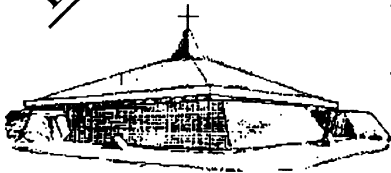


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# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



CHRIST OUR LIGHT  
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ST. MARY & ST. JOHN  
STATION ROAD

**SUNDAY 21ST JANUARY 2001**  
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
Church Unity Sunday



*We come together on Sunday to listen to the scriptures and to have them explained. Here it is God who speaks to us through his Son. His Spirit continues to work on us to inspire us with his message of freedom and encouragement for all in need.*

## SEASON OF REASON

People come into your life for a reason, a season or a lifetime. When you figure out which it is, you know exactly what to do. When someone is in your life for a REASON, it is usually to meet a need you have expressed outwardly or inwardly. They have come to assist you through a difficulty, to provide you with guidance and support, to aid you physically; emotionally or spiritually.

They may seem like a godsend, and they are. They are there for the reason you need them to be. Then, without any wrongdoing on your part or at an inconvenient time, this person will say or do something to bring the relationship to an end.

Sometimes they die. Sometimes they walk away. Sometimes they act up or out and force you to take a stand. What we must realise is that our need has been met, our desire fulfilled; their work is done. The prayer you sent up has been answered and it is now time to move on.

When people come into your life for a SEASON, it is because your turn has come to share, grow or learn. They bring you an experience of peace or make you laugh. They may teach you something you have never done. They usually give you an unbelievable amount of joy. Believe it! It is real! But, only for a season.

Lifetime relationships teach you lifetime lessons; those things you must build upon in order to have a solid emotional foundation. Your job is to accept the lesson, love the person/people (anyway); and put what you have learned to use in all other relationships and areas of your life. It is said that love is blind, but friendship is clairvoyant.

## THOUGHT FOR TODAY

### The people were in tears (First Reading)

On hearing this reading we may feel that the people were being over dramatic. Are they not, however, closer to the truth than we?

In the Scriptures, the Creator of the Universe speaks to us.

Is it not strange that we can often be so unmoved and unaffected by what we know to be the word of God?

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

### PRIEST

My dear friends in Christ,  
let us present our prayers with  
confidence to the Lord.

### READER

For all those who listen with  
respect to God's word, that they put it  
into practice each day.

Lord, hear us;

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who read God's word  
in the Liturgy, that their  
ministry may be marked by reverence  
and love.

Lord, hear us;

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For all who gather to worship  
God today in many communities  
that the Spirit may unite all  
Christians into one Church.

Lord, hear us;

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the sick and suffering, especially  
those we have been asked to pray for,  
that healing and new strength may be  
given them.

Lord, hear us;

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

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*Your words are spirit, Lord and they are life.*

## BAPTISMS

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



Saoirse Zhi-Jie Brennan, Iniscuan,  
Glincool Rise

Aíne Maria de Búrea, 5, The Grove,  
Coolroe Meadows

Jodie Ally Scott, Westgrove

Sean James Cunningham, 27, Daffodil Fields

## MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:



Francis Cashman, 1, Coolroe Heights, Ballincollig &  
Sinead McCarthy, Beech Park, Ballincollig

## IN SYMPATHY

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:

Sr. Mary Bernadette O'Connell,  
Presentation Convent, Cork

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

John Murray, Church Road  
Martin Murphy, Rockchapel  
Aherne Family, Fr. Sexton Park  
Nora Carroll, Millstreet  
Ger and Mary Buttimer, Kilmichael  
Tony Allen, Inniscarra View Estate  
Han O'Rourke  
Jim Isaac  
The deceased members of Dan & Peggy McCarthy's family, The Crescent  
Eugene O'Sullivan, Ballingearry  
Joseph Sheehan, Kilcorney  
Patrick Murphy, Garravagh, Inniscarra  
Florence & Elizabeth McCarthy, Muskerry Est.  
John O'Connell  
Abina O'Connell, Killumney  
Donal Harrington, Castletownbere  
Jack Kelly, Model Farm Road  
Joe Linehan  
Michael Carroll, Coolroe Heights  
Mary & Edmund Kelly, Whitehall  
Charles & Maria Ross, Dublin  
John & Mary Shepherd  
Joe O'Leary  
Mary Coyne, London  
Jack Kelly  
John Desmond, Garryhesta  
Billy Denieffe, Curraheen

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK Second Week in Ordinary Time

**21 Sunday** Neh. 8:2-6, 8-10. Ps. 18. 1 Cor. 12:12-30. Lk. 1:1-4:4:14-21. *Lect I:841*  
The teaching of the Church on the Liturgy of the Word is expressed in these texts. Jesus states that the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled in himself: so the Scripture word is actualized for us each time it is proclaimed in church. Christ is really present in his Word. That Word challenges us to a renewal of life, as the people rediscovered their identity when Ezra read the law to them. Those who serve as ministers of the Word will find the joy of the Lord to be their strength.

