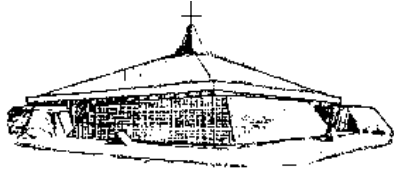


THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



SUNDAY 7TH APRIL 2002

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

We are all a bit like Thomas: unless we see we find it difficult to believe. However, faith is a way of seeing, seeing beyond the apparent problems of life to the hope given by the Resurrection of Jesus, the hope of sharing heaven with Him.

WE FEEL HURT TOO

For a time I thought the issue of Church abuse had quietened down, and I had contented myself to thinking the whole thing was being dealt with by the apologies and the compensation, and getting on with the job I've offered my life to doing, that of spreading and living the Gospel of Christ in the world as I know it. Gone were the days of the Brendan Smith's et al. Or so I thought. Watching the documentary "Sinners" it raised its ugly head again. I watched the programme in horror, shame and extreme sadness when we got a glimpse of the Ireland of the '30s to the late '60s. How people were treated by religious and others then is beyond me and my wildest imagination. Being shown on a Saturday night, I wondered would there be any one at Mass the following day. People tell me that things are bad today. They tell me that there is no respect for anyone any more. "Society has changed from bad to worse" they tell me. I really do wonder. To me Ireland today is a different place to what it was ten or twenty years ago. Some still hold on to some of the mistaken values of the past, giving honour to where it is not deserved. Personally it annoys me when some of the older men doff their caps when they meet me, however that is the way they were taught. I find that to some, if you are not the "Parish Priest" or of higher authority you are nothing. I hold that Ireland and society in general despite all its difficulties is still a better place to live in. I have a tremendous respect for all those people who attend Mass and religious services regularly to strengthen their Christian faith. Despite all I feel that there is still a yearning for the spiritual among young and old. Going back to the abuse issues, "Sinners" was highly dramatised but from what I was told wasn't too far from the truth. A friend of mine who experienced the Magdelenes told me that she never saw physical abuse given by the Nuns. I greeted the resignation of Bishop Brendan Comiskey with sadness as I felt that the man has a lot to offer as a human leader. True his handling of the abuse issues seems to have been poor, time will be the arbitrator of that. The pain of the victims of both physical and sexual abuse by priests, nuns and anyone else can never be underestimated. That pain is beyond the comprehension of any of us. All abuse in this sense is wrong. Investigations I hope will follow. On Easter Monday I got some nasty anonymous telephone calls that were not too pleasant and their contents I found very hurtful.

In all the talk and print I have come across over the years, I have never heard anyone mention the causes of these abuses and how it could be dealt with. In my estimation there has to be a cause, and possibly many. I would not consider myself qualified enough to make suggestions, but I have heard many priests say that they would be very slow to encourage any young man into the Seminary system that they experienced. For many, more change is needed.

For the depleting number those of us who work in the ministry every day it is very sad and painful when these embarrassing injustices are raised, particularly for those who have loyally stood by the promises we once made. When I have often been told "you're wasting your life". In this article I want to tell you that we do feel hurt too. I am glad that I am a human being. Support from family, friends and parishioners is deeply appreciated by all of us.

Pat O'Donovan

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

PRIEST:

Let us bring our prayers to God,
whose love for us has no end.

READER:

For those who have been baptised
this Easter and for every one of us
already baptised that the faith of all
may grow stronger each day.

Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For people who struggle with doubt,
that they may become convinced of
Christ's victory over sin and death.

Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For our community, that we may
grow in love and care for each other.

Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For the sick, and those facing
operations, that they may experience
healing and new strength.

Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who have died that they
may share the glory of Christ's
resurrection.

Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

PRIEST:

Loving God, you are our help, our
strength and our salvation:
hear and answer the prayers we
make in faith,
through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Thought for Today

New birth in his great mercy (Second Reading)

Jesus offers us peace and forgiveness through the gift of the Holy Spirit working in the Church (Gospel). God loves us not because of our achievements, our devotion or our qualities. The Father invites us to be his children with a love that we have done nothing to deserve, simply because that is who God is - love. God's forgiveness is always freely offered, especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

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BAPTISMS



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

- Ruby Alice Le Feuvre, 132 Castle Park
- Sara Michelle Rocke, 3 Aylesbury Lawn
- Rebecca Anne O'Sullivan, 86 Westcourt Heights
- Denis Kieran Burke, 2 Warren Street, Dublin 8
- Kieran James Dodder, 3 Church Green, Hayes, Middlesex, England



IN SYMPATHY

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:

- Robert Cuthbert, Douglas
- Michael Murray, Ballincollig & Ballintemple
- Mary Ryan, Castleconnell, Co. Limerick
- Joseph Miller, Carrigaline

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE
REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF**

- Vincent Mc Loughlin
- Margaret & Patrick Kenneally, Curraheen
- Patrick Kirstein, Inniscarra View Est.,
- Margaret & Angelo Bernard, Parknamore
- Connie O'Regan, Carriganarra
- Martin & Eileen Murphy, Hodders Villas
- Peg O'Donovan, Beara
- Sean Finn, Ballypnehane
- John & Catherine McKechnie, Blarney
- Tony Allen, Inniscarra View Est.,
- Madge Shanahan, Roman St.,
- John O'Mahony, Carriganarra
- Mary & Denis Lucy, Ballingearry
- Kitty & Eugene O'Callaghan
- Bill O'Connell, Pouladuff
- Katherine O'Connell
- Ted Kennedy, Westcourt
- Hughie & Tim Leary
- Cecelia Hurley, Fairhill
- Joseph O Mahony, Mayfield
- Patrick Burns, Leemount
- Dan Cronin, 28 Coolroe Heights
- John & Mary Kelly
- Thomas Lynch
- Kay Coughlan, Glasheen Rd.,

SECOND WEEK OF EASTER

7 Sunday Acts 2:42-47. Ps.117. 1 Pet. 1:3-9. Jn. 20:19-31. *Lect I: 438*
The struggle for faith experienced by Thomas leads us to think on the meaning of faith in the risen Christ. We cannot depend on physical experience of Christ: but know his presence in gathered community, in the hearing of the word and in sacramental signs. So the Christian community is a thankful one, always blessing God for a sure hope through the resurrection of Christ.
The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated as one feast day, sometimes called "the Great Sunday". The singing of the Alleluia expresses the characteristic joy of these days.
The weekday readings: the continuous reading from the Gospel of St John gives us the understanding of our Lord seen in the light of his resurrection and glorification; and a continuous reading from the Acts of the Apostles presents us with the Church of the Risen Christ now filled with his Spirit and continuing his work. These two series are read without any intrinsic relation to each other.

8 Monday 7:10-14: 8:10. Ps. 39. Heb. 10:4-10. Lk. 1:26-38. *Lect II: 985*
The Annunciation of the Lord "At the announcement that she would give birth to 'the Son of the Most High' without knowing man, by the power of the Holy Spirit, Mary responded with the obedience of faith, certain 'that with God nothing will be impossible.'" CCC, 494.

9 Tuesday Acts 4:32-37. Ps. 92. Jn. 3:7-15. *Lect I: 449*
Jesus is the perfect revealer of God whose revelation reaches its climax in his exaltation on the cross. Faith is an active response to Jesus.

10 Wednesday Acts 5:17-26. Ps. 33. Jn. 3:16-21. *Lect I: 452*
"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."

11 Thursday Acts 5:27-33. Ps. 33. Jn. 3:31 -36. *Lect I: 454*
St Peter before the officials says clearly that the apostles are the authentic witnesses to the events which are God's Spirit at work.

12 Friday Acts 5:34-42. Ps. 26. Jn. 6:1-15. *Lect I: 456*
Jesus communicates his life-giving power through his living word and the gift of his own life in the eucharistic bread.

13 Saturday Acts 6:1 -7. Ps. 32. Jn. 6:16-21. *Lect I: 459*
The Church continues to grow and the apostles re-order the ministries to cope with different needs. The Spirit works in the Church, and brings peace.

SAINTS THIS WEEK

13 Saturday - St. Martin I, the last Pope to be venerated as a martyr, died in 655 from harsh treatment in exile and prison.

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Alpha Course

What is Alpha?

