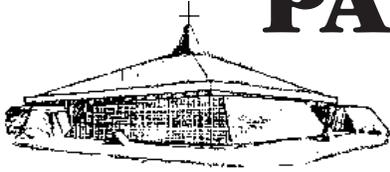


# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



**SUNDAY 10TH MARCH 2002**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

*The Parable of the Prodigal shows us the power of the Father's forgiving love. The elder brother thinks of himself, and is begrudging. How often do we begrudge God's goodness to others? How many of us seek to use our good works as a means of monopolising God's love for ourselves.*

## **THE REAL PRESENCE**

The recently discussed question of inter-Church Communion has focused attention on a fundamental question of our Faith; the real presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Eucharist.

The Council of Trent taught that, after the consecration, the Body and Blood, together with the Soul, and Divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, are contained "truly, really, and substantially in the sacrament of the most Holy Eucharist". The words "This is my body" are not a mere figure of speech, as Zwinglians contended. Neither does His presence depend on the faith of the recipient, as Calvin claimed.

The Real Presence was taught by our Lord Himself in Capharnaum (Jn, vi). "The bread that I will give is my flesh....He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life". The future tense (the bread which I will give) shows that the gift was not yet given. This could only refer to the Eucharist which he would give at the Last Supper, a year later.

An argument for the Catholic interpretation is supplied by the way Christ's words were received. The Jews exclaimed "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Our Lord, instead of explaining that He only meant to say that He was speaking of His teachings and not His flesh, repeated his assertion: "My flesh is truly food and my blood is truly drink".

Even when many of the people were shocked at His mysterious promise and did not believe, Christ still did not soften down or explain His words. As a result many of Christ's disciples went back and walked no more with Him. Then He turned to His twelve closest followers and asked them if they also would go away. They did not.

At the Last Supper, Our Lord made good His promise giving us the Eucharist with these words: "This is my Body.....This is my Blood.....Do this in commemoration of me".

When the Council of Trent in the 1540's spoke of the Real Presence it was not introducing some new teaching but rather repeating what the earliest Christian writers had already taught. In 166 A.D. St. Justin wrote: "We believe that the elements of the Eucharist are the flesh and blood of that Jesus who was made flesh". St. Irenaeus wrote around the year 300 A.D.: "Jesus said the chalice was his proper blood and the bread was his proper body". St. Cyril, who died in 386 A.D., wrote: "Since He has declared and said of the bread, 'This is my body', who after will venture to doubt?"

Perhaps it is appropriate to end with the words of Peter when asked if the Apostles would also walk away: "Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal Life".

*Leonard O'Brien*

## **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

### **PRIEST:**

Brothers and sisters,  
let us turn to God for help.

### **READER:**

For the Church, that it may  
be a sign of light and hope.

Lord, Hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those responsible for the  
common good, that they will  
work on behalf of everyone,  
especially the weak.

Lord, Hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For all who experience the  
sufferings of life, that they may  
not be crushed by temptation.

Lord, Hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For all of us, that we will learn  
to be open to the Spirit.

Lord, Hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the mothers of this community,  
and all who care for children, that  
joy may be theirs, in this life and  
the next.

Lord, Hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For mothers who have died, and for  
all the dead, that they may dwell in  
God's house forever, we pray.

Lord, Hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

### **PRIEST:**

God, source of forgiveness, in Jesus  
you have given us freedom of heart,  
hear our prayers and help us to do  
your will, through Christ our Lord.  
Amen

## **THOUGHT FOR TODAY**

**The Lord looks at the heart (First Reading)**

*The sacrifices of Lent show us that what we own, what we rely on, what we achieve, are not as important as we often think. Lent is a time for putting first things first. What matters is that our eyes be opened (Gospel), that we live in the light (Second Reading), and commit ourselves to Jesus. The life of the Christian and of the church, is about becoming holy.*

***The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.***

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**BAPTISMS**



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

Jamie Denis Daly, 17, Fernwall, Greenfields



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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:

