jesus tells his followers that “you shall be my witnesses,” and we carry a message of life, love, peace and joy. It is not so easy to be credible witnesses to the values of the Gospel in the Ireland of our day, but we are still called. The Ascension of Jesus is remembered at our Sunday Mass this weekend. His mission is over, his passion, death and resurrection have been accomplished and he is ascending “to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.” His followers are told to go out to the whole world, and they did. He promises he will protect them, and be with them through his Spirit, promised by the Father. Next week on Pentecost Sunday we commemorate their baptism with the Holy Spirit.

The reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Christians at Ephesus tells us how to witness to Christ in the daily circumstances of life. We are to be gentle and patient, unselfish and kind, and at peace with each other. Only in this way will our witness be genuine and effective. And in addition we must use our particular gifts and talents to build up the kingdom of God. All have different gifts and roles, all are of value, all have dignity and all are needed. It is not easy to be a true witness to Christ in our time, when the Church in Ireland has been humiliated by scandal and failure at institutional level, and when open hostility to our faith is sometimes expressed. Our Christian life needs to be nourished by God’s grace, which comes to us through prayer and the sacraments. In particular we need to gather together as a community, as God’s people, for our Sunday Eucharist, to live the Christian life.

The International Eucharistic Congress next month perhaps gives us an unusual opportunity of giving formal and public witness to Christ. This may involve participation in local events, starting with our parish Eucharistic Procession on 9th June, as well as, for those who can do so, attendance at some of the events in Dublin. (Copies of the detailed Programme of Events are available in both churches.) For such witness to be genuine it must be cheerful and joyful, and must not involve triumphalism in any way. We are called to be a humble Church, followers of the one who is “gentle and humble of heart.”

Billy O’Sullivan

Thought for Today

A world of tribunals and scandals can be depressing. We wonder whether there is anyone who can be trusted. Is it possible to have hope when the evidence of human weakness is all around us? Jesus, ascended to his Father’s right hand, calls us to a hope that does not disappoint us. We can place all our trust in him.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Our Saviour ascended now intercedes for us at the Father’s right hand. With immense confidence we present our prayers.

Reader

For the Church: that the Holy Spirit may renew its life.

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

For all rulers and government leaders: that the Holy Spirit may help them to be wise and just.

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

For those who suffer persecution for the name of Christ: that the Holy Spirit may give them strength and courage.

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

For this community: that the Holy Spirit may keep us rooted in faith, hope and love.

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

For our streets and neighbourhoods, for safety on the roads and for the protection of all children.

**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

Lord God, dispose us to receive the Holy Spirit, and may his coming breath new life into us. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

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BAPTISMS

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

William Joseph Bunyan, Hawthorn Avenue, Inniscarra View.
 Olly Damien O’Sullivan, The Oaks, Classes Lake.
 Hannah Sarah Whelan-Hyde, Tuairin Glas, Greenfields Road.
 Leah Mai Hartnett McCurtain, Aisling Close.
 Aimee Clare Kearney, Westcourt Heights.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Rev. Fr. Michael Hourigan, Limerick & Florida.
 Margaret O’Malley, Greenhills & Douglas.
 Pat Hegarty, Glanmire.
 Jimmy Sweeney, Castleknock & Donegal.
 Marie O’Driscoll, Farran & Mill Range.

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

Jim & Nora Hanniffy, Galway.
 Michael Noonan, Parknamore.
 James & Irene White, Leemount.
 Paul Dillon, Sunday’s Well.
 Eugene & Barry Murphy, Farran.
 Shannon Hanniffy, Cameron Australia.
 Timothy Murphy, Rockchapel.
 Andy & Molly Nolan, Wicklow.
 Paddy Long, Parknamore.
 Joe Coakley, Kilmichael.
 Niall Purcell, Kilcrea Park.
 Dec members of the O’Mahony Family, Rock Lodge.
 Sean Quinlivan, Shrewsbury.
 Willie & Kitty Murphy, Powdermills.
 Shelia Kenneally, Hilton.
 Betty Barry, Viaduct
 Dec members of the Delaney family, Carriganarra.
 Dec members of the Murray family, The Square.
 Frank McEvoy, Kilkenny.
 Dec members of the Linehan family, Kanturk & London.
 Jerry & Mary Dempsey, Inniscarra.
 Mary Keohane, Inniscarra.
 Ann Murray, Rosewood.
 Denis & Eileen O’Connell, Cloghroe.
 Donal Leahy, Carrigrohane.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Seventh Week Of Easter

