

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 04-May-2003



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

It is difficult for us to accept suffering as part of God's plan. Today we are reminded that it was part of his plan for the Messiah. It was a suffering that he transformed by raising him from the dead. Jesus is this Risen Lord, in him our weakness and our sins are overcome.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Religious Education Today

Religious education, in our modern day school.

I have been in the privileged position of working in school for the past eleven years as School Chaplain. As Chaplain I work very closely with the Religious Education Department, we work hand in hand as it were. Both Coláiste Choilm and Ballincollig Community School have excellent RE teachers.

A long time ago a young student told me religion is taught and not thought, in my experience so true. We are, all of us, teachers as we journey through life - student, parent, priest and teacher. We live in a world of many faiths, faith is the depth of all our being. We are all praying to the same God, the best friend we have.

Sorry I have gone away from Religious Education and the programmes therein. I hope over the next three Sunday's with the help of the RE teachers in both our secondary schools to explain the current RE programmes next year. RE is to become an exam subject and we are looking forward to that challenge.

On a personal note what is faith and who has faith? Deep down we all have faith, how we use our faith is what matters.

Theology is a word widely used but from birth to death we are all of us Theologians. Patrick Kavanagh wrote, "God is found in the bits and pieces of everyday." As educators we help to make sense of the bits and pieces of everyday and to help our students to nurture their faith, and that is what Religious Education is all about.

I am often amused when I hear students say they are not interested in Religious Education, in fact they actually love it for the doss. Seriously though, as an RE teacher and School Chaplain, one would have to say that our students are interested in their faith. All you have to do is look at their faces, listen to their stories and journey with them and yes they are rich in faith.

Paul O'Donoghue

Thought for Today

Now you must repent (First Reading)

When people called for Barabbas rather than Jesus to be released, they had 'no idea what they were really doing'. Now in the light of his rising from the dead they should see the truth clearly. Easter can lead us to see our lives differently. Having celebrated the powerful, merciful love of God at Easter, perhaps we are ready to receive the sacrament of Penance.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

The Lord grants favours to those whom He loves, so we make our prayers known.

Reader

For all who follow Christ, that their faith in the resurrection of Jesus may deepen.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who renewed their baptismal promises at Easter, that any lingering doubts may be dispersed.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For missionaries and all who spread the Good News about Jesus, that the joy of Easter may fill them with fresh zeal.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the Jewish people, the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, that they may arrive at the fullness of redemption.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For people who suffer, in mind or body, that they may experience healing and new strength.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who have died recently that God's light may shine on them perpetually.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

Priest

O God our salvation, your light shines throughout the world to help your people: Answer our prayers and give us your all-powerful grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

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BAPTISMS

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

Luke Eoin Aherne, Beal na mBlath
 Kate Mary O'Shea, 29 Castle Ave.
 Orla Ciara Donovan, 170 Rosewood Est.
 Benjamin Jack Daly, 33 The Close, Coolroe Meadows
 Zachariah Darryl Daly, 33 The Close, Coolroe Meadows
 Luke Paul O'Sullivan, 8 The Cloisters
 Alice Cecelia O'Sullivan, 8 The Cloisters
 Amanda Pauline O'Sullivan, 8 The Cloisters
 Aoife Daly, 21 Rosewood Est.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :

Doris Cronin-Madigan, Dillon's Cross
 Thomas Hayes, Carrignavar
 Peggy O'Sullivan, Poulavone

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS:

Christy & Kathleen Daly
 William Brennan, West Village
 Paul Wall
 Deceased members O'Keefe Family, Blackpool
 Mary Brennan, Kilkenny
 Ann Linehan
 Jim Hanniffy, Galway
 Ann O'Farrell, High St.
 Elizabeth Cotter, Kerry pike
 John Brennan.
 Danjo O'Shea, Station Rd.
 Connie Radley, Powdermills
 Mrs. Sheila Quinlan, Glanworth
 Eleanor Mohally, Tramore Rd.
 Tim O'Connell, Maglin
 Kathleen Cuthbert, Douglas
 Margaret & Patrick Kenneally, Curraheen
 Paddy & Edward Walsh, Ballinhassig
 Patricia Ginty, Hawthorne Ave.
 John McKechnie, Tower
 Bridget & Patrick Power
 Michael Maverley, Evergreen St.
 Josie & Martin Murphy, Rockchapel

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

THIRD WEEK OF EASTER

04 Sunday Acts 3:13-15,17-19. Ps. 4. 1 In. 2:1-5. Lk. 24:35- 48. Lect 1:465
 05 Monday Acts 6:8-15. Ps. 118. Jn. 6:22-29. Lect 1:472
 06 Tuesday Acts 7:51-8: 1. Ps. 30. Jn. 6:30-35. Lect 1:474
 07 Wednesday Acts 8:1-8. Ps. 65. Jn. 6:35-40. Lect 1:476
 08 Thursday Acts 8:26-40. Ps. 65. Jn. 6:44-51. Lect 1:479
 09 Friday Acts 9: 1-20. Ps. 116. Jn. 6:52-59. Lect 1:481
 10 Saturday Acts 9:31-42. Ps. 115. Jn. 6:60-69. Lect 1:484