David Murphy, Poulavone

Lucy Doyle, Mallow

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

Eileen Walsh, Holly Road

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David Brosnan, Beech Road

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Denis Neville, New Ross

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Tadgh & Ellen O'Donovan

Agnes Fitzmaurice, Galway

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Jeremiah O'Leary, Innishmore

William Murphy, Powdermills

Michael & Agnes O'Connor

Dan Conway, Ovens

Tom & Joe Heaton

James & Eileen O'Donovan, Leap

The friends and family of

Kathleen Hayes, Harrow, England

**FOURTH WEEK OF LENT**

**10 Sunday 1 Sam. 16:6-7. 10-13. Eph. 5:8-14. Ps. 22. Jn. 9:1-41. Lect 1:276**

The experience of the blind man helps our understanding of baptism. "You went, you washed, you came to the altar, you began to see what you had not seen before. In short, your eyes were opened in the fountain of the Lord and by the preaching of the Lord's Passion. You seemed previously to be blind of heart: now you began to see the light." So spoke St Ambrose to the recently baptised, recalling that experience to them.

**11 Monday Is. 65:17-21. Ps. 29. Jn. 4:43-54. Lect 1: 290**

The echoes of an ancient, shorter Lent are still found in the semi-continuous reading of St John's Gospel, beginning today. The hope expressed in Jesus' words, "Your son will live" is the desire of all who are coming from sin to forgiveness, from death to new life in the sacraments of Baptism and Reconciliation.

**12 Tuesday Ez. 47:1-9. 12. Ps. 45. Jn. 5:1-3. 5-16. Lect 1: 292**

The water of baptism gives great joy to the Church. By this water we are healed and saved.

**13 Wednesday Is. 49:8-15. Ps. 144. Jn. 5:17-30. Lect 1: 294**

Pride and joy in belonging to the Church should be part of our inheritance. Frequently we need to recall our Christian dignity.

**14 Thursday Ex. 32:7-14. Ps. 105. Jn. 5:31-47. Lect 1: 297**

Jesus puts before his listeners the remembrance of Moses pleading for his people. The repeated failure of God's people to live up to the covenant serves as a warning for all generations. We also must call on God to give us the grace to turn back again.

**15 Friday Wis. 2:1,12-22. Ps. 33. Jn. 7:1 -2. 10. 25-30. Lect 1: 300**

The sacrifice of Jesus for the sin of the world is in the plan of divine salvation. Every thing he does is directed to the "hour" when this will be accomplished. Suffering and distress, illness and tragedy, seem inexplicable within the plan of God. We believe, like Christ, that our heavenly Father is close to us.

**16 Saturday Jer. 11:18-20. Ps. 7. Jn. 7:40-53. Lect 1: 303**

Jesus is the Paschal Lamb. He bears the sins of the multitude as he allows himself to be led silently to the Cross. The whole life of Jesus is thus characterised as one in which his mission is "to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many". His disciples should be able to serve and give themselves.

**SAINTS THIS WEEK**

**11th St Aengus** died 830, was a monk in Clonenagh, Co. Laois, who came to the Monastery of Tallaght. He composed two Martyrologies, thus showing his devotion to both foreign and native saints. He returned to Clonenagh, where he became both abbot and bishop.

**MASS BOOKINGS**

*The Mass Book in both churches will open on  
Saturday 16th March for the Months of  
April, May and June*

**STUDENT MASS  
FOR LENT**

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### Ballincollig Basketball Club Notes

Our un 12 girls team had mixed fortunes in their games against Carrigaline last week when they won their first match and but lost their second. The first game was for the Championship and Ballincollig won this game convincingly, playing very strongly throughout, but their second game was a far different performance from our girls who just never got going and let Carrigaline dominate from the start. The trip to Skibb proved disappointing for our un 14, 15 and 16 girls teams. Skibb as ever, proved some very tough opposition and on the day none of our Ballincollig teams seemed to find their form. The un 14 girls also took part in the J.A Murphy tournament where they played some excellent games. This play took them to the Semi-finals where they were very unlucky to loose to Glanmire. Our un 11 girls went through to the second round of their Un 11 Tournament playing some great basketball and now progress to the knock-out stages. We wish them the best of luck with this competition. The un 18 ladies were successful in their Championship game against Glanmire B last week-end which they won quite comfortably. However, Ballincollig did not play up to their usual standard and could have won by a bigger margin. Our Jun 1 ladies lost their Championship game with the Nets but went on to play far better in their League game against Glanmire which they won well. The Inter ladies team were very unlucky to loose both their game against Pandas and Cobh despite playing very well on both occasions. Unfortunately, all their hard work was not rewarded but they pleased with their over all performances.

