THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Marv & St. John

Station Road

Sunday 10-April-2005

Third Sunday of Easter

Sudden, unexpected death shocks and confuses us; it is all the more bitter when it comes to someone whose life is full of promise. Such a death was not futile for Jesus because it was part of God's purpose. Like Him we may be called to "suffer these things and enter into glory".

John Paul II 1920 - 2005

Karol Józef Wojtyla was born on May 18th 1920, the second son of Karol senior and Emilia Kaczorowska in Wadowice, a small town near Krakow, Poland. The family had already an older son Edward born in 1906. Young Karol was soon given the nickname' Lolek '. The family lived in a three-roomed flat. Karol senior was a lieutenant in the Polish army. Emilia Wojtyla died in 1929 from heart disease. Karol began school at the Marcin Wadowita state school in 1930. A bright pupil, very good at languages in particular Latin, Greek and German. Karol was a keen sportsman especially swimming, skating, skiing and football. He also liked cinema and especially theatre. Karol wrote poetry and six plays (at least one of his plays has been produced and presented by RTE radio). In 1932 his only brother who had qualified as a doctor died from scarlet fever.

In 1939 Karol attended the Jagiellonian University, a military training camp. Later in 1939 the Germans occupied Krakow and closed the university. Auschwitz is near to Krakow and the loss of many Jewish neighbours in the Holocaust made a lasting impression on the young man. The introduction to Jan Tyranowski a tailor who introduced him to the writings of St. John of the Cross, St Teresa of Avila and St There se gave him an insight into some of the greatest spiritual writers in the church but also influenced his spiritual growth and later writings of the future Pope. In 1941 Karol senior died. Karol junior worked in a stone quarry and later in a chemical factory.

He began to prepare for the priesthood secretly in 1942 and was ordained a priest in 1946. He then went to Rome to study for his doctorate in theology, which he completed in one year; his dissertation was on the "Problems of Faith in the works of St John of the Cross". Fr Karol then returned to Krakow as a priest, he also lectured on social ethics at a University. In 1956 he was appointed to the chair of Ethics at Lublin University. In 1958 he was appointed auxiliary bishop of Krakow, he attended the Vatican council making a notable contribution to the debate on the" Church in the modern world."; appointed Archbishop of Krakow in 1964 and appointed Cardinal in 1967 by Pope Paul VI.

Pope John Paul will be remembered for his efforts to reach people all over the world, hence his travel all over the world. His efforts to build bridges with other Churches and Faiths is also a lasting legacy; Pope John Paul's ability to connect with and influence young people; His work for and commitment to the poor of the world; the Pope efforts for peace and His anti-war stance is also a lasting legacy. John Paul II has left a huge volume of writings including over fifty encyclicals, numerous letters and sermons. The Pope's ability to relate to people of all ages, backgrounds and our struggle of life also leaves a lasting legacy.

There are many themes throughout His writings but I mention two that recur regularly, the Truth and the search for the Truth in Jesus is a constant theme. Another theme dear to His heart is work and the dignity of the worker. Pope John Paul II is credited with a big influence in the rejection of communism by the Polish people and Eastern Europe, but he is also critical of capitalism especially it's dehumanising of the worker. Really we are privileged to have walked this earth during the lifetime of such a complex human being and spiritual person.

Ar Dheis De go raibh a anamh dhilis.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest

Loving and faithful God, we present our prayers with confidence, because we make these and all our requests in the name of Jesus, our risen Lord.

Amen.

Show us, Lord, the path of life.

George O'Mahony

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PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

We bring our prayers before a kind and loving God with great confidence.

Reader

For the church throughout the world, that it may courageously proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Lord, Hear us, Lord, graciously hear us.

For all who hear the Word of God, that they may find in it the strength and nourishment they need.

Lord, Hear us, Lord, graciously hear us.

For our priests, that they may be encouraged and supported in their ministry to the people of God.

Lord. Hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.

For all who teach the faith in family, school or parish community, that they may have the guidance of God's Spirit.

Lord, Hear us, Lord, graciously hear us.

For all civil leaders and those who make our laws, that they may govern and legislate wisely.

Lord, Hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.

For the intentions of all here present. Lord, Hear us,

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† IN SYMPATHY † PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED : John O'Connell, 4 Elm Lawn, Muskerry Est.

