

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 12-May-2019

Fourth Sunday of Easter

(World Day of Prayer for Vocations)

Like Paul and Barnabas, those whose vocation it is to preach the gospel, will meet opposition. Today we are encouraged by the thought that the Christ we serve knows his people intimately and promises them eternal life--no opposition can snatch them from the Father's love.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Good Shepherd Sunday

The image of the shepherd was very important in both the Old and New Testaments. The Shepherd knew his sheep individually and called each one by name. A shepherd in those days walked ahead of the sheep seeking out safe pastures for them. The sheep followed the Shepherd, because they recognized his voice, and they trusted him. A lot of sacrifice was required of a person who was a shepherd since he was responsible for the total welfare of his flock of sheep - by guarding, feeding and protecting them. In the Gospel Jesus calls himself the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep - paying the ultimate sacrifice by freely dying on the Cross because of his great love for us. As our Shepherd, Jesus knows each one of us individually and continues to seek out those who may have strayed from God's path, promising to nurture and protect all entrusted to his care. Whenever we encounter difficulties in our life's journey, the presence of Jesus reassures us that we are not abandoned, he is there leading and guiding us.

Peter reminded his listeners in our first reading, that it is only in Jesus' name we are saved. We hear how he and John courageously answered their calling to serve the Lord. Having been arrested for preaching the resurrection of Jesus, and healing a cripple, they stood before the rulers, the elders and the scribes to account for their actions. Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter responded that his good works were performed in the name of Jesus Christ.

Today is also World Day of Prayer for Vocations; a day when we are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call to each of us and to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. As baptised Christians all of us are called to know love and serve the Lord and be witnesses of His love in our lives. Today is an opportunity for each of us to reflect on how am I responding to God's call in my life right now? Where is God calling me to make my own unique contribution based on the particular gifts and talents God has given me? Each vocation challenges us to live our faith more deeply and to follow Christ more closely. As we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, let us pray to the Lord that we may follow His example of self-giving love.

Sr. Colette

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Conscious that Jesus, the Good shepherd, laid down his life for the good of his people, let us pray that we too may be ever conscious of the needs of those around us and use our gifts to serve where we can.

Reader

For God's people and the Church throughout the world; for our Holy Father, Pope Francis, our Bishop John and bishop elect Fintan and for all ministers of the Gospel, that the love and compassion of Jesus the Good Shepherd will guide their actions.

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

For those in positions of authority; that they may always govern wisely and fairly and give special consideration to the vulnerable in our society.

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

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who are sick, for the suffering, the homeless, or those struggling with any hardship, that they may find healing and comfort particularly through the care and love they receive from those who reach out to them

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

We pray for our community; that we may always proclaim the love of Christ in word and deed.

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

For all those who have died; we remember in particular our loved ones that they may share the joy of the Resurrection.

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

We pray for the intentions of all here present.

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

Priest

God of mercy, our Good Shepherd, let the light of your face and the tenderness of your heart rest upon the members of our parish community, on our families and all whom we meet. Amen.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Eileen O'Brien, Model Farm Road.
Mary McCarthy, Roscommon.

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

Pat Burke, West Village.
James & Liz Murphy, Knocknagree.
Shaunagh O'Riordan-Long, Parknamore.
James O'Donoghue, West Village.
Anna Quirke, Coolroe Heights.
Corena Crowley, Greenfields.
Áine Harkin, Classis Lake.
Donal Leahy, Carrigrohane.
Dec. Mem's of the O'Mahony Family, Ballinora.
Helen Lynch, Gurrans.
Essie Buttimer, Macroom.
Richard (Dick) Carroll, Woodbine Lawn.
Paddy Cullinane, Magazine Road.
Paddy, Mary Joe & Bernard Connaughton, Galway/ U.S.A.
Tom & Noel Madigan & Dec. Mem's of the Madigan Family.
Mary Linehan, Inniscarra View.
Dec. Mem.s of the Murphy Family, Ovens.
Br. Angelus Leahy,
Bill Devereux, Clogheen, Co. Tipperary.
Katerine Garvey, Dingle.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Fourth Week Of Easter

12 Sunday Acts 13:14, 43-52. Ps. 99. Apoc. 1:9, 14-1., Jn. 10:27-30. Lect I: 493
13 Monday Acts 1:1-18. Ps 41. Jn 10:1-10. Lect I: 496
14 Tuesday Acts 1: 15-17. Ps. 112. Jn. 15:9-17. Lect I: 1023
15 Wednesday Acts 12:24-13:5. Ps. 66. Jn. 12:44-50. Lect I: 501
16 Thursday Acts 13: 13-25. Ps. 88. Jn. 13: 16-20. Lect I:503
17 Friday Acts 13:26-33. Ps. 2. Jn. 14: 1-6. Lect I: 505
18 Saturday Acts 13:44-52. Ps. 97. Jn. 14:7-14. Lect I: 508

Next Sunday's Readings 19-May-2019

Acts 14:21-27. Ps. 144. Apoc. 21:1-5. Jn. 13:31- 33, 34-35. Lect I: 517

BAPTISMS

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

Gabriella Maria O'Dowling, Frankfield
Chantelle Kathleen O'Mahony, Innishmore
Rosie May Casey, An Caisleán.

