

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 05-June-2022

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

A New Journey

This summer many columns have been written, chat shows and radio programmes have given hours to one news item. I refer to the ongoing transfer saga of Beckham – will he or won't he transfer and if he does who will gain his signature Real Madrid or Barcelona. Tuesday 3rd June began as another ordinary dull wet summers day for me; however by one o'clock my life had changed. Bishop Buckley called me to his office and his message was clear – I am appointing you to Ballincollig; thus began for me a new appointment in probably the biggest parish in the Diocese of Cork. I want to assure parishioners there is not a 'Posh' in my life and even though, I have some skeletons in the closet I do not have any 'Brooklyn'.

My name is George O'Mahony, I am a native of Drimoleague; I am a priest for thirty two years and for the past seven years I worked in the parish of Knocknaheeny. During those seven years Knocknaheeny became my home as well as my place of work. I am delighted I had the opportunity to work in Knocknaheeny and share in the life of it's people as well as journeying with them on the road of Faith. I have many friends there who will always be part of my life.

I am delighted to be appointed to Ballincollig and I do appreciate the efforts that so many have made already to make me welcome. I am a shy person not given to many words. I look forward to working with Fr. Michael, Fr. John and Fr. Paul (wit - when he heard I am coming to the parish to rejoin him, he has renamed himself – John The Baptist). I am looking forward to meeting the Parish Council and working with them and I will endeavour to do my best to sustain, support and accompany people on their journey of Faith.

I take this opportunity to wish Fr. Leonard O'Brien well in his new appointment in Clonakilty. I know that he has worked hard here for eleven years and I thank him for his help and courtesy to me during the past week.

Today is the feast of Corpus Christi; hands or tongues are outstretched to receive our God made visible in a sliver of bread. Let us remind ourselves that God is placing himself in our hands and tongue during Mass, he has placed himself in our care this week, at the mercy of our hands and mouths. When we recognise and respond to Him present in those starved of greeting or affection, in the youth who need adult leaders and example, in the elderly, the infirm, the needy we truly celebrate Corpus Christi.

In Honour of the late Fr. George O'Mahony RIP

In Remembrance

Next Friday 10th June marks the first anniversary of the death of our former parish priest Fr. George O'Mahony RIP. At the time of his death Covid restrictions prevented us printing and paying tribute to him. This weekend in his honour we reprint the very first front page he compiled for The Parishioner on 22nd June 2003. He was simply known to us all as Fr. George and during his ministry in Ballincollig, he has the distinction of writing no less than 280 front-page stories. Fr. George in his story above eludes to his predecessor Fr. Leonard O'Brien who was instrumental in formation of The Parishioner, sadly over time we have lost some great colleagues and friends of our publication, in silence let us all remember Fr's Leonard O'Brien, George O'Mahony and Sean O'Driscoll, and former colleagues Oliver O'Donovan, Tom Murray, Pat Kelleher, Con O'Connell and all those that were associated with The Parishioner over the years.

May they all Rest in Peace

Con & Diarmuid

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord and renew the face of the earth.

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† IN SYMPATHY †
 PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :
 Sadie Clery, Ballincollig / Ferns.
 Brigid McCarthy, Oaklands.
 Margaret Clarke, Westgate.
 Damian O'Brien, Ballincollig / Arizona.
 Con Sexton, Hillsboro.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS OR OTHERWISE REMEMBERED:
 Paddy O'Donovan, Union Hall.
 Jimmy O'Donovan, Glasheen Road.
 Bridget O'Sullivan, Inniscarra View.
 Alice O'Donovan.
 Michael O'Sullivan, Manor Hill.
 William & Mamie Kavanagh, East Gate.
 Joe Kavanagh, Parknamore Heights.
 John & Eleanor O'Mahony, Castletownbere.
 Eileen Foley, Coachford.
 Fr. George O'Mahony P.P.
 William & Catherine Ryan, St. Anthony's Lawn.
 Lucy Dorgan, Burnfort.

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.

Ballincollig Parish Summer Sunday Mass Schedule 2022
 There will be no 5.30pm Mass in Christ our Light Church from the 29th May until September.

From 19th June until September there will be no 12 Noon Mass in St. Mary & St. John's Church.

From Saturday 18th June until September there will be no 10.00am Mass. There will be a Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion.

From Monday 20th June there will be only 1 weekday Mass in the parish. Please join us for 9.30am Mass Monday, Tuesday and Friday in St. Mary & St. John's Church and 8.30am Mass Wednesday and Thursday in Christ our Light Church.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
 Tenth Week In Ordinary Time

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

06 Monday Gn 3:9-15, 20 Lect II:1421 or Acts 1:12•14. Lect II:1434 Ps 87:1•2, 3, 5, 6-7, R/ v 3. Jn 19:25-34. cf. Lect II:1449

07 Tuesday 1 Kgs 17:7-16. Ps 4. Mt 5:13-16. Lect II: 576

08 Wednesday 1 Kgs 18:20-39. Ps 15. Mt 5:17-19. Lect II: 579

09 Thursday Rom 12:1-2, 9-13 or 2 Cor 5:14-21. Ps 33. Mt 19:27-29

10 Friday 1 Kgs 19:9, 11-16. Ps 26. Mt 5:27-32. Lect II: 583

11 Saturday Acts 11:21-26, 13:1-3. Ps. 97. Mt. 10:7-13. Lect II: 1058

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Mass Diaries
 Mass Diaries to book Mass intentions for July, August & September will open in both churches on Saturday June 11th.
 Priority will be given to those booking 1st Anniversary Mass.

1st Anniversary of Fr. George O'Mahony P.P.
 Next weekend marks the 1st Anniversary of our beloved Fr. George O'Mahony P.P. Anniversary Masses will be as follows:
 9.30am St. Mary & St. John's Church Friday 10th June
 7.30pm in Christ our Light Church Saturday 11th June
 12 Noon St. Mary & St. John's Church Sunday 12th June
 Rest in peace Fr. George.

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.

The Ballincollig annual Eucharistic Procession will take place on Saturday June 18th
 The Procession will leave the church of St. Mary & St. John immediately after the 6pm Vigil Mass (approx. 6.40pm) and proceed down Station Road, on to the Main St as far as Castlepark and back to Church View for Benediction. You and your family are invited to take part in the Eucharistic Procession. Families of children who received their First Holy Communion and who celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation recently are especially invited to take part. Please make every effort.

Fr. Alan