

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 31-May-2015

The Most Holy Trinity

What a pity that for many the Trinity is just an intellectual puzzle! For the believer it is a sign of how close God has come to us by revealing (but not reducing) the mystery of his Being. He draws us into the mystery making us his children by the gift of the Spirit.



**Christ Our Light
Innishmore**



**St. Mary & St. John
Station Road**

150 Years

The Feast Of The Holy Trinity

“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, the God who is, who was, and who is to come.”

As a priest I have often found myself in a variety of different places celebrating the Mass and praying with fellow members of God’s family. The sense of one Church, one faith, sometimes comes home to me when it comes to professing our faith in the Creed.

As Christians no matter where any of us finds ourselves we are all called to serve God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Many people might believe in God or ponder on whether or not God exists or indeed accept a God of one or two or more dimensions. We as Christians on the other hand are quite unique because we align ourselves to a God as revealed in the Trinity of Father, Son, and Spirit. Our regular efforts to offer a prayer is accompanied with the sign of the Cross in the name of the Trinity. The feast of the Trinity reminds us of the simple prayer of “Glory be to our God...” and allows us to look at how profound are the ways God has chosen to reveal Himself to us and to the world. Our triune God, my dear friends, comes in search of us and wishes to manifest Himself to us and reveal His love, His power, His glory. The revelation by God to the world as Father, Son and Spirit united in each other is a revelation of God seeking to bring love, compassion, companionship, healing, understanding into the world in which we live and into the lives we lead. In a relationship with the God of the Trinity the journey of life becomes more of a partnership than a lone voyage. “And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.”

Perhaps in your moments of prayer despite the difficulties of life, in moments when you give thanks, you and I are showing real commitment to our baptism and to a God so readily giving Himself to us. In all places and in all time let us search for ways to seek to glorify our triune God, Father, Son & Spirit.

Dave O’Connell

Thought for Today

The Spirit makes it possible for us to call God "Abba" (Second Reading) – a familiar term used by a child addressing a beloved father. Yet God speaks a word so majestic that nothing like it has ever been heard or imagined (First Reading). This extraordinary familiarity with the infinite God is founded on the fact that the Eternal Son of God has become our brother.

Eucharistic Procession

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

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

The Lord looks lovingly on those who revere him and who hope in his love. Our prayers are an expression of our trust in his love.

Reader

For all Christian: that they may be effective witnesses to the love of God.

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

For all rulers: that God may grant them wisdom in their efforts to make the world a better place for everyone.

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

For those who have no belief in God: that they may discover signs of his love in their lives.

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

For ourselves that we may always have a sense of the presence of god with us in good times and in bad.

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

For all students preparing for examinations at this time.

**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

Father, source of all life, be our guide when we stray, our strength when we are weak, and our comforter when we grow discouraged. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Happy the people the Lord had chosen as his own.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Ninth Week In Ordinary Time

- 31 Sunday Deut 4:32-34, 39-40. Ps 32. Rom 8:14-17. Mt 28:16-20. Lect I: 613
- 01 Monday Tob. 1 :3,2:1-8. Ps. 111. Mk. 12:1-12. Lect II: 107
- 02 Tuesday Tob. 2:9-14. Ps. 111. Mk. 12:13-17. Lect II: 110
- 03 Wednesday Tob. 3:1-11, 16-17. Ps. 24. Mk. 12:18-27. Lect II: 112
- 04 Thursday Tob. 6:10-11, 7:1,9-14,8:4-9. Ps. 127. Mk. 12:28-34. Lect II: 115
- 05 Friday Tob. 11:5-17. Ps. 145. Mk. 12:35-37. Lect II: 118
- 06 Saturday Tob 12:1, 5-15, 20. Ps Tab 13:2-8. Mk 12:38-44. Lect II: 121

Next Sunday's Readings 07/June/2015

Ex. 24:3-8. Ps. 115. Heb. 9: 11-15. Mk. 14: 12-16. 22:26. Lect 1:622

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading Deuteronomy 4: 32-34, 39-40
 There is always a unique sense of vocation at the Baptism Ceremony. God calls us by name. The parents and the Godparents, their family and the Baptism Team all give a sense of family and community, of being part of an incredible and evolving story, salvation history. We walk in the footsteps of those who lived the 'laws and commandments' and sacrificed so much so that we 'may prosper' today. There is always a unique sense of vocation at the Baptism Ceremony. God calls us by name. The parents and the Godparents, their family and the Baptism Team all give a sense of family and community, of being part of an incredible and evolving story, salvation history. We walk in the footsteps of those who lived the 'laws and commandments' and sacrificed so much so that we 'may prosper' today.

Second Reading Letter from St. Paul to the Romans 8: 14-17
 We are children of God: created by our Abba, heirs with Christ, and led by the Spirit. We have been chosen because of great love.

Gospel Reading Matthew 28: 16-20
 From a great mountaintop, Jesus commissions the disciples to go forth and baptize in the name of God as Trinity. A little bit of hesitation can be a good thing. It's like a safety valve that stops a boiler from overheating. That some of the disciples were hesitant gives us all hope. The problem with the hesitation in our modern world is that there is a fear of proclaiming any message at all. The truth gets strangled in order not to offend. It is the age of the intolerant tolerant.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Ted Mullane, Castle Avenue.
 Fintan Gannon, Castledermot, Co. Kildare.
 Noel McCarthy, Farran/Ballincollig.
 Denis Jordan, Muskerry Estate.
 Dan Desmond, Innishmore Square.
 Josephine Ratcliffe, Warwick / Cork.

