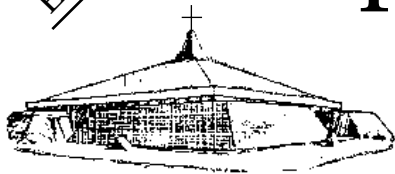


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THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



CHRIST OUR LIGHT
INNISHMORE



ST. MARY & ST. JOHN
STATION ROAD

SUNDAY 29TH APRIL 2001
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Peter, who denied the Lord three times, three times affirms his love. He learns that his share in the Lord's care for his people will one day bring him to the martyrdom of death - the early Church was founded on those who joyfully bore witness with their lives.

THE MASS IN EARLY TIMES

The Catholic who attends Mass every Sunday must sometimes wonder when this form of worship became central to the Church founded by Christ. The Gospels give us glimpses of the encounters of the Disciples with the Risen Lord in which they recognised Him in the "breaking of Bread". Could it be that these shared meals were the forerunners of the Mass as we have it? How soon after the Ascension did the Christian community begin to celebrate the Eucharist as we do to-day?

We are fortunate in having an interesting account of the early Christians' Sunday in the writings of St. Justin (born about the year 100, died 165 A.D.) This is what he wrote:

"We do not receive food as ordinary bread and as ordinary drink; but just as Jesus Christ became flesh through the word of God and assumed flesh and blood for our salvation, so too we are taught that the food over which the prayer of thanksgiving, the word received from Christ, has been said, the food which nourishes our flesh and blood by assimilation, is the flesh and blood of this Jesus who became flesh. On Sunday there is an assembly of all who live in the towns or in the country and the memoirs of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read for as long as time allows.

Then the reading is brought to an end, and the president delivers an address in which he admonishes and encourages us to imitate in our lives the beautiful lessons we have heard read.

Then we all stand up and pray. Then bread and wine are brought up; the president offers prayers and thanksgiving as best we can, and the people say "Amen" as an expression of their agreement. Then follows the distribution of the food over which the prayer of thanksgiving has been recited; all present receive some of it, and the deacons carry some of those absent.

So on Sunday we all come together. This is the first day, on which God transformed darkness and matter and made the world; the day on which Jesus Christ our Saviour rose from the dead"

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

PRIEST

God rescues us from all our distress, so we bring our prayers with confidence.

READER

That Christians who suffer for their faith may have courage
Lord, hear us;

Lord, graciously hear us.

That all missionaries may have the conviction and zeal of the early disciples.
Lord, hear us;

Lord, graciously hear us.

That fishermen and all who work on the sea may have divine protection.
Lord, hear us;

Lord, graciously hear us.

That those who cook and serve food may themselves be sustained by the creator of all.
Lord, hear us;

Lord, graciously hear us.

That the vision of heaven given in the Scriptures may inspire and comfort the dying.
Lord, hear us;

Lord, graciously hear us.

That those who have died may join those gathered around the throne of the Lamb.
Lord, hear us;

Lord, graciously hear us.

IT IS THE LORD (*Gospel*)

St. John, who describes himself as 'the disciple whom Jesus loved', was the first to recognise him. If we are to be witnesses to Christ, we must first recognise him ourselves. Otherwise how can we respond to those who turn to us saying 'We want to see Jesus'

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I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

BAPTISMS



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

- Kelly Christina O'Mahony, 24, Whitethorn Ave.
- Paul Simon Cooney, 32, Cranford Pines
- Sarah Rose Callanan, 2, The Paddocks
- Jessica Maria Royce, 19, Leesdale Drive
- Kaitlyn Maria Dawson, 15, Glincool Rise
- Ryan George Forde, 28, Cherry Walk, Muskerry
- Ellen Margaret Fogarty, 46, Westcourt
- Dean John O'Sullivan, 34, Innishmore Grove
- Declan Mathew Crowley, 12, Willow Drive

MARRIAGES



CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Diarmuid O'Herlihy, 58, Westcourt Heights & Orla O'Mahony, 58, Westcourt Heights



