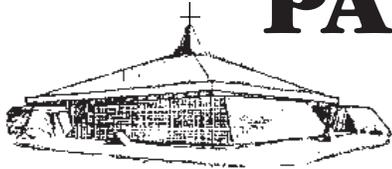


THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



SUNDAY 6TH JANUARY 2002



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

God's plan for the world, the mysterious purpose of existence, is unveiled by the coming of Christ. God wants it to be known and it will be known, by all who follow the light of faith leading them to Christ.

THE NEW EUROPE

At school fifty years ago there used to be a class in "mental arithmetic" or as the boys used to say: "Doing the auld sums in your head". A teacher, well armed, standing over you, did not help one's mental agility. This week we are all at it again as we divide punts by 4 and multiply by 5 to get the answer in euro.

In time we will grow accustomed to the new currency and have more time to contemplate the grand vision of a united Europe living in peace and prosperity which this development is all about. It is a dream that has fascinated many generations of Europeans and one that has eluded them all for hundreds of years.

Adolf Hitler dreamed about a racist Europe tightly ruled by a Dictator that would last for a thousand years. It lasted six. Then the Communist movement set about constructing a world order based on the teachings of Marx and Lenin. East of the Iron Curtain, the Communist State seemed to flourish for forty years. Over a decade ago the East German Republic was celebrating the fortieth year of its foundation - a celebration that was to be a milestone in the history of Communism. The celebration ended up as its tombstone.

If our new Europe is to survive longer than the earlier experiments it will have to learn from the previous failures. Only a community that balances freedom with law and order, rights to property with the rights of the worker, the right to make money with an awareness of the claims of social justice will create a just environment where peace will endure. Greed, injustice, racism, exclusion of other peoples and curtailment of human rights will inevitably lead to internal strife and external hostility - the very same causes that brought down the Roman Empire.

It is not fashionable any more to heed the warnings given by Pope John Paul. And yet who could know more about the collapse of civilisation than a man who grew up in Nazi occupied Poland. Neither was it fashionable in the nineteen thirties to listen to Churchill's warnings about the threat to civilisation. The new Europe cannot shut its doors on the poor of the world, on refugees, on Third World producers. Rather, if it is to survive it must become a leader in establishing a world order based on Christ's teachings on love and justice.

Leonard O'Brien

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

PRIEST:

Let us bring our prayers to God, who saves the poor when they cry out for help.

READER:

For the people of all the nations, that they may hear the Good News of salvation.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the Jewish people, our brothers and sisters, that through their faithfulness to God's word, they may reach the Kingdom.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who suffer because of war or disaster, that this New Year may be a time of peace and healing.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For our friends and neighbours who are sick or in sorrow, that our support may remind them of God's compassion.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For our people who have died, that eternal salvation may be theirs.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

PRIEST:

O God, you rule the earth with justice, help us all according to our needs, we pray, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

ALL ARE ASSEMBLING AND COMING TOWARDS YOU (FIRST READING)

This feast celebrates the revelation of Christ to the whole world. At the same time it reminds us of the roots of our faith. We are all sons and daughters of Abraham (Gal 3:7). It is to God's chosen people that the message was first proclaimed.

Like the magi who came from the East all the nations will flock to the New Jerusalem.

All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord

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Sunday 6th January 2002

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER**BAPTISMS**

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



Alan James Callaghan, Florida U.S.A.
Oscar Andrew Dillon, Texas, U.S.A.
Oliver Charles Hegarty, Stockholm
Aaron Pio Michael O'Connell, 32 Leeview, Ballincollig
Saoirse Katie Brown, Cumbria, England
Juliet Rose Nyhan, 54, Mill Hill Road, Acton, London

MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Derek Beale, 196, Rosewood and
Laure Hagan, 2, Sunningdale



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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:

Mossie Deane, Beech Park & England
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Hannah Dempsey, Model Farm Road
Cecily O'Sullivan, Beech Park
Eva O'Donoghue, Ovens
Patrick Harrington, Kilburne & late of Church Hill
Paul Allen, Beech Park
Hannah Collins, Rossmore, Clonakilty

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Mary & James Riordan, Mc Curtain Villas
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Johnanna O'Shea, Skibbereen
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Aherne Family, Fr. Sexton Park
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George Sutton, Rosewood
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Catherine Ryan
Ellen Ryan
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Michael Hickey, Greenfield
Maureen Callanan, West Village
John and Lena Dennehy
Finbarr Conway, Ovens
Francis McAuliffe
Con O'Regan, Maglin
Deceased members of Hickey Family, Limerick
Con and Ann Marie Lucy, Coolroe
Connie Creedon, Coachford
Nora Harrington, Friar Street
Paddy Hurley, Friar's Walk
Elizabeth O'Halloran, Cobh
Kay McGrath, Glasheen
Paddy O'Donovan, Ballinlough

