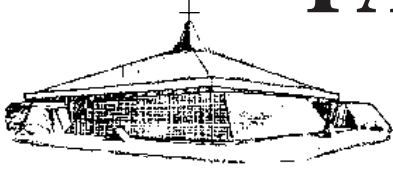


THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



CHRIST OUR LIGHT
INNISHMORE



ST. MARY & ST. JOHN
STATION ROAD

SUNDAY 12th JANUARY 2003

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

At his baptism Jesus was revealed as the Son of God and began his work of bringing the vision of God, his justice and his liberation to people. At our baptism each of us is given a share in this mission, so we become children of God.

TRUE PEACE IN THE WORLD IS FOUNDED ON JUSTICE

How quickly we race about and exhaust life in this age of space travel, this atomic and electronic age. With panting haste we pursue everything. Every person one meets seems to be late for an appointment. Hurry is stamped on the wrinkles of the national face here in Ireland. Never has inner peace seemed farther away from human lives than today. This inner peace, this peace of mind, is the opposite of restlessness, so abundant in our world today.

To be at one with God is to be at peace.

Peace, however, is built on justice, and justice is the fullness of love; love of God first, and consequently love of those whom God made and whom God loves.

The great hope and confidence of the People of Israel was that, if God's law was kept in its fullness, then there would be peace.

Isaiah denounced those who:

.....know nothing of the way of peace;
there is no justice in their paths.....(Is. 59:7).

Jesus revealed Himself as the reality of this promised peace and justice. He could not have been that reality if he were not the defender of the poor and the weak. It is only in our observance of the duties of justice that God is truly recognised as the liberator of the oppressed. Justice means firstly giving to each other what is due to him or her. If we believe that peace is first and foremost found in our own hearts and our own homes, then we must constantly remind ourselves that justice is found there also. Thus, it is a danger to think of justice as something for us to receive rather than to give. In recent times many of us have failed in justice before our fellow human beings.

Edmund Burke once remarked that the greatest evil is when good people do nothing. If we believe that unemployment, serious crime, wanton cruelty, strikes and poverty threaten the peace of our country and cause heartbreak for countless people, then we cannot, we must not, neglect our duty of preserving that peace, easing that heartbreak.

May the mountains bring forth peace for the people, and the hills, justice.....(Ps. 71.)

Let us pray for greater justice in our world in this new year of 2003 so that we all may experience a deeper peace in our lives

John O'Donovan

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest:

The Lord is our strength, our saviour - so we bring forward our prayers with confidence.

Reader:

For all the baptised, that they may take their Christian commitment seriously.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For our young people preparing for Confirmation this year, that those of us already confirmed may show them what Christian living means.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For newborn babies, and all who will soon be baptised, that they may have the grace to live truly Christian lives.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For expectant mothers, and parents hoping for a baby, that their dream of a healthy child may become a reality.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For our friends and relatives who have gone before us in faith and also the children who have died around the time of birth: that all we have lost may pass from death to life.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For our own needs, for those who have asked for prayers.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest:

O God, our strength, our Saviour: we praise your mighty deeds and ask your help, with trust and confidence, through Jesus Christ Our Lord.
Amen.

Thought for Today BAPTISM OF THE LORD

The waters of the Jordan brought fruitfulness and lush growth to the dry, thirsty land of Palestine.

It was here that Jesus came to be baptised. It was here that the Father proclaimed that his favour rested on his beloved Son. It was here that the Spirit hovered over the waters as he did at the creation.

