

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



SUNDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2002

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The light of Christ's love has been given to each one of us but it will go out if we fail to use it. We are invited to share our food, our homes, our possessions with the needy so that through us they can see the light of God and give him thanks.

SEASON OF LENT

Consider how radical the teaching of Jesus is. Ponder how it goes against the grain. Meditate on how if we lived like this the world would be completely different. Reflect on how far short we often fall of this our vocation - to live a life in the power of the Holy Spirit. Examine how we can repent, change and move forward to embrace his teaching and apply it to our lives. On Wednesday next we will be entering into the season of Lent, which affords us a wonderful and God-given opportunity to examine our lives in the light of the demands of the Gospel. The point is, of course, that the gospel is demanding and challenging. To be a child of God is to live in a new way. To bear the likeness of our Heavenly Father is to be kind and merciful as he is kind and merciful. It can often seem almost impossible to think a charitable thought, let alone love those we find difficult to like and get along with. Have you ever been struck on the cheek and had the opportunity to offer the other one? Have you ever been cursed or sworn at and responded with a hearty and unprovocative 'God bless you'? Maybe not, but the notion of being struck raises in us a profound instinct to strike back - offering the other cheek seems a kind of bizarre pacifism - yet this is what Jesus is teaching. Jesus is also teaching that love which does not challenge our preferences, likes, dislikes, pettiness and discrimination carries little credit. Those we gravitate towards, whose company we enjoy and relax in and whose friendship we cherish and cultivate are God-given and we are to rejoice in them. Jesus, however, taught that it is not hard to be kind, charitable, forgiving, generous and tolerant with these people. The cutting edge of our love is how we reach out and respond to those who irritate us, who grate on our nerves, those who provoke and annoy us, those we find difficult, slow, inferior to us in some way, or those who don't like us, who speak ill of us and misunderstand us. It is tempting to despair and say, "This teaching of Jesus is too hard, it's impossible, who can possibly live like this, it's too demanding!" It is as we understand our inability to love our enemies, our own powerlessness in the face of our sometimes powerful passions, that we can turn humbly to God asking for his grace and power.

Fr. Pat

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

PRIEST:

Let us bring our prayers to the Lord, in whom we place our trust.

READER:

For Christians, that their example of right living may light up the world, we pray.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the exploited and oppressed, that they may be set free, we pray.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the hungry and homeless, that the wealthy may learn to share with them, we pray.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who share the cross, that their sufferings may not wear them out, we pray.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For all who find temperance difficult, that our prayers may support them in their struggle, we pray.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who have died, that they may praise God for ever in heaven, we pray.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

PRIEST:

O God, you are the light that guides our way, listen to the prayers we make, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

FAITH DEPENDS ON THE POWER OF GOD (SECOND READING)

Faith is a gift. It could never be produced simply by our own efforts. Faith accepts what God has first done. God fully reveals himself to us in Christ. God's grace also gives us the ability to accept that revelation and its implications for us. Without that grace no one could take a single step towards responding to God's call (Council of Trent).

The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright

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THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER**BAPTISMS**

WE WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY

ALL THOSE WHO WERE BAPTISED RECENTLY :

Leon Carlito Finnegan-Monks, 27A, Greystones
Jamie Patrick Collins, 27, The Willows, Classis Lake**IN SYMPATHY**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:

Gerard Spillane, Castleknock
Johanna Murphy, Clash
Nellie O'Leary, 2, Church View**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF**Donal Walsh, Fair Street
John Jack McCarthy, Ballintemple
Noel Buckley, Carrigdena
Tim Murphy, Glounthaune
Trevor Phills, England
Mary Christy, St. Bridget Street
Kieran O'Donoghue, St. Bridget Street
Michael O'Regan, Carriganarra
The Cronin Family, Bantry
Ann Dawson, Rosewood
Timmy & Teresa Devane, Annascaul, Co. Kerry
Elizabeth Grieve, Belfast
Tony Allen, Inniscarra View Estate
Abine Carroll, Cloughduv
Thomas Scully, Castlemartyr
Agnes Fitzmaurice, Galway
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Joe & Mona Thullier, Kinsale
Eileen Carroll, Glasheen Road
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FIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**10 Sunday** Day of Prayer for Temperance.

Green HOURS Proper. Te Deum. Psalter Week 1

MASS Proper. Gloria. Creed. Preface: Sundays, 29-36

READINGS Is. 5&7-10. Ps.111.1 Car. 2:1-5. Mt. 5:13-16. Lect.1:650

Sunday is not only the first day, it is also the eighth day which evokes

not only the beginning of time but also its end in "the age to come". St

Basil explains that Sunday symbolises that truly singular day which

will follow the present time, the day without end which will know

neither evening nor morning, the imperishable age which will never

grow old: Sunday is the ceaseless foretelling of life without end which

renews the hope of Christians and encourages them on their way.

Dies Domini, Pope John Paul II, 31 May 1998, n. 26.

