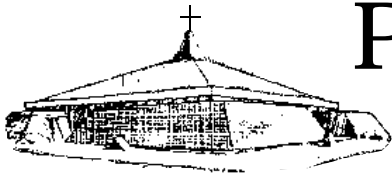


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THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



CHRIST OUR LIGHT
INNISHMORE



ST. MARY & ST. JOHN
STATION ROAD

SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2000



TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The original relationship of man and woman in marriage was to be that of perfect union - a union brought about by God himself. In today's gospel, Jesus restates this ideal understanding of marriage and calls for it to be taken seriously.

DIVORCE

The young couples who are planning their weddings usually come to the priest to book the church about one and a half years in advance of the date. Such early booking is necessary in order to secure both the church and hotel of their choice for the same date. About six months before the wedding date the couple return to fill out the necessary papers. Sometimes, however, they return for a different reason:- to cancel the wedding. While a cancellation must be a serious disappointment for themselves and their families, it is, nevertheless, an indication of their maturity and wisdom. The whole point of an engagement is to leave the option of cancellation open. How much better to admit to a mistake when they are both free than to go ahead for appearance sake with a marriage that is doomed before they even speak the vows!

Marriage break-up and divorce is always a personal tragedy for two people who once loved each other and promised love and fidelity for ever. During the recent referendum on divorce the focus of debate was fixed on the situation that develops when a couple have passed the point where their relationship can no longer be repaired. Now that the civil law has been passed we should discuss ways and means or ensuring that the final break-point will never be reached.

In these Dioceses of Cork and Ross a pre-marriage course is insisted upon for all couples intending to marry. There is no guarantee that such courses will solve all future matrimonial problems. But they will at least help the couple to approach their momentous decision in a thoughtful manner. Some brides-to-be think that their influence over their future husband is so powerful that they will be capable of curing his alcoholism, or his violence, or his betting addiction or his meanness. How many family tragedies have developed out of such foolish hopes. Trial marriage is thought by some to be the best preparation for a stable relationship. While statistics show that divorce is higher among couples that lived together before marriage, common sense will also tell us that a young man and woman who show scant respect for God's Law before marriage will hardly develop a strongly religious family life some years later.

Absolute fidelity to one another is what Brides and Grooms promise on their wedding day. Any deviation from this chosen life-style admits a third party into the marriage union with catastrophic results.

Leonard O'Brien

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

For the leaders and teachers
in the Church,
may they keep before the eyes of the
faithful the true dignity of marriage,
and may the priests and counsellors
help especially those who are
preparing for the sacrament, or whose
marriage has run into difficulties.

Lord, hear us;

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the leaders of our government,
may they show their appreciation
of marriage in society by helping
couples to stay together, and
avoiding laws which would encourage
their separation.

Lord, hear us;

Lord, graciously hear us.

For divorced husbands or wives,
may their lives be filled with serenity
as they find the courage
to go forward again in life,
grateful for the past in so far
as it helped them to grow
in an understanding of marriage
and of themselves.

Lord, hear us;

Lord, graciously hear us.

For all single members of the
community, may they see their single
lives not in terms of not being married
but as a positive grace by which they
follow the example of Christ himself.

Lord, hear us;

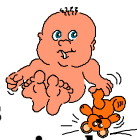
Lord, graciously hear us.

Visit Our Website: www.ballincolligparish.ie

May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

BAPTISMS

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



Padraig Hugh Sweeney, 37, The Cloisters
Stephen Cornelius Kelly, Beechmount, Carrigrohane
Cara Lea O'Callaghan, 1, the Meadows
Rachel Joych Moriarty, 63, Woodberry, Greenfields



IN SYMPATHY

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:

Mrs. Gavin, Mountbellew, Galway
James O'Grady, Sligo
Joe Lenihan, Inniscarra View
Tony Manley, late of Dripsey