20 Sunday Acts 1:1-11. Ps 46. Eph. 1:17-23. or Eph 4:1-13. Mk 16:15-20. Lect I: 552
 21 Monday 29 Monday Acts 19:1-8. Ps 67. Jn 16:29-33. Lect I: 576
 22 Tuesday Acts 20:17-27. Ps 67. Jn 17:1-11. Lect I: 578
 23 Wednesday Acts 20:28-38. Ps. 67. Jn. 17:11-19. Lect I: 580
 24 Thursday Acts 22:30, 23:6-11. Ps 15. Jn 17:20-26. Lect I: 583
 25 Friday Acts 25:13-21. Ps 102. Jn. 21:15-19. Lect I: 585
 26 Saturday Acts 28:16-20, 30-31. Ps 10. Jn 21:20-25. Lect I: 588

Next Sunday’s Readings 27-May-2012

Acts 2: 1-11. Ps. 103. Gal. 5: 16-25. Jn. 15:26-27. 16:12-15. Lect I: 601 & 604

2012 RETREAT

For Ballincollig Parishioners

Day and date: Friday 25th May 2012
 Venue: St. Dominic’s Retreat House
 (Main Building) Ennismore, Cork.
 Time: 10.30 a.m. to 4.00 pm
 Conducted by: Martina Lehane Sheehan
 Cost: €10.00 per person
 A light lunch will be supplied. The talks will be based on methods of prayer and will include the Lectio Divina method of praying Scripture. The day is of special importance for the Scripture and Lectio Divina groups in the parish, but anyone who is interested in improving their relationship with God through prayer or praying with Scripture will be welcome.
 Mass will be celebrated at 3 pm.

Kindly fill in the form below if you wish to attend and hand it into the sacristy (either Church) before Monday 21st May

I am interested in attending the retreat on Friday 25th May

Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone No _____

Trocaire

You may be aware of the severe food shortages in **West Africa** as reported this week on RTÉ news. Trócaire is working with its Caritas partner organisations to deliver emergency aid to the region. If you wish to support the people of the Sahel region of Central and West Africa call 1850 408 408 or donate online at <http://www.trocaire.org/emergencies>.

The Cork Lunar Walk

Will take place on May 26th
 It will start and finish at the Rochestown Park Hotel. Walkers will raise funds for Diabetes Ireland and chose to walk a challenging 20 Km or 30 Km and discover Cork under the stars.
 The Walk will begin at 10 pm.
 All funds raised will be donated to Diabetes Ireland

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts 1: 1-11

St. Luke, the writer of the Gospel was also the author of The Acts of the Apostles. At the beginning of this book he refers to the Gospel as "his earlier work". He fills in the events between the Resurrection and the Ascension. The Apostles are given their last commandments: to preach to the whole world. They are reminded that the Second Coming will only happen after the Gospel has been preached to the whole world.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4: 1-13

In the list of gifts given to the church the point he makes is that their aim is to enlarge the unity of the Church, and to develop its intensity until we all attain full unity with the Son of God. The unity of the Church is stressed. But that unity does not mean uniformity as the gifts differ in each person.

Gospel: Mark 16: 15-20

The Apostles are commanded to preach the Gospel to all. The salvation which it brings is for all without exception. In the early days of the Church, possibly because of a greater need for extraordinary signs to move a sceptical and hostile world miracles were more frequent than in later times.



**50th INTERNATIONAL
EUCHARISTIC 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.

**Irish Blood Transfusion Service
Blood Donor Clinics**

The GAA Pavilion, BALLINCOLLIG
Monday 21st May, 4.30 – 8.00 pm
Tuesday 22nd May, 4.30 – 8.00 pm

Éire Óg GAA Hall, OVENS
Wednesday 23rd May, 5 – 8.30 pm
24th May, 5 – 8.30 pm

Bulletin Board

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on **Saturday 26th May, 2012 at 12.00 noon** in the **Library Room, Community Hall, Station Road**. The presentation lasts for approximately forty minutes. The following questions are addressed, What is Baptism? What are the symbols used in the Sacrament of Baptism? How can the family become involved in the ceremony? Parents might book the baptism a few weeks in advance to give ample time to take part in the preparation.