JANUARY 2002**6 Sunday Is. 60:1-6. Ps. 71. Eph. 3:2-3,5-6. Mt. 2:1-12. Lect I:161**

"The **Epiphany** is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Saviour of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. In the magi, representatives of the neighbouring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation." CCC, 528.
Readings for the days after the Epiphany are found in the lectionary under the actual date of the month. Vol. 1, p. 164ff

7 Monday 1 Jn. 3:22-4:6. Ps. 2. Mt. 4:12-17,23-25. Lect I:164

"God made man" works signs and wonders among his people. We lose the message of Christmas if we see only a baby in a crib and do not wonder at the great mystery unfolded for us.

8 Tuesday 1 Jn. 4:7-10. Ps. 71. Mk. 6:34-44. Lect I:166

The celebration of Epiphany recalls the signs given us of God's presence in our world. God's love has been revealed, and each time we celebrate the Eucharist we proclaim that manifestation, and look forward to its final revealing.

9 Wednesday 1 Jn. 4:11-18. Ps. 71. Mk. 6:45-52. Lect I:168

"The signs worked by Jesus attest that the Father has sent him. They invite belief in him. To those who turn to him in faith, he grants what they ask. So miracles strengthen faith in the One who does his Father's works; they bear witness that he is the Son of God." CCC, 548.

10 Thursday 1 Jn. 4:19-5:4. Ps. 71. Lk. 4:14-22. Lect I:171

The virtue of love is seen in Jesus who comes to bring freedom to captives and joy to the poor.

11 Friday 1 Jn. 5:5-13. Ps. 147. Lk. 5:12-16. Lect I:173

We are healed from our sinfulness through the blood of the cross and the water of baptism.

12 Saturday 1 Jn. 5:14-21. Ps. 149. Jn. 3:22-30. Lect I:175

John the Baptist rejoices to hear the bridegroom's voice. The Lord takes delight in his people and hears their prayers when they call in faith.

SAINTS THIS WEEK

5th - Blessed Charles of St. Andrew. John Andrew Houben took vows as a Passionist in 1846 and came to Mount Argus in 1857, and it was there he spent most of his priestly life. His ministry in the confessional was renowned and the poor of Dublin found in him a strong support. He died on the 5th January 1893.

Saint Fursa was born in Ireland and became one of the great monastic missionaries abroad. He went first with his brothers Foillan and Ultan to live the monastic life in East Anglia. But as great numbers continued to visit him there he left his brother Foillan as abbot and sought refuge in France around 644. A patron gave him a hermitage at Lagny on the Marne. He died around 650 at Mézarolles while on a journey. His body was buried in Péronne, which became a great centre of devotion to him.

Saint Aidan or Maedoc (Mogue) was born around 550, probably in Co. Cavan. He was baptised Aed but affection for the child developed his name into Mo Aed Oc. His father gave him as a hostage to Airmire, king of Ireland, who was so pleased with him that he gave him and the other hostages their freedom. Aidan studied under David in Wales and on his return he founded a monastery at Ferns. He became Bishop there and was renowned for his generosity and kindness. He died in 626 and his *Lives* testify to his popularity both in Cavan and in Ferns.

7th Wednesday- St. Raymond. 1175-1275, was a very brilliant lawyer when, at the age of 47, he became a Dominican to conquer his pride. He eventually became Master General of the Dominicans, Archbishop of Tarragona and confessor to the Pope. He died aged 100.

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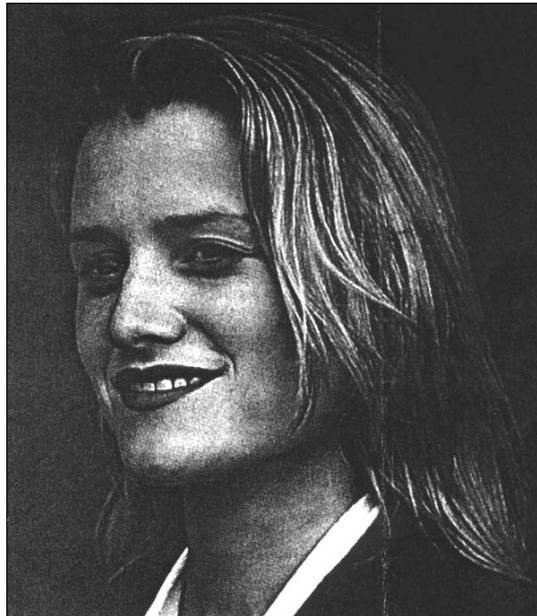
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<p style="text-align: center;">Masses</p> <p>Sunday: 8.30, 10.00, 12.00</p> <p>Mon-Fri: 9.30am</p> <p>Saturday: 10.00am, 6pm (Vigil)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ROSARY RECITED AT BOTH CHURCHES EACH SUNDAY 3.00P.M. <i>Everyone most welcome</i>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

