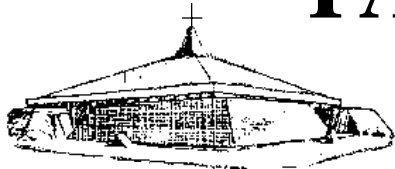


# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



CHRIST OUR LIGHT  
INNISHMORE



ST. MARY & ST. JOHN  
STATION ROAD

**SUNDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2003**

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*When we are sick or our lives are disturbed in some way we tend to see the darkness and to turn in on ourselves. The healing that we need is more than a physical one, it involves being freed from self-concerned to care for others.*

## OUR CHURCH ST. MARY & ST. JOHN THROUGH THE EYES OF FAMOUS ARTIST WILLIAM HARRINGTON

When I came to Ballincollig four years ago, I was very impressed by the building that is St. Mary & St. John. One can sense the faith that has been shared here over the years. The solace that people have given to and received from one another, the oceans of prayers that have been said here over the years in happy and sad times. The place where, thousands come to worship our Saviour and to support each other in faith. In some way I suppose I wanted to capture and to be part of that tradition. It is such a privilege to be part of our faithful community and to teach in Colaiste Choilm.

I asked William would he come and look at the church of St. Mary & St. John for me, with a view to putting it on canvas. William knew the building and was eager to put what his creative eye saw on canvas. In William's own words "I sat on a low stone wall with my various art materials, having wandered around, inside and outside and then I began my work. This church could be a cathedral, serving several parishes years ago. The architecture is unusual, mainly gothic, with a trefolk motif occurring in the windows and the stonework, the belfry is unique. I spent many hours there on different days. An artist has to assimilate detail and then gain the larger perspective i.e. forget the bits and pieces and absorb the feeling of the place. I told some local ladies who were interested in my presence that I was a visiting Benedictine monk, not totally untrue, as I did spend some time in Glenstal Abbey"

William it has been said has a niche in the wall of Cork's consciousness on which no one has ever trespassed. His style is unique, mind you, so is his character, an artist, philosopher, historian, a man of tradition with a deep faith. For me it is the philosopher before the artist and it is therein that his gift lies, to touch, to feel, to hear, to see, to smell and to understand with the eye of imagination.

Mary Leland wrote in the Sunday Independent, "Harrington has chronicled Cork. He has preserved, in a way preservation orders seem unable to do, what matters about the look of the city - the feel of it, the sound of it"

For me William has done a wonderful painting of St. Mary & St. John, a church of tremendous tradition, where we celebrate our faith, laugh our laughs, cry our tears and celebrate the events of our lives, in the Lord's presence.

*Fr. Paul*

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

**Priest:**

Lord is great and almighty, so we bring our prayers with confidence:

**Reader:**

For those who work hard to spread the Gospel that God's Spirit may support them when they feel weary.

Lord, Hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the contemplatives who live enclosed lives of prayer that the word of God may be their inspiration in moments of Doubt.

Lord, Hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For brokenhearted people that the mender of souls may bring them healing.

Lord, Hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For all the sick-at home, in hospitals or nursing homes that in moments of despair they may know God's love and support.

Lord, Hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For mothers-in-Law and fathers -in-law that our family relationships may always be marked by sensitivity and tolerance.

Lord, Hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who passed beyond this life that our caring God may call them into eternal life.

Lord, Hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

**Priest:**

Mighty God, we praise you, for you heal the brokenhearted. Graciously hear our prayers and grant us the grace we need, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## THOUGHT FOR TODAY

### MONTHS OF DELUSION AND NIGHTS OF GRIEF (FIRST READING)

Job's disillusionment is all too familiar. Life can be disheartening and painful. The miracles of Jesus do not promise immediate relief, but show us God's power and Love. God heals the most hopeless illness and offers abundant generosity -twelve baskets left over after the multiplication of the loaves,

*Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.*

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## BAPTISMS

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



Adam Patrick O' Driscoll, 51, Manor Hill,  
Jasmin Mary Keane, 42, Woodberry, Greenfields.  
Shane Owen Buckley, 35, Greystones,  
Conner Gerard Spillane, The Brambles, Classis  
Lake, Ovens.



