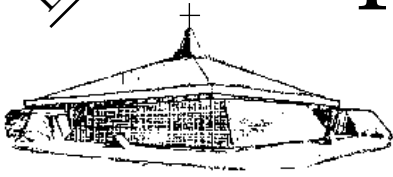


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THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



CHRIST OUR LIGHT
INNISHMORE



ST. MARY & ST. JOHN
STATION ROAD

SUNDAY 13TH MAY 2001
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.

THE VISITOR NOBODY WANTS

The visitor nobody wants is a regular visitor to our parish. When Death calls, we weep and mourn, and somehow, we feel a sense of shock - even though we may have been expecting it. Sometimes even, we feel Death brings relief from pain that could no longer be borne. But, whatever the circumstances, when Death call to our house, we are stopped in our tracks. Suddenly, we are confronted with our own mortality. As we pause and look back in our grief on the days that we shared with the loved one who has just left us, we lean on the comfort of one another, our relatives, our neighbours and our friends. All of you who have been bereaved know what a sense of loss and confusion Death can leave in its wake. We can all feel this, wondering which of us will be next! We think of others too, wherever they may be, if they are also suffering from the pain of losing a loved one. It is more than ever a time for us to draw strength from the fact that Christ is risen from the dead. His rising paves the way for our rising too - rising right now above anything that may tend to pull us down, and when our turn comes, passing through Death to everlasting life with God.

Sister Isabella MMM

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

PRIEST

With confidence let us bring our needs to the great and compassionate God.

READER

For missionaries, that their encouraging words may put fresh heart into the Lord's new disciples.

Lord, hear us;

Lord, graciously hear us.

For young people receiving Holy Communion for their first time, that they may always hunger for the Bread of Life.

Lord, hear us;

Lord, graciously hear us.

For all who want to follow Christ, that lives of love may mark them out.

Lord, hear us;

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those preparing for exams or sitting them, that the Spirit of understanding may be theirs.

Lord, hear us;

Lord, graciously hear us.

For our friends who have died, that they may take their place in the new Jerusalem, where mourning and sadness is no more.

Lord, hear us;

Lord, graciously hear us.

UNTIL WE ENTER THE KINGDOM OF GOD (*First Reading*)

Although Jesus is with us always, the pain of parting is obvious in today's Gospel: "I shall not be with you much longer".

He walks with us as we follow him on the road through death to new life. Yet, we are waiting for him to come again to take us to himself. Paul and Barnabus put fresh heart into the disciples, reminding them that

"We have all to experience many hardships before we enter the kingdom of God"

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I will bless your name for ever, O God my King

BAPTISMS



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

Evitia Mary Lenihan-Egan, 4, Church View
Lorcan Michael John Flahive,
59, Oaklands Rd, London



IN SYMPATHY

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:

Denis Byrne, Bishopstown
Rita Collins, Bishopstown
Maeve Coughlan, Friars Walk

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

Eileen Murray, Leevue
John, Kitty & William Harte, Clonakilty
Maureen Fitzpatrick, Clonakilty
Michael & Bridget Forde, Curraheen
Con Kelleher, Poulavone
Jeremiah Cullanan, Poulavone
Patrick McAuliffe, Rathmore
John Murphy, Station Road
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Noreen McCarthy, Castlepark
Patrick & Mary O'Mahony
Thomas Lynch, Carriganarra
Con Cremin, Glasheen Road
O'Keefe Family, Blackpool
Kitty Crowley, Dunmanway
Winifred Nagle
John & Mary Murphy, Industry Street
Ann O'Farrell, Tonyville

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Love shown in the members of the Church enables the community to be seen as disciples of Christ. Mutual love within the community overflows to the whole world. Christian charity helps to ease the burden of suffering and eliminate many of its causes.

14 Monday Acts. 1:15-17. Ps. 112. Jn. 15:9-17. *Lect I:1023*

15 Tuesday Acts. 14:19-28. Ps. 144. Jn. 14:27-31. *Lect I:522*

"As witnesses of the Risen One, the apostles - and Peter in particular - remain the foundation stones of his Church. *CCC 642*

16 Wednesday Acts. 15:1-6. Ps. 121. Jn. 15:1-8. *Lect I:524*

The apostles and teachers come together in search of unity of faith. The branches must remain part of the vine so that life will flow to them and they will bear fruit.