I have used too many words in my prayers, Lord.
 I have tried to fit in too many ideas.
 I employ too many arguments.
 I have tried to get my prayer,
 All neatly tidied up.
 I have kept my eye on the clock.
 Now I need to return
 To the simplicity of childhood.
 Not childish, but childlike.
 Could it be that I have made the intellect
 You gave me to find you,
 An obstacle to seeing you?
 I don't think myself better than others.
 I don't pretend to know it all
 I am quiet now before the Lord,
 The thoughts of a child on its mother's breast,
 A child's thoughts were all my soul knew.
 'I have kept my whole being quiet and silent,
 Like an infant quieted at its mother's breast,
 Like an infant quieted in my whole being.'

Reflection from Psalm No. 131

THE CROSS IN MY POCKET

I carry a cross in my pocket
 A simple reminder to me
 Of the fact that I am a Christian
 No matter where I may be.
 This little cross is not magic
 Nor is it a good luck charm
 It isn't meant to protect me
 From every physical harm.
 It's not for identification
 For all the world to see
 It's simply an understanding
 Between my Saviour and me.
 When I put my hand in my pocket
 To bring out a coin or a key
 The cross is there to remind me
 Of the price He paid for me.
 It reminds me, too, to be thankful
 For my blessings day by day
 And to strive to serve Him better
 In all that I do and say.
 It's also a daily reminder
 Of the peace and comfort I share
 With all who know my Master
 And give themselves to His care.
 So, I carry a cross in my pocket
 Reminding no one but me
 That Jesus Christ is Lord of my life
 If only I'll let Him be.



**ST. MARY & ST. JOHN
 MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**
 Will the Ministers who have not yet
 collected their rota please call to
 the sacristy for same

NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS:
 Is. 42:1-4,6-7. Ps. 28. Acts. 10:34-38. Mt. 3:13-17. *Lect 1:79 or 639*
 The Baptism of the Lord

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD JAN. 12TH/13TH
 ST. MARY & ST. JOHN CHRIST OUR LIGHT**

6.00p.m.(Vigil) - Karen Sheehan	8.00p.m.(Vigil) - Marie O'Brien
8.30a.m. - Elaine Murphy	11.00a.m. - Clare Collins
10.00a.m. - Rebecca Lynch	12.30p.m. - Pat McGeough
12 Noon - Tony Lynch	5.30p.m. - Billy O'Sullivan

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
 12th /13th January 2002
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SATURDAY 12TH
 6p.m.
 Vera Allen
 Bernadette Bell
 Oliver Delaney
 Betty Casey
 Frank Riordan
 Siobhan Riordan

SUNDAY 13TH
 8.30a.m.
 Mary Buckley
 Theresa Lucey

10a.m.
 Anne Cahill
 Pat Lee
 Mary Delaney
 Seamus O'Shea
 Sean O'Donovan

12.00 Noon
 Joan Barrett
 Sheila Carroll
 Marsie Curling
 Pat Keenan
 Will Casey
 Steve Wills

CHRIST OUR LIGHT CHURCH

SATURDAY 12TH
 8p.m.
 Geraldine Lynch
 Charlie Vaughan
 Joan Stephenson

SUNDAY 13TH
 11a.m.
 Máire Uí Chrualaói
 Neil Jeffries
 Eileen Byrne
 Mary Coleman
 Dan Coleman

12.30p.m.
 Con O'Connell
 Denis O'Mahony
 Christine O'Mahony
 Tom Murray
 Maura Lombard

5.30p.m.
 Patsy Galvin
 Bridie O'Donnell
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SUICIDE HELPLINE 1800 742 745



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If you are feeling suicidal, or you are concerned about someone, call our **Suicide Helpline 1800 742 745**.

The Helpline is staffed by experienced health professionals seven days a week between the hours of **6.00pm and 10.00pm**.

SUICIDE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT TEAM

A number of professional staff have been trained by the Southern Health Board to respond to requests for support in relation to suicide/tragedy in the community.

These staff are available to offer confidential, practical support and advice to individuals or families who have experienced death by suicide. This service is available in all areas of Cork and Kerry.

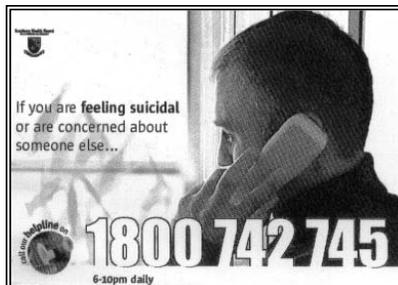
Access to this service will be through Mental Health Resource Officer who will link up with the key staff in each area who will respond to the request for support.