IN SYMPATHY

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:
Seamus McIntyre, Kenmare

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

- Billy Holmes, Hodder Villas
- Mary Delaney, Maglin
- Danjo O'Shea, Station Road
- John O'Mahony, Inniscarra
- Connie Radley, Carrigrohane
- Mary Ann Radley, Powder Mills
- Rita Harrington, The Square
- Jerome Desmond, Rock Farm Carrigrohane
- Thomas Finnegan, Bishopstown
- Eileen O'Leary, Kilnaglory
- Sally O'Sullivan, Carriganarra
- Hughie Courtney, Glincool Lawn
- Jack Hurley, Inniscarra View Estate
- Pat, Danjoe & Denis O'Shea, Ballinora
- The Sheehans, Curraheen
- Tim O'Connell, Late of Main Street
- Donor Intentions
- Patricia Ginty, Inniscarra View Estate
- Paudie McAuliffe, Rathmore
- John Twomey, Western Road
- Kathleen & Joe Kilduff, Allihies, Beara
- Jeremiah Cunningham
- O'Brien Family
- Patrick & Catherine Twomey, Ballincollig
- Lily Maguire, 16, Glincool Park
- Denis & Mary O'Mahony, Fermoy
- Paddy & Noreen Green, Turner's Cross
- Vera McElhone
- Fr. Joseph McElhone
- Kathleen Cuthbert, Douglas
- Thomas, Breda & Denis O'Donoghue, West Village

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

29 Sunday Acts. 5:27-32.40-41. Ps. 29. Apoc. 5:11-14. Jn. 21:1-19. *Lect I:468*
In the gospels the disciples never catch fish without the help of Jesus. So, when they are told to go out and preach, to make disciples, and to feed the flock, they know that they will do so with his help. For now he is with us always.

30 Monday Acts. 6:8-15. Ps. 118. Jn. 6:22-29. *Lect I:472*
Stephen, filled with grace and power, witnesses to Christ, becomes a threat to the synagogue and is arrested. Jesus tells the people to look beyond the bread they eat to the mystery, and to seek him in faith.

MAY

1 Tuesday Acts. 7:51-8:1a. Ps. 30. Jn. 6:30-35. *Lect I:474*
Stephen becomes the first to die for Christ, echoing his Master's words of forgiveness for his executioners. Jesus is the Father's gift, sent to us on a life-giving mission.
St. Joseph Gen. 1:26-2:3. or Col. 3:14-15.17.23-24. Ps. 89. Mt. 13:54-58. *Lect II:1013*

2 Wednesday Acts. 8:1b-8. Ps. 65. Jn. 6:35-40. *Lect I:476*
The persecution of the Church in Jerusalem under Saul sends the Christians to preach the Good News elsewhere.

3 Thursday 1 Cor. 15:1-8. Ps. 18. Jn. 14:6-14. *Lect II:1017*
Philip asks to see and, having seen, he tells the Good News to others. He was born at Bethsaida. Formerly a disciple of John the Baptist, he became a follower of Christ. James, the son of Alphaeus and a cousin of the Lord, ruled the Church of Jerusalem, wrote an Epistle, and led a life of penance. He converted many of the people of Jerusalem to the faith and was martyred in the year 62.

4 Friday Acts. 9:1-20. Ps. 116. Jn. 6:52-59. *Lect I:481*
The conversion of St. Paul comes through his meeting with the risen Lord on the Road to Damascus. It is the same risen Lord who gives himself to believers in the Eucharist in a personal communion. That communion is a pledge of an eternal communion with Jesus and the Father.

5 Saturday Acts. 9:31-42. Ps. 115. Jn. 6:60-69. *Lect I:484*
The churches built themselves up and were filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit. Peter raises Dorcas to life on his apostolic journey. The words of Jesus lead to life, and give life if accepted in faith.

SAINTS THIS WEEK

Monday 30th - St. Pius V, pope, 1504-1572, Dominican, who implemented the Tridentine decrees. He formed the Catholic league which defeated the Turks at Lepanto

Wednesday 2nd May- St. Athanasius Born at Alexandria in the year 295. He accompanied his bishop, Alexander, to the council of Nicaea and later he himself succeeded as bishop. He fought ceaselessly against the Arian heresy and as a result he had to endure much tribulation and was several times sent into exile. He died in the year 373.

