

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 27-May-2012



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

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

Pentecost

We celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the promise of the Father. Christ's disciples had kept their heads down, they had kept quiet, not drawing attention to themselves, they were fearful. A sudden change occurred on the morning of Pentecost, they were filled with courage and began to speak openly and powerfully about Jesus, proclaiming that he is risen, that he is Lord. As members of the Church in our time, we can feel fearful, our heads are down, we are shamed by scandals and upset by division, we see falling Mass attendances, we feel disillusioned. We know it should be better, we pray it will be better. The Spirit gives us hope that it will be better, that he will make his Church new and vibrant as on that Pentecost dawn. The Holy Spirit is the Lord and giver of life, the one who renews the face of the earth, and we pray that he will renew the face of our Church.

Jesus promises us that the Spirit will be with us forever, to comfort and guide, to answer our cry. In our troubles we remember that the Spirit offers us love, joy, peace, kindness, gentleness and self-control. To accept these gifts is to become a person of peace, at peace with oneself, with God and with other people. The same Spirit is given to each of us and we are called to be at peace with each other, called to that unity among us for which Jesus prayed to his Father. If we can become less centred on ourselves, and more focussed on God and on our brothers and sisters in Christ, then we will experience the abiding presence of Jesus with us by his Spirit. As he guides and inspires us and gives us the gifts we need for the work of the Lord, we remember that the message of Jesus, the message of life and love, is not spread by powerful human systems, but by the Spirit of God: "not by might, not by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord" (Zech. 4:6). We pray for renewal, for ourselves and for the Church, that we may experience the new life, the enthusiasm and the love of the early Church. Jesus tells us not to be afraid, he is with us and he invites us to share in the life of God the Blessed Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Billy O'Sullivan

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.

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 those who have cut themselves off from the Church.

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.

That the Spirit may bring life to those who have died and lead all the faithful departed home to heaven.

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 :

Daniel Bernard Browne, The Sycamores Classes Lake.
David Noel Brett, Greenfields Road.**MARRIAGES**

CONGRATULATIONS TO:Garret McCarthy & Karena Browne, Leslies Arch, Old Quarter.

Arthur O'Dwyer, Nenagh & Maire O'Shea, Park Rd, Muskerry Estate.

Peter Desmond, Glasheen Rd & Orna Webster, Glendower Court.

Alan Kelleher, Sarsfield's Rd & Sharon Murphy, Eagle Valley, Wilton.

Patrick Holohan, & Sandra Power, Wyndham Lawn.

Daniel Cotter & Ann Marie O'Keeffe, The Avenue, Highfield Park.

John Derek Cronin & Shirley O'Regan, The Cedars, Classes Lake.

Robert Quinn & Jacinta Carroll, Grange Manor.

Niall Murphy & Lisa Miskella, Nenagh.

Lloyd James Bairstow & Fiona Dwane, Farmers Ave, Babbington.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Mary Wilson, Commons Road & Crosshaven.

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

Anne O'Farrell, Ballydehob.

Lillie Hutchinson, Barrack Street.

Julia Healy, Innishmore.

Joe Coakley, Kilmichael.

Maureen Callanan, West Village.

May (Mary) Keohane, Leeview, Inniscarra.

Donal O'Donovan, Ballinlough & Blackpool.

Catherine & Edward Hogan, Ballinlough.

Pauline Paddy & Jerry Sheehan, Curraheen.

William & Mairead Boyce, Milford.

Niamh Carroll, Freemount.

Timothy O'Keeffe, Shamrock Drive.

Niall Purcell, Glasheen.

Shelia Fitzpatrick, Westcliffe.

Ned Delaney, Farm Road.

Martin Canny, Leesdale.

Gerry Canny, Castle Avenue.

Seanie Sweeney, Classes.

