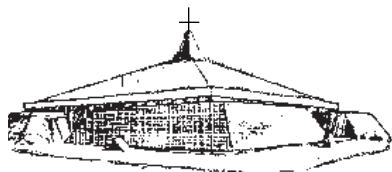


# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



SUNDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2001



**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*The person who wants to follow Christ must not take it lightly; they have to sit down and count the cost and the cost is everything they have. To be able to give everything for Christ is a wisdom beyond this world that comes only from the Holy Spirit.*

## **WELCOME BACK AND GOOD LUCK**

A new year and a new beginning for all our young people in the parish. We wish you well, as you mark a new beginning in your lives. For those who are beginning primary school, it marks a very special time in their young lives and in the lives of their parents, but they can all be assured that they will all be looked after very well and be helped to grow and learn in a friendly and caring environment, with teachers who will care for and nurture them. Before long the little children of today will be the young teenagers of tomorrow, heading for secondary school in Colaiste Choilm or B.C.S.

To those of you who are beginning secondary school we wish you the best and a whole new world with lots of different teachers and new subjects. You will be given the chance to develop your gifts and talents and afforded the opportunity to face new tasks in many areas of life, study, sport drama to mention but a few. In a short time you will be facing your first state exams, both Junior Cert and Leaving Cert and making real choices about your future, just like those who begin in the work place for the first time.

For all of you, you are taking a new step in life and all of us here in Ballincollig Parish wish you well. You deserve only the best. Every year brings us different things, experiences of success and indeed of failure. We are all back after the long summer holidays and what lies ahead during the coming year is the future for all of us. There is some of that future that we can control. There are decisions we can take and live out that will shape our future, but there is part of that future that we simply cannot control. Part of it is literally in God's hands. May we have the health and the strength and the conviction to do what we can, during this year, and may we have the faith to leave the rest in God's hands.

*May you sail on the seas of ambition  
and arrive on the shores of success.*

*Fr. Paul*

## **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

**PRIEST:**

Let us bring our needs to God who is the source of all wisdom.

**READER:**

That all who follow Christ may be wholehearted disciples.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

That Christians may teach the world generosity by their own willingness to share.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

That all those unjustly deprived of liberty may be freed.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

That those in our midst who live in fear of death, may know God's love and care to the end of their days.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

That those who have died may enjoy the gift of life without end.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

**PRIEST:**

God of ages, you teach your people wisdom of heart, help us to trust in your care, through Christ our Lord Amen.

## **THOUGHT FOR TODAY**

**CARRY THE CROSS (GOSPEL)**

We refer to our pains and disappointments as 'crosses', associated with the suffering of Christ. But taking up one's cross in the time of Jesus meant more than that - it meant being parted from everything - family, friends, possessions, hopes - and facing an agonising, humiliating, public death.  
Taking up our cross means following him without limits, or supports.

***O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.***

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**BAPTISMS**



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

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**IN SYMPATHY**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:

Joan Coughlan, Innishmore Lawn

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Aidan Patrick Lucey, Belrose, Upton &  
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Deirdre Callanan, West Village.

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

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**SAINTS THIS WEEK**

**St. Ailbe**, is sometimes claimed as one of the pre-Patrician saints, but the annals note his death in 528. a tradition held that he went to Rome and was ordained bishop by the Pope. He founded the monastery of Emly which became very important in Munster.

**St John Chrysostam**, 347-407, one of the four great Greek Doctors, and "Golden-mouthed" preacher, was Archbishop of Constantinople. He incurred much opposition and died in exile. Patron saint of preachers.

**9 Sunday Wis 9:13-19. Ps 89. Philem. 9-10, 12-17.  
Lk.14:25-33. Lect11:900**

Detachment mans a striving for liberation through self-denial. True wisdom means not being oppressed by our human nature. We must study how to meet the demands of discipleship of Christ.

**10 Monday Col. 1:24-2:3.Ps. 61. Lk. 6:6-11.  
Lect 11:300**

Paul believes that being called to ministry is to be associated with Christ in his sufferings. His task is to preach the secret of God that the gentiles too are to share in union with Christ, to achieve salvation and the glory of heaven

**11 Tuesday Col. 2:6-15. Ps. 144. Lk. 6:12-19.  
Lect 11: 302**

We are children of the day and no longer live as in the night. Speculation about the time and place of death can be useless. We should so live as to be always ready for the coming of the Lord. Affirmation of each other will strengthen us in the faith.