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

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BAPTISMS

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



- Caoimhe Maureen O'Shea, 35, Whitethorn Drive
- Anna Maeve Redmond, 1, Chiplee Villas, Blackrock
- Killian Rozemeigen, Holland
- Karolis Daniel Zimrukovskis, 101, The Cloisters
- Amanda Zimrukovskis, 101, The Cloisters
- Mark Turner, 57, Fairfield Avenue, Farranree
- David William Bradfield, 2, Maglin Circle
- John James Idris McCarthy, Lyradane, Grenagh
- Nicole Patricia Lonergan, U.S.A.
- Elmear Elma Hegarty, 89, Oldcourt, Greenfields
- Shane Colm Twomey, 57, Wyndham Downs

MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:



- Karl Anthony McCaughey, Glounthaune and
Mary Catherine O'Mahony, Clash Road
- Brian Murphy, Donnybrook, Douglas and
Orla O'Regan, Healy's Bridge, Carrigrohane

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IN SYMPATHY

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:

- Adrienne Curling, 10, Ivy Circle
- Bridie Stoker, Southport and Carrick-on-Shannon
- Sheila Walsh, Castle Park

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

- Denis & Mary Desmond, Frances Villas
- Pat McGrath, Glasheen
- Maura Kelly, Beech Park
- Pat O'Donovan, The Crescent
- Grace O'Connell
- Jack Vaughan, Newmarket
- John Hogan, Tipperary
- Dave Barry, Mulgrave Road
- Máire McCarthy, Bishopstown
- Denis Murphy, Fr. Sexton Park
- Daniel O'Neill, High Street
- Timothy & Catherine McCarthy, Ballygorman
- Michael O'Mahony, Whitethorn Avenue
- Patrick Kenneally, Curraheen
- Neil Langan, Donegal
- John Pinfield, Blarney
- Catherine & Patrick Howard, Ballinlough
- John Barry-Murphy, Farran
- Joe Linehan
- O'Kane family
- Tim Canty, Newcestown
- Ted Dineen, Ovens
- O'Connor & Dempsey families
- John Bubenick
- Nora Carroll, Millstreet
- Geraldine O'Callaghan, Dripsey
- Patrick Sheehan, Coachford

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

JANUARY 2003

READINGS. Sunday Cycle B Weekday Cycle 1

12 Sunday Is. 55:1-11. Ps. Is. 12. 1 Jn. 5:1-9. Mk. 1:7-11.
The Baptism of the Lord

FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

13 Monday Heb. 1:1-6. Ps 96. Mk. 1:14-20. Lect II:3

14 Tuesday Heb. 2:5-12. Ps. 8. Mk. 1:21-28. Lect: II:5

15 Wednesday Heb. 2:14-18. Ps. 104. Mk. 1:29-39. Lect II:7
St. Ita founded a monastery in Killeedy, Co. Limerick, which attracted a great variety of young people, some of whom became nuns. It became a place for prayer and work, penance and poverty. Boys seem to have attended her school also, hence her title "foster mother of the saints of Ireland". She died in 570.

16 Thursday Heb. 3:7-14. Ps. 94. Mk. 1:40-45. Lect II:9
St. Fursa was born in Ireland and became one of the great monastic missionaries abroad. A patron gave him a hermitage at Lagny on the Marne. He died about 650. His body was buried in Péronne, which became a great centre of devotion to him.

17 Friday Heb. 4:1-5. Ps. 77. Mk. 2:1-12. Lect II:11

18 Saturday Heb. 4:12-16. Ps. 18. Mk. 2:13-17. Lect II:13

**SOLAS DÉ
JUNIOR CHOIR**

**Wednesday January 15th 2003
3-4p.m.**

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55: 1-11

The Prophet addresses these words to the Jews who had been in exile in Babylon. Soon they would return to their own land. This should be a time of renewal of their ancient Faith. Salvation is described as food and drink which is offered free to the hungry and thirsty. If they accept God's gift, He will make a new covenant with them. Our baptism is, in a sense, our own covenant with God by which we promise to do His will.

SECOND READING: 1 John. 5: 1-9

Being a child of God involves three things: to love the children of God, to love God and to keep His commandments. Jesus came by water and blood. Water refers to the baptism of Christ and blood to his death. At his baptism the voice of God was heard proclaiming him to be His son; at his death, the Centurion said: "This was indeed the Son of God".

