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THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



CHRIST OUR LIGHT
INNISHMORE



ST. MARY & ST. JOHN
STATION ROAD

SUNDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2001
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The vocation to serve God does not follow a standard pattern, it is as unique as the person who is called. It came for Isaiah while he was at prayer. It came for Peter in the middle of his work. For both men it meant a sense of unworthiness before the presence of God, but both learnt that the service of God does not spring from innate human goodness as much as from the forgiving power of God's love.



THE STRUCTURE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN IRELAND

The Catholic Church in Ireland is divided into four Archdioceses called Provinces. These Provinces are sub-divided into Dioceses (there are twenty-six dioceses in total) and these dioceses are further sub-divided into Parishes, which is the unit of sub-division most widely recognised by lay Catholics. Diocesan and Province boundaries do not follow the secular county and Province boundaries nor are they arranged to equally distribute the Catholic population between dioceses. The Diocesan boundaries largely pre-date the county boundaries being in the main codified at the beginning of the second Christian millennium. From the time of Saint Patrick to the beginning of the second Christian millennium the structure of the Irish Church was based largely around monasteries with Clonmacnoise, Clonfert, Kildare and Armagh being among the most prominent. Following frequent Viking attacks in the ninth, tenth and eleventh centuries the indigenous Irish monasteries declined with a consequent diminishment in the quality and depth of the faith among the lay Irish as the quality of the religious education made available to them by the monasteries went into eclipse. To rectify this situation and to bring the structure of the Irish Church into line with the structure of the Church on the continent a national Synod of bishops was held at Raith Breasail near Cashel, Co. Tipperary in A.D. 1111.

Within the diocesan structure of Bishops and Priests, whose vocation is the ministry of the sacraments and the spiritual education of the lay people, are to be found the religious orders in the Church. These are Priests, Nuns and Brothers who are following a particular vocation within the Church as defined by the rules of the order within which they profess their vows.

Monasticism - Benedictine and Cistercian Orders

Mendicant Orders - Franciscans and Dominicans

Educational Vocations - The Jesuits and Christian Brothers

Charitable - The Sisters of Mother Teresa of Calcutta

During the twentieth century lay orders such as Opus Dei who consecrate the work of their various carers to the Lord have pioneered yet another vocational path to follow within the Catholic Church.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Everyone who believes God's word is called to pass on the Good News. Like many who have gone before us, including the prophet Isaiah and the apostles Peter and Paul, we may not feel up to the task. But God helps us every day.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

PRIEST

God's love is eternal, so with confidence we present our needs.

READER

For all who try to pass on the Good News, that they may not give up, even when they feel unworthy. Lord, hear us;

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those called to be missionaries, that they may preach God's word, wherever they are called to serve. Lord, hear us;

Lord, graciously hear us.

For all people of good will, that they may come to respect the holiness of God.

Lord, hear us;

Lord, graciously hear us.

For fishermen, and all who work on the sea, that they may have divine protection against every storm.

Lord, hear us;

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who have known tragedy, that God's healing power may assist them in difficult times.

Lord, hear us;

Lord, graciously hear us.

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B e f o r e e t h e

BAPTISMS



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

Kelly Power, 47, Castle Avenue

Liam Ruari Fahy, 10, Glincool Grove

Alexandria Rose O'Brien, 5, Westgrove

David Michael Anthony Buckley-Brett,
10, Maple Place, Togher

Lucy Margaret Smith, 19, Church View

Dean Daniel Cornelius Yelverton,
18, Innishmore Drive

Sofia Ann Gibbons, 19, The Meadows, Classis



IN SYMPATHY

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:

