

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

150 Years



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 24-May-2015

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

Come Holy Spirit

"Something appeared to them that seem like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them."

As we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost this year we have, as Irish citizens, just cast our decisive vote on the proposed Constitutional Amendments. The result will cause sighs of joy or exasperation, depending on one's opinion, as everyone over the last while seemed to be talking about Marriage, Family, Parenting, Children, Sexuality, Education, Religion, Church and State. Some core issues were raised and brought to bear on thoughts and hearts that thitherto you couldn't imagine would have been the case. As democrats, whatever our persuasion, we appreciate opportunities to decide what kind of society and environment in which we might live out our lives. Whatever the outcome tomorrow and the next day and the next bring always challenges as citizens of the State and citizens of the Kingdom.

There may be unity or division or no duality at all.

As living beings, at this moment, we are breathing the breath of life. As God's children we breathe the Breath of Life. We might reflect this Pentecost on the kind of effect that the original outpouring of God's Holy Spirit had on the early Church. God's Spirit transformed, enhanced and created that first movement of telling, gospel, proclamation. The Spirit brought fire to their bellies and at other times brought Peace, Strength and Confidence in the person of Christ as they began with insight and wisdom the events of His Life, Death and Resurrection. As the third person of the Trinity the Spirit of God always creates, recreates, transforms, renews.

In opening ourselves to God and in choosing a relationship with Him God's spirit is enabling us to meet and be with God and become *alio Christo* (Another Christ). Through our consent our union or communion with God can help keep our eyes of faith on God's presence in the bits and pieces of our lives or the challenge to create opportunities where needed. This weekend, tomorrow, and the next day and the next day we continue in faith to invite God to touch our spirit through His and let His very own Spirit be a guiding influence on our thoughts, words and deeds. In Him we live, and move and have our being.

Dave O'Connell

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.

Eucharistic Procession

Saturday June 6th after the 6pm Vigil Mass in St Mary & St John's Church.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit may descend on us, on our Church and on our world.

Reader

For the Christian community: that the Holy Spirit may bless it with the gifts of unity and peace.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the world community: that it may enjoy the gifts of freedom, justice, and peace.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For each other: that the Holy Spirit may inspire in each of us a desire for holiness.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For all gathered here: that with the help of the Holy Spirit our lives may bear witness to the faith we profess with our lips.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For students now preparing for their Junior and Leaving Cert Examinations, that they feel the support of their parents, families and friends, and realise that their best is good enough.

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

God of power and love, may the Holy Spirit enlighten our minds, purify our hearts, and strengthen our wills, so that we may give effective witness to our Christian faith. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

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BAPTISMS

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

James Samuel Roche, Leslies Arch, Old Quarter.
 Nojus Joshua Smith, Fernway Classes Lake.
 Zofia Zuzanna Nowak, Highfield Park.
 Hugh Martin Kelleher, Maglin Grove.
 Leon Michael Hyde, Beverly, Ovens.
 Sophia Perez, Wyndham Lawn.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Kathleen Griffin, Inver, Co. Donegal.
 Breda Lynch, Hillsboro, Model Farm Road
 Catherine (Babe) Murphy, Powdermills
 Jim Foley, Wilton/Ballincollig
 Eileen Allen, Aghabullogue / CorkCity

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

John O'Sullivan, Parknamore Heights.
 David & Frances Power, Monkstown.
 Lillie Hutchinson, Barrack Street.
 James & Liz Murphy, Knocknagree.
 Paddy Long, Parknamore.
 Justin Monahan, College Road.
 Monica Monahan, College Road.
 Kathleen Fagan, Athlone.
 Dermot Crowley, Ballyhooly.
 Catherine Hogan, Ballinlough.
 Hannah & Peter Crowley, Leemount.
 Madge & Joseph Owens, Blackpool.
 Annie & Paddy McMahan, Spring Lane.
 Marguerite Morrissey, Carrigaline.
 Eileen O'Mahony, Lee View, Carrigrohane.
 Dan & John O'Mahony, Lee View, Carrigrohane.
 Ellen Ryan, Waterfall.
 Thomas & Mary Murphy, Millstreet.
 John Murphy, Millstreet.
 Jim Harris, Turner's Cross.
 Thomas & Julia May O'Leary, Turner's Cross.
 Stephen McCarthy, Berrings/Bristol.
 Noel Madigan, East Gate.
 John Kellher, Rosewood.
 Bernard Connaghton, Galway/Minnesota.
 John Murphy, Powdermills.
 Mildred & David McCarthy, Union Hall.
 Kevin & Saidh McCarthy, Rosewood/Union Hall.
 Pat O'Driscoll, Castlepark.
 Ann Murray, Rosewood.
 John & Joseph Flynn, Durrus.
 Jeremiah & Mary O'Sullivan & daughter Mary, Beara.
 Dec. members of Sisk & O'Driscoll families.
 Martin Canny, Leesdale.
 Nellie Crowley, Dunmanway.
 John O'Mahony, Castletownbere.