Nora Riordan, City West Mews. Patty O'Callaghan, Inniscarra.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS:

Bob Delaney, Mylane, Ovens. John O'Mahony, Carriganarra. Noelle Wrenne, Parknamore. Kitty Murphy, Powdermills. John Lucey, Coolroe. Stephen & Rose Spitere, Prosperity. Eleanor Kennedy-Brewster. Pauline Sheehan, Curraheen. Tony Allen, Inniscarra View Est. Sr. Gemma Dwyer. John Woods, Carriganarra. Brid Healy, Waterfall. John Flynn, Durrus, Limerick. Eily Murphy, Church View. Con O'Driscoll, Carriganarra. John & Bridget Lee, Inniscarra. Ellen Ryan, Corran, Waterfall. Frances O'Callaghan, Inniscarra. Paddy Keohane, Inniscarra. Mary Dennehy. Francis Russell, St. Lukes. Pat & Nora O'Connor, Inniscarra. Noelle Wrenne. John Morrissey, Doneraile. Mary Kelly, Kilmichael. Nora Tyrell, Kilmichael & London. Daniel & Hannah Dempsey, Leemount.

Lough Derg 2005

 One Day Retreats

 April:
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 May:
 1,2, 3,7, 8, 9,10,14,15,16,17,21,23,24,28,29

 August:
 20,21,22,23,24,27,28,29, 30, 31

 September:
 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 12, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25

- The retreats are open to all adults; they are not suited to children
- Those unable to make the traditional Three Day Pilgrimage are particularly welcome.
- The retreats do not require fasting or walking bare-footed.
- Numbers are limited, so advance booking is essential.
- Each retreat begins at 10 am and ends at approximately 5pm.
- (Boats run continuously from 9:15 am until 10:30 am)
- Cost: €25 / £17.50 Stg* inc. boat fare, coffee & light lunch.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Third Week Of Easter

10 Sunday Acts 2: 14, 22-33. Ps. 15. 1 Pet. 1: 17-21. Lk. 24: 13-35. Lect 1: 461

11 Monday Acts 6:8-15. Ps. 118. Jn. 6:22-29. Lect l: 472

12 Tuesday Acts 7:51-8: 1. Ps. 30. Jn. 6:30-35. Lect l: 474

13 Wednesday Acts 8: 1-8. Ps. 65. Jn. 6:35-40. Lect 1: 476

14 Thursday Acts 8:26-40. Ps. 65. Jn. 6:44-51 Lect 1: 479

15 Friday Acts 9: 1-20. Ps. 116. Jn. 6:52-59. Lect 1: 481

16 Saturday Acts 9:31-42. Ps. 115. Jn. 6:60-69. Lect l: 484

Next Sunday's Readings 17-April-2005

Acts 2:14, 36-41. Ps. 22. 1 Pet. 2:20-25. Jn. 10:1-10. Lect I: 487

Reflection for Parents

To travel from Jerusalem to Emmaus, the disciples had to go west. But after their encounter with Jesus, they returned to Jerusalem, an eastward Journey. We often equate endings with sunsets and new beginnings with sunrises. It is helpful to recall that on the next morning, the apostles walked toward the rising sun. How many sunsets find us falling into bed collapsed from exhaustion? Isn't it true that after a good night's rest we meet the sunrise with new energy and hope? This Gospel gives us the courage to start again, each new day, with fresh enthusiasm and energy for ourselves, our families, and our God.

The Conclave

The conclave to elect a successor to Pope John Paul II will start on April 18, when 117 cardinals will face the task of replacing one of the giants of the 20th century. All cardinals under 80 years of age are eligible to take part. They will hold two voting rounds a day until they choose a new pope with a two-thirds majority. Most modern conclaves have lasted only a few days, but if cardinals have failed to elect a pope after about two weeks of balloting, they can opt for a simple majority vote.

Ballincollig Parish Pastoral Council

The next meeting of the council will be held in the Annex Room, Community Centre on Monday April 11th at 7.45 pm

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-47 Peter proclaimed that Jesus came with miracles, wonders, and signs so that people could know of God's love.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21 The blood of Christ, as of the sinless, unblemished lamb, delivered believers.

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Despondent and discouraged, two of Jesus' apostles walked from Jerusalem to Emmaus. They talked on their way about the events that had occurred in the past several days. A stranger joined them, actually Jesus, but they didn't recognise him at first. Jesus asked the apostles what they had been discussing, and they responded with a summary of the events surrounding Jesus' death. The disciples still did not understand the resurrection, but Jesus questioned their resistance to believe what the prophets had foretold. Despite their hopelessness the apostles invited Jesus to stay with them. He accepted. It was that evening, when Jesus broke bread with them, that the disciples finally recognised the stranger to be Jesus. The next morning, the disciples returned to Jerusalem.

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SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Bernadette 16-April-2005

In 1858 Our Lady appeared in Lourdes to a poor fourteen-year old girl named Bernadette. Eighteen apparitions in all took place, the last on the sixteenth of July in the same year. On one of these occasions "the beautiful Lady" told the child to tell the priests she wished a chapel to be built on the spot and processions to be made to the grotto. Soon Lourdes became one of the most popular places of pilgrimage in the world bringing cures to many sick people and hope to all afflicted with infirmity. Bernadette herself became a nun and her name has been given to many girls in Baptism and many more take the name Bernadette for their Confirmation.