Friday 4th - St. Conleth is believed to have come from the Wicklow area. While living as a hermit he was persuaded by Brigid to act as priest for her community in Kildare. He was venerated as a great saint and Cogitosus in his *Life of Brigid* calls him bishop and abbot of the monks of Kildare. He was buried beside Brigid in the great church there.

Saturday 5th - Blessed Edmund Ignatius Rice (1762-1844) came from Callan, Co. Kilkenny. After his young wife's early death, he sold his possessions and dedicated his life to the education of the poor. To advance his work he gathered other like-minded men who took religious vows and dedicated themselves to working for the Catholic education of boys. He is a model of patient and cheerful acceptance of the sufferings God sends, a true apostle and a deeply committed religious.

**MONTHS MIND MASS FOR THE LATE
PADDY KIRSTEIN, 3, SWEETBRIAR LANE
WEDNESDAY 9TH MAY AT 8PM
IN ST. MARY & ST. JOHN'S**

EPISCOPAL COMMISSIONS
A collection for the above will be included
in the Offertory Collection of all Masses
on This Weekend

CONFIRMATION

Gaelscoil Uí Riordan
& Gaelscoil Uí Riada

Thursday 3rd May
Christ Our Light

**THE APOSTOLATE OF OUR
LADY OF FATIMA, CORK
MONTHLY DEVOTIONS
MASS AND HOLY HOUR**

"Jesus wishes to make me known and loved"

"He wants to establish in the world Devotion
to my Immaculate Heart."

"Do not be disheartened, My Immaculate Heart will
be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God."

"In the end, My Immaculate Heart will triumph."

"People must amend their lives and ask forgiveness for their sins."

"Do not offend God Our Lord any more,
for He is already deeply offended"

"Pray, pray very much and make sacrifices for sinners, for may souls go to hell
because they have nobody to pray and make sacrifices for them."

ST. MARIES OF THE ISLE CHAPEL

30th April 2001

from 7.30p.m.-9p.m.

Conducted by Fr. Vincent Hodnett P.P.

All Welcome

FATIMA: MORE RELEVANT, MORE URGENT THAN EVER

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Monthly Collection

Next Weekend

5th & 6th May 2001

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MINISTERS OF THE WORD 5TH/6TH MAY

ST. MARY & ST. JOHN

CHRIST OUR LIGHT

6.00p.m. (Vigil) -
Anne O'Sullivan
8.30a.m. -
Annette Collins
10.00a.m. -
Rebecca Lynch
12 Noon -
Oliver O'Donovan

8.00p.m. (Vigil) -
Christine Fitzsimons
11.00a.m. -
Clare Collins
12.30p.m. -
Liam Hayes
5.30p.m. -
Eileen Nolan

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST 5th/6th May 2001
ST. MARY'S & ST. JOHN'S CHURCH**

SATURDAY 5TH

6p.m.

Vera Allen
Bernadette Bell
Oliver Delaney
Betty Casey
Frank Riordan
Siobhan Riordan

SUNDAY 6TH

8.30a.m.

Mary Buckley
Josie Halligan

10a.m.

Anne Cahill
Pat Lee
May Delaney
Seamus O'Neill

12.00 Noon

Joan Barrett
Sheila Carroll
Marsie Curling
Brendan Daly
Mary Daly
Pat Keenan



SATURDAY 5TH

8p.m.

Geraldine Lynch
Jim Cahill
Kit Cahill

CHRIST OUR LIGHT CHURCH

SUNDAY 6TH

11a.m.

Maura McNamara
Angela Cunningham
Laurence Cunningham
Bridie O'Donnell

12.30p.m.

Eileen Garvey
Sally Power
Lelia O'Brien
Breda Callanan
Marie O'Brien

5.30p.m.

