

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 15-May-2022



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Fifth Sunday Of Easter

Part of the great revelation of the New Testament is the notion that God is coming among us to make all things new; that means removing all the causes of guilt and grief in human life. We show our acceptance of this renewal of our lives by our love for one another.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

The Praying Hands

Two brothers dreamed of going to art school. Their father couldn't afford to send them so, in love, they agreed a plan: one would go while the other would support him; then they would change places. It all came down to the toss of a coin as to who would go first. Albrecht Durer (1471-1528) won, and went to the Academy in Nuremberg.

To fulfil his part of the bargain, Albert went down into the nearby mines and worked to finance his brother's study. Meanwhile Albrecht quickly impressed his teachers. His etchings, his woodcuts and his paintings were a sensation and, even by the time he graduated, he had established his reputation.

Faithful to his promise, Albrecht returned home to remind his beloved brother that it was now his turn to fulfil his ambition and that he, Albrecht, would support him. In tears, however, Albert told his brother that it was now too late for him: four years of toil in the mines had so badly damaged his hands that he could never be an artist.

To honour Albert for all that he had sacrificed on his behalf, Albrecht drew his brother's damaged hands with palms together and thin fingers stretched heavenward. He called his drawing simply Hands, but his great masterpiece, his tribute of love, would become known as The Praying Hands.

Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood in the Diocese of Cork and Ross

Loving God, at baptism you have gifted each of us with a call to serve you and all people in everything we do.

Give us the strength to share your message of love, justice, hope and peace in every part of our Diocese of Cork and Ross.

We ask you, Lord, for the gift of new vocations to priesthood in our diocese.

In your fatherly care, accompany those who are seeking to know your will for them.

Inspire those you invite to serve as priests and fill them with the courage to answer that call.

Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Please take a prayer card

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

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† IN SYMPATHY †
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :
Kathleen Crean, Ovens.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS OR OTHERWISE REMEMBERED:
Cathlie O'Neill, Powdermills.
Ellen Ryan, Waterfall.
John Coleman, Muskerry Estate.
Dec. Mem's of the Murphy family, Dingle.
Kitty & Finbarr O'Brien, Friar's Walk.
Thomas & Cathleen O'Donnell, Drimoleague.
May & Raymond Monahan, Galway.
Adrian Boyde, Coolroe.
Margaret Hayes
Con & Mary O'Donovan, Station Road.
Paul Michael Dillon, Sundays Well.
Patrick Kelleher, Kilkenny.

Thought for Today

We forget that the vine needs to be pruned. When Jesus was tempted in the desert, the temptation was to rely on prosperity, prestige and power. By resisting that temptation he showed us that we need to be pruned of our self-reliance in order to put our trust in God alone. In today's Second Reading we hear John tell us how he saw a new heaven and a new earth won for us by the resurrection. Today we pray that we may see the breaking of this new heaven and new earth into our world by following the commandment that Jesus gave us, 'Love one another as I have loved you!'

The Synod, our Diocese and Parishes

It's not every day that the Holy Father asks every Catholic in the world to have a say in the life of the Catholic Church! During this month of May, our diocese will be opening up ways for people to have a say and to listen and have an input into next year's Synod meeting in Rome which is called by Pope Francis.

The easiest way to find out more and to have your say is to go to <http://synod.corkandross.org> where an online confidential questionnaire is available to be filled in. (It'll take about 15 minutes.)

It's open until May 24th. All the responses will be collated and added to the feedback from meetings being held across the diocese with randomly selected groups during May. A summary document will be forwarded from our diocese at the end of May.
So, it's time to have your say at <http://synod.corkandross.org>.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Fifth Week Of Easter

- 15 Sunday Acts 14:21-27. Ps. 144. Apoc. 21:1-5. Jn. 13:31- 33, 34-35. Lect I: 517
- 16 Monday Acts 14:5-18. Ps. 113. In. 14:21-26. Lect I: 519
- 17 Tuesday Acts 14:19-28. Ps 144. Jn 14:27-31. Lect I: 522
- 18 Wednesday Acts 15:1-6. Ps 121. Jn 15:1-8. Lect I: 524
- 19 Thursday Acts 15:7-21. Ps 95. Jn 15:9-11. Lect I: 526
- 20 Friday Acts 15:22-31. Ps 56. Jn 15:12-17. Lect I: 528
- 21 Saturday Acts 16:1-10. Ps 99. Jn 15:18-21. Lect I: 531

Bulletin Board

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the boys and girls in Gaelscoil Uí Riordáin who received the sacrament of Holy Communion today/yesterday. Please pray for the boys and girls in Scoil Mhuire and Gaelscoil an Caisleán who will receive the sacrament of Holy Communion on Saturday next Saturday 21st May. Sincere thanks to the parents and dedicated teachers who work diligently preparing young people for the sacrament.

Trocaire Boxes

Please return Trocaire Boxes to the schools or to the church; when returned the money will be lodged in the Trocaire Account.

Parish Council Message

We, the parish council invite and welcome people from Ukraine, to attend coffee and tea mornings and receive free English classes, every Saturday morning at 11am in the Sonas house on Station road

First Holy Communion Dates 2022

Scoil Mhuire	Saturday 21 st May
Gaelscoil an Chaisleáin	Saturday 21 st May
Scoil Barra	Saturday 28 th May

Fr. Alan

First Reading: Acts 14:21-27

Today, we hear how hard Paul and the apostles worked to build up the church. They tended the vineyard.

Second Reading: Apoc. 21:1-5

Only God knows for sure what will happen at the end of the world, but now John gives us some hints. There will be a whole new universe, a new heaven, and a new earth. Suffering and death will be no more; we will live happily with God. This is the future of the Church.

Gospel: John. 13:31- 33

While Jesus was with his disciples at the Last Supper, he pointed toward his future glory following his death and resurrection where he would be reunited with his Father in heaven. He also gave the disciples a command: to love one another. But the disciples didn't have to figure out how to do this on their own. Jesus told them to love one another in