

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 26-June-2011

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

## Forty Years A-Growing

The Communications Group of the Parish Council has arranged this week's celebration of the fortieth anniversary of the ordination to the priesthood of our Parish Priest, Fr George O'Mahony. A Parish Mass of thanksgiving will be celebrated in the Church of St Mary and St John at 7.00 pm on Monday June 27th and all are welcome. Fr George will be joined by priest colleagues and friends with whom he has worked over the years of his ministry. As already stated in the Parishioner there will be a celebration meal in Oriel House Hotel at 8.30 pm, of necessity tickets are required for this.

A native of Drimoleague, Fr George was ordained in Dunmanway on the 19th June, 1971. He has served the Lord in Woolwich, Ardfield, Ballydehob, Farranree, Douglas, Knocknaheeny (as Parish Priest) and lastly in Ballincollig. He has offered and continues to offer his life as a living sacrifice to God, labouring in the vineyard of the Lord, and has bourn the heat of the day. In recent weeks we have heard many stories of that service from people in all the parishes in the Diocese where he has worked, and these are stories of substantial achievement, from the community centre in Ballydehob to the building of the Church in Rochestown, stories about parish initiatives and faith formation.

Today's feast of the Body and Blood of Christ ("Corpus Christi") reminds us of the centrality of the Eucharist in our Christian lives. The Eucharist is the "source and summit" of our faith and for the Eucharist we need priests. Through the ministry of priests we are nourished by the Bread of Life and the liturgical life of the parish is made possible. At a time of falling numbers of priests Fr George gives an important example of forty years of faithful service to the people of God.

Fr George presides over a vibrant and lively parish in Ballincollig with an effective Parish Pastoral Council and a wide range of activities with many "extra" faith events, such as the recent outdoor Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. He also serves as Pastoral Area Coordinator for the parishes of Ballincollig, Kilmurry and Ovens. This most pastoral priest is a man of enthusiasms and an extremely hard worker, with an ability to go the heart of any matter under discussion, sometimes to the discomfort of others (especially curates). We thank him for his service here and wish him well for the future. "Ad multos annos."

*Billy O'Sullivan*

## Reflection for Parents

Many times we prepare our children for the "big" events in their lives forgetting how much of life takes place in the ordinary moments. For example, first Holy Communion is often how families choose to dress their children and celebrate after Mass. The really important message of this Gospel reading, however, is how joyful and thankful are we when we receive our one hundredth or one thousandth communion. Our goal might be to help our children continue to be thankful and joyful each time they receive Holy Communion. This can happen when they see how happy we are to receive communion ourselves.

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

### Priest

As one body, we prayer to the living Father who gives life to the world.

### Reader

For Christians: that the celebration of the Eucharist may form them into a community of love.

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

For all government leaders: that they may spear no efforts to ensure that all of God's children have enough to eat.

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

For the lonely, who are hungering for the bread of companion; and the sick that are hungering for the bread of health.

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

For each other: that we may hunger for a life of goodness and holiness.

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

For our own special needs.

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

For those who have died, that having shared the Bread of Life, they may be raised up as Jesus promised.

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

### Priest

Father, may the food we eat at this banquet make us strong, and bind us together in unity and peace. We ask this through the same Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

*O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!*

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Dinny Harrington, Farranree.  
Annie Thompson, Inchigeela.  
Eamon Sheahan, Silverwood.  
Angela O'Connell, Westgate.  
Gretta Bourke, Foxford, Co. Mayo.  
Sean Dunne, Listowel.  
Elaine O'Driscoll, Model Farm Road / Australia.  
Maureen Synan, Passage West.

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

Noel Sexton, Gardiners Hill.  
Timothy Murphy, Muskerry Estate.  
Lena & John Gaffney, Carrigrohane.  
Imelda McGinn, Bracknagh.  
Bill Fitzgerald, Liscarroll.  
Timothy O'Leary, Bishopstown.  
Declan O'Rourke, Castlepark.  
Jimmy & Nora Barrett, Kilcrea Park.  
Mary J Heavey, Rosewood.  
Noreen Keyes Douglas  
William, Nora & Denis Slyne, Knocknagallagh, Bandon.  
Kieran McCarthy, Dunmanway.  
James Shannon, Glincool.  
Finbarr Dalton, Flynn's Cross.  
Pat, Nora & Fiona O'Connor, Inniscarra.  
Elizabeth Murphy.  
Julia Collins, Station House.  
Michael O'Sullivan, Carriganarra.  
Barry Kelly, The Crescent.  
Kathleen Lehane, Macroom.