No Masses for the dead, except funeral Masses, are permitted today.

St Scholastica is not celebrated this year.

11 Monday 5th Week in Ordinary Time

World Day of the Sick. See February Notes

Green HOURS Psalter Week 1. Mass of choice

White Optional memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes

White Optional memorial of St Gonnait, virgin

READINGS 1 K. 8:1-7, 9-13. Ps. 131. Mk. 6:53-56. Lect II: S12

It was Solomon who eventually built the temple that David desired to

create. The presence of God filled it at its dedication. God chooses to

dwell among his people.

Our Lady of Lourdes Is. 66:10-14. Ps. 2 Aid. 13. Jn. 2:1-11. Lect II: 955

12 Tuesday 5th Week in Ordinary Time

Green HOURS Psalter Week 1. Mass of choice

READINGS 1 K. 8:22-23, 27-30. Ps. 83. Mk. 7:1-13. Lect 11:514

Solomon's prayer is that God, who has kept his promise about the

building of the temple, may also keep it in relation to the dynasty.

SEASON OF LENT**13 Wednesday ASH WEDNESDAY** Day of Fast and Abstinence

Violet HOURS Psalter Week 4

Psalms of Friday Week 3 may be used at Morning Prayer

MASS Proper. Preface: Lent IV, no. 11

READINGS Joel 2:12-18. Ps. 50. 2 Cor. 5:20-6:2. Mt. 6:1-6, 16-18. Lect I: 191

The time to repent and turn back is now. The Gospel tells us how to

approach that renewal of our lives. It puts before us the remedy in

prayer, fasting and almsgiving. These three strands of Lenten obser-

vance are as ancient as Christianity itself. There is no substitute for

them. "Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. If

we have not all three together, we have nothing" says St Peter

Chrysologus.

No Masses for the dead, except Funeral Masses, are permitted today.

14 Thursday STS CYRIL & METHODIUS Patrons of Europe

HOURS Proper. Te Deum. Psalter Week 1 at Day Hour

MASS Proper. Gloria

Acts 13:46-49. Ps. 116. Lk. 10:1-9 lect 957

15 Friday after Ash Wednesday

Violet HOURS Psalter Week 4. MASS Proper. Preface: Lent 8-11

READINGS Is. 58:1-9. Ps. 50. Mt. 9:14-15. Lect I: 196 Christian

fasting began as a voluntary practice; as a support to prayer, as

penance for sin, as a way to save something for the poor, and as a way

to prepare for a feast. What is the type of fast that pleases the Lord

today?

16 Saturday after Ash Wednesday

Violet HOURS Psalter Week 4. MASS Proper. Preface: Lent 8-11

READINGS Is. 58:9-14. Ps. 85. Lk. 5:27-32. Lect I: 198

"What do you seek here, since the world is not your resting place?"

Your true home is in heaven; therefore remember that all the things of

this world are transitory. All things are passing, and yourself with

them. See that you do not cling to them, lest you become entangled

and perish with them." The Imitation of Christ.

SAINTS THIS WEEK**11th Monday - St. Gonnait** 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 this day. Her gifts of caring for and of curing the sick have been a significant part of her cult through the centuries. Happily her memorial is on World Day of the Sick.**14th Thursday- 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 four years of his life, he completed the Slavonic translation of the Bible. On April 6, 885, he died, worn out by his apostolic labours and by the opposition of those who failed to understand his methods. Pope John Paul II declared them Patrons of Europe.**14th Thursday- St. Valentine**, see story page 6**Visit Our Website: www.ballincolligparish.ie**

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BALLINCOLLIG SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

The Monthly Meeting of the Ballincollig Branch of the Secular Franciscan Order

will be held in St. Mary & St. John's Church on

Thursday, 14th February at 11.00a.m.

Commencing with Rosary at 10.40a.m.

Please do your best to bring a friend

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AFTERNOON OF PRAYER

(1.30pm to 6.00pm)

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SUNDAY 10th February 2002

Theme: *" The Cross - the price of our sins "*

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SEASON OF LENT

"The annual observance of Lent is the special season for the ascent to the holy mountain of Easter. Through its twofold theme of repentance and baptism, the season of Lent disposes both the catechumens and the faithful to celebrate the paschal mystery. Catechumens are led to the sacraments of initiation by means of the rite of election, the scrutinies, and the catechesis. The faithful, listening more intently to the word of God and devoting themselves to prayer, are prepared through a spirit of repentance to renew their baptismal promises."

Ceremonial of Bishops. 249.

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<p>Confessions Saturday: after 10am Mass before 6pm Mass</p>	<p>SACRISTY SERVICES <i>Before and after all Masses</i> <i>Sundays & Weekdays</i> <u>CHURCH OF ST. MARY</u> <u>& ST. JOHN</u> - Mass Card Signing - Requests for Baptism/Marriage Certs, etc.</p>	<p>Confessions Saturday: after 10am Mass</p>
<p>Baptisms Saturday: 5.00pm Sunday: 12.45pm</p>	<p><u>CHRIST OUR LIGHT</u> - Mass Card Signing -</p>	<p>Baptisms Saturday: 7.15pm</p>

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So Far Today

Dear God,

So far today I've done all right.