City of Cork Male Voice Choir

Will sing at the 6 pm Mass on Saturday 6th May At Church of St. Mary & St. John

Expression of Sadness

A card was received on Tuesday April 5th from the Rector of Carrigrohane Union of Parishes expressing his sadness at the death of Pope John Paul II.

"He was a remarkable man and we give thanks to God for his life. Our prayers are with you and your congregation at this time".

Rev William Oldhausen

Celebrating Life and Remembering our Past

As part of Cork 2005, European Capital of Culture, St. Patrick's Hospital / Marymount Hospice in collaboration with the Church of Ireland Community of St. Anne's Shandon, invite you to a Service of Remembrance - "Celebrating Life and Remembering our Past" - at 7 p.m. in St. Anne's Church Shandon, on Thursday 5th May 2005.

All are Welcome!

TROCAIRE

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you most sincerely for your support for Trocaire's Lenten Campaign this year. We here in Trocaire are all aware that your support is absolutely vital to the success of our Campaign. Each year, we take encouragement from the wonderful efforts made throughout the country - in distributing the Lenten boxes, in encouraging support amongst parishioners and also in collecting and counting the coin. It is these concrete efforts, at parish level, that enable us to continue our long-term work with the poorest communities in Africa, Asia and Latin America. **Please remember to return your Trocaire boxes and thanks to the families who have already returned them**.

ISPCC

Are holding a Parenting Conference titled "Keeping Children Safe in our Community" on Thursday 21st April 2005 in the Doughcloyne Hotel, Togher, Cork from 7 pm to 9.30 pm.

Children in Hospital – Ireland Help Sick Children Play Wanted! Volunteers For Hospital Play Schemes In Cork

Just 2 - 3 hours per week can make a difference If you are mature, enthusiastic/ caring and reliable, over 18 years of age, love children and have one morning or afternoon a week to spare, find out more about becoming a volunteer by contacting Children in Hospital Ireland Phone 021 4211822

or

Email: info@childreninhospital.ie

Alzheimer's Society

Home Care workers required for part-time hours in Cork County. Previous experience working with dementia/older adults is desirable. Duties will include providing home support and recreational activities within our clients homes.

Contact Marie @ The Alzheimer's Society @ 021 439169

Ballincollig Secular Franciscan Order

The monthly Mass and meeting will be held on Thursday 14th April at 11.00 am in St. Mary & St. John Church Rosary will be recited at 10.40 am (Sharp)

To our Polish Community

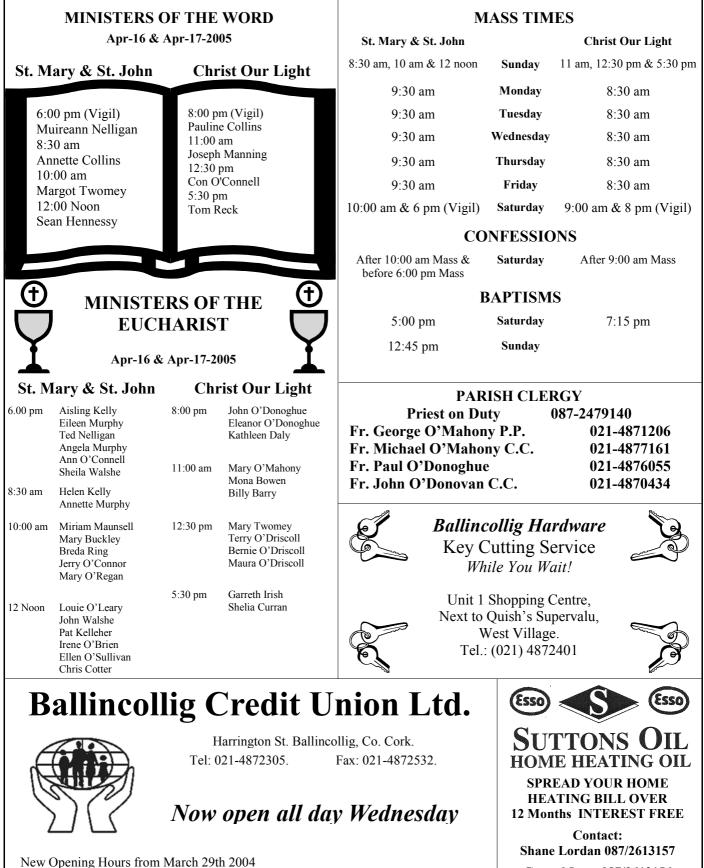
I take this opportunity on behalf of the people of Ballincollig to offer our sincere sympathy to the Polish people especially the Polish people living and working in our midst on the death of Pope John Paul II.

Fr. George

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