**12 Wednesday Col 3:1-11, Ps 144. Lk 6:20-26  
Lect 11: 304**

"The Church's love for the poor.. is a part of her constant tradition". This love is inspired by the Gospel of the Beatitudes, of the poverty of jesus and of his concern for the poor. Love for the poor is even one of the motives for the duty of working so as to 'be able to give to those in need'.It extends not only to material poverty but also to the many forms of cultural and religious poverty." CCC, 2444

**13 Thursday Col 3:12-17. Ps 150, LK. 6:27-38.  
Lect 11:306**

Christian community life described for the Colassians. Christ who is the source of unity, peace and harmony calls them to live lives of humility, meekness, patience, forgiveness and, above all charity. Music has a large part to play in instruction and mutual upbuilding.

**14 Friday Num. 21:4-9. Ps. 77. Phil. 2:6-11. Jn. 3:13-17.  
Lect 11: 1186**

**Triumph of the Cross.** The discovery of the True Cross is dated to 14 September 320. On 13 September 335 the churches on Calvary were dedicated and the cross that St helena discovered was venerated there the next day.

**15 Saturday Heb. 5:7-9. Ps. 30.Jn 19:25-27 or Lk. 2:33-35.  
Lect 11: 1180**

**Our lady of Sorrows** "Mary, standing by the cross, 'suffered intensely with her only begotten Son and united herself as his Mother to his sacrifice, consenting with love to the offering of the victim who was born of her,'whom she also offered to the eternal father." Pope Paul VI, *Marialis Cultus*.

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**BEFORE RECONCILIATION**

What happiness for those whose guilt has been forgiven!  
 What joy when transgressions are buried deep!  
 What relief for those who have confessed their sins!  
 What Peace when God has cleared their record!

As a mother loves and pities  
 The weak child of her womb,  
 So does the Lord who made us,  
 Love and pity each child of Adam.

There was a time when I wouldn't admit  
 what a sinner I was.  
 I kept my sins secret, ignoring them rationalising them.  
 Not telling the truth only made me sad.  
 My strength was dried up,  
 as though parched by a summers heat.  
 But now, I have acknowledged my sins.  
 My guilt I did not hide.  
 I long to be transparent to myself and to you.  
 I will be my own accuser and say:  
 'I will confess my offence to the Lord.'  
 And you forgave me!  
 All my guilt is gone.

'Don't be like a senseless horse or mule  
 That needs a bit in its mouth to keep it in line

*Reflection from Psalm 32*

**CORK YOUTH 2000 RETREAT**

Carmelite College,  
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21st - 23rd September

Theme: "Who Do You Say I Am?"

*For more information contact June*

*or Lisa @ 021-4505072*

*Annette @ 021-4505072*

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**SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER**

THE MONTHLY MASS AND MEETING OF THE ABOVE  
 ORDER WILL BE HELD IN ST. MARY & ST. JOHN'S  
 CHURCH ON THURSDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER AT 11AM.

ROSARY WILL BE RECITED AT 10:45AM.

EVERYONE WELCOME - WHY NOT COME ALONG  
 TO ONE OF OUR MEETINGS AND SEE FOR  
 YOURSELF WHAT THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN  
 ORDER IS ALL ABOUT!

**TRAINING TIMES 2001-2002**

*Beginning Monday 3rd September in  
 Ballincollig Community School Gym*

Mondays: 6.00 - 7.30pm U15 Boys\*  
 7.30 - 8.30pm Intermediate Ladies\*  
 8.30 -10.00pm U17 Boys

\* (On Mondays U15 Boys and Intermediate Ladies will  
 alternate times: U15 Boys - 6.00 to 7.30pm or 7.00pm  
 Intermediate Ladies from 7.30 or 7.00 to 8.30pm.  
 U15 Boys will begin the rota on the first Monday, 3  
 September from 6.00 - 7.30pm.)