I haven't gossiped.

Lost my temper.

Been greedy or grumpy.

Been nasty, selfish or

over-indulgent.

I'm very thankful for that.

But in a few minutes, God,

I'm going to get out of bed

And from then on

I'm probably going to need

A lot more help.

Brother Francis



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CHRISTIAN FASTING

The Christian tradition of Lent as the "Great Fast" is a very ancient and universally respected one, with clear warrant in the Bible. In the present discipline of the Catholic Church the regulations prescribe that Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are to be observed as days of fast and abstinence. Fasting means that the amount of food we eat is considerably reduced. Abstinence means that we give up a particular kind of food or drink or form of amusement. Those over eighteen are bound by the law of fasting until the beginning of their sixtieth year, while all over fourteen are bound by the law of abstinence. There are many motives for fasting: To praise God by recognising that the good things we abstain from are gifts from God; to train ourselves in self-denial for times of temptation to sin; to do penance, fasting in atonement for sin to prepare for a feast - to heighten the enjoyment. So Lent prepares for Easter. To make an act of communion with those who live in want, fasting in solidarity with them, and then contributing to the needy. Other penitential exercises include: giving alms; abstinence from some foods or other pleasures; carrying out the duties of state; meditative reading of the scriptures or other religious books and magazines; controlling our desires for possessions that are newer, bigger, better and more automatic: controlling our desire for entertainment by TV and radio, films and spectator sport.

**ST. MARY & ST. JOHN
MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

New rota is now available in the sacristy.

NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS:

Gen. 2:7-9. 3:1-7. Ps. 50. Rom. 5:12-19. Mt. 4:1-11.

Lect 1: 201 Jesus in the desert

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8.30a.m. -
Elizabeth Daly
10.00a.m. -
Margot Twomey
12 Noon -
Tony Lynch

8.00p.m.(Vigil) -
Tom Ryan
11.00a.m. -
Phil O'Connell
12.30p.m. -
Margaret Healy
5.30p.m. -
Billy O'Sullivan

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

16th / 17th February 2002

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



SATURDAY 16TH
6p.m.
Patsy Murphy
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Geraldine Graham
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Geraldine Hegarty
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SUNDAY 17TH
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 16TH
8p.m.
Jim Cahill
Kit Cahill
Sheila O'Connor

SUNDAY 17TH
11a.m.
Maura McNamara
Angela Cunningham
Laurence Cunningham
Anne O'Connell
Marie Mullins

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

5.30p.m.
Neil O'Donoghue
Patricia O'Donoghue
Maura O'Driscoll

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Tráth na gCeist Boird Fundraising Table Quiz

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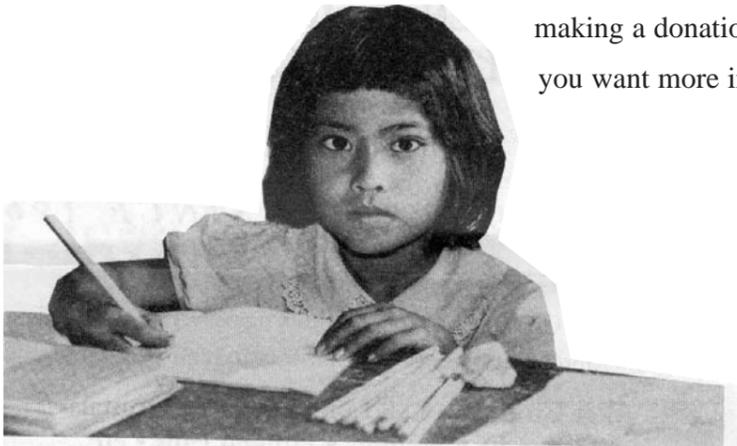
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St. Valentine

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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9th & 10th February*

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GRATITUDE FOR A FRIEND

My heart is full of joy today.

I feel great!

As I search for words to express that gladness,
Volumes tumble from my lips.

You, my beloved, were the source of delight.

You affected me by your kindness.

You made it good for me to be alive.

I glimpsed the beauty of God in his creation.

He was present in eyes that looked lovingly on me.

He reached out through your glance of concern.

He put new meaning in my life; kindled a fire within

You, my dear friend, showed me a better way,

You took away my confusion;

Put order and meaning into my aimless strivings.

Gratitude is now the theme of my song.

Now I pray that the Lord may use me,

As he has so graciously used you;

To give Joy where there was sadness,

Hope when near to despair.

May the Lord keep us both safe in his keeping.

May he make us messengers of tranquillity;

You loving kindness to me, always remembered

Reflection from Psalm No. 45