17 Thursday Acts. 15:7-21. Ps. 95. Jn. 15:9-11. *Lect I:526*

Jesus loves his disciples with that same gift of love with which the Father loves him. Genuine love means attending to the needs and weaknesses of others.

18 Friday Acts. 15:22-31. Ps. 56. Jn. 15:12-17. *Lect I:528*

Jesus tells his disciples that the world will fail to understand them and so persecute them. The followers of Jesus will get the same treatment as he received. But they must have courage and go out with the Good News to others.

19 Saturday Acts. 16:1-10. Ps. 99. Jn. 15:18-21. *Lect I:531*

The conflict between the believer and the world is part of the Christian's inheritance. The disciple can not expect other than what his Master also received. It is better to be persecuted for doing right than simply to conform to the ways of the world.

SAINTS THIS WEEK

Monday 14th - St. Matthias, like all apostles, was chosen to become "a witness with us of Christ's resurrection". The story of his election as one of the apostles is given in the first reading. He seems to have spent a great deal of time working in Judea; then he travelled east to Cappadocia (now Turkey), where it is said that he was the vital instrument in bringing many pagans to the faith. He is said to have been martyred at Colchis on the Black Sea and his relics brought to Rome by St. Helena.

Tuesday 15th - St. Carthage, (or Mochuta) hailed from a rich family in Kerry. As he loved the chanting of the Psalms, the local king arranged for him to become a priest. Having spent a year possibly at Bangor he founded his own monastery at Rohan in 595. It grew rapidly. But opposition made him move southwards around 637. He, with hundreds of monks and their patients for the leper colony, finally arrived at Lismore, where he made a foundation. He died in 638.

Wednesday 16th - St. Brendan, was a Kerryman who was born in 486. He studied at Clonard under Finnian. His name is connected with many places in Kerry, such as Ardfert and Mount Brandon. He visited Scotland and reached the Hebrides and possibly areas beyond. He founded a monastery in Clonfert in 568 and died there in 578.

Friday 18th - St. John I, died 526, was involved in Arian controversies and imprisoned at Ravenna, where he died.

St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus
remember thy promise
to do good upon earth.
Show down
thy roses
on those who
invoke thee.
Obtain for us from God
the graces we hope for
from his infinite goodness.
Amen.

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CORK BRANCH

CARERS SUPPORT MEETING
Monday 14th May 2001 at Jury's Hotel at 8p.m.

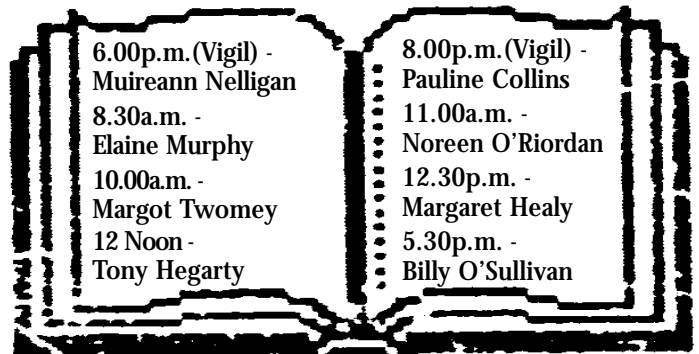
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 21st May 2001 at 7.45p.m. in the Community Centre
All members are requested to attend

MINISTERS OF THE WORD 19TH/20TH MAY

ST. MARY & ST. JOHN

CHRIST OUR LIGHT



MINISTERS OF THE WORD

*My Reader's Roster - where is it?
Oh, I've lost it - well, to cover situations like that, which can arise for anybody, we have left a supply of spare current rosters in the Sacristy - so just pop in and collect one
- Many thanks*

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST 19th/20th May 2001 ST. MARY'S & ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

SATURDAY 19TH

6p.m.
Helen Kelly
April Ryan
Eileen Murphy
Ted Nelligan
Angela Murphy
Ann O'Connell