Richard Burke

Cian Nangle, Model Farm Road & South Africa

Chrissie O'Sullivan, Turners Cross

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

Pat Manning, Farranree

Sean Dunne, Muskerry Estate

Margaret McSweeney, Kilnaglorry

Patrick O'Donovan, Church Road

Ellen O'Sullivan, Glenmare

Joseph Brennan, Kilkenny

Con & Nellie O'Mahony, Clash Road

Jack & Clare Horgan, Gurranabraher

Margaret O'Regan, Liscarroll, Cork

Noel Buckley, Carrigdena

Billy Kemp

Josephine Boylan, Maglin Drive

Bernard Boylan, Maglin Drive

Trevor Phillips, England

John, Mary & Tom Dobbyn, Main Street

Cecil & Pat McCracken, West Village & England

John & Timothy O'Regan, Poulavone

Donal Walsh, Fair St.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

4 Sunday Is. 6:1-2, 3-8. Ps. 137. 1 Cor. 15:1-11. Lk. 5:1-11. *Lect I: 849*

Today we look at the vocations of Isaiah and St. Peter. Both are called in strange circumstances. They each recognise their unworthiness, but are reassured that God will be with them. Through our baptism we also are called to build up God's kingdom. We should fear no evil for the Lord is with us.

5 Monday Gen. 1:1-19. Ps. 103. Mk. 6:53-56. *Lect II:54*

The blessing of water at Baptism recalls the Spirit of God over the primitive waters from which came life. We are reborn by water and the Spirit to the new life of Christ.

6 Tuesday Gen. 1:20-2:4. Ps. 8. Mk. 7:1-13. *Lect II:56*

We are the crown of God's creation, yet we fail to carry out the work of conserving the earth that God gave to our stewardship. Our responsibility towards conservation of the earth's resources and beauty is a God-given trust.

7 Wednesday Gen. 2:4-9, 15-17. Ps. 103. Mk. 7:14-23. *Lect II:59*

The readings contrast the innocence of human beings in the Garden, and the evil that lurks in the hearts of fallen humanity.

8 Thursday Gen. 2:18-25. Ps. 127. Mk. 7:24-30. *Lect II:61*

Woman is created as the equal of the man. Her qualities are to compliment his. The growth and development of God's creation is now a joint enterprise of man and woman.

9 Friday Gen. 3:1-8. Ps. 31. Mk. 7:31-37. *Lect II:63*

Sin enters human life, the great roots being pride and selfishness. Comparing ourselves with others, desiring more and more, lead to dissatisfaction with what we have. In the end all can be lost through overpowering greed.

10 Saturday Gen. 3:9-24. Ps. 89. Mk. 8:1-10. *Lect II:65*

Our human life comes from the soil and the earth is the stage on which we live our lives. Child-bearing and work are blessings and yet they are accompanied by pain and sorrow. It is folly to rebel against God and wisdom to know the littleness of our lives. Yet God is generous and gives us more than is wanted.

SAINTS THIS WEEK

Monday 5th - St. Agatha, died a martyr for the faith of Catania in Sicily in the third century. Patron of bell-founders.

Tuesday 6th - St. Paul Miki & Companions, martyred at Nagasaki, Japan in 1597. the 6 Franciscans, 17 Franciscan Tertiaries and 3 Jesuits died suspended on crosses.

Wednesday 7th - St. Mel, is said to have been a Briton who came to Ireland with St. Patrick and with whom he worked until he was ordained in Ardagh in 488.

Thursday 8th - St. Jerome Emiliani, died 1537, converted in later life. After a military career he founded the Clerks Regular of Somascha for the care of orphans and the poor. Patron Saint of orphans.

Saturday 10th - St. Scholastica, died 543, sister of St. Benedict. She spent her life as a consecrated virgin. Patron of convulsive children.

QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK

Q. A queue for confession is rare today. And many people believe they have nothing to confess. So has sin gone away?

A. Simon Peter recognised his sinfulness when he glimpsed something of the Lord's majesty in a catch of fish. *'Leave me, Lord, I am a sinful man.'* One moment of vision enlightens conscience more than repeated moral exhortations.