Community Games

The Cork County Community Games Swimming Finals were held at the Leisure World Complex in Bishopstown. Ballincollig were represented in a number of events, and got off to a great start when nine year old Niamh O'Connor won her heat in the Girls U/10 Freestyle event. Other Ballincollig qualifiers for the finals were Jane Lucey in the Girls U/16 Butterfly, Fiona Hedderman in the Girls U/16 Backstroke and Richard O'Reilly in the Boys U/10 Backstroke. Other Ballincollig swimmers to perform creditably were Michelle and Gavin Hennigan and Conor Wall. In the finals Niamh reproduced the form she showed in the heats and won in fine style. It is the first time since 1997 that Ballincollig has had a swimmer so young qualify for the National Finals in Mosney. In the U/16 grade Fiona Hedderman won the Backstroke and qualified for the National Finals for her **third time**. Jane Lucey swam exceptionally well to win the Bronze Medal in the 50m Butterfly. On Bank Holiday Monday the Ballincollig area Gymnastic finals will be held at the Ballincollig Gymnastics Club on the Link Road starting at 6.00 pm. The events will begin with the U/8's and U/10's. To ensure the events run smoothly and on time, it would be appreciated if the contestants would be ready to register and warm-up at 5.30 pm. The coming weeks will be very busy at County Community Games level. The Camogie finals will be played in the local G.A.A. Grounds on Saturday next 10th, and on the following day Sunday 11th the Girls Basketball finals will be played in Little Island. On Saturday 24th the Pitch & Putt finals will be staged in Kilworth, and on the following day, Sunday 25th the County Gymnastics Finals will be held in Mallow.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MONTHLY COLLECTION

This Weekend
 3rd & 4th May 2003
 PLEASE SUPPORT

**Ballincollig Parish Council
 CHURCH FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE**



presents



**A TALK by PAT TUITE
 (BALLINORA NURSERY & GARDEN CENTRE)**

*on General Summer Planting, Patio Plants, Hanging Baskets,
 Window Boxes, Perennial Plants & Shrubs, etc.*

**on Thursday May 15th at 8.00pm.
 Community Hall, Station Road
 Light Refreshments / Raffle / Plant Sale**

Admission €7

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING: Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19

In this speech to the Jews, St. Peter aims primarily that Our Lord is the Messiah whose sufferings were foretold by the Prophet Messiah. He wishes to prove that Jesus, in spite of his crucifixion was the Messiah. Peter consoles the Jews with the thought that they had no idea as to whom they were putting to death. Now, however, they are being told so the time has come for them to ask forgiveness for their sins.

SECOND READING: 1 John 2: 1-5

The Apostle urges his readers to be very careful to avoid sin; yet he knows the weakness of human nature and holds out the hope of pardon to the sinner because we have an advocate with the Father, one who intercedes for us and for the whole world. Christ exercises this office of advocate for sinners by continually offering the merits of his passion and death on their behalf.

GOSPEL: Luke 24: 35-48

When Luke set out to write his Gospel he said that he would put all things 'in order'. With these last words of Jesus he welds together what was foretold in Scripture with the mission of the Apostles in the future. Christ had to suffer for the sins of men but as the Messiah he had to rise again and give to the Apostles the power to forgive sins and bring liberation to mankind.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Blessed Edmund Ignatius Rice. 05-May-2003.

Ignatius Rice was born in Callan, Co. Kilkenny, in 1762. After his young wife's early death, he sold his possessions and dedicated his life to the education of the poor. To advance the work, he gathered other like-minded men who took religious vows together to work for the Catholic education of boys. He is a model of patient and cheerful acceptance of the sufferings God sends, a true lay apostle and a deeply committed religious.

UNISLIM

Meets every Monday night in Colaiste Choilm
7 pm to 8 pm
New members welcome

BALLINCOLLIG PARISH
CONFIRMATIONS 2003

Scoil Barra - Wednesday 7th May 2003

Gaelscoil Uí Ríordáin - Wednesday 21st May 2003

Legion of Mary

Annual Pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday 25th May
Bus leaving village at 7 am sharp.
Fare €18.00 Deposit €10.00
Phone Sally 4870954
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Wellington Road, Cork
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On the 9th of November 2002 Mick O'Connell set out with the Dolphin Senior Team for a Charity Cup match in Clonakilty.

Spirits were high; as Dolphin had won their first two AIL games, their best start in years. Little did we know that a freak accident was about to happen and Mick would suffer serious spinal injuries that would change his life and that of his family forever?

Mick was taken to the Cork University Hospital where he was operated on that evening, but his condition deteriorated within a week, due to internal bleeding and pneumonia, which left him fighting for his life for the next two months.

He lost nearly 6 stone in weight during that time, thankfully by the 22nd of January Mick's condition had improved significantly to allow him to be transferred to the National Rehabilitation Centre in Dun Laoghaire where intensive remedial treatment began and he is gradually putting on weight and getting stronger day by day.