Neil O'Donoghue
Patricia O'Donoghue
Nell Cantillion-
Murphy

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-Thur: 9.30am Fri: 9.30am, 8.00pm 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-Thur: 8.30am Fri: 8.30am, 6.30pm 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;">FRIDAY 4TH MAY 2001 (First Friday) EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT <i>Church of St. Mary & St. John</i> <i>Following 9.30a.m. Mass</i> Concluding with Rosary & Benediction at 7.40p.m. & Mass 8.00p.m.</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>

PARISH CLERGY

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 Fr. P. O'Donovan C.C. ☎ 021-4872808 Fax: 021-4872808 Fr. Paul O'Donoghue ☎ 021-4876055

Pilgrimage to Fatima
8th - 15th October 2001

Fatima, where the Blessed Virgin appeared to the three children, Lucia, Francesco and Jacinta in 1917 is now one of the greatest Marian Shrines in the world. Fatima was officially recognised by the church in 1930 and now receives millions of pilgrims especially during the Feast Days which are on the 13th of each month from May to October. Our Pilgrimage will be accompanied by a Spiritual Director and representative of Premier Travel. A full programme is arranged and pilgrims participate in all the official ceremonies; a half day tour visiting Al justrel and the Fatima Parish Church is included and a guided tour of the Sanctuary area.

Basic Cost per Person: £530.00

COST INCLUDES: Return flights ex Cork via London to Lisbon on services of Aer Lingus and British Airways.

- Accommodation sharing twin or three bedded rooms with private facilities at the Villa Fatima Hotel for 7 nights
 - Full board for duration of pilgrimage
 - Transfers to and from Airport to Hotel
 - Half day excursion in Fatima
 - Guided Tour of Sanctuary area.
- Spiritual Director and Representative of Premier Travel

EXTRAS: - Insurance and Taxes: £29

- Single room supplement £95. Single rooms are very scarce.
- Optional tours to Coimbra, Nazare and Lisbon

HOTEL: - Accommodation is at Villa Fatima Hotel. This is a comfortable family run Hotel approximately 5 minutes from the Sanctuary. All rooms have private facilities

ENQUIRIES TO:

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PARISH AUCTION

On Wednesday evening, May 30th there will be a Charity Auction to help reduce the parish debt. After the renovation of our two churches and the building of an extension to Scoil Barra the parish debt stands at £285,000.

As there has been no door-to-door collection, it is felt that parishioners will be happy to support this completely voluntary fund-raising effort.

You can help by donating something that can be auctioned.

Please give something decent like a picture, valuable ornament, vase, brass, plate & silver, lamps, small piece of furniture, jewellery, ware, cutlery, sporting equipment like golf clubs, tennis racket, bicycle, binoculars, camera, clock, etc.

Items may be handed into the Community Hall,

Station Road, or Phone any of the following numbers:

087-6483003, 4871799, 086-8369428

CLOSING DATE FOR DONATIONS: SUNDAY MAY 20TH

PROFESSION OF FAITH -INDONESIAN CREED

I believe in God the Father and Mother of us all who has given the Earth to all people. I believe in Jesus

Christ who comes to encourage us and hear us, to deliver us from oppressors and to proclaim the peace of God to all. He has given Himself to the world. It is amongst all peoples that God lives. God is among us all, the living God. I believe in the spirit of God, who works in every man and woman of good will. I believe in the Church, given us as a beacon for all nations, moved by the spirit to serve all peoples. I believe that God will finally destroy the power of all sin in us, and that humanity will share God's everlasting life. I do not believe in the right of the strongest, nor in the force of arms, nor in the power of oppressors. I want to believe in the power of non-violence. I do not believe in racism,

wealth, privilege or the established order. I want to believe that all men and women are created equally

human, that order based on violence and injustice

is not order. I do not believe that we can ignore

things that happen far away. I want to believe that

the whole world is my home, and that the field I

plough, sow and reap belongs to everyone. I do

not believe that I can fight injustice far away if I

tolerate injustice here. I want to believe that there

is but one right everywhere; that I am not free if

one person remains enslaved. I do not believe that

war and hunger are inevitable and peace

unattainable. I want to believe in the beauty of

simplicity, in love with open hands, in peace on

earth. I do not believe that all suffering is in vain,

not that death is the end. But I dare to believe,

always in spite of everything, in a new humanity,

in God's own dream of a new heaven and a new

earth where justice will flourish.