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

Margaret Rea
Christopher Buckley, Bakers Road
Denis Hallissey
Richard Murphy, Clash Road
James Dillon
James & Eileen O'Donovan
Bernie Creed, Ballyhooley
Michael & Agnes O'Connor
The McCarthy family, Carriganarra
Danny Carlton, Church View
Lydia Carlton, Church View
Paddy Fitton, Ballyshoneen
Thomas & Mary O'Mahony, Ballydehob
John Sexton, Bweeng
Denis O'Sullivan, Poulavone (Anniv)
Alan O'Callaghan, Aherla
Deceased members of the O'Neill family, Clash
Liam Farrell, Maglin
Susan O'Driscoll, Carrigdena
Bridget Ford
Kathy Foley, Waterfall
Paddy Forde, Leemount
John & Nora Leach, Beech Park
Thomas Murphy, Hollymount, Lee Road
Ned & Nellie O'Leary, Kilmichael
Tony McMahan, Dublin Hill

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

8 Sunday Gn. 2:18-24. Ps. 127. Heb. 2:9-11. Mk. 10:2-16. *Lect I:807*
Marriage is not a human option but a divine creation. Jesus' prohibition of divorce is one of the most widely attested sayings in the tradition

9 Monday Gal. 1:6-12. Ps. 110. Lk. 10:25-37. *Lect II:801*
The letter of Paul to the Galatians is about Christian freedom; freedom from the restraints of the Law and from selfishness - exterior and interior freedom. It also talks about the Cross of Christ and the importance of unity

10 Tuesday Gal. 1:13-24. Ps. 138. Lk. 10:38-42. *Lect II:804*
"Freedom is the power, rooted in reason and will, to act or not to act, to do this or that, and so to perform deliberate actions on one's own responsibility. By free will one shapes one's own life. Human freedom is a force for growth and maturity in truth and goodness; it attains its perfection when directed toward God, our beatitude." CCC, 1731.

11 Wednesday Gal. 2:1-2,7-14. Ps. 116. Lk. 11:1-4. *Lect II:806*
The observance of Jewish food laws could divide communities so that Jewish and Gentile Christians could not sit at the same table. This would make the celebration of the Eucharist impossible. Paul cannot allow this to happen.

12 Thursday Gal. 3:1-5. Ps. Lk. 1. Lk. 11:5-13. *Lect II:808*
"The more one does what is good, the freer one becomes. There is no true freedom except in the service of what is good and just. The choice to disobey and do evil is an abuse of freedom and leads to 'the slavery of sin.'" CCC, 1733

13 Friday Gal. 3:7-14. Ps. 110. Lk. 11:15-26. *Lect II:810*
"Progress in virtue, knowledge of the good, and asceticism enhance the mastery of the will over its acts. Imputability and responsibility for an action can be diminished or even nullified by ignorance, inadvertence, duress, fear, habit, inordinate attachments and other psychological or social factors." CCC, 1734-35

14 Saturday Gal. 3:22-29. Ps. 104. Lk. 11:27-28. *Lect II:812*
The right to the exercise of freedom, especially in religious and moral matters, is an inalienable requirement of human dignity. But the exercise of freedom does not entail the putative right to say or do anything. By deviating from the moral law people violate their own freedom, become imprisoned within themselves, disrupt neighbourly fellowship, and rebel against divine truth. cf. CCC, 1740, 1747.

SAINTS THIS WEEK

Monday 9th - Sts. Denis, Rusticus and Eleutherius were beheaded and thrown into the Seine in 258 and later buried at Montmartre. Their finest tribute is the abbey church of Saint-Denis where the kings of France are buried. Denis, the first Bishop of Paris, is one of the patrons of France.

St. John Leonardi 1541-1609, supported the reforms of Trent, published a Catechism and helped to found the Propagation of the Faith in Rome.

Wednesday 11th - St. Canice was born in Co. Derry around 527 and died in 603. Though his people were poor, he studied at Clonard under Finnian and at Glasnevin under Mobhi. A deep friendship developed between himself and Colum Cille, with whom he worked for a time in Scotland, where he set up a number of churches.

Saturday 14th - St. Callistus I after a life of slavery and imprisonment for criminal offences, was freed and became a deacon in charge of catacombs that bear his name. He became Pope in 217, opposed by Hippolytus. Died at the hands of a mob in 222.

CONFIRMATION DATES

Scoil Eoin: Monday 2nd April 2001
Scoil Mhuire: Tuesday 3rd April 2001
Scoil Barra: Wednesday 4th April 2001

BALLINCOLLIG CREDIT UNION

Members please note that the 6.00p.m. Mass at St. Mary & St. John's Church on Saturday 14th October 2000 will be offered for all deceased members

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 9th October 2000 at 7.45p.m. in the Community Centre All members are requested to attend

NOTICES

HAPPILY MARRIED?