Joan O'Keeffe, Carrigrohane.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Eight Week In Ordinary Time

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

28 Monday 1 Pet 1:3-9. Ps 110. Mk 10:17-27. Lect II: 549

29 Tuesday 1 Pet 1:10-16. Ps 97. Mk 10:28-31. Lect II: 551

30 Wednesday 1 Pet 1:18-25. Ps 147. Mk 10:32-45. Lect II: 553

31 Thursday Zeph. 3: 14-18 or Rom. 12:9-16. Ps. Is 12. Lk. 1 :39-56. Lect II:1040

01 Friday 1 Pet 4:7-13. Ps 95. Mk 11:11-26. Lect II: 557

02 Saturday Jude 17:20-25. Ps 62. Mk 11:27-33. Lect II: 560

Next Sunday's Readings 03-June-2012

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

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>.

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. This weekend envelopes are available for your support. Thank you for your generosity

Car Parking at Church of

St Mary & St John and Christ Our Light

Please keep to the 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.

Please park neatly, last Sunday at the 12 pm Mass there were two cars parked badly behind the Church, one blocking the exit and a big space between them.

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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.



50th INTERNATIONAL
EUCCHARISTIC 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.

**Tickets for the Closing Ceremony in Croke Park on Sunday
June 17th are now available to all those who applied for
same.**

Bulletin Board

First Friday

Friday June 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.

Mass Diary

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

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.

New Ministers of the Eucharist.

Presently in Ballincollig Parish we are inviting parishioners to volunteer to become Ministers of the Eucharist. You are invited to minister in either Christ Our Light Church or St Mary & St John Church approximately once a month at a week end Mass (rota will be provided).

The requirements are that you are:

- A person 18 years or over.
- A person with faith in the Eucharist and are anxious to deepen own faith through ministry.
- A person willing to serve and minister to others.

Please give you name, address and phone no to Sacristy or Office.
Fr. George

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Jun-02 & Jun-03-2012

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Brendan Collins
Michael Collins
8:30 am
Tom McDonagh

10:00 am
Hannah Bunyan
Stephen Bunyan
12:00 Noon
John Dorgan
Noella Ngenwie

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Rebecca Feely
Jessica Lingard
11:00 am
Cormac Manning
Marie Ni Niada
12:30 pm
Bernard Valley
Colm Walsh
5:30 pm
Marlyn O'Connor



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Jun-02 & Jun-03-2012

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Eileen Murphy
Ted Nelligan
Eileen Corkery
Maurice Bunyan
Sheila Walshe
Ann McCarthy

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

10:00 am Fionnuala McDonagh
Mary Buckley
Breda Ring
Mary O'Regan
Teresa O'Driscoll
Martin O'Leary

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

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

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

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

5:30 pm Shelia Curran
Elizabeth O'Sullivan

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.

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

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Fr. Billy O'Sullivan C.C.	021-4876171
Fr. James McSweeney	021-4873308

Knock Summer Festival

Is a one day event taking place on the **28th-July-2012**.

It is for all young people between the ages of **17-30**. On this day young people will come together in a faith setting and to deepen their relationship with Christ, explore, ignite and celebrate their faith.

The event will have **interactive talks, prayer, testimonies from young people, drama and music**. We will finish the day with the celebration of the Eucharist, with a step by step guide to the new translation. There will also be a lot of time for young people to engage in conversation, reflect on what they have heard, chill out and have fun!

**THE THEME:
"ONE"**

The theme of this year's festival is 'ONE'. We will be concentrating on three themes of ONE in relation to the Church. One Love, One Community, One Body

Groups & Cost

The festival is free of charge, we are also offering free accommodation for groups over 10, we are also encouraging groups to stay and climb Croagh Patrick on the 29th Reek Sunday. Join us for a pilgrimage to the West!

Music Morning

Musical morning in the Ballincollig Library from 11 am on Tuesday 29th May, 2012.

This Month's choice is presented by David McInerney.

Final recital of the season.

Admission free.
All are welcome.