**22 Monday** Heb. 9:15. 24-28. Ps. 97. Mk. 3:22-30 *Lect II:27*  
We now live in the new covenant times when Jesus has conquered sin. But we await the final consummation when he returns in glory to claim us for himself.

**23 Tuesday** Heb. 10:1-10. Ps. 39. Mk. 3:31-35. *Lect II:29*  
In the story of God's relationship with his people there is an often repeated warning about sacrifices which are purely external. In Christ we have the supreme expression of conformity to God's will in a sacrificial life.

**24 Wednesday** Heb. 10:11-18. Ps. 109. Mk. 4:1-20. *Lect II:31*  
The parable of sowing and harvest tells us that God's glorious kingdom is still to come. God's kingdom will surely come despite the various difficulties experienced by those who work for it. We are to prepare by an upright life.

**25 Thursday** Acts. 22:3-16. or Acts 9:1-22. Ps. 116. Mk. 16:15-18. *Lect II:928*  
**St. Paul** preached the power of God at work in the lives of each one of us. His own conversion shows that power in his life. Out of a persecutor God made a preacher and teacher of the peoples. Paul never ceased to express thanks and wonder for this grace. But he still prayed for perseverance.

**26 Friday** 2 Tim. 1:1-8 or Tit. 1:1-5. Lk. 10:1-9. *Lect II:931*

**27 Saturday** Heb. 11:1-2, 8-19. Ps. Lk. 1:69-75. Mk. 4:35-41. *Lect II:37*  
It was for faith that our ancestors were commended and that faith is praised in Abraham. Jesus expects faith in his disciples.

## SAINTS THIS WEEK

**Monday 22nd - St. Vincent**, died 304, deacon of the church of Saragossa, Spain. Martyred in Valencia after prolonged torture.

**Wednesday 24th - St. Francis de Sales**, 1567-1622, bishop of Geneva, founder of the Visitation Sisters. He worked with gentleness and love to rebuild the Catholic faith after the Reformation. Patron saint of writers, editors and journalists.

**Friday 26th - Sts. Timothy and Titus**, were close to St. Paul as followers and later in their work with him. Tradition makes Timothy the first bishop of Ephesus. And from Paul's advice to him to take some wine for his stomach's sake, he has been invoked as a patron in cases of stomach complaint.

**Saturday 27th - St. Angela Merici**, 1474-1540, founder of the Ursulines, devoted herself to Christian education based on love, kindness with firmness, and concern for the individual.

## Recipe for Living

Life may not be a piece of cake

When we haven't the  
dough to rise!

But it will never be  
as flat as a pancake,

If we remember to add

A spoonful of sugar  
to sweeten our desserts.

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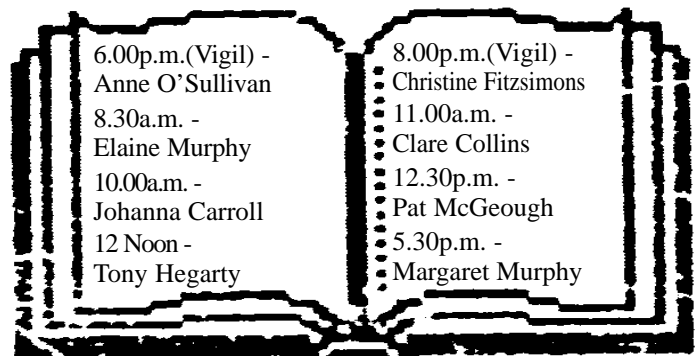
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6.00p.m.(Vigil) -  
Anne O'Sullivan  
8.30a.m. -  
Elaine Murphy  
10.00a.m. -  
Johanna Carroll  
12 Noon -  
Tony Hegarty

8.00p.m.(Vigil) -  
Christine Fitzsimons  
11.00a.m. -  
Clare Collins  
12.30p.m. -  
Pat McGeough  
5.30p.m. -  
Margaret Murphy

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST 27th/28th January 2001  
ST. MARY'S & ST. JOHN'S CHURCH**

**SATURDAY 2ND**  
6p.m.  
Helen Kelly  
April Ryan  
Eileen Murphy  
Ted Nelligan  
Angela Murphy  
Ann O'Connell

**SUNDAY 3RD**  
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



**CHRIST OUR LIGHT CHURCH**

**SATURDAY 2ND**  
8p.m.  
Charlie Vaughan  
Joan Stephenson  
Maura O'Driscoll





**SUNDAY 3RD**  
11a.m.  
Anne O'Regan  
Neil Jeffries  
Eileen Byrne  
Mary Coleman  
Dan Coleman

12.30p.m.  
Con O'Connell  
Rose Cotter  
Denis O'Mahony  
Christine O'Mahony  
Tom Murray

5.30p.m.  
Marie O'Brien  
Patsy Galvin  
Bridie O'Donnell

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

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**BALLINCOLLIG BASKETBALL CLUB  
NOTES AND FIXTURES**

**LADIES RESULTS:**

Our Jun I Ladies kept their unbeaten record when on Thursday 11th they beat Blackpool Credit Union in what was an easy win for this strong Ballincollig side. They are top of their league and their coach, Greg Twomey, is very pleased with the hard work and commitment they put in and by their performance and progress.