**Men's results:**

The un 15 boys team had a very good win over Carrigaline last Saturday when they played in a Championship game. Ballincollig looked the stronger team from the start and kept the pressure on Carrigaline throughout the game. Our home games here in Ballincollig were all successful against Demon's teams last Sunday, with the boy's un 11, 13 and 15 teams all winning well. The un 11 boys had a very decisive win in their game which saw them the stronger team by far. With a large squad to choose from Coach Francis O'Sullivan, was very pleased with the performance of many of the newer and younger members of this team. The un 13 boys provided a real nail-biter of a game, with the score line see-sawing between the two teams. However, Ballincollig held their heads and concentration and with only seconds to go, played great defensive work to hold onto their lead and the match . The un 15's again played extremely well in their match to notch up yet another win. Demon's were just not strong enough on the day and Ballincollig took advantage of this. This win now puts our un 15 team as joint leaders of the League and also in the running for the Championship.

Our Div 2 team's recent victory over Cobh was very sweet indeed, when they won by a substantial margin, having previously been put out of the Championship by Cobh by just a single point! Ballincollig were determined to put this defeat behind them and went did just that by playing with great determination and enthusiasm and

### BALLINCOLLIG BASKETBALL CLUB FIXTURES

**Men's Fixtures**

Saturday 9th - Coláiste Mhuire, Cobh  
 8.15pm Cobh v Ballincollig Div. 2

Sunday 10th - B.C.S. Ballincollig  
 2.30pm Ballincollig v Carrigaline Un 15  
 3.30pm Ballincollig v Glanmire Un 13  
 4.30pm Ballincollig v Carrigaline AU 15

**Ladies Fixtures**

Fri 8th March - Crosshaven  
 6.30pm Crosshaven v Ballincollig Un-12  
 7.30pm Crosshaven v Ballincollig Un-16

Saturday 9th - B.C.S. Ballincollig  
 5.00pm Ballincollig v Col. Mhuire Un-18  
 6.00pm Ballincollig v Pandas Inter

Sunday 10th - Skibbereen - Championship Game  
 12.30pm Skibbereen v Ballincollig

Monday 11th - Ballyphehane Comm. Centre  
 7.30pm Celts v Ballincollig Junior

ST. MARY & ST. JOHN	EACH SUNDAY	CHRIST OUR LIGHT
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Masses</b></p> <p><b>Sunday:</b> 8.30, 10.00, 12.00  <b>Mon- Fri:</b> 9.30am, 8.00p.m.  <b>Saturday:</b> 10.00am, 6pm                      (Vigil)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ROSARY RECITED                      AT BOTH CHURCHES                      EACH SUNDAY                      3.00P.M.  <i>Everyone most welcome</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Masses</b></p> <p><b>Sunday:</b> 11.00, 12.30, 5.30pm  <b>Mon-Fri:</b> 8.30am., 6.30pm  <b>Saturday:</b> 10.00am, 8.00pm                      (Vigil)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Confessions</b></p> <p><b>Saturday:</b> after 10am Mass                      before 6pm Mass</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SACRISTY SERVICES</b>  <i>Before and after all Masses</i>  <i>Sundays &amp; Weekdays</i>  <u>CHURCH OF ST. MARY</u>  <u>&amp; ST. JOHN</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">- Mass Card Signing -                      Requests for                      Baptism/Marriage Certs, etc.  <u>CHRIST OUR LIGHT</u>                      - Mass Card Signing -</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Confessions</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday:</b>                      after 10am Mass</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Baptisms</b></p> <p><b>Saturday:</b> 5.00pm  <b>Sunday:</b> 12.45pm</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Baptisms</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday:</b> 7.15pm</p>
<p><b>PARISH CLERGY</b></p> <p>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 ☎ 021-4870434</p>		