***Dyslexia Association of Ireland***

The Dyslexia Association are now accepting bookings for their workshop beginning Monday, 12th September.

The venue for the workshops is

Bishopstown Community School, Cork City.

Enquiries to (086) 8064799 or dyslexiacork@gmail.com.

***The World Apostolate of Fatima***

Knock Pilgrimage

July 10<sup>th</sup> 2011

Special Welcome to

Sick Children, Holy Communion, Confirmation Children and under 16's

Bus will leave Ballincollig at 07:30 am

Contact Pat @ 021 4870374

Cost: Adult €25 - Under 16's with Adult €5

***Volunteer Missionary Movement (VMM).***

We would sincerely like to thank the parishioners of Ballincollig for their generous donation of €4,489 in response to our parish appeal on the weekend of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2011

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time

26 Sunday Deut. 8:2-3, 14-16. Ps. 147. 1 Cor. 10:16-17. Jn. 6:51-58. Lect I: 617

27 Monday Gen 18:16-33 Ps 102. Mt. 8:18-22. Lect II:163

28 Tuesday Gen. 19: 15-29 Ps. 25 Mt. 8:23-27 Lect II: 165

29 Wednesday Acts 12:1-11. Ps. 33.2 Tim. 4:6-8, 17-18. Mt. 16: 13-19. Lect I: 981 or Lect II: 1082

30 Thursday Gen 21:1-19. Ps 114. Mt 9:1-8. Lect I: 169

01 Friday Deut. 7:6-11. Ps. 102. 1 In. 4:1-16. Mt. 11: 25-30. Lect I: 628

02 Saturday Is. 61 :9-11. Ps. 1 Sam. 2. Lk. 2:41-51. Lect II: 1043

**Next Sunday's Readings 03-July-2011**

Zech 9:9-10. Ps 144. Rom 8:9, 11-13. Mt 11:25-30. Lect I: 673

***Pilgrimage to San Giovanni***

(Homeland of Padre Pio)

& Montecassino (Abbey founded by St Benedict)

Departing from Cork Airport, Friday 8th July for 7 nts ,

Spiritual Director Fr Eugene Kiely

€899 inc. Contact Joe Walsh Tours 021 4277959

or Ann Fehan 087 2738103

***A prayer to Christ the Healer***

In the comfort of your love

I pour out to you my saviour,

The memories that haunt me,

The anxieties that perplex me,

The fears that stifle me,

The sickness that prevails upon me,

And the frustration of all the pain that weaves about within me.

Lord help me to see your peace in my turmoil,

Your compassion in my sorrow,

Your forgiveness in my weakness,

And your love in my need.

Touch me, O Lord, with your healing power and strength. Amen.

***CURA***

**Need to Talk?**

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## *Diocese of Cork and Ross*

June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

I am writing to you regarding the decline in the number of priests in the Diocese and its implications for all of us. By way of example, in 1998, 154 priests worked in the Diocese. Today the figure stands at 103 and this number will continue to decline in the future. A total of 28 priests from Religious Orders and Societies have temporary assignments in the Diocese but they could be recalled at any time. They serve as chaplains in hospitals, third level institutions, prison, army and navy. A major challenge facing us is to how to cope with this reduction in the number of priests. We have to plan for the future within the doctrine and discipline of the Church.

Given the continuing fall in the number of priests, each pastoral area faces the real prospect of losing at least one priest within a couple of years. I have invited each pastoral area to revise their Mass schedules. Meetings have been held with representatives (priests, and lay people) from each parish to prepare recommendations and workable solutions. Pastoral areas will make every effort to ensure that there is a choice of Mass times available in each area. It may be necessary, however, for people to make adjustments to their regular routine. It is hoped to implement the new schedules at the beginning of 2012.

I am hoping that the greater lay involvement will lead to a realisation of the need for the priest. All our initiatives and new structures do not obscure in any way the irreplaceable role of the priest. Without the priest, there would be no Mass and no Christian community can be built up which does not centre on the Eucharist. I know that you will continue to pray that the Lord's invitation to follow and serve him in priesthood and in religious life will be responded to with generosity.

We must always be people of hope. Hope means that we have a future. Jesus Christ is the source from whom we draw our hope and our life. Pope Benedict has spoken about a new springtime for the Church. Prayer is a vital part of our work. Prayer was central to the life of Jesus. Our work will not be easy but let us not forget that Christ has promised to be with us. 'Christ's power working within us can do infinitely more than we can ask for or imagine'. (St. Paul).