*But do you sometimes wonder
what your partner really feels?*

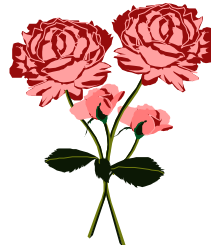
Wish you talked more together?

Have a sense of something lacking?

**Then the Marriage Encounter Weekend
on 3rd-5th November at The Lakes Hotel,
Killarney - may be just right for you,
because it offers you the opportunity to
deepen the way you communicate in a way
that respects your privacy.**

**So whether you have been married
1 year or 50, if you would like to know
more, then without any obligation contact:**

**Clive & Kathy Jones 026-48234
Don & Una Clapper 021-896373**



Ballincollig Flower & Garden Club

Ballincollig Flower and Garden Club

will hold their next meeting on

Monday 9th October 2000

at 8p.m. at the Rugby Club.

**There will be a plant auction on the
night which would especially suit
people with new gardens.**

EVERYBODY WELCOME

BALLINCOLLIG SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

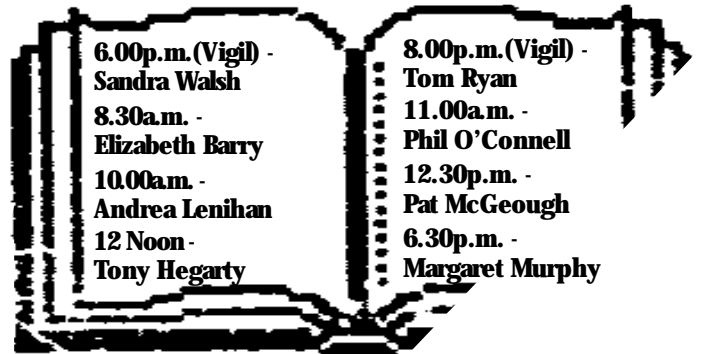
Usual Fraternity Meeting

**on Thursday 12th of October 2000 at
8p.m. in the Community Hall.**

**All members are requested to attend as
voting for new council will take place.**

Cup of tea will be served

MINISTERS OF THE WORD 14th/15th Oct ST. MARY & ST. JOHN CHRIST OUR LIGHT



6.00p.m. (Vigil) -
Sandra Walsh

8.30a.m. -
Elizabeth Barry

10.00a.m. -
Andrea Lenihan

12 Noon -
Tony Hegarty

8.00p.m. (Vigil) -
Tom Ryan

11.00a.m. -
Phil O'Connell

12.30p.m. -
Pat McGeough

6.30p.m. -
Margaret Murphy

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST 14th/15th October 2000 ST. MARY'S & ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

SATURDAY 14TH

6p.m.

Mary O'Donoghue
Cait O'Grady
Margaret O'Sullivan
Angela Roche
Betty Sheehan
Jim Walsh

SUNDAY 15TH

8.30a.m.

Theresa Lucey
Rita Murphy

10a.m.

Maureen Roche
Christina Walshe
Peter Reilly
Mary Collins

12.00 Noon

Oliver O'Donovan
Pat Kelleher
Ellen Seynour
John Jeffers
Joan Tobin
Ita Walshe



SATURDAY 14TH

8p.m.

Charlie Vaughan
Maura O'Driscoll

CHRIST OUR LIGHT CHURCH

SUNDAY 15TH

11a.m.

Anne O'Regan
Neil Jeffries
Eileen Byrne
Marie O'Callaghan

12.30p.m.

Con O'Connell
Rose Cotter
Michael O'Leary
Seamus O'Connell
Mary O'Connell

5.30p.m.

Marie O'Brien
Tom Murray
Anne O'Brien



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Friday 6th October: 8p.m.

OFFICIAL OPENING BY Mr. PAT KINSELLA

(Principal Colaiste Choilm and Chairman of the Ballincollig Enterprise Board)

Saturday 7th October 10.00a.m. to 8.00p.m.

Sunday 8th October 12.30p.m. to 5.00p.m.

Closing Service at 5.00p.m.

Admission £3.00 (programme)

PROCEEDS TO ST. PETER'S CHURCH RESTORATION FUND

Light Refreshments available in the Parish Hall.