Most Rev. John Buckley DD

Bishop of Cork and Ross

This Sunday 29th April marks the

17th Anniversary of the Episcopal

Ordination of Bishop John



*We wish him continued good health
and spiritual guidance*

BALLINCOLLIG BASKETBALL CLUB

NOTES AND FIXTURES

First to report on is great success of the Easter Basketball Camp, which took place on Wednesday and Thursday of last week. Due to the fantastic response, two extra venues were hired to ensure that all the children could be catered for. There were 18 coaches on hand to give expert advice and organise games and activities and we must give a special mention to the 15 young ladies of the club, who did absolutely Trojan work in assisting the coaches and co-ordinators and without whom, the Camp could not have run as smoothly as it did. All the coaches and helpers gave their time voluntarily as did our special guest stars American, Terry Smith of Killarney, Shane McCarthy of Blue Demons and Kieran O'Brien of Neptune. Terry Smith thrilled the huge and enthusiastic crowd with some spectacular ball control and slam dunk stunts, and even involved some of the children, and then presented the very worthy winners with their medals and trophies.

All three stars were very gracious with their time and patience as they were inundated with requests for autographs and photos.

The club would like to thank the people of Ballincollig for their support of the camp and hope that all involved enjoyed it.

The following are the training times for new comers

- Ballincollig Community School Gym:

Boys born '92 '93 '94 Sunday 10-11am

Boys born '90 '91 Friday 6-7pm

Girls born '92 '93 '94 Saturday 11-12am

Girls born '90 '91 Saturday 12-1pm

Girls born '88 '89 Sunday 11-12am

The clubs A.G.M. will take place on Wednesday 2nd May in Colaiste Choilm at 8pm. All committee members, club members and parents are asked to attend if possible.

Results...Our Ladies Junior I team just keep going from strength as they took yet another title last weekend making it a triple for them, when they played the top four league teams. They beat Blackpool in what was a tough game but still managed to save something for the final against Glanmire A team and went on to win by a 20 point margin. Again well done to all the team and coach Greg Twomey.

Our Un-17 Boys were not as fortunate in their game against Midleton Coasters last Saturday. Ballincollig played well for the first 2 quarters but as Midleton put the pressure on during the remaining quarters, Ballincollig were unable to respond and Midleton took the win.

Our Un-11's had a very decisive victory over Blue Demons on Friday night in B.C.S.. This was an excellent win for them and good experience as many of the younger team members were playing their first club game and they proved they were able to handle the situation well.

FIXTURES - BOYS

Friday 27 April - Ballincollig Comm. School
6.00pm Ballincollig v Midleton Un-11

Saturday 28 April - Ballincollig Comm. School
3.00pm Ballincollig v Mallow Un-11

First Steps

I wish that I could give up smoking, you often think, I should cut down on my drinking.....I know I eat too much, you tell yourself, or how I wish I could lose - or gain - weight. Why can't I save money, or be more charitable with it? I must do something about managing my finances better than I do.....I must go to church more often. But any of these desired intentions are easier said than done. You easily forget New Year resolutions or other well-meant intentions to change your way of life and you continue to complacently 'float' along with the rest of humanity - you console yourself with the thought, or whom seem to suffer from the same undesirable habits that you deplore. So, why bother in trying to change what you think you cannot change? Perhaps a short time spent in serious reflection and a 'new' consideration of what we really want to do or be in this life may throw some light on our uninspired aspirations. Maybe, you think, I can change...but how do I start? You make a conscious decision; you ask God to bless your efforts and you tell yourself that not only can you do it but that you will do it. You resolve to succeed in your mission and do not contemplate thoughts of failure. Before you go to sleep at night, you promise yourself that you will make that first move towards attaining what you wish and dream for, and that really is the simple solution, for no journey may be started without preparation, no voyage can set sail without liftin anchor, and nothing can be gained unless we go forward and initiate the most significant and vital move towards our goal....by taking the first step.

E. Chandler

DEPENDENCE

Our great God knows the number of stars,
He calls each orbit by name.
The same Lord it is who heals the
Broken-hearted and binds up their wounds.
His greatness is matched only by his tenderness,
While his strength parallels his mercy.
The Lord appoints the times and seasons.
He covers the sky with rain-clouds.
He refreshes the earth
With water for its fruits.
He is the harvester of all living things.
He supplies provisions for all his creatures.
Such is God's loving care and providence for all creation.
Well merited the praise and gratitude of
His children who understand
Their dependence on him.
Call me by my name, Lord,
As you call the stars in heaven.
And one day, use my name to call me
To your side forever.
'The Lord sets the number of stars,
Gives to all of them their names.

Reflection from Psalm 147A