The Alpha course is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith. It's relaxed, non-threatening, low-key, friendly and fun. You can listen and learn, discuss and discover, and ask questions. The Alpha consists of a ten-week course made up of a series of talks looking at such topics as:

Who is Jesus? Why did Jesus die? and Why and how do I pray?

Who is Alpha for?

Those who would like to know more about their faith, those who want to brush up on the basics, those who find prayer boring.



Irish Alpha Quotes

"The Alpha Courses with their emphasis on the basics of the Christian faith are meeting the needs of many who are currently searching, for meaning in life."

*The R.T. Rev. R.A. Warke
Church of Ireland Bishop of Cork,
Cloyne and Ross*

"Hopefully it will make a really positive contribution to the revitalization of the Churches in Ireland... It could be one of the most significant contributions to the current decade of evangelisation."

Fr. Pat Collins CM

"It's wonderful, thanks for a highly effective tool of evangelism"

*Graeme Wylle
Galway Christian Fellowship*

"As we approach a new millenium and on the basis of all the changes that have taken place in Ireland recently, I think that Alpha offers a unique and another chance of presenting the message of Jesus Christ to another generation of Young Irish people."

*Gerard Gallegher
Catholic Youth Council*

"Alpha has been for us in Lucan an effective means of reaching 'the fringe' and 'seekers' with the Gospel. The Alpha model, relaxed and non threatening enviroment where good relationships are established. This relational dimension is the key to the success of the Alpha ministry. We have found that when real friendships were established people are open to hear the word of God."

*Rev.Dr. Trevor W.J. Marrow
Minister, Presbyterian Church*

"The Alpha Course has been without doubt the most successful initiative we have been involved in. In the context of Parish Renewal, Alpha is an excellent and effective course to initiate vibrant Christian Community in our often struggling Catholic parishes. I earnestly pray that every parish in Ireland will endeavour to run an Alpha Course."

*Jim Donnan
Evangelical Catholic Initiative*

**The Alpha Course will take place on Wednesday night beginning on 10th April
Starting at 8 pm with a simple meal
and finishing at 10 pm
In The Prayer Centre, 9 North Main Street, Cork**

What to do next:

If you fall into the above categories or know of someone who does and would like to register for a place on the next Alpha course, please ring The Prayer Centre on 021-427 0362 between 12.30 pm and 4 pm Monday to Friday or Jeanette on 021-454 2468.

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, 8pm 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 Mon-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;">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;">- Mass Card Signing - Requests for Baptism/Marriage Certs, etc. <u>CHRIST OUR LIGHT</u> - Mass Card Signing -</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Confessions</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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 style="text-align: center;">Saturday: 7.15pm</p>
<p>PARISH CLERGY</p> <p>CHURCH NO. ☎ 087-2479140 Fr. L.O'Brien P.P ☎ 021-4871206 Fr. P. O'Donovan C.C. ☎ 021-4872808 Fax: 021-4872808 Fr. Paul O'Donoghue ☎ 021-4876055 Fr. John O'Donovan ☎ 021-4870434</p>		

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Such a peaceful feeling,
That fills the space,
Within this place,
And how from floor to ceiling,
It holds, the subtle brilliance,
Of a summers midday light.

When I stumble or fall,
Let me not ignore His call,
To rest awhile, beneath these graceful arching
walls,
Where no wicked, shadow falls.

In here the world stands still,
While outside, pigeon's coo and bill,
Upon the window sill,
That lies beneath, the brightly coloured glass,
Through which it seems, no evil can ever pass,
As colours red, blue, and green,
Filter down to dominate the scene,
Flickering in fluid suspension,
And gently fading in extension,
Until silently, they dance,
In angled stance,
Upon the polished altar floor,
That bare's witness to their reflection.
While I kneel here His forgiveness to implore,
And ask His guidance for my direction.

P.G. Culleton



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NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS:

Acts 2:14,22-33. Ps. 15. 1 Pet. 1:17-21.Lk. 24:13-35.

Lect 1: 461. The Road to Emmaus.