Tuesdays: 6.00 - 7.00pm U13Boys  
 Wednesdays: 6.00 - 7.00pm U19 Boys  
 Fridays: 6.00 - 7.00pm U11 Boys  
 7.00 - 8.00pm U15 U16 Girls  
 8.00 - 9.00pm U14 Girls  
 Saturdays: 11.00 - 12.00 Nursery/Beginners Girls  
 12.00 - 1.00pm U12 Girls  
 Sundays: 10.00 - 11.00 Nursery/Beginners Boys  
 11.00 - 12.00 U18 Girls  
 12.00 - 1.00pm Junior Ladies (U19)

TRAINING TIME FOR DIVISION 2  
 MENS TEAM HAS YET TO BE DECIDED.

Home matches will be played on Saturday afternoons:  
 First and Third Saturdays of each month for Boys  
 matches, Second and Fourth Saturdays for Girls matches.  
 All match times (home and away) will be  
 published each week in local newsletters.

**BALLINCOLLIG BASKETBALL  
 NEWS & NOTES 3-9-01**

There were mixed fortunes for our two Men's Teams who  
 played last weekend. The Division 2 Men had a good and  
 decisive win over Neptune in their game. While  
 Ballincollig made a slow start, by half time they were  
 beginning to put Neptune under pressure and it was this  
 determination that saw Ballincollig take a well deserved  
 win. Our Un 19's were not as fortunate in their game  
 against Glanmire. Ballincollig had a very under strength  
 team and it showed in the final result as Glanmire took  
 advantage of our small numbered squad. However, as it is  
 only the start of the season and most players are still  
 shaking off the cobwebs after the summer break, we can  
 hopefully look forward to a good season ahead.  
 The coaches meeting on Sunday 2nd was a good  
 opportunity for those involved to catch up with all the  
 relevant issues and another meeting has been scheduled  
 for Sunday September 16th in B.C.S. between 4-5p.m.  
 The club would like to announce that its Annual Church  
 Gate Collection will be taking place on Saturday 15th and  
 Sunday 16th of September and we look forward to the  
 continuing support of the people of Ballincollig. We  
 would ask older club members and parents to help with  
 the collections where possible.

**FIXTURES - MENS**


Sat. 15th Parochial Hall  
 DIV. 2 PRE-SEASON TOURNAMENT  
 Sat. 15th - B.C.S.  
 5.30pm Ballincollig v Blue Demons Un-19  
 Thur. 20th - Neptune Stadium  
 7pm Ballincollig v Neptune Un-19

**LADIES**

Sat. 22nd Little Island  
 GIRLS UN-12 TOURNAMENT  
 LADIES UN-18 TOURNAMENT



ST. MARY & ST. JOHN	EACH SUNDAY	CHRIST OUR LIGHT
<p align="center"><b>Masses</b></p> <p><b>Sunday:</b> 8.30, 10.00, 12.00  <b>Mon- Fri:</b> 9.30am  <b>Saturday:</b> 10.00, 6pm                      (Vigil)</p>	<p align="center">ROSARY RECITED                      AT BOTH CHURCHES                      EACH SUNDAY                      3.00P.M.  <i>Everyone most welcome</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>Masses</b></p> <p><b>Sunday:</b> 11.00, 12.30, 5.30pm  <b>Mon-Fri:</b> 8.30am  <b>Saturday:</b> 10.00am, 8.00pm                      (Vigil)</p>
<p align="center"><b>Confessions</b></p> <p><b>Saturday:</b> after 10am Mass                      before 6pm Mass</p>	<p align="center"><b>MASS BOOKINGS</b>                      THE MASS BOOK IN                      BOTH CHURCHES WILL                      OPEN ON SATURDAY                      NEXT 8TH SEPTEMBER                      FOR THE MONTHS OF                      OCTOBER, NOVEMBER                      AND DECEMBER</p>	<p align="center"><b>Confessions</b></p> <p><b>Saturday:</b> after 10am Mass</p>
<p align="center"><b>Baptisms</b></p> <p><b>Saturday:</b> 5.00pm  <b>Sunday:</b> 12.45pm</p>		<p align="center"><b>Baptisms</b></p> <p><b>Saturday:</b> 7.15pm</p>
<p align="center"><b>PARISH CLERGY</b>                      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</p>		



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**The Bungalow,**  
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The sons Vince and Derry of the late Molly Murphy wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them in their recent bereavement.