Saturday 10.30a.m. to 5.30p.m. also Parish exhibition in Hall.

BALLINCOLLIG BASKETBALL CLUB NOTES & FIXTURES

It was a busy week for the club, with the ladies having some great games and wins. The junior ladies had a walk over in a pre-season tournament game against Kyer Kelts from Ballyphehane on Thursday 28th September. The Intermediate Women were beaten by the Pandas in a good close game. However on the night the Pandas experience showed them to be the stronger team.

Our Junior Men v Carrigtowhill game was cancelled due to the hall not being available.

Our Under 12-14-16 Girls Teams had much improved games against their Skibbereen counter-parts last weekend.

The U-12's, despite losing their match, provided the spectators with a most entertaining game. The U-14 Girls had a fine win in their game. Their 11point win was a big improvement on the previous week and showed what hard work and commitment they have put into their training.

The U-16's were unlucky to lose their match to Skibbereen in a hard fought game, which they lost by only 6 points. It was a good result against a very strong Skib side. Our intermediate ladies in their tournament lost to Skib narrowly by only 5 pts. Skib just had the edge on the night.

In their tournament in Gurrabraher, our Junior Ladies had a great win over Glanmire, as did the Intermediate team who won by 5pts. Ballincollig led for most of the match. But even though Glanmire fought back, Ballincollig held onto the lead for a great win.

The Ladies Intermediate team were disappointed not to have played better against Glanmire B Team. Ballincollig were beaten by a much stronger team and were disappointed by their own performance.

On a very good and positive note, it has been very encouraging to see so many new members attend on Saturday and Sunday mornings in Ballincollig Community School. The enthusiasm and talent of all the girls and boys will ensure that the club can look forward to a healthy future, and the introduction of four new mini baskets is helping the younger children to practice their slam dunk technique!!

UPCOMING FIXTURES FOR OCT. - MEN

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| Tuesday 10th October - | Parochial Hall | |
| 6.30pm C. 2 Iona v Ballincollig | | U-11 |
| Friday 13th October - | Parochial Hall | |
| 7.30pm C. 2 Blue Demons v Ballincollig | | U-15 |
| Sunday 15th October - | Bantry Boys Club, Glengarriff Road, Bantry | |
| 3.00pm Bantry v Ballincollig | | U-13 |

LADIES

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| Wednesday 11th October - | Glenmary Hall | |
| 7.00pm Glenmary v Ballincollig | | Junior Ladies |
| Friday 13th October - | Ballincollig Comm. School | |
| 6.15pm Ballincollig v Brunnell | | U-12 |
| Friday 13th October - | Ballincollig Comm. School | |
| 7.15pm Ballincollig v Glanmire | | U-14 |
| Friday 13th October - | Ballincollig Comm. School | |
| 8.15pm Ballincollig v Glanmire | | U-15 |
| Saturday 14th October - | Skibbereen Sports Centre | |
| 8.15pm Eagles v Ballincollig | | Inter. |
| Saturday 14th October - | Ballyphehane Com. Centre | |
| 7.00pm Kelts v Ballincollig | | Juniors |
| Saturday 14th October - | Parochial Hall | |
| 6.00pm Glanmire v Ballincollig | | U-12 |

GARDEN EVENING *presented by Margaret Griffin* of GRIFFIN'S GARDEN CENTRE at Jury's Hotel

on Tuesday 10th October at 8p.m.
in aid of St. Vincent's Centre, St. Mary's Road
For those with special needs
Admission £5.00
*Tickets available from Tim, Maura
or Sr. Pauline at 021-4391333*

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On completion of this course the participants may:

- Continue with higher level training within NTDI
- Proceed to mainstream vocational training
- Obtain open employment
- Return to further education

For further information contact

Andrew Feeney or K. Costelloe at:
Seward House, Cork Business &
Technology Park, Model Farm Road, Cork.
Tel: 021-4341028

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

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On behalf of the 1,043 service users at the Lavanagh Centre, I wish to express our great appreciation for your very generous response to our recent Yellow Ribbon Campaign.
In your area alone, you purchased Ribbons to the value of £3,000. This was a terrific achievement and shows your commitment and enthusiasm for the work being done at the Centre.
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Special thanks goes to Mrs. Mary Connolly who co-ordinated the Campaign in the Ballincollig area so successfully.



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