Finally, we turn to Mary in whom the generations who went before us put their trust, and never in vain, to watch over us at this time.

Praying God's blessing on you and your families, I remain,

Yours sincerely in Christ,

**+John Buckley,**

Bishop of Cork and Ross.

*Extract from Pastoral Letter of June 17th 2011*

### **THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16

Moses reminded the people that for forty years God tested them in the desert. The Lord let them be hungry and fed them manna, showing that God's people do not live by bread alone.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

By sharing in the Eucharistic bread, Christians, though many, are one body in Christ.

Gospel: John: 6:51-58

As much as Jesus' listeners didn't understand how Jesus could really mean that they were to eat his body and drink his blood, Jesus made it very clear that that was precisely what he did mean. Once again, it was hard for the people of Jesus' day (and still hard for us today, too) to understand what Jesus tried to say because they only thought in earthly, literal terms. This Gospel passage gives us one of our firm foundations for the institution of the Eucharist so that, in faith, we will eat the bread that will give us everlasting life.

### **Open Garden**

Garden Evening in support of Cormac Donovan O'Neill. A miracle child born with a globally unique illness. Having had 41 operations and being treated now in Great Ormand Street Hospital and Crumlin Children's Hospital in Dublin.

Open Garden in DJ Murphy's Bride Park Cottage, Killumney, Ovens

On today Sunday 26th June 2011  
from 12.00 - 6.00

Talk and demonstration on Alpines by  
Angela Lawler (Dublin).

Garden walk with Mary McCrum

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Jul-02 & Jul-03-2011

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**  
Sandra Walsh  
Brian Hennessy  
**8:30 am**  
Eadaoin O'Leary  
Gerald O'Leary  
**10:00 am**  
Margot Twomey  
Lauree Hegarty  
**12:00 Noon**  
Oliver O'Donovan  
David Drohan

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**  
Rosarie Cotter  
Louise McGrath  
**11:00 am**  
Sorcha Nic Mheanmain  
Jessica Lingard  
**12:30 pm**  
Brian O'Donoghue  
Chidera Ebili  
**5:30 pm**  
Christine O'Brien



**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Jul-02 & Jul-03-2011

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6.00 pm** Sally Crowley  
Ted Nelligan  
Eileen Corkery  
Ann O'Connell  
Sheila Walshe  
Ann McCarthy

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

**8:30 am** Helen Kelly  
Mary O'Connor  
Michael Crowley

**11:00 am** Mary O'Mahony  
Mona Bowen  
Billy Barry  
Mary Aylward  
Pauline Baston

**10:00 am** Fionnuala McDonagh  
Mary Buckley  
Breda Ring  
Mary O'Regan  
John Henchy  
Martin O'Leary

**12:30 pm** Mary Twomey  
Maura O'Driscoll  
Mary Lehane  
Dympna Byrne  
Suzanne Leetch

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

**5:30 pm** Shelia Curran  
Elizabeth O'Sullivan

**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

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**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**

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**Thank You**

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To all our readers have a safe & wonderful summer

*Con, Tom, Oliver & Karen*

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**Sat 10:30 am - 12 Noon. Phone No. (021) 4871206,**

**Office Secretary Catherine Crowley.**

**Bulletin Board**

**First Friday**

Friday July 1st is the first Friday of the month. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St Mary & St John from 6.30 pm to 7.45 pm, you are invited to come and spend some time with the Lord. There is Mass in St Mary & St John on Friday evening at 8.00 pm. The priests of the parish visit the sick of the parish on the first Friday of each month; please let us know if you have a family member or neighbour who is sick or housebound.

**Peter's Pence Collection**

The annual Peter's Pence collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend. Please place your donations in the envelopes provided.

**Baptism preparation will resume in the parish on September 10th 2011.**

**Taize Trip.**

Preparations are well advanced for the trip from Ballincollig parish to Taize. Fifty three (53) parishioners will head off by bus to Dublin on Wed 13<sup>th</sup> of July, fly from Dublin to Cluny, there travel to Annecy, then on Sunday 37<sup>th</sup> travel by coach to Taize. Taize is a place of pilgrimage in the south of France where teenagers and young people gather for prayer and reflection. Taize is a world renowned for more than fifty years. The group comprises of 44 teens from (15 - 18 yrs) 4 young adults f 18 - 21 yrs ) and five adults. The group will return to Ireland on Thurs July 21st.

**Fr. George**