There is nothing we can do in respect to Mick's injuries except for our prayers but we can help in removing the financial challenges to ensure that he can have a future where his long-term needs are catered for, whatever they may be.

A Sponsored 5K Run/Walk will take place on Sunday the 11th of May, 2003 where each participant will be asked to raise a **minimum** sponsorship of €100.00. There is of course no maximum to what you can collect or donate.

We would like your assistance and we are requesting that you inform your parishioners of this event so that as many people as possible will take part and raise sponsorship.

What happened to Mick O'Connell is every parent's worst nightmare and we are asking every one to support this worthy cause.

**Yours sincerely
Paul Mitchell, Chairman.**

FAST FOOD FOR THE SOUL

ONE DAY RETREATS

May: 3,4,5,7,10,11,12,14,17, 18, 19,21,24,25,26,27
August: 20,23,24,25,26,27,30,31
September: 2,3,6,8,9,13,14,15,16,20,21
Cost: €20 inc. boat fare, coffee & light lunch.
Reservations essential for the One Day Retreats

QUIET DAYS

"where you can be all by yourself and rest for a while"
6 May, 1 & 17 September
Arrival 10 am - Departure 4 pm
Cost: €15 inc. boat fare & refreshments.
To ensure space & atmosphere, numbers are limited.
Reservations essential for Quiet Days.

THREE DAY PILGRIMAGE

You may commence your pilgrimage on any day from Friday 30th May to Wednesday 13th August
Cost: €35 inc. boat fare and accommodation.
No reservation required for Three Day Pilgrimages

**For bookings & further information Tel/Fax +353-71-9861518
Book on line at www.loughderg.org
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LOUGH DERG

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

May-10 & May-11-2003

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Muireann Nelligan
8:30 am
Marian Daly
10:00 am
Declan Chalmers
12:00 Noon
Oliver O'Donovan

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Jacinta Jeffers
11:00 am
Jack Dorgan
12:30 pm
Bernard Valley
5:30 pm
Tom Reck

MASS TIMES

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

8:30am, 10am & 12 noon	Sunday	11am, 12:30pm & 5:30pm
9:30 am	Monday	8:30 am
9:30 am	Tuesday	8:30 am
9:30 am	Wednesday	8:30 am
9:30 am	Thursday	8:30 am
9:30 am	Friday	8:30 am
10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)	Saturday	9:00 am & 8 pm (Vigil)

CONFESSIONS

After 10:00 am Mass & before 6:00 pm Mass **Saturday** After 9:00 am Mass

BAPTISMS

5:00 pm **Saturday** 7:15 pm
12:45 pm **Sunday**

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

May-10 & May-11-2003



St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Patsy Murphy
Breda Foley
Mary Walsh
Sr. M. Carmody
Geraldine Hegarty
Cathy Horgan

8:30 am Theresa Lucey
Rita Murphy

10:00 am Tadgh Murphy
Mary Murphy
Joan Tobin
Betty Sheehan

12 Noon Michael Crowley
Breda Lenihan
Noel Hennessey
Marie O'Callaghan
Rena O'Connor
Angela Roche

8:00 pm Jim Cahill
Kit Cahill
Sheila O'Connor

11:00 am Maura McNamara
Angela Cunningham
Laurence Cunningham
Bridie O'Donnell

12:30 pm Anne O'Connell
Eileen Garvey
Sally Power
Breda Callanan
Marie O'Brien

5:30 pm Neil O'Donoghue
Patrica O'Donoghue
Stattia O'Callaghan

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"Rekindle The Wonder - Creativity In Older Years"

Enjoy a day of relaxation, meditation, guided visualisation etc to help you tap into the creative potential within.

Facilitator: Martina Lehane

May 10th 2003 (Saturday) 10.00 am. - 3.00 pm.
St.Dominic's Retreat House, Montenotte, Cork

Special subsidised cost: €10

Booking : 4502520 or 087-2439302

BALLINCOLLIG TIDY TOWNS

The Cork County Council Inter Town Litter Challenge is now underway and the following areas are to be judged commencing Thursday 1st May

The Town Centre (which is judged every week)

Which includes the Main Street from the Westpark Hotel to the Western Roundabout near The White Horse Inn.

It includes Time Square, The Car Park, The Commercial Area around Aldi's & Hollywood, The Car Parks beside The Reel Cinema, Chapel Lane, Station Road, Church of St Mary & St John, Scoil Eoin, The Scout Hall, The Cemetery.

The other area to be judged is **Area 4**

This area includes Parknamore, Parknamore rise, Parknamore Heights, Citi West Mews, Avoncourt, Coolroe, Coolroe Heights, Quish's Supervalu and surrounding shops and car park

We continue to organise community clean ups every Wednesday evening. If you can spare only 1 hour per week please come along and lend a hand, remember many hands make light work.

We meet at 7.30 pm in the car park near Quish's supervalu. **Bags and Gloves supplied.**



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