

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 21-May-2006

Sixth Sunday of Easter

What is truth?' asked Pilate. Many people today would rather ask, 'What is love?' We find the answer not in ourselves but only in God. He loves us in giving us his Son. His Son loves us in giving up his life for his friends. This is God's love and we are called to imitate it.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

**As the Father has loved me – so have I loved you.
Remain in my Love.**

Christ's command to love is being lived by many people in their daily life. The story of Brigid who made a decision is one such example, after she was widowed at an early age and left with a young family. She decided that she would devote her whole life to her family. To provide for them and rear them would be a full time job. Very often the going was hard and lonely but she never regretted her decision. She found a deep personal fulfilment in her giving of herself. Brigid's giving was a giving in love. Such giving brings a peace that the self-centred can never know.

To be a loving giver is to be truly human. We are made in the image of God, the giver of all. His Son freely decided to give himself in life and in death for each of us. He invites us to follow his example: 'Love one another as I have loved you. A person can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.'

It demands faith and confidence in God to accept the invitation. Today's gospel puts the issue clearly before us.

The Da Vinci Code written by Dan Browne, with the launching of a film adaptation of the book, has received plenty of publicity. The Da Vinci Code is a work of fiction and it is sometimes spoken of as if it was a work of historical research. Many Christians find it offensive that even a work of fiction tries to cast doubt on the character of Jesus Christ. Perhaps all of us Christians might take every opportunity to deepen our knowledge of Christ from the scriptures; also try to understand and discover the sources used from the New Testament.

George O'Mahony

Thought for Today

People from many different nations can be seen in our location. All are members of God's family like us. There will be peace, only to the extent that humanity sees itself as one family and when the dignity of individuals is accepted as more important than any difference or distinction.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Jesus told his disciples that whatever we ask the Father in His name will be given to us, and so we pray with faith.

Reader

That the Easter life of the Church may be expressed everywhere in love and in joy.

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

That our Priests may be appreciated and supported in every way possible.

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

We pray for all students preparing for examinations at this time, that they may prepare wisely and well and be given all the help and support they need.

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

That those who feel unloved or neglected may experience God's love through the care and concern of their neighbours.

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

That those who are sick, distressed, lonely or in pain may find relief and be encouraged by the kindness of others.

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

That those that have died may enter the inheritance promised them.

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

Priest

Loving Father, your Son lives among us and gives us strength. Hear the prayers we make to you with confidence in the name of Jesus.

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

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BAPTISMS

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

Bill Diarmuid Cahill, Greenfields
 Kayla Zoe Coughlan, Classis Lake
 Conor Brian McCarthy, Maglin Vale

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Maureen Curran R.I.P., Cahirciveen, Co. Kerry. Mourned by her daughter Betty Polter, Glincool Drive

Ann O'Brien R.I.P., Madonna House. Mourned by her nieces and nephews.

Finbarr Horgan R.I.P., Farmers Cross. Mourned by his friend Maurice Bunyan, Glendower Court.

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

Michael Noonan, Parknamore.
 Elizabeth Crowley, Poulavone.
 Lillie Hutchinson, Barrack Street.
 James Collins, Dunmanway.
 Nellie McCarthy, Ballinadee.
 Paddy Long, Parknamore.
 Ned Hogan, Bandon
 William & Catherine Ryan, St. Anthony's Lawn
 Jeremiah & Mary O'Sullivan, Eyeries, Beara
 The Deceased members of the Delaney Family, Carriganarra
 Timothy Murphy, Rockchapel
 John & Thaddeus Bowen, Shandon St.
 Deceased members of the O'Mahony Family, Ballinora
 Helen Lynch, Upton
 Ann Murray, Rosewood
 Eileen Foolkes, Ballyvolane
 Jack & Lena Gaffney, Carrigrohane
 Paudie Twomey, Coolea, Macroom
 Dan & Margaret Lynch, Ballydehob
 Eileen Dwane, Douglas
 Michael & Bridget Forde, Curaheen
 Patrick Forde, Ballyphehane
 John & Mary O'Regan, Cathedral Road
 Claire Jackson, Model Farm Road.
 Kathleen O'Sullivan, Keimeneigh
 Rita O'Leary, Greenville