One's sense of sin is a barometer of one's experience of God. Little awareness of God - no sin. Deep experience of God - massive realisation of personal unworthiness. Has sin gone away? It is our sense of the Lord God Almighty that has gone. Francis of Assisi prayed: *'Who are thou, my Lord and what am I?'*

Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap

MESSAGE OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR THE WORLD DAY OF THE SICK FOR THE YEAR 2001

Enriched by the grace of the Great Jubilee and by contemplation of the mystery of the incarnate Word, in which human pain finds "its supreme and surest point of reference" (*Salvifici doloris*, n. 31), the Christian community is preparing to celebrate the Ninth World Day of the Sick on 11 February 2001. The place designated for the celebration of this significant event is the cathedral of Sydney, Australia.

As in the past, the Day will be an occasion of prayer and support for the countless institutions devoted to the care of the suffering. It will encourage the many priests, religious and lay believers who seek to respond in the Church's name to the expectations of sick people, while paying special attention to the weakest and those struggling the most, in order to assure the victory of the culture of life over the culture of death everywhere (cf. *Evangelium vitae*, n. 100). Since I too have shared the experience of illness several times in recent years, I have come to understand more and more clearly its value for my Petrine ministry and for the church's life itself. In expressing my affectionate solidarity to those who are suffering, I invite them to contemplate with faith the mystery of Christ crucified and risen, in order to discover God's loving plan in their experience of pain. Only by looking at Jesus, "a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief" (Is 53:3), is it possible to find serenity and trust.

On this World Day of the Sick, whose theme is The New Evangelisation and the Dignity of the Suffering Person, the Church intends to stress the need to evangelise in a new way this area of human experience, in order to encourage its orientation to the overall well-being of the person and the progress of all people in every part of the world.

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This Weekend

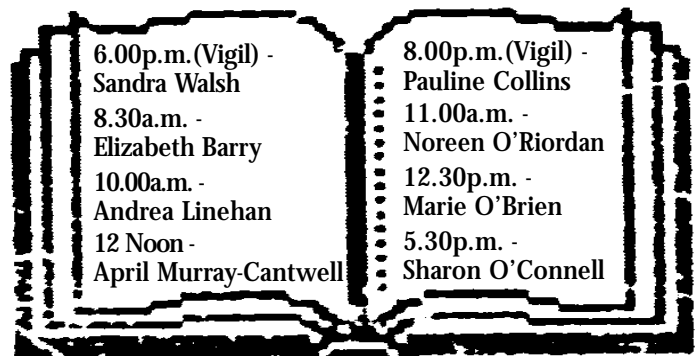
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MINISTERS OF THE WORD 10TH/11TH FEB

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CHRIST OUR LIGHT



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST 10th/11th February 2001 ST. MARY'S & ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

SATURDAY 10TH

6p.m.
Vera Allen
Bernadette Bell
Oliver Delaney
Betty Casey
Frank Riordan
Siobhan Riordan

SUNDAY 11TH

8.30a.m.
Mary Buckley
Josie Halligan

10a.m.

Karina O'Mahony
Nancy Hogan
Tadhg Murphy
Mary Murphy

12.00 Noon

Michael Crowley
John Walshe
Noel Hennessy
Breda Lenihan
Rena O'Connor
Eavan O'Donoghue



CHRIST OUR LIGHT CHURCH

SATURDAY 10TH

8p.m.
John O'Donoghue
Eleanor O'Donoghue
Kathleen Daly

SUNDAY 11TH

11a.m.
Robert Wade
Mary O'Mahony
Margaret Brown
Lelia O'Brien

12.30p.m.

Brid Dolan
Peggy Sheehan
Pat Manning
Terry O'Driscoll
Bernie O'Driscoll

5.30p.m.