Contact the Mental Health Resource Officer on 087 7986944

CRISIS NURSES IN A&E DEPARTMENTS CORK CITY

The Southern Health Board has introduced a new service by the appointing of Crisis Nurses to the A&E Departments of the Cork City hospitals. The main objective of this initiative is to improve the quality of care delivered to clients attending A&E Departments who have attempted suicide.

The nurses will be on call for the three City hospitals, seven days a week. Following assessment, the nurse will be involved in providing an efficient and effective response to deal with the crisis situation. Follow up support will be an important part of this service.



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THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

“Epiphany” is a word of greek origin, relating to such English words as “theophany”, “phenotype” and “phenomenon”. It means an appearance, a displaying, a showing forth, a making clear or public or obvious. On this day, Christians have traditionally celebrated the making known of Jesus Christ to the world.

Several events have been thought of as special instances of the making known of Our Lord, such as: His birth; the coming of the Magi; his Baptism; His first miracle at Cana. Current majority usage, at least in the West, celebrates His birth on 25 December, the coming of the Magi on 6 January, and His Baptism on the next Sunday. On the following Sundays up to the beginning of Lent, we remember Our Lord’s public preaching of the kingdom, particularly the earlier stages of that preaching when opposition had not yet crystallised. On the Last Sunday after Epiphany (the Sunday before Lent), we commemorate the Transfiguration, the climax of this first phase of our Lord’s public ministry. Today, then, we commemorate the visit of the Magi, a token of the day when all the peoples of the earth will acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord, God and Saviour. The visit of the Magi is recorded in the second chapter of Matthew.

Christian writers have interpreted the gold as a sign that Jesus is King, the Frankincense as a sign that He is God, and the myrrh (used in embalming) as a sign that He is by His death and Resurrection the Saviour of the world. This imagery is found in the song, “We three Kings of Orient Are”. The three gifts are also understood as a sign of three responses that we ought to make to Christ.

NIGHT PRAYER

*Now I am going to sleep and if this sleep
be for me the sleep of death then may your own
mighty hand lead me from the light of this world
into the great light of eternity.*

Our night prayers are our final conversation of the day with God, and this lovely old prayer from the Scottish Gaelic is a wonderful example of the spirit that should permeate our night prayer. This little prayer touches on so much of Christian faith and hope. It is a solemn but confident handing over of ourselves to God’s loving care; it is a calm acknowledgement that we are pilgrims on this earth and that day by day, night by night, our heavenly Father is leading us to himself and to our heavenly home. Such an approach can help make our night prayer a richer experience. Many of us may have been encouraged or even dragooned, in our earliest years - ‘Say your night prayers’ before going to bed. What did that mean for us? Perhaps it was a quick act of contrition for anything we had done wrong in the day. Now, an examination of conscience and an act of contrition at the end of the day are excellent practices, and I hope we are doing this and leading our children to do likewise. However, our night prayer is not to consist of these acts only - it is, like all our prayers, to be centred on God and his grace. It reaches out to God in gratitude, contrition, trust, hope and petition. We need not focus straight away on our failures, rather try and see how God was with us during the day, what God was doing with us and for us, and how we responded. then we can thank God for his grace at work in us and ask pardon for our failures. Finally, we can ask God for the blessings of his protection and a good night’s rest - no small matter in our stressful world.

A suggested structure for night prayers:

- (1) If possible find a quiet place. Let your mind and heart grow still.
Put yourself in God’s presence.
- (2) Think about the day that is ending. How was God with me today, how did God help me? Or did I feel abandoned by God? How did God speak to me or challenge me through events? How did I respond?
- (3) Give thanks to God for his grace at work in us. Ask pardon for sins and failures.
- (4) Entrust yourself and all those you love to God’s protection and ask for yourself and for the the blessings of a peaceful night and restoring sleep.
- (5) Finish with a prayer to Mary, our heavenly Mother.

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We wish our clergy and wide circle of benefactors, helpers and friends much peace of heart, a deep renewal of spirit and good fortune in 2002.

CHRIST'S BODY TODAY

Christ has
No body now on earth but yours;
No hands but yours;
No feet but yours'
Yours are the eyes
Through which is to look out
Christ's compassion to the world;
Yours are the feet
With which He is to go about
Doing good;
Yours are the hands
With which He is to bless men
now.

SLOW ME DOWN LORD!

Slow me down, Lord,
Ease the pounding of my heart by
the quieting of my mind.
Steady me with the vision of the
eternal reach of time.
Give me, amid the confusion of my days, the
calmness of the everlasting hills.
Break the tensions of my nerves with the
smoothing of the streams.
Help me to know the restoring power of
sleep.
Teach me the art of taking one minute holi-
days;
Slow me down to look at a flower,
To chat with a friend,
To read a few lines from a good book.

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