Student's Prayer Card (Ballincollig)

As I begin to study for the exams I face
 I ask you Lord for the courage and grace
 to meet this challenge and do my best
 to stay calm and focused during the test.
 This prayer I make to you today,
 help me Lord and with me stay.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Pentecost Sunday

24 Sunday Acts 2: 1-11. Ps. 103. Gal. 5: 16-25. Jn. 15:26-27. 16:12-15. Lect I: 601 & 604
 25 Monday Eccles. (Sir) 17:24-29. Ps. 31. Mk. 10:17-27. Lect II: 94
 26 Tuesday Eccles. (Sir) 35:1-12. Ps. 49. Mk. 10:28-31. Lect II: 96
 27 Wednesday Eccles. (Sir) 36:1, 4-5, 10-17. Ps. 78. Mk. 10:32-45. Lect II: 98
 28 Thursday Eccles. (Sir) 42:15-25. Ps. 32. Mk. 10:46-52. Lect II: 100
 29 Friday Eccles. (Sir) 44:1, 9-13. Ps. 149. Mk. 11:11-29 Lect II: 103
 30 Saturday Eccles. (Sir) 51:12-20. Ps. 18. Mk. 11:27-33. Lect II: 105

Next Sunday's Readings 31/May/2015

Deut 4:32-34. 39-40. Ps 32. Rom 8:14-17. Mt 28:16-20. Lect I: 613

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.

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Novena to the Sacred Heart

Sacred Heart Church Western Road
 Thursday June 4th – Friday 12th June 215
 10am & 8pm Daily

Car Parking

Church of St Mary & St John and Christ Our Light
 Please keep to left hand side as you approach the car parks. This is important from a health and safety point of view. Please also be careful of pedestrians who walk to Mass or from their cars to the church. Take care also not to obstruct entrance and exit to the car parks and church doors.

Music Morning

The Monthly Music Morning in the Ballincollig Library will take place on Tuesday Morning May 26th at 11am, and will be presented by Maurice Linehan of the Millstreet Gramophone Circle. Everyone is welcome and a cuppa will be served.

Music Among the Trees

An Evening Concert of local musical talent will take place on: Friday 29th May at 8pm at St. Senans Church, Canon's Cross. Donations in aid of Cloghroe Restoration Fund and Suicide Aware.

Fr. Dave

Mass to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood will take place on June 2nd in St. Mary and St. John at 7pm followed by reception in Oriel House Hotel. Tickets available in sacristy.
 Fr. Dave was ordained on the 2nd June 1990 in the Cathedral of St. Mary & St. Anne, Cork.
 His appointments to date

1990 – 1996	Bantry Parish
1996 – 1999	Blackpool Parish
1999 – 2007	Chaplain CUH
2007 – 2010	The Lough Parish
2011 – 2012,	Pro-Tem Innishannon & Bandon Parishes
2012	Ballincollig Parish

Missionary Sisters of St. Columban.

The Missionary Sisters of St. Columban will be visiting the Parish next weekend of May 30 /31. The speakers on the occasion will be Sister Eileen Rabbitte who has mission experience in Peru and Sister Mary McHugh who has worked in Korea.

Children's Corner

A Prayer to say...

Dear Jesus, thank you for sending us the Holy Spirit. Help me to remember that the Holy Spirit is always with me to help and guide me. Amen.

In the Gospel today...

Jesus tells his friends that he is going to send the Holy Spirit to be with them. The Holy Spirit will help us. The Holy Spirit will lead us to God's truth.