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sixth Week Of Easter

21 Sunday Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48. Ps 97 1 Jn 4:7-10. Jn 15: 9-17. Lect I: 536
 22 Monday Acts 16:11-15. Ps 149. Jn 15:26-16:4. Lect I: 542
 23 Tuesday Acts 16:22-34. Ps 137. Jn 16:5-11. Lect I: 544
 24 Wednesday Acts 17:15, 22-18:1. Ps 148. Jn 16:12-15. Lect I: 546
 25 Thursday Acts 18:1-8. Ps 97. Jn 16:16-20. Lect I: 560
 26 Friday Acts 18:9-18. Ps 46. Jn. 16:20-23. Lect I: 562
 27 Saturday Acts 18:23-28. Ps 46. Jn 16:23-28. Lect I: 564

Next Sunday's Readings 28-May-2006

Acts 1:1-11. Ps 46. Eph. 1:17-23. or Eph 4:1-13. Mk 16:15-20. Lect I: 552

May Holy Rosary

Queen of the May Rosary Apostolate
 May Holy Rosary in honour of our Blessed Lady continues every evening during the month of May at 9.00 pm at Our Lady's Grotto, Curraheen.
 This rosary is for the intention of Pope Benedict XVI who has asked the faithful to pray for Him.

Please join us.

Further enquiries to: Teresa (023) 46470
 Marie (0504) 54177

God Bless You and Thank You

The Annual Eucharistic Procession

Will take place on 17th June, 2006

Following 6.00pm Mass.

Further details will be given in a few weeks.

I hope as many as possible can partake.

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Catholic Newspapers

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

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Henry Ford

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48.
 Saint Peter lays down the principle that God chooses his elect no matter what their nationality. All are acceptable if they are in the right disposition. While Peter was speaking the Holy Spirit descended on the Gentiles. It is the only case of the reception of the Holy Spirit before baptism.

Second Reading: 1 John 4: 7-10
 The love of God and of the neighbour are so closely related that one cannot exist without the other. When God decided to restore mankind to his original supernatural state his love knew no bounds. He sent his only son into the world to lay down his life for our sins. This was an act of purest love.

Gospel: John 15: 9-17.
 The observance of the commandments is the real proof of that union of wills that is called love. Jesus reduces his commandments to one: "that you love one another, as I have loved you." The standard is Jesus' own love.

A Retreat For The Ballincollig Parishioners

Day & Date: Saturday 27th May, 2006
 Venue: The Meditation Centre,
 St. Dominic's Retreat House,
 Montenotte, Cork.
 Time: 10.30 am – 4.00 pm
 Conducted by: Fr. Joe Ralph O.P.
 Cost: €12.00 per person

Soup, tea, coffee and rolls will be supplied. The talks will be based on the Lectio Divina method of praying Scripture. The day is of special importance for the Scripture (Lectio Divina) groups in the parish, but anyone who is interested in Scripture or praying with Scripture will be welcome.

Kindly fill in the form below if you wish to attend and hand it into the Sacristy (either Church) on or before Monday 22nd May.

I am interested in attending the retreat on 27th May, 2006.

Name: _____
 Address _____
 Phone No: _____

First Holy Communion

The girls of Scoil Mhuire will receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday 27th May at 11.00 am St. Mary & St. John Church

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.

St. Padre Pio Thanksgiving Mass

Venue: Enniskeane Parish Church
 Date: Thursday 25th May, 2006 at 8.30 pm
 Chief Celebrant: Fr. Angelus O'Neill, O.F.M. Cap.
 Confessions will be held at 6.30 pm.