## IN SYMPATHY

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:

Margaret O, Mahony. Skibbereen,  
May Santry Clonakilty.  
Joseph Baker, Limerick  
Ellen Langan, Donegal.  
Sheila Delaney, Ivy Circle  
Padraig Keane, Ivy Circle  
Muriel Bowen  
Donal Coughlan, Schull

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

Donal Walsh, Fair St;  
Billy Kemp  
Patrick & Margaret Kelly, Inchigeela  
Anthmy McCarthy Castle Park,  
Kathleen Galvin, Model farm rd;  
Michael Gilleran, Rosewood  
Josie O' Connell, Aghabillisgue  
Tom Twomey Raheen  
James & Mary O Connell, Kinsale rd  
Ann Dawson Rosewood  
Feremiah & Johonna Coughlan. Blarney St;  
Joe Barrett Leo Murphy Trc,  
Dan & Julia Wlesmorol  
Jerome O Regan, Poulavose  
Paddy & Nora Kiely, Muskery Est  
Dan & Eileen Fehils, Upton  
Johanna Murphy, Clash  
Paddy Horgan, Inniscarra  
Timothy O Keffe, Shamrock Drive  
Garrett Collins, Dunmanway  
Wm. & Sheila Murphy, Model Farm Rd  
Tom & Winnie Holloway  
Bridget O Leary, Fairwell

## BALLINCOLLIG SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

Monthly Mass & Meeting  
of the Order will take place in  
St. Mary & St. John's Church on  
Thursday 13th February 2003 at 11a.m.  
Rosary will be recited at 10.40am sharp

*All members are welcome*

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

9 Sunday Job 7:1-4 6-7. Ps. 146. 1 Cor. 9:16-19, 22-23. Mk. 1:29-39. *Lect 1:747*

10 Monday Gen. 1:1 - 19. Ps. 103. Mk. 6:53-56. *Lect II:54*  
**St Scholastica**, d.543, sister of St. Benedict. She spent her life  
as a consecrated virgin. Patron of convulsive children.

11 Tuesday Gen. 1:20-2:4. Ps.8.Mk. 7:1-13. *Lect II:56*  
**St Gobnait** see page 3. **Our Lady of Lourdes**  
**World day of the Sick.**

In 1992 Pope John Paul II instituted the World Day of the Sick  
to be held each year on the commemoration of Our Lady of  
Lourdes.

12 Wednesday Gen. 2:4-9, 15-17. Ps. 103. Mk. 7:14-23. *Lect II:59*

13 Thursday Gen. 2:18 - 25 .Ps. 127.Mk. 7:24-30. *Lect II:61*

14 Friday Acts 13:46-49. Ps. 116.Lk.10:1-9 *Lect II:957*  
Cyril, a priest with missionary experience, and his brother  
Methodius, a monk, went to Moravia to preach the gospel in  
the Slav Language. Cyril invented a Slavic alphabet, and, with  
the help of Methodius, translated the Gospels and certain  
Liturgical works into Slavonic. They were consecrated bishops  
in Rome but there on February 14 869, Cyril died. Methodius  
returned to Moravia. During the last years of his life, he com-  
pleted the Slavonic translation of the Bible. On April 6, 885,  
he died, worn out by his apostolic labours and by the opposi-  
tion of those who failed to understand his methods. Pope John  
II declared them Patrons of Europe. **St Valentine** (see below)

15 Saturday Gen 3:9- 24. Ps. 89. Mk. 8:1- 10. *Lect II:65*

## St. Valentine

Valentine's Day is celebrated in honour of Saint Valentine, a Christian  
priest who was executed on February 14th, 270 A.D., by the Roman  
Emperor Claudius II. Though there is nothing romantic about his  
death, legend has it that Valentine was quite a romantic soul while he  
was alive. Apparently Claudius II was concerned about the declining  
number of soldiers in the Roman Army. The soldiers were refusing to  
leave their wives and sweethearts, so Claudius thought he could solve  
the problem by outlawing marriage. But as the saying goes, love will  
find a way. Young lovers found their way to Valentine, who took pity  
on their predicament and performed marriages for them in secret.  
When Claudius found out, he had Valentine beheaded.