SUNDAY 20TH

8.30a.m.
Mary Buckley
Josie Halligan

10a.m.
Miriam Maunsell
Mary McLean
Breda Ring
Jerry O'Connor

12.00 Noon
Louie O'Leary
Mary Buckley
Will Casey
Rose Doyle
Anne O'Sullivan
Ellen O'Sullivan



SATURDAY 19TH

8p.m.
Maire Uí Crualaóí
Marion O'Sullivan
Anne O'Connell

CHRIST OUR LIGHT CHURCH

SUNDAY 20TH

11a.m.
Seamus O'Connell
Mary O'Connell
Finbarr Murray
Alan O'Riordan

12.30p.m.
Eileen O'Donoghue
Jackies Sheehan
Anne Burke
Mary Green
Michael O'Leary


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 Mon-Fri: 9.30am 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 Mon-Fri: 8.30am 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> CHURCH OF ST. MARY & ST. JOHN</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- Mass Card Signing - Requests for Baptism/Marriage Certs etc. 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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*Ballincollig Community
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THURSDAY 10TH MAY
 Ballincollig I.C.A.
 Pike Theatre Group

FRIDAY 11TH MAY
 Kim's Dancing Group
 B.C.S. & Colaiste Choilm

SUNDAY 13TH MAY
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 Pike Theatre Group

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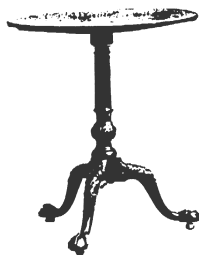
Home Heating Budget Payment Plan



Ballincollig Parish Fund Raising
 To Reduce Parish Debt of £285,000
CHARITY AUCTION MAY 30TH

As there has been no door-to-door collection it is felt that parishioners will be happy to donate something for auction

SUGGESTED ITEMS



Furniture
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*The real tragedy in life is not being
 limited to one talent, but in the failure
 to use the one talent.*

EDWARD WORK

GRATITUDE FOR A FRIEND

My heart is full of joy today.
 I feel great!

As I search for words to express that gladness,
 Volumes tumble from my lips.

You, my beloved, were the source of delight.

You affected me by your kindness.

You made it good for me to be alive.

I glimpsed the beauty of God in his creation.

He was present in eyes that looked lovingly on me.

He reached out through your glance of concern.

He put new meaning in my life; kindled a fire within.

You, my dear friend, showed me a better way,

You took away my confusion;

Put order and meaning into my aimless strivings.

Gratitude is now the theme of my song.

Now I pray that the Lord may use me,

As he has so graciously used you;

To give joy where there was sadness,

Hope when near to despair.

May the Lord keep us both safe in his keeping.

May he make us messengers of tranquility;

Your loving kindness to me, always remembered.

Reflection from Psalm 45

BALLINCOLLIG COMMUNITY GAMES

We have been very busy for the last couple of weeks with Ballincollig kids taking part in a number of competitions.

On Saturday 22nd April our girls U-13 Indoor Soccer Team headed for the Neptune Stadium for the CMP Dairies sponsored County Finals. In the Semi-Final against Mitchelstown an early goal from Niamh McKenzie settled the nerves and Ballincollig remained well on top for the remainder of the game with Susan Kelly adding a second goal, enabling Ballincollig to run out comfortable 2-0 winners. In the final Ballincollig faced Glounthaune/Little Island and got off to a great start when Ciara McSwiney scored in the first minute. Ballincollig held this lead until half-time but were rocked back when Glounthaune equalised early in the second half. It was nip and tuck from here to the end but in the final minute Ballincollig launched one final attack and a goal bound shot from Susan Kelly was handled by a defender. So with the final kick of the game Susan Kelly buried the penalty to give Ballincollig victory on a 2-1 scoreline. The Ballincollig team now go forward to represent Cork in the Munster Finals on July 14th. The Ballincollig Team was Susan Kelly (Capt), Ciara McSwiney, Niamh McKenzie, Ellen Jackson, Vicky MacCullagh, Zoe Murphy and Lisa Hurley. A special word of thanks and praise to managers Mary and Michael Collins who are putting great effort into the promotion of girls soccer in Ballincollig.