Catherine Green
Mary Breen
Siobhan Burke

ST. MARY & ST. JOHN	EACH SUNDAY	CHRIST OUR LIGHT
<p style="text-align: center;">Masses</p> <p>Sunday: 8.30, 10.00, 12.00</p> <p>Mon-Fri: 9.30am</p> <p>Saturday: 10.00, 6pm, (Vigil)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ROSARY RECITED AT BOTH CHURCHES EACH SUNDAY 3.00P.M.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Everyone most welcome</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Masses</p> <p>Sunday: 11.00, 12.30, 5.30pm</p> <p>Mon-Fri: 8.30am</p> <p>Saturday: 10.00am, 8.00pm (Vigil)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Confessions</p> <p>Saturday: after 10am Mass before 6pm Mass</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRISTY SERVICES <i>Before and after all Masses Sundays & Weekdays</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">CHURCH OF ST. MARY & ST. JOHN</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- Mass Card Signing - Requests for Baptism/Marriage Certs etc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CHRIST OUR LIGHT - Mass Card Signing -</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Confessions</p> <p>Saturday: after 10am Mass</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Baptisms</p> <p>Saturday: 5.00pm Sunday: 12.45pm</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Baptisms</p> <p>Saturday: 7.15pm</p>

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DAY OF RENEWAL
"The Bread of Life"

Galilee Prayer Group will hold a
Day of Renewal on **Saturday 17th February**,
in the **Community Hall, Ballincollig**,
starting at **10.45a.m.**

The day will be presented by
Fr. Tom Clancy P.P. and Mr. Joe Dalton

Fr. Tom is P.P. of Ballineaspaig, and is a very inspired speaker. Joe, who is from Dublin, is internationally known, for his healing ministry.

All are welcome, so, if you are reading this, please accept our invitation to join us, especially if you have never been to a renewal day before, you will be most welcome to "come and see" for all, or any part of the day.

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Saint Thérèse

Visit to Ireland of the Relics

Diocese of Cork and Ross

Wednesday June 20th 2001 - Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne, Cork City

Saturday June 23rd 2001 - SMA Church, Cork City

Sunday June 24th 2001 - Carmelites, Kinsale, Co. Cork

St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus was born in Alençon in France on 2 January 1873. She was the last of nine children, four of whom had already died. Her father was a watchmaker and her mother ran a small lace-making business. When Thérèse was four, her mother died and the family moved to Lisieux. Here she spent the next ten years of her life, brought up in an atmosphere of love and affection.

From an early age she wanted to give herself to God. she struggled with her own stubbornness of will and suffered a lot from her very sensitive and scrupulous nature. When she was ten years old, she was cured of a serious illness through the 'smile of the Queen of Heaven'.

At the age of fifteen, she entered the Carmelite Convent in Lisieux and was given the name 'Thérèse of the Child Jesus and of the Holy Face'. She spent the next nine years of her life here, faithfully and heroically living the life of a Carmelite nun with great simplicity and humility. She discovered what she called her 'Little Way' - a way of confidence and trust and of total surrender to God's Merciful Love. At the end of her life she realised her mission was about to begin and she would spend her heaven doing good on earth.

Before she died, Thérèse, under obedience, began to write down the recollections and memories of her childhood together with her reflections on the religious life. St. Thérèse died on 30 September 1897 at the age of 24 after eighteen months of great physical suffering and desolation of spirit. she was canonised in 1925. She has been proclaimed a Patroness of France and of the Missions and in 1997 was declared a Doctor of the Church.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF DIVINE MERCY

Main Hall, R.D.S., Ballsbridge, Dublin 4
17th and 18th February, 2001

Saturday 10a.m. - 9p.m. Sunday 10a.m. - 5p.m.

Registration: 9a.m.