Mass Diary

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

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.

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.

Trocaire Boxes

Thanks to all who returned their Trocaire Boxes to the schools and to the church. Sincere thanks to the Principals, Teachers and Sacristans who helped to collect the boxes. Please return any outstanding boxes as soon as possible, when returned the money will be lodged in the Trocaire Account.

Belarus Project

Jessica Hennigan lives on Station Road, Ballincollig and is a pupil of Colaiste Choilm. She plays Camogie with Ballincollig Club. Jessica intends travelling to Belarus during the summer. She will visit and work in five orphanages. In each orphanage there are over one thousand residents both children and adults with different disabilities. Jessica hopes to bring help to these residents. Next weekend Jessica will be looking for your practical support

First Holy Communion

Scoil Mhuire

Sat, May 26th

Fr. George

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

May-26 & May-27-2012

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Aine Sheehan
Mark Prendergast
8:30 am
Triona Downey

10:00 am
Louise McCarthy
Robert Noonan
12:00 Noon
Chloe Dalton O'Connor

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Pauline Collins
Niall Cronin
11:00 am
Chidera Ebili

12:30 pm
Margaret Buckley
James Nyagaya
5:30 pm
Emily Hardman

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	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	087-2479140
Fr. George O'Mahony P.P.	021-4871206
Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C.	021-4877161
Fr. Billy O'Sullivan C.C.	021-4876171
Fr. James McSweeney	021-4873308



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

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St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Patsie Murphy
Pat Moore
Mary Walsh
Marie Healy
Margaret Kearney
Nora Barry

7:30 pm Sheila O'Connor
Martin O'Regan
Brid Healy-Harris
Kit Cahill

8:30 am Theresa Lucey
Rita Murphy
Mona Holland

11:00 am Bernadette Spillane
Angela Cunningham
Laurence Cunningham
Eileen Byrne
Carmel Ryan

10:00 am Margaret Bunyan
Mary Murphy
Joan Tobin
Eileen O'Connell
Niamh Nic Gerailt
Breda Monaghan

12:30 pm Eileen Garvey
Sally Power
Breda Callanan
Catherine Freehill
Betty Walsh

12 Noon Marie Bowen
Breda Lenihan
Jacinta Jeffers
Rena O'Connor
Sean Farrell
Mary Hennigan

5:30 pm Olan O'Mahony
Ann-Marie Whelan

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.

**As Part of Volunteering Week
CAN YOU This Weekend Spare an hour
For your Community**

The 2012 National Tidy Towns Competition begins in 15 Days and in preparation Ballincollig Tidy Towns have named this weekend as a Community Weekend where we are asking all residents, businesses voluntary organisations to get out and get their hands dirty for Ballincollig. We want people to paint their walls, cut their hedges, plant flowers, clean kerbs. We are also asking that if there are people who need assistance to lend a hand.

If every person in Ballincollig gave just ONE Hour of their time over this coming weekend it would be over 18,000 work hours which would be incredible and it would make a difference. On Sunday morning we are looking for people to lend a hand at 9 am near the Poulavone Roundabout in cleaning back the roadside from the 50 km sign to the roundabout. We also need people to plant flowers on two roundabouts and there are two walls to be painted. We have a To Do List with 25 very small jobs and if people could just one of these it would make a huge difference. If people are willing to lend a hand contact Ballincollig Tidy Towns at 087 63488078 or email info@ballincolligtidytowns.ie

Come on and get your hands dirty for Ballincollig

Ballincollig Flower & Garden Club

Will host a Coffee Morning at the home of **Gerard & Margaret Ahern, Aherlamore, Aherla, Co. Cork** Supporting Cystic Fibrosis & WAFA Ireland World Show. Wednesday 23rd May 2012

10.30 -12.30. Entry Fee €5
Contact: Margaret 087 -7987775