There were four home games on Saturday night in B.C.S. the first of which was the Un-14 Girls against Crosshaven. While they did not win, it was a much better performance by the girls and they played more confidently losing by only 10pts.

Our Un-16 Ladies also faced Crosshaven in their match. It was a very close and exciting game with the lead constantly changing sides. By full time it was level and heading for extra time. Both teams fought hard but Crosshaven just managed to get that vital basket and won the game by a one point lead, the Ballincollig girls were slightly disappointed and felt they did not play up to their normal standard.

The Un-18 Ladies also lost their game against Glanmire B due to small team turn out. Ballincollig were outplayed from the start and without fresh players were unable to make any great impact on their opponents.

Our Inter Ladies suffered the same fate in their game against Mallow on Saturday 13th. Due to other commitments the team were short vital players and Mallow side took full advantage of a very tired Ballincollig side.

**MENS RESULTS:**

The Men's Div. 2 Meeting with the Blue Demons was a good, fast-paced game in Parochial on Friday last. Ballincollig showed their strength from the start and left the Demons in no doubt as to who was in charge. This win keeps them in their well-deserved running for the league title.

Our Un-17 Tea, showed their superiority over their Limerick opponents on Friday 12th when they played in Dooradoyle. The Ballincollig lads played very confidently and took the victory easily.

A word of congratulations to the Un-15 Boys who got to the Semi-Finals of the John Coughlan Tournament, which took place on Saturday 13th in the Parochial Hall. They faced some tough opposition in getting to the semi-finals and in the end were very unlucky to be beaten by a very small margin by Blue Demons. Well Done for the hard work lads.

First off on Saturday were the Un-11 Boys who travelled to Skibbereen. After a slow start, Ballincollig began to get warmed up and by the end of the first half had gone into the lead. The second half saw Ballincollig really come into their own and after some great scoring by Adrian O'Sullivan, Emmet Murphy and Daniel O'Sullivan, we had pulled away to a convincing 23 to 16 lead, mentions also for Neil O'Sullivan and Jonathon Knowles. Our Un-13 Team were not so lucky in their game against Skibb due to the strength of their opponents. Ballincollig were unable to make any impact on Skibb, who are always very strong in this group.

**UPCOMING FIXTURES - LADIES**

Thursday 25th January - Parochial Hall		
6.15pm	Brunell 2 v Ballincollig	Un-12
7.15pm	Glanmire v Ballincollig	Un-15
Saturday 27th January - Ballincollig Comm. School		
5.00pm	Ballincollig v Brunell	Un-14
6.00pm	Ballincollig v Midleton	Un-16
7.00pm	Ballincollig v Glanmire	Un-18

**UPCOMING FIXTURES - MEN**

Saturday 20th January - Ballincollig Comm. School		
5.00pm	Ballincollig v Blue Demons	Un-13
6.00pm	Ballincollig v Blue Demons	Un-15
7.00pm	Ballincollig v Blue Demons	Un-17
8.00pm	Ballincollig v Shamrocks	Div 2
Friday 26th January - Carrigaline Comm. School		
7.30pm	Carrigaline v Ballincollig	Un-15

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1. **Let go and let God**  
Exploring the spirituality of the Twelve Steps  
Six Wednesday evenings: 8-10  
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Course Leaders: Gus Byrnes, Margaret Kiely, Mick Devine, Imelda O'Shaughnessy  
Cost of course: £30(waged), £15 (unwaged)
2. **Journeying with Paul: the theology of Paul for our time**  
Eight Thursday evenings: 8-10  
beginning 25th January  
Course Leader: Victor Tabone  
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3. **Tuesdays for Story: 'Lectio Divina'**  
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**A NIGHT PRAYER**

When I call on your name, O Lord,  
You give ear to the sound of my voice.  
Now let your face shine upon me.

In the troubles of the past,  
You took note of my affliction.  
Swiftly you brought me relief  
Have pity on me now, hear my prayer.

Whatever of worth lies within,  
Has come from your bounteous hands,  
Do not allow what you bestowed to perish!

Remind me constantly,  
That I truly belong to the Lord;  
That he feels for me when I suffer.  
O foolish heart of mine, calm down,  
Renew you reliance on God.

You are the only good.  
Our hearts are destined  
To rest in you alone  
Driving out fear,  
Restoring our peace.  
Reveal to us the sunshine of your favour.

A sigh is heard,  
From a people who yearn for the light of better days.  
They cry out: "Who will show us good things?"

And yet, I have come across more joy  
In my companionship with you,  
Than in rich possessions.  
Even as I lie down, sleep comes gently,  
And, with sleep, tranquillity.  
With the Lord on my side,  
I am never alone.

'As soon as I lie down, I fall asleep in peace,  
for you alone, O Lord, will keep me safe.' Psalm 4:9

*Reflection from Psalm 4*