SPEAKERS

Fr. Pat Martin (Maine, U.S.A.),

Mother Tessa Bielecki (Spiritual Life Institute, Sligo)

Br. Stanley Villavicencio (CEBU, Philippines)

Fr. Cathal Price P.P. (Kilbarrack/Foxfield)

Seek me...Always
(Amos 5.4)



Jesus I Trust in You

TICKETS: Weekend - £20
Saturday - £13 Sunday -£10

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TRUST IN GOD UNDER STRESS

*Lord, the problems that beset me daily are many.
 My dependence on you,
 My simple faith in your loving way,
 Is constantly under pressure.
 And yet, Lord, you are the shield that protects me.
 Encircled by your love, you enfold me with concern,
 Your strength supports me.
 Past experience has assured me,
 That as often as I cried out for help,
 My prayer found audience.
 Now, I reach out, once more,
 You are close to me,
 You hear and respond.
 Awake or asleep, I am not troubled
 by the disputes that I encounter.
 The conflicts in my life will never
 separate me from you.
 For you are able to salvage
 all that imperils my friendship with you.
 In your own good time, Lord, you will set me free.
 'Salvation is of the Lord;
 Your blessing be upon your people!' Psalm 3:9*

Reflection from Psalm No. 3

**BALLINCOLLIG BASKETBALL CLUB
NOTES AND FIXTURES**

LADIES RESULTS:

Last Thursday the Un-12 Girls provided great excitement in B.C.S. when they played against Brunell. It was a real cat and mouse game, with neither team more than a basket ahead of the other. There was great credit due to our Ballincollig girls for holding their nerve, when in the last crucial minutes of the game they managed to put in that all important basket for a richly deserved win. Well done, girls. The Un-11 Girls had a good day out on Saturday when they won 3 out of their 5 games in the Un-11 Tournament. The girls put in some very promising performances and are looking forward to the next round. Our Un-15 Ladies were not so fortunate in their game with Glanmire, who have a very strong team at this level. Glanmire were just too strong for our girls, who struggled from the start and were left with an uphill battle. None of our teams fared well in the Championship games on Saturday in B.C.S. Our Un-14, 16 and 18 teams all came up against tough opposition from Brunell, Midleton and Glanmire.

MENS RESULTS:

Well done to the Un-15 Men's for their decisive win over Carrigaline last Friday in Carrigaline Community School. The Ballincollig lads took control of the game from the start and allowed Carrigaline no chance to really get back into the match.

NOTICE

There will not be any training on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th February or the following week of Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th of February due to the unavailability of the gym. Training will resume on Saturday 24th February.

UPCOMING FIXTURES - LADIES

Thursday 1st February - Parochial Hall
8.15pm Ballincollig v C.S.O. Jun I
Saturday 3rd February - Parochial Hall
7.00pm Ballincollig v Glanmire Inter

UPCOMING FIXTURES - MEN

Friday 2nd February - Parochial Hall
7.30pm Iona v Ballincollig Un-13
Friday 2nd February - Carrigaline Comm. School
8.30pm Carrigaline v Ballincollig Un-17
Saturday 3rd February - Parochial Hall
UN-12 TOURNAMENT
Saturday 3rd February - B.C.S. Ballincollig
5.00pm Ballincollig v Glanmire Un-13
6.00pm Ballincollig v Neptune Un-15
7.00pm Ballincollig v Glanmire Un-17
8.00pm Ballincollig v Neptune Div. 2
Tuesday 6th February - Parochial Hall
7.30pm Glanmire v Ballincollig Un-17
7.30pm Blue Demons v Ballincollig Un-19
Wednesday 7th February - B.C.S. Ballincollig
6.00pm Ballincollig v Bantry Un-13
Friday 9th February - Parochial Hall
6.30pm Glanmire v Ballincollig Un-13

FATIMA APOSTOLATE

Ballincollig Group

Our monthly meeting

will be held

on Monday next,

February 5th 2001

in the Youth House,

Station Road at 7p.m.

Present & New Members Welcome

**BALLINCOLLIG
SECULAR
FRANCISCAN ORDER**

The Monthly Mass

and Meeting of the

Secular Franciscan Order

will take place in

St. Mary & St. John's Church

on Thursday 8th February at 11a.m.

Rosary will be recited at 10.45a.m.

All members are welcome



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MEETING

Monday 12th February, 2001

at Jury's Hotel at 8p.m.