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

Michael Noonan, Parknamore.
 Julie Healy, Innishmore.
 Dec. Members of the O'Mahony & Greene Families.
 Dec. Members of the Lee family, Lower Glanmire.
 James White, Leemount.
 Frank Brennan, Grange, Ovens.
 Ellen Collins, Westgate/Ovens.
 Eddie & Kathleen Duncan, Omagh.
 Lena Dennehy, Castlevew, Carriganarra.
 Michael, Mary & Kieran McNulty, Fr. Sexton Park.
 Jean Kearney, Muskerry Estate.
 The O'Sullivan family, Poulavone
 Catherine (Kitty) Murphy, Powdermills/Bishopstown.
 Mary Mullane, Castle Avenue.
 John & Mary Boyde, Main Street.
 Tom, Mary, & John Dobyn, Main Street.
 Patrick & Sheila O'Riordan, Castlepark.
 Niall Purcell, Kilcrea Park.
 Margaret O'Mullane, Kanturk.
 Denis Coughlan, Ballydehob.

Over 60's Talent Competition

The final of the over 60's Talent competition will be held at the Cork City Hall on Sunday June 7th at 8pm. This is the 39th year of the event. Proceeds to the Irish Heart Foundation. Tickets €15 on sale at Pro Musica Oliver Plunkett St & Blackpool Shopping Centre.

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.

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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.

Brú Columbanus

A 10k fundraising trek will take place on Saturday 6th June in Kenmare to raise much needed funds for Brú Columbanus. Brú Columbanus provides “home from home” accommodation for the relatives of seriously ill patients in Cork Hospitals and Hospice. Registration is €20 and can be done online at www.brucolumbanus.com or by calling 021-4345754 or 087 2787 074

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, 2012	Pro-Tem Innishannon & Bandon Parishes Ballincollig Parish

Missionary Sisters of St. Columban.

The Missionary Sisters of St. Columban will be visiting the Parish this 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, you promised your friends that you would always be with them. Thank you for always being with me. Help me to share the Good News about you with everyone I meet. Amen.

In the Gospel today...

Jesus met his friends at the top of a mountain. He gave them a special job to do: travel around the world, tell people about him and baptise them to be his friends too. Jesus promised his disciples he would always be with them and all his friends..

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 boys & girls of Gaelscoil Ui Riordain 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.

Anam Cara

Is holding a Celebration of Life Event for Bereaved Parents on Wednesday 3rd of June 2015 from 19:30 to 21:00 in the Silver Springs Hotel, Tivoli, Cork. If you could RSVP before Friday 30th May to info@anamcara.ie or call 085 2888888. Anam Cara Services are available free of charge to all bereaved parents.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Jun/06 & Jun/07/2015

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Sandra Walsh / Brayden Peck
Emma O'Connor
8:30 am
Eadaoin O'Leary
Gerard O'Leary
10:00 am
Margot Twomey
Kaylyn Lordan
12:00 Noon
John Dorgan / Roisin Crewe
Noella Ngenwie

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Rebecca Feely
Josh Nyagaya
11:00 am
Kristian Calvert
12:30 pm
James Nyagaya
Laura O'Leary
5:30 pm
Marlyn O'Connor

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	No Mass
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 Except First Saturday of Month	Saturday	4:30 pm First Saturday of Month
12:45 pm	Sunday	

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Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

Week 1st Jun to 7th Jun

Joan Barrett
Margot Twomey

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

Jun/06 & Jun/07/2015

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Steve Wills
Margaret O'Sullivan
Danny Farrell
Jim Walsh
Frances O'Brien
Eileen Coughlan

7:30 pm Anne O'Regan
Mairead Murphy
Finbarr Murray
Lettie Kelly
Mary Murphy

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Tom Butler
Denis Healy

11:00 am Seamus & Mary O'Connell
Ciaran Kelleher
Alan O'Riordan
Geraldine Keohane
Gerard Murray

10:00 am Mary Collins
Christy Roche
Katie O'Shea
Joe Coughlan
Elaine Crowley
Ann Buckley

12:30 pm Lucy O'Callaghan
Jackie Sheehan
Mary Green
Michael O'Leary
J.P.O'Leary

12 Noon Oliver O'Donovan
Sean Hennessy
Mary McLean
Eleanor Seymour
Nora Hennessy

5:30 pm Noelle Buckley
Mary Breen

Experiencing Grief and Loss

When grieving the death of loved ones, 'Acceptance' is the phase which happens gradually. When we talk about 'letting go' and 'acceptance/moving on', it does not mean forgetting - it is more a 'letting go' of life as it was before the death of your loved one. Most people who have had someone close to them die say that they never fully get over it. But they find a way to cope and adjust to daily life without their loved one; while continuing to honour their memory. They begin to enjoy things in their life again. Hearing this can sometimes be a relief to people who are going through the stormier stages of grief. You will from time to time have your 'trigger' moments; e.g. the first Christmas, Birthday, significant anniversaries. Avoidance of facing one's feelings and emotions may slow the healing. Like the earlier parts of the grieving process, 'acceptance' does not happen overnight. Everyone reaches this point at different times. It's important to know that there are no time limits and no rushing the process. We will never forget our loved ones - they continue to live on in us by the example of their lives. May the Lord comfort and console all who are grieving the loss of loved ones and give you the strength and courage to look to the future with hope.

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