We wish to thank those who attended the Rosary, Removal and Funeral, those who sent Mass Cards, Floral Tributes and Letters of Sympathy. We would like to thank Fr. Leonard O'Brien PP, the Sacristan Geraldine Graham, soloist May Delaney, organist Mary Murray-Cantwell, Ballincollig GAA Club, Cork University Hospital, Ballynoe Nursing Home, the Powdermills Nursing Home, Ballincollig. We would like to thank Dr. Sean Crotty for his care of Molly over the years. We would also like to thank Crowley Funeral Directors for their professionalism in carrying out our mother's funeral arrangements and the gravedigger Paddy Forde. As it is not possible to thank everyone individually please accept this as a token of our appreciation. The holy sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions

**C.I.E. (STAFF)**  
**ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK**  
 SUNDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER, 2001

COACH DEPARTS FROM BALLINCOLLIG  
 06.30 HOURS

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**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

New ministers required for both Churches, if interested please contact any of the priests or let your name in sacristy of either church

**NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS:**  
 EX. 32:7-11, 13-14.. Ps.50. Philem. 1:12-17.  
 Lk. 15:1-32

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD SEP 15TH/16TH**

<b>ST. MARY &amp; ST. JOHN</b>	<b>CHRIST OUR LIGHT</b>
6.00p.m.(Vigil) - Karen Sheehan 8.30a.m. - Martha Barry 10.00a.m. - Margot Twomey 12 Noon - Tony Hegarty	8.00p.m.(Vigil) - Jacinta Jeffers 11.00a.m. - Jack Dufar 12.30p.m. - Marlyn O'Connor 5.30p.m. - Mary O'Sullivan

	<b>MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST</b>	
<b>15th /16th September 2001</b>		
<b>ST. MARY'S &amp; ST. JOHN'S CHURCH</b>		
<b>SATURDAY 15TH</b> 6p.m. Mary O'Donoghue Cait O'Grady Margaret o'Sullivan Angela Roche Betty Sheehan	<b>SUNDAY 16TH</b> 8.30a.m. Theresa Lucey Rita Murphy	10a.m. Maureen Roche Christina Walshe Peter Reilly Mary Collins
<b>CHRIST OUR LIGHT CHURCH</b>		
<b>SATURDAY 15TH</b> 8p.m. Charlie Vaughan Joan Stephenson Maura O'Driscoll	<b>SUNDAY 16TH</b> 11a.m. Ann O'Regan Neil Jeffries Eileen Byrne Mary Coleman Dan Coleman	12.30p.m. Con O'Connell Denis O'Mahony Christine O'Mahony Tom Murray
12.00 Noon Oliver O'Donovan Pat Kelliher Ellen Seymour John Jeffers Joan Tobin Ita Walshe		
5.30p.m. Patsy Galvin Bridie O'Donnell		

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THE READERS SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST OUR LIGHT HAVE  
COMPLETED THEIR THREE YEAR TERM. WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OUR READERS  
FOR THEIR ATTENDANCE AND DEDICATION.

**YMCA STEP TRAINING OPPORTUNITY**

A new YMCA STEP course for 17-25s without Leaving Certificate  
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**CORK COUNTY COUNCIL**

Road works on Poulavone Roundabout to Rosewood Estate  
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and finish on Monday September 24th.

*Our apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.*

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**CARERS SUPPORT MEETING**

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 10TH 2001, JURY'S HOTEL AT 8P.M.

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DATE: THURSDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER, 2001  
LECTURE: "NEW TREATMENTS FOR ARTHRITIS"  
SPEAKER: DR. MURIEL SODEN  
Consultant Rheumatologist

DATE: THURSDAY 15TH NOVEMBER, 2001  
LECTURE: "OSTEOPOROSIS"  
SPEAKER: DR. BRIAN MULCAHY  
Consultant Physician - Rheumatologist

DATE: THURSDAY 11TH DECEMBER, 2001  
LECTURE: "WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENT RHEUMATIC COMPLAINTS"  
SPEAKER: DR. MARK PHELAN  
Consultant Rheumatologist

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*Every saint has a past.  
Every sinner has a future.*

*Cardinal Basil Hume*

## **COMMUNITY GAMES**

A fortnight ago twenty-four youngsters from Ballincollig travelled to Mosney, Co. Meath for the ESB sponsored National Community Games Finals.