Another legend says that Valentine was imprisoned for performing  
these secret marriages, and that while he was serving his time, he fell  
madly in love with the jailer's daughter. He would send her love notes  
inscribed with the words "From your Valentine" - a tradition we still  
carry on today.

St. Valentine's Day has its roots in an old Roman festival called the  
Lupercalia, which was held each year on February 15. The festival  
involved a lover's lottery, where girls' names were written on slips of  
paper and put into a jar. Each young man would draw a name and  
that girl would then be his companion for the following year. The  
Christians found this custom immoral, so they created their own  
February festival in honour of the romantic St. Valentine, who helped  
love last a lifetime by sanctifying it with the sacred bond of marriage.

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**MINISTERS OF THE WORD FEB 15TH/16TH**  
**ST. MARY & ST. JOHN CHRIST OUR LIGHT**

6.00p.m.(Vigil) - Karen Sheehan	8.00p.m.(Vigil) - Tadhg Murphy
8.30a.m. - Elizabeth Daly	11.00a.m. - Jack Dorgan
10.00a.m. - Declan Chalmers	12.30p.m. - Bernard Vallely
12.00noon. - Tony Hegarty	5.30p.m. - Margaret Murphy



**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**



**15th/16th February 2003**

<b>St. Mary &amp; St. John</b>	<b>Christ Our Light</b>
<b>6.00pm:</b> Patsy Murphy Breda Foley Ger Graham Sr. M. Carmody Ger Hegarty Cathy Horgan	<b>8.00pm:</b> Jim Cahill Kit Cahill Sheila O'Connor
<b>8.30am:</b> Theresa Lucey Rita Murphy	<b>11.00am:</b> Maura McNamara Angela Cunningham Laurence Cunningham Margaret Murphy Anne O'Connell
<b>10.00am:</b> Tadhg Murphy Mary Murphy Joan Tobin Betty Sheehan Michael Crowley	<b>12.30pm:</b> Eileen Garvey Sally Power Breda Callanan Marie O'Brien Neil O'Donoghue
<b>12.00 noon:</b> Breda Lenihan Noel Hennessey Marie O'Callaghan Rena O'Connor Angela Roche	<b>5.30pm:</b> Patricia O'Donoghue Statia O'Callaghan

**ENVELOPE COLLECTION**

*This Weekend 8th & 9th February*  
*Ballincollig Parish Lourdes Invalid Fund*

**PILGRIMAGES 2003**

*Dioceses of Cork & Ross to Lourdes*  
*11th to 16th June*

Full Details from:  
 Joe Walsh Tours, 117 Patrick St., Cork

**Knocknaheeny/Holyhill**  
**Pilgrimage to Lourdes**  
**26th to 31st July 03**

Full Details from:  
 Michael Walsh 4397417  
 Kay Joyce 4396171  
 Donnie Riordan 4300747

**Medugorje**  
**18th to 25th May 03**  
**14th to 21st Sept. 03**

Full Details from:  
 Finbarr O'Leary 021-4968959

**MASS TIMES**

<b>ST. MARY &amp; ST. JOHN</b>	<b>CHRIST OUR LIGHT</b>
Sunday: 8.30, 10.00, 12.00	Sunday: 11.00, 12.30, 5.30pm
Mon-Fri: 9.30am	Mon-Fri: 8.30am
Saturday: 10.00am, 6pm (Vigil)	Saturday: 9.00am, 8.00pm (Vigil)

**CONFESSIONS**

<b>ST. MARY &amp; ST. JOHN</b>	<b>CHRIST OUR LIGHT</b>
Saturday: after 10am Mass before 6pm Mass	Saturday: after 10am Mass