Cancer Risks, Did you know?

Ireland has among the highest skin cancer rates in Europe.
Two-thirds of Irish people have a higher risk of developing Skin Cancer because of their skin type. 90% of all skin cancers are preventable
Damage to the skin by the sun is permanent. In later life this can lead to skin cancer.
For the majority of the population, 10-15 minutes daily exposure of the face and hands to the sun and adequate diet provides a sufficient level of vitamin D.
Skin damage is caused by exposure to ultraviolet rays, which are strongest from 11 am to 3 pm.
The number of skin cancer cases is rising every year.
Data courtesy of Irish Cancer Foundation

I am the Good Shepherd (Gospel)

Christians are called to serve each other, because Christ suffered for us to bring us life. The Good Shepherd knows and cares about each of us. Today we begin a pilgrimage of prayer, more urgent than in the past, that people may hear the call to follow him in religious life; we pray especially that those he calls to serve his people in the priesthood may respond willingly.

Pilgrimage to Fatima

On 28th Sept to 4th Oct.
6 nights. Flights from Cork.
€609 if booked before Feb 1st (€50 discount).
Price includes trips to Eucharistic Miracle of Santarem
St Anthony's birth place in Lisbon
and Blessed Alexandrina Da Costa in Balasar.
Spiritual Director Fr Marius O'Reilly.
Limited places! Contact Damien on 087 204 9048

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts 13:14. 43-52
Paul and Barnabas preach the gospel with courage and with joy.
Second Reading: Apoc. 7.9. 14-17
We are given a vision of a heavenly scene, where the redeemed are gathered around the throne of The Lamb.
Gospel: John 10:27-30

There are two notions that need to be taken on faith as they are presented in the Gospel passage where Jesus identifies himself as the Good Shepherd. The first mystery is that those who are given the gift of faith to hear the invitation Jesus presents, will follow him. The second mystery involves the unbreakable bond that exists between the Shepherd and the person who hears the invitation. Once a person responds to the invitation, he or she belongs to God forever.

**Follow The Footsteps of Jesus
From Galilee To Jerusalem 2019**

Take the TRIP of a LIFETIME to the HOLY LAND, May 28th- June 7th 2019.

Group Leader, Mícheál de Barra and Spiritual Director, Fr. John Newman (Bible Scholar) In association with Premier Travel, Cork

Contact Mícheál at 0868337681/
emailculturaltoursireland@gmail.com

What former pilgrims have said about this tour:

'Masada was awe inspiring but I was moved by Calvary in a way I could not imagine or describe' (Mike)

'Keep it up, the happiness you brought to your pilgrims will never be forgotten,' (Alice)

'We will now read and hear the gospels in a very different light since our pilgrimage', (Lucille)

Pilgrimage to Knock

Legion of Mary annual Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Sunday, 26th May 2019. Bus leaving from outside Garda Station at 7.30am sharp. For more details contact: Sally 021-4870954 or Cathleen 021-4874730.

Communion for the Sick

Remembering and praying by the family of believers is part of every worship especially the Mass. Ministers of the Eucharist or a priest go from the praying community to the sick with Holy Communion. Please let the celebrant of Mass know when you wish communion to be taken to the sick. Bringing Holy Communion to the sick is both a privilege and a responsibility.

Information Session

Is God calling you to be a priest in our diocese? Come to our information session on Sunday 12th May from 3:00pm to 6:00pm at the Pastoral Development Office, Parochial House, Ballyphehane. Contact Fr Charlie Kiely 021-4537474.

The Irish Blood Transfusion Service

Will hold Blood Donor Clinics in Ballincollig GAA Pavilion, 5pm – 8.30pm on Monday 27th & Tuesday 28th May 2019 & Éire Óg GAA Hall, Ovens, 5pm – 8.30pm on Wednesday 29th & Thursday 30th May 2019

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Bulletin Board

Masses in Christ our Light Church for the coming week please note changes.