Cork Simon Community Volunteers Needed

Volunteers required for the fundraising office, shop and weekly flier drop. A commitment of a minimum of three hours per week required. For more information please call Mairead on 021 4321166 or email fundraising@corksmoncommunity.ie

Office Volunteers

Cork Simon Community is seeking volunteers to help out for a few hours a week in their administrative offices in Cove Street, Cork. Office and computer experience desirable.
 If interested, please contact Carol or Georgia at: 021-4321051, or email: info@corksmoncommunity.ie

ISPPC

Do you have spare time each week to get involved in helping others? Are you a good listener who could offer support to other parents? As a parent, if you have the personal qualities that support listening, being non judgemental and encouraging and have some free time then maybe you would consider volunteering in the ISPPC's innovative parent mentoring programme. Full training provided. For further details phone Carol or Celine 021 4962949

TROCAIRE

To date we have received €7,513.00 in our Trocaire Collection. The majority of this came through the Primary Schools of the Parish.
 Sincere thanks to the pupils and teachers and to all contributors.
Thank You

Novena in honour of St. Anthony

Sunday 4th June to Tuesday 13th June, 2006

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

Time: Mornings 10.30am

Evenings 7.30pm

Saturday 6.30pm

Friday 9th 7.30pm – Mass for Students' Intentions
 Closing Tuesday 13th – Feast of St. Anthony - 10.30am & 7.30pm with the Blessing of the Lilies.
 Preached by: Fr. Caoimhín O'Laoide, O.F.M.

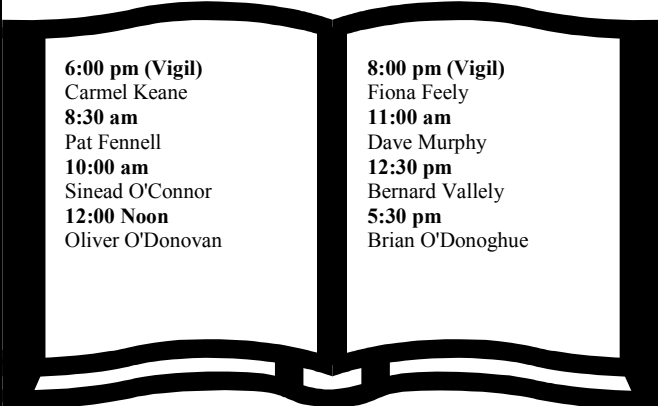
***Munster Rugby
 Heineken Cup Final
 Sat. 20th May 2006***

We would like to wish Declan Kidney and his Munster Rugby Team all the best on their trip to Cardiff.
 Those who don't have tickets or the wherewithal to get to the match can also stand and pray.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

May-27 & May-28-2006

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light



6:00 pm (Vigil)
Carmel Keane
8:30 am
Pat Fennell
10:00 am
Sinead O'Connor
12:00 Noon
Oliver O'Donovan

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Fiona Feely
11:00 am
Dave Murphy
12:30 pm
Bernard Vallely
5:30 pm
Brian O'Donoghue



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

May-27 & May-28-2006

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Vera Allen
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
Seamus O'Shea
John O'Donovan
Betty Flavin

12 Noon Joan Barrett
Sheila Carroll
Marsie Curling
Will Casey
Geraldine Graham
Catherine Greene

8:00 pm Geraldine Lynch
Charlie Vaughan
Joan Stephenson

11:00 am Marie Ui Chrualaof
Neil Jeffers
Eileen O'Donoghue
Bridie O'Donnell
Bridie Hanrahan

12:30 pm Con O'Connell
Denis O' Mahony
Christine O'Mahony
Tom Murray
John O'Regan

5:30 pm Patsy Galvin
Bernard Curran
Clare Curran

MASS TIMES

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

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| 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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Fr. John O'Donovan C.C. 021-4870434
Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C. 021-4877161
Fr. Paul O'Donoghue 021-4876055



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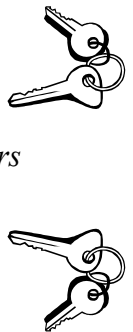
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| Tuesday | 9.30 – 5.00 pm |
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| Friday | 9.30 – 5.00 pm |
| Saturday | 9.30 – 12.30 pm |

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