**BAPTISMS**

<b>ST. MARY &amp; ST. JOHN</b>	<b>CHRIST OUR LIGHT</b>
Saturday: 5.00pm	Saturday: 7.15pm
Sunday: 12.45pm	

**PARISH CLERGY**

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**Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C. 021-4877161**  
**Fr. Paul O'Donoghue 021-4876055**  
**Fr. John O'Donovan C.C. 021-4870434**

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## THE SUNDAY READINGS

SUNDAY READINGS FIRST READING: Job 7: 1-4, 6-7  
Job speaks out as the plain man who cannot make sense of the suffering to be found in daily life. The questions that are raised by the tedium and shortness of life are asked in every age. The Christian sees a meaning through the life of Christ, for whom suffering became a means of achieving true life. Healing is a lifting up, and suffering can lift up the world anew.

SECOND READING: 1Cor. 9: 16-19,22-23  
St. Paul wishes to show that he had often abstained from lawful actions for the sake of the salvation of others. In this chapter he gives many examples of this way of life but the one that eclipses all others is that he refused to live at the expense of the people of Corinth even though he had a right to live by the Gospel as he devoted his life to that mission. The passage speaks of heroic charity which meant that nothing was too hard for the sake of the salvation of others.

GOSEL: MARK 1: 29-39  
The demons knew that Jesus was the Messiah but they were forbidden to proclaim this fact. The reason for this was that there was a widespread belief that the Messiah would be a political leader who would free the Jews from Roman rule. In these circumstances an open claim by Jesus to be the Messiah would precipitate a clash with the Roman Authorities. It was necessary for Jesus to proceed with caution winning the attention of the people by his doctrine and miracles and gradually instilling in their minds by parables the true spiritual concept of the Kingdom that he was founding.

## SAINT OF THE WEEK 11th - FEBRUARY - 03

### SAINT GOBNAIT

Saint Gobnait is one of the best loved saints in West Cork but only traditions concerning her life survive. The main part of her life was spent in Ballyvourney, Co Cork, where there has always been a deep devotion to her, and which is a place of pilgrimage on February 11th and on Pentecost. Her gifts of caring for and curing the sick have been a significant part of her cult through the centuries. Happily her memorial coincides with the World Day for the Sick.

## THE ROSARY FOR HOLY SOULS

During the Month of February, The Rosary will be recited Monday to Friday, at 6.30pm in the church of St. Mary & St. John, Station Rd., Ballincollig.

### Intention for the Month:

For our Holy Father, Pope John Paul and for peace in the world.

*Come and pray the Rosary with us.*  
**Fatima Apostolate, Ballincollig**

## EVENING COURSE Geraldine O'Mahony O.P

How can self-understanding help me to live the Christian Life? These evenings will look at the connection between psychology and spirituality with the main focus on Gospel values in our lives. This faith formation course will be run over six Wednesday evenings from 7.30 - 9pm  
12th, 19th, 26th February and the  
12th, 19th, 26th of March 2003

Cost: €42.00

To book, please contact

**St. Dominic's Retreat House, Phone: 021 4502520**

## GOD IS NEAR IN JOY AND SORROW *A Day of Reflection and Prayer*

Bishopstown Lay Dominican Chapter  
invite you to join them

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Or any Council Member

## EVENING OF PRAYER in Honour of Our Lady of Garabandal at Mercy Centre, Mallow on Wed., 19th. February, 2003 From 7.30p.m. to 10.00p.m

Introduction  
Opening Prayers & Hymns  
Mass in honour of Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
Talk -The present situation in the light of  
Garabandal  
Music and Hymns  
Eucharistic Blessing & Healing Prayers

*Evening of Prayer conducted by*  
*Fr. John Kean C.C.*

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

## SWIMMING

Next Session begins week of February 17th  
Lessons for children, beginners & improvers  
Lessons for adults, beginners & improvers  
Morning & Afternoons

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