Special mention must be made of John O'Mahony who was representing Ballincollig and Cork for the ninth consecutive year in Gymnastics. He certainly finished his Community Games career in style, scoring the highest scores of the day in both the floor and vault competitions to secure victory in the Boys U/16 competition. Ballincollig Community Games are very proud of John and his record that includes 5 Gold and 4 Bronze Medals. This indeed will be a very hard act to follow.

Two young gymnasts who are certainly going places are Robert Noonan and Alison Hayes who won Gold Medals in the Boys U/8 and Girls U/10 competition respectively. This was Alison's second Gold Medal and was well-deserved because of all the hard work she puts in at home and in the Gym. Robert made light of the fact of having six stitches inserted in a head wound on the Wednesday prior to the competition, where he produced his best routine to date to take the gold medal. In the Girls U/12 competition Eva Crowley put in a beautiful performance to secure the Bronze Medal. This was Eva's third bronze medal in four years, which is indeed no mean achievement. Michelle Sheehan had the distinction of winning two medals on the one weekend, winning silver in the Girls U/14 competition and was a member of the Ballincollig U/14 Gymnastics Team which was placed second in the team event. The team including Michelle, her brother David, Lisa O'Donovan, Ann-Marie O'Connell, Denis Moloney and Kieran Buckley made a great attempt to retain the trophy they won last year, but had to give way to a superb Kerry team. The other Ballincollig representative in the individual gymnastics competition was Laura Hayes who was most unfortunate to finish just outside the medals in fifth place in the Girls U/8 competition.

Ballincollig Boys U/16 Table Tennis Team of Eoin Hegarty, Eoin McNally, Mike Spitere, David Buckley and Killian Healy travelled with high hopes of improving on their 4th position last year. They put on a powerful display in defeating the Mayo team from Ballina in the semi-final and last year's winners Cavan's Ballyjamesduff side in the final to win the Gold Medal. They are a great bunch of lads and are to be congratulated on becoming both National Community Games and Irish Schools Champions in the one year.

The Ballincollig Girls U/16 Pitch & Putt teams of Elaine Murphy, Sarah McSwiney, Karen O'Brien, Brid Foley and Niamh Fitton put in a great effort to repeat last year's performance of 2nd place. They managed to get ahead of last year's winners, Kilbarrick of Dublin, but found the Galway team too hot to handle on the day. Ballincollig Boys U/16 Pitch & Putt team including Colm Healy, Kevin Foley and Brian O'Keeffe made a great effort and were unlucky to miss out on the medals by just two shots. However there was a great reward for Brian when he was awarded the Gold Medal for the best individual score of the competition. This was the third time in four years that a boy from Ballincollig has won this prize.

A week ago four young athletes travelled to Mosney for the second and final weekend of the National Community Games Finals. On the Saturday both Jennifer O'Leary and Elaine O'Leary competed in their heats of the Girls U/8 60m and Girls U/14 80m Hurdles respectively, where they qualified for the semi-finals. In the semi-finals both girls were desperately unlucky not to make the finals as they were pipped on the line in blanket finishes. In the Girls U/17 Marathon over 80 Girls from all over the 32 Counties lined up at the start including 14 year old Andrea Raggett, who did both herself and Ballincollig proud in finishing 25th. This was an outstanding performance considering the much older opposition.

In the Boys U/17 Marathon Tomas Maunsell led the Cork Team to the Gold Medal, when he ran a brilliant race to finish in 6th position. The Cork Team had a total of 27 points, on ahead of Meath in a very exciting contest. This was Tomas' final year of competing in Community Games, which he finished with a collection of 3 National Gold Medals over the years. The committee of Ballincollig Community Games would like to congratulate Tomas on this achievement.

The local committee wish to make special mention of the team managers and coaches who trained and travelled with the young people, including Marie O'Connell, Claire Sheehan, Michael Healy, Mary O'Mahony, Stacey McCarthy, Sandra O'Leary, Caeliv Donnelly and Neil Sheehan.

A word of thanks also to Mr. Pat Kinsella and his staff at Colaiste Choilm for their support and the use of the school facilities for training during the summer. Gold medals at National Finals are not won without hard training and the willingness of Colaiste Choilm to make its facilities available for Community Games training is greatly appreciated.