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD 13TH/14TH APR
ST. MARY & ST. JOHN CHRIST OUR LIGHT**

6.00p.m.(Vigil) - Geraldine Murphy	8.00p.m.(Vigil) - Pauline Collins
8.30a.m. - Muireann Nelligan	11.00a.m. - Dick Beamish
10.00a.m. - Margot Twomey	12.30p.m. - Margaret Healy
12 Noon - Tony Lynch	5.30p.m. - Margaret Murphy

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

13th/14th April 2002

ST. MARY'S & ST. JOHN'S CHURCH



SATURDAY 13TH
6p.m.
Patsy Murphy
Breda Foley
Geraldine Graham
Jim Healy
Geraldine Hegarty
Cathy Horgan

SUNDAY 14TH
8.30a.m.
Theresa Lucey
Rita Murphy

10a.m.
Karina O'Mahony
Rose Doyle
Tadhg Murphy
Mary Murphy
Joan Tobin

12.00 Noon
Michael Crowley
Breda Linehan
Noel Hennessy
Marie O'Callaghan
Rena O'Connor
Angela Roche

CHRIST OUR LIGHT CHURCH

SATURDAY 13TH
8p.m.
Jim Cahill
Kit Cahill
Sheila O'Connor

SUNDAY 14TH
11a.m.
Maura McNamara
Angela Cunningham
Laurence Cunningham
Marie Mullins

12.30p.m.
Anne O'Connell
Eileen Garvey
Sally Power
Breda Callanan
Marie O'Brien

5.30p.m.
Neil O'Donoghue
Patricia O'Donoghue
Statia O'Callaghan

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION
BALLINCOLLIG COMMUNITY SCHOOL

is pleased to announce that Dr. Brendan Byrne,
well known expert and author on
bullying will present a talk:

Coping with Bullying

at Ballincollig Community School,

Thursday April 11th from 8p.m. to 10 p.m.

Dr. Brendan Byme has worked as a teacher, home/school co-ordinator,
Principal and Guidance Counsellor and has carried out
extensive research in the area of bullying and has published several
books on the subject.

All welcome.

BALLINCOLLIG PARISH
PASTORAL COUNCIL

The thirty-fourth meeting of the
council will be held in the
Community Centre on Monday
April 8th 2002 at 7.45p.m.

BALLINCOLLIG
SECULAR FRANCISCAN
ORDER

The Monthly Meeting of the above
will be held in St. Mary & St. John's
Church on Thursday, 11th April
at 11.00a.m.

Commencing with Rosary at
10.40a.m. (Sharp)

THE LEGION OF MARY

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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, BALLINCOLLIG,
ON THURSDAY 11TH APRIL AT 8PM.

FOR ALL ACTIVE AND AUXILLARY
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All are welcome

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

For it is in giving that we receive,

in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and in dying that we are born to eternal life.

BALLINCOLLIG PARISH COUNCIL

CHURCH FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WISH TO EXPRESS SINCERE GRATITUDE TO EVERYBODY WHO SUPPORTED THEIR RECENT FUNDRAISING EVENT:

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What good is the Resurrection anyway??

Well Easter Sunday is over for another year. Does this mean we can forget about the Resurrection for another twelve months? In this world of hard facts and scientific theory do you find it difficult to still believe in the Resurrection?

Does it make sense? What's it about?

Why has the church always declared that Easter Sunday is the most important day of the year? If you want to learn the real value and practical application of Christianity to your life then come to a series of Catecheses for adults in the Church of Christ Our Light (crying room) on Mondays & Thursdays at 8pm starting next Monday 8th April.

Come & learn how the resurrected Jesus can save you from every disaster.
See you there - all welcome



Prayer for Understanding

Give me an understanding heart, dear
Lord—so that I may
Be able by some thought or deed or word
To light the way
For someone who may come to me and bring
Their hopes and fears;
Help me to leave my problems for a while
And take up theirs.
So by my understanding to impart
Relief and comfort to some troubled heart.

Elsie S Campbell

A PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE

Lord show me clearly what you want me to
do with the gifts you have given me

Grant me the strength that I need to answer
your call with courage and love.

Make me a generous person so that others
may experience your love through me.

Help me always to look to You
as the One Who will show me
the way to live my life.

Amen.

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CARERS SUPPORT MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 8TH, 2002, IN JURY'S HOTEL AT 8P.M.