Bulletin Board

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 6th after the 6pm Vigil Mass in St Mary & St John's Church. The route will be from the Church 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.

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the girls in Scoil Mhuire who made their First Holy Communion. Sincere thanks to the parents and dedicated teachers who work diligently preparing young people for the sacrament.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on **Saturday June 20th at 12.00 noon** in the **Annex, 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 Diaries

Mass Diaries to book Mass intentions for July, August & September will open in both churches on Saturday June 13th at 9.00am
 Priority will be given to those booking 1st Anniversary Mass.

Fr. George

**90th Eucharist Procession
 Sunday 7th June**

2.30pm – Participants start assembling at North Cathedral
 3.00pm – Procession leaves North Cathedral
 2.45pm – Religious Ceremony begins in Daunt's Square.
 Guest Preacher: Archbishop Kieran O'Reilly, SMA
 Archbishop of Cashel & Emly
 Master of Ceremonies: Monsignor Gearoid Dullea
 St. Patrick's College Maynooth.

Notice for Pioneers

The A.G.M. of Cork Regional Pioneer Council will take place on Wednesday 27th May at 8 p.m. in the S.M.A Hall in Wilton. This meeting is open to all Pioneers. Please pray that more Pioneers will be inspired to help at Regional level and come along if you can

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

May/30 & May/31/2015

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Karen Sheehan
Darragh Langford
8:30 am
Pat Fennell
Kate Healy
10:00 am
Rory Horgan
Kate Greene
12:00 Noon
Chloe Dalton O'Connor
Katie Tobin

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Nonyi Ebili
Jennifer Nyagaya
11:00 am
Sorcha Nic Mheanmain
Maire Buckley
12:30 pm
Aisling Dore
Clara Herdman
5:30 pm
Christine O'Brien

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

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Fr. Dave O'Connell C.C.	021-4876171 or frdaveoconnell@gmail.com
Fr. James McSweeney	021-4873308

Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

Week 25th May to 31st May

Brid Dunne
Sr. Colette O'Leary

Social / Coffee Mornings

Continue every Friday morning in parish house "Sonas" on Station Road at 10 am.
Everyone welcome as it is an ideal opportunity to get and know people from our community.



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

May/30 & May/31/2015

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Eileen Murphy
Ted Nelligan
Maurice Bunyan
Sheila Walshe
Katie Collins
Aisling Leahy

8:30 am Helen Kelly
Michael Crowley
Eileen Corkery

10:00 am Fionnuala McDonagh
Mary Buckley
Fiona Kelly
Mary O'Regan
Martin O'Leary
Andrej Janukowicz

12 Noon Ann-Marie Cosgrove
Phil Kennedy
Ellen O'Sullivan
Ursula McAuliffe
Sally Crowley
Jim Lordan

7:30 pm John O'Donoghue
Mary Dineen
Mairead Keenan
Kay O'Sullivan

11:00 am Mary Twomey
Mona Bowen
Billy Barry / Diarmuid Horgan
Mary Aylward
Pauline Barton

12:30 pm Maura O'Driscoll
Mary Lehane
Dympna Byrne
Suzanne Leech

5:30 pm Shelia Curran
Elizabeth O'Sullivan

Experiencing Grief and Loss

Depression in Grief is perhaps the most common feeling found in grief. Intense feelings of sadness may be experienced as feelings of emptiness, isolation or deep loneliness. This usually occurs when the full impact of your loss hits home. It is important to understand that this is a very normal reaction. The chief sign of this stage of grief is apathy - no enthusiasm or interest in things; tiredness, an inability to function at home or at work; everything is an effort. Occasionally, this stage of grief may not be experienced for a year or two after the person has died. This may even be more painful because in the first few months people are sensitive to your loss but a year or two later they may think, or even say, 'you're well over it now'. When dealing with grief we can tend to withdraw from normal social activities and life in general. This 'depressive' stage may feel as though it will last forever. Its very important to understand that this depression is not a sign of mental illness; it is a very normal response to a great loss. People in your life might not mention your loved one's name because they don't want to upset you, but talking about the person who has died and sharing your grief with someone you trust makes the burden of grief easier to carry. We ask you Lord to be with those who today are experiencing the pain and loneliness of grief.

(A repeat of the series over the next few weeks of the articles presented by Sr. Colette during 2009)