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THURSDAY, 14TH MARCH  
AT 10.40A.M. (SHARP)

Commencing with Rosary at 10.45a.m.  
followed by the Rule, Mass  
and any other matters

*Everybody welcome - if interested come  
to one meeting and see for yourself  
- you may be surprised*

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REQUIRED**

EXTERNAL  
**CLEAN-UP**

OF CHURCH OF CHRIST OUR LIGHT  
ON SATURDAY 23RD MARCH 2002  
AT 2P.M.

*PLEASE BRING ALONG CLEANING  
EQUIPMENT, GLOVES, ETC.*

**THE OLD ENEMY**

Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy!  
Here is a soul who puts its trust in you.  
I will take refuge under the shelter  
Of your wings, till the disaster passes.

My days are full of care,  
I am weary of the demands  
That are made upon me,  
My spirit bowed down in distress.

I am always afraid  
Of losing the battle  
To the old enemy within;  
My own weaknesses and failures.

But today, Lord, My heart is quiet and confident;  
I like to greet the morning with song!

Show your presence through all I encounter.  
I will thank the Lord throughout this day.

'I mean to thank you among the peoples,  
To sing your praise among the nations.  
For your love reaches to the heavens  
And your truth to the skies.' *Psalm 57:10*

**NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS: St. Patrick's Day:**  
The Readings are of the Fifth Sunday of Lent Ez. 37:12-14.  
Ps. 129. Rom.8:8-11. Jn. 11:1-45 *Lect I: 305*

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD 16TH/17TH MAR**  
**ST. MARY & ST. JOHN      CHRIST OUR LIGHT**

6.00p.m.(Vigil) - Jennifer Murphy	8.00p.m.(Vigil) - Tadhg Murphy
8.30a.m. - Elaine Murphy	11.00a.m. - Maura McNamara
10.00a.m. - Rebecca Lynch	12.30p.m. - Margaret Healy
12 Noon - Tony Lynch	5.30p.m. - Margaret Murphy

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

**16th/17th March 2002**

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

 <p><b>SATURDAY 16TH</b> 6p.m. Patsy Murphy Breda Foley Geraldine Graham Jim Healy Geraldine Hegarty Cathy Horgan</p>	<p><b>SUNDAY 17TH</b> 8.30a.m. Theresa Lucey Rita Murphy</p>	<p>10a.m. Karina O'Mahony Rose Doyle Tadhg Murphy Mary Murphy Joan Tobin</p>	 <p>12.00 Noon Michael Crowley Breda Linehan Noel Hennessy Marie O'Callaghan Rena O'Connor Angela Roche</p>
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**CHRIST OUR LIGHT CHURCH**

<p><b>SATURDAY 16TH</b> 8p.m. Jim Cahill Kit Cahill Sheila O'Connor</p>	<p><b>SUNDAY 17TH</b> 11a.m. Maura McNamara Angela Cunningham Laurence Cunningham Marie Mullins</p>	<p>12.30p.m. Eileen Garvey Sally Power Lelia O'Brien Breda Callanan Marie O'Brien Anne O'Connell</p>	<p>5.30p.m. Neil O'Donoghue Patricia O'Donoghue Statia O'Callaghan</p>
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If you have a child beginning school next September, you are cordially invited to visit our school, meet the Principal and see our facilities,

Drop in anytime between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.

March 11th - 15th inclusive.

There will be an Open Night on Thursday March 14th from 7.00 p.m. - 8.30 p.m. If you wish to bring your child along on that night to look around the school or if you would just like to come and talk to us, you will be very welcome.

Donal O'Sullivan

Principal

### PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS CORK AND ROSS

Heavenly Father, we praise you  
and thank you for all you have done for us.

We thank you especially for sending  
you Son, Jesus Christ, to visit and save us.

We ask you to bless our family and  
all the people of our parish, especially  
those who are suffering in any way.