On Saturday 29th April a number of children from Ballincollig took part in the Swimming Finals at Leisureworld, Bishopstown. In the Boys U-10 Gavin Hennigan, Sean Kiely, Stephen Murphy and Conor Wall competed with Sean being particularly unlucky not to qualify for the final of the U-10 Freestyle. In the Girls U-10 Backstroke Saffron Crowley O'Sullivan put up a great display. Alison Cooper qualified for the final of the Girls U-14 Breaststroke while Jane Lucey and Fiona Hedderman both qualified for the Final of the Girls U-14 Backstroke. In the Final Jane was in contention all the way before having to settle for 2nd place while Fiona showing remarkable grit and determination (having the plaster removed from a broken bone in her ankle 2 days before the competition) finished a very creditable 4th.

On Saturday 5th May our Boys Table Tennis Team of Killian Healy, Mike Spitere, Eoin McNally, David Buckley and Eoin Hegarty easily retained their County Table Tennis Title. These are a very talented bunch of lads and we wish them well in their quest to retain their Munster Title on July 14th.

On Sunday 6th May it was off to Youghal for our Un-11 Rugby Team under manager Michael McSwiney. In the Semi-Finals Ballincollig and Youghal had comprehensive victories over Mitchelstown and Cobh respectively and set the stage for a great final. Ballincollig got off to a great start with an early try from Kevin Kidney, but Youghal recovered to lay siege to the Ballincollig line and despite some heroic defending they equalised just on the stroke of half-time.



Words and Wounds

Did you hear about what's-his-name? or 'Wait till I tell you...' is usually the preamble one uses when they are going to talk about a colleague or neighbour. It is usually the beginning of a scandalous account concerning someone else's misfortunes or mishaps and like most people, our eyes widen perceptibly as we wait eagerly to hear the latest gossip. Of course, we do not encourage scandal but we cannot stop other people talking, can we? And, we rationalise, it is probably the truth anyway, and what harm is it in listening? We may wish that they would finish but we do not really try to interrupt them, nodding our heads in absent-minded agreement. Being good Christians, we do not actively encourage them and may offer feeble excuses that we have to go. We try to intrude by making half-hearted suggestions that perhaps one ought to sympathise with those less fortunate than ourselves, but our weak attempts are blithely ignored as the litany of public reproach continues unabatedly. The speaker knows that you are a receptive audience, a person who is not strong enough to defend someone else's character...that you will listen meekly...and will continue to do so until they decide that they are finished. It is only when you walk away that you tell yourself: I should have said this or that.....but I did not..... Indeed, you did not seriously try to dissuade the other person from hurting someone else with words, words that not only wounded the unfortunate person who was spoken about, but which also impaired your own integrity. You might call to mind that not only evil actions cause pain, that 'Sharp words can wound as deeply as any sword, but wisely chosen words can heal' PROVERBS 12:8

E. Chandler

Ballincollig started brightly in the second half and had a try disallowed for no obvious infringement. Things then went from bad to worse, when Youghal scored a breakaway try. However this seemed to spur on Ballincollig and they forced their way back into the game with a great try from James Cronin. Ballincollig were now flying and two tries from Conor Leonard and Kevin Kidney gave Ballincollig their first County Title on a 4-2 Scoreline. The full Ballincollig panel who all played a major part were Kevin Kidney (capt), Shane Taylor, Thomas Marshall, Damien Attridge, Rory McSwiney, John Buckley, James Cronin, Tomas Crowley, Conor Leonard, Cian Dennehy, Stephen Collins and Peter Lucey. Well done and keep the training up for the Munster Finals. A special word of thanks also to all the supporters who turned up and roared on the lads.

UPCOMING EVENTS

County U-13 Basketball -

Mallow Saturday 12th May - 10am

Ballincollig Area Gymnastics - Finals -

Wednesday 16th May at Colaiste Choilm - 6pm

County Pitch & Putt - Finals -

Mitchelstown Saturday 19th May