GOSPEL: Mark 1: 7-11

In coming to John to be baptised, Jesus, who had no need of repentance, gave an example of humility and showed his approval of the mission of the Baptist. The baptism marks the inauguration, with clear divine approval of the public ministry of Jesus.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

January 13th - **ST. HILARY**

The word "heresy" is rarely mentioned these days. In the early Church the word was used for those who of their own will choose false teaching. The heretic tries to express Christian teaching but he refuses to believe one or more of the articles of Faith that have been handed down from the Apostles. A heretic is one who having been baptised and still professing himself to be a Christian deliberately and knowingly denies one of the truths of the Catholic faith.

Some of the famous heretics in the early Church attracted many followers and so did much damage to the unity of the Church. One of these was Arius, a priest of Alexandria who put forward the theory that Jesus was not God; that he was not "consubstantial" with the Father. He attracted many followers and the heresy divided the Church for half a century.

St. Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, defended the true teaching on the Blessed Trinity against the Arians, often at great danger to himself. At one stage Hilary was exiled from his city by the Emperor Constantius. During his exile he studied and wrote books in defence of the Faith. On his return to his diocese he continued to defend the Faith by writing and preaching while at the same time endeavouring to encourage those who had left the Church to return.



***CIT OPEN DAY
FOR ADULT LEARNERS
14th January 2003***

In the last number of years an increasing number of mature students have come through the doors of CIT.

Recognising this, Cork Institute of Technology is hosting an information session for adults who are interested in returning to education on Tuesday 14th January 2003

The Sessions will be held at:

Session 1 10.30a.m. - 12.20p.m.

Session 2 7.00p.m. - 9.00p.m.

*For further information on this event please contact
Mary Pat O'Connor on (021) 4326804
or e-mail to openday@cit.ie*



**Ballincollig
G.A.A. Pavilion**

**Monday 13th
Tuesday 14th
Wednesday 15th
January 2003**

***From 3.00-5.00p.m.
& 7.00-9.00p.m.***

**SECULAR FRANCISCAN
ORDER**

We wish to thank all those people who contributed to our Toy Mass on 15th December 2002 and also our thanks to those who handed in toys before and after.

May God bless you all and shower his peace on your hearts and homes during the coming year.

Sunday 12th January 2003

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MINISTERS OF THE WORD 18/19 JAN 2003
ST. MARY & ST. JOHN CHRIST OUR LIGHT

6.00p.m. (Vigil) - Karen Sheehan	8.00p.m. (Vigil) - Fiona Feehy
8.30a.m. - Elizabeth Daly	11.00a.m. - Liam Hayes
10.00a.m. - Margot Twomey	12.30p.m. - Con O'Connell
12.00noon. - Tony Hegarty	5.30p.m. - Christine O'Brien



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST



18th/19th January 2003

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

MASS TIMES

ST. MARY & ST. JOHN	CHRIST OUR LIGHT
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: 10.00am, 8.00pm (Vigil)

CONFESSIONS

ST. MARY & ST. JOHN	CHRIST OUR LIGHT
Saturday: after 10am Mass before 6pm Mass	Saturday: after 10am Mass

BAPTISMS

ST. MARY & ST. JOHN	CHRIST OUR LIGHT
Saturday: 5.00pm	Saturday: 7.15pm
Sunday: 12.45pm	

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each Tuesday to
The office, over Sacristy,
St. Mary & St. John

PRAYER FOR STRENGTH

Every day I need you, Lord, but today especially, I need some extra strength to face whatever is to come.

This day, more than any other day, I need to feel you near me to strengthen my courage and to overcome my fear.

By myself I cannot meet the challenge of the hour. We are frail human creatures and we need a Higher Power to sustain us in all that life may bring.

And so, dear Lord, hold my trembling hand. Be with me, Lord, this day and stretch out your powerful arm to help me. May your love be upon me as I place all my hope in you. Amen

Blessed Pope John XXIII





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