Encourage those in our parish whom  
you invite to become priests and  
religious, and grant them the  
generosity of mind and heart to follow  
your call. May they bring good news  
to our world today.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen

### **CONFIRMATION DATES**

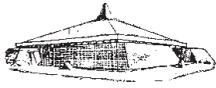
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Scoil Mhuire, Wed 17 April 2002

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Scoil Eoin, Wed 24 April 2002

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Scoil Barra, Thurs 25 April 2002

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Gaelscoil Uí Riordan & Gaelscoil Uí Riada, Thurs 16th May at Ballineaspig



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**HOUSES & GARDENS IN IRELAND**

*Lecture by Mr. Richard Wood*

*Illustrated with slides*

**Rugby Club**

**Thursday March 21st at 8.00pm**

**Light Refreshments Raffles**

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**Last Lent, your action worked!**

Last year as part of our Lenten campaign over 100,000 postcards were signed to lobby governments and the UN to take action against bonded labour, one of the most common forms of modern slavery. As a result of Trocaire's efforts and your actions, the International Labour Organisation (ILO) has adopted an international programme against forced labour.

**2 powerful things you can do this year**

**1 Put money in the LENTEN BOX**

The money raised through the annual Lenten Campaign supports life-changing projects like those highlighted in this leaflet. Without your support much of Trocaire's urgent and effective long-term work could not happen.

**2 Support our on-going anti-slavery campaign.**

This year Trocaire will be taking action to combat the shameful practice of child exploitation, including the use of child soldiers. Please join us. To get involved contact Trocaire directly on our website at [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org)

***Somewhere in the world your lenten gift will make a huge difference***

IN SUDAN €12.70/STG£8 will buy a fishing rod for a family

IN VIETNAM €38/STG£23 will buy a medical kit for a village health centre

IN ANGOLA €63.50/STG£39 will buy school materials for a classroom

IN IRAQ €95.25/STG£58 will buy a clean water system for 100 people

IN HONDURAS €127/STG£78 will buy a roof for a small house

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Re: Assessment of Need for Housing and other accommodation and of the number of Homeless Persons - Section 9 of the Housing Act 1988.

An Assessment of Housing Need is presently being undertaken by Cork County Council in the South Cork Area.

Those who have already applied to the Council for housing/other accommodation need not now re-apply unless their circumstances have changed since submitting the original application.

All persons seeking housing/other accommodation should apply to Housing Department, County Hall, Cork or to their local District Council Office where appropriate.

The submission of the names of persons in need of housing by Community Groups and Voluntary Bodies would be welcome.

### **HISTORY OF MOTHER'S DAY**

The first celebrations in honour of mothers were held in the spring in ancient Greece. They paid tribute to Rhea, the Mother of the Gods. During the 17th century, England honoured mothers on "Mothering Sunday," celebrated on the fourth Sunday of Lent.

In the United States, Julia Ward Howe suggested the idea of Mother's Day in 1872. Howe, who wrote the words to the Battle Hymn of the Republic, saw Mother's Day as being dedicated to peace.

Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia is credited with bringing about the official observance of Mother's Day. Her campaign to establish such a holiday began as a remembrance of her mother, who died in 1905 and who had, in the late 19th century, tried to establish "Mother's Friendship Days" as a way to heal the scars of the Civil War.

Two years after her mother died, Jarvis held a ceremony in Grafton, West Virginia, to honour her. She was so moved by the proceedings that she began a massive campaign to adopt a formal holiday honouring mothers. In 1910, West Virginia became the first state to recognise Mother's Day. A year later, nearly every state officially marked the day.

But Jarvis' accomplishment soon turned bitter for her. Enraged by the commercialisation of the holiday, she filed a lawsuit to stop a 1923 Mother's Day festival and was even arrested for disturbing the peace at a war mothers' convention where women sold white carnations - Jarvis' symbol for mothers - to raise money. "This is not what I intended," Jarvis said. "I wanted it to be a day of sentiment, not profit!"

She died in 1948, at age 84.

Today, because and despite Jarvis' efforts, many celebrations of Mother's Day are held throughout the world.

*"BEST WISHES TO ALL MOTHERS TODAY"*