Monday	8.30am
Tuesday	No Mass
Wednesday	No Mass
Thursday	8.30am
Friday	No Mass

Coeliac Hosts

Low gluten hosts are available that are suitable for Coeliac. Please inform the priest prior to Mass if possible if you require it.

Spring Dues

The priests of the Parish would like to thank you for returning the Spring Dues Envelopes. Your continued support is much appreciated.

First Holy Communion

Please pray for the boys and girls of Gaelscoil Uí Ríordáin who will receive the sacrament of Holy Communion on Saturday 18th May. Sincere thanks to the parents and dedicated teachers who work diligently preparing young people for the sacrament.

First Holy Communion Dates 2019

Gaelscoil Uí Ríordáin	18th May
Scoil Eoin	25th May
Scoil Mhuire	8th June

Annual Diocesan Pastoral Development Collection

The annual collection for the Diocesan Pastoral Development Office will be taken up at all Masses this weekend – Saturday/Sunday 11th/12th May. Your generosity to this collection enables the office to continue to offer training and formation for pastoral groups and parish ministries, adult faith development opportunities throughout the Diocese of Cork and Ross.

Public Rosary

Rosary in honour of Our Lady of Fatima will be recited in St. Mary & St. John's Church on Monday, 13th May at 3pm. All are welcome.

Fr. George

Reflection for Parents

Our culture has changed since the days of our parents and grandparents when just about anyone dropped in at any time. We now call ahead and make arrangements for our children to visit friends. In comparing our own day to 50 years ago, we begin to really appreciate the invitation of Jesus to follow him, just as we are, anytime of the day or night. Where would we be if we had to call ahead to see if Jesus was available. Today, we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, which is also the Day of Prayer for Vocations. We rejoice that we are God's people, the sheep of his flock, and we pray that the Lord will send labourers to the harvest.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

May-18 & May-19-2019

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Chloe O'Neill
Ailish O'Reilly
8:30 am
John Healy
Kerry O'Leary
10:00 am
Fearghal Monahan
Debra Daly
12:00 Noon
Sean Hennessy
Shane Lehane

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Rebecca Feely
Siobhan Keane
11:00 am
Michael Buckley
Cillian O'Catthasaigh
12:30 pm
Laura O'Leary
Sarah O'Connell
5:30 pm
Tom Reck

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

No Morning Mass

9:30 am

Wednesday

No Morning Mass

9:30 am

Thursday

8:30 am

9:30 am

Friday

No Morning Mass

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

Priest on Duty 087-2479140

Fr. George O'Mahony P.P. 021-4871206

Fr. Cian O'Sullivan C.C. 021-4876171

Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

13-May-2019 to 19-May-2019

Joan Barrett

Margot Twomey

SMA National Novena

The SMA National Novena in honour of Our Lady of Knock will begin on Friday, 17th May 2019 at the African Missions Church, Blackrock Road, Cork City and will end on Saturday, 25th May with our Annual Pilgrimage to Knock. The Novena will be celebrated each evening at 7.30 p.m. (except on Saturday 18th and 25th when it will be 7.00 p.m). For further information please contact: SMA Blackrock Road at 021-4292871 or SMA Wilton at 021-4541069.

The Bible should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. The Bible is meant not to inform, but to transform. Men do not reject the Bible because it contradicts itself but because it contradicts them.

Annual Mass

The Annual Mass for People with Parkinsons in the Cork area, and their families and friends will take place in St. Patricks Church, Rochestown Road, Cork on Monday 13th of May next at 7.00 pm. The ceremony will include The Sacrament of the Sick. Light refreshments afterwards. All Welcome

Lourdes 2019 - Young Adult Helpers

The Diocese of Cork and Ross invites young adults 18-25 to join the pilgrimage to Lourdes as helpers from 10th to 15th June. As helpers you will assist with the sick and be involved in the full pilgrimage programme – time for prayer, sharing in the story of Lourdes and making new friends. Limited number of places – for further Details contact Fr Charlie Kiely on 021 4537474

Ballincollig Tidy Towns

Please help our community by



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

May-18 & May-19-2019

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Pat Moore
Marie Healy
Margaret Kearney
Nora Barry
Joan Tobin

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

8:30 am Triona Collins
Tom Butler

11:00 am Mary Aylward
Pauline Baston
Dermuid Horgan
Sylvia Manley

10:00 am Mags Bunyan
Mary Murphy
Breda Monaghan
Mary Hennigan

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

12 Noon Marie Bohan
Breda Lenihan
Jacinta Jeffers
Rena O'Connor
Sean Farrell

5:30 pm Shelia Curran
Elizabeth O'Sullivan