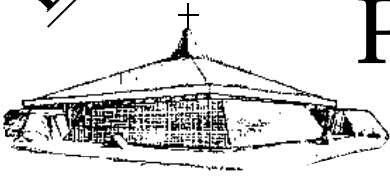


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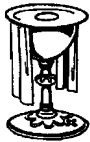
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ST. MARY & ST. JOHN
STATION ROAD

SUNDAY 14TH JANUARY 2001

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



A wedding is a time for joyful celebration, it is a time of hope and promise. According to John the wedding at Cana marked the beginning of Jesus' ministry. It showed the joy and plenty that his coming brings because in him, God's promised love is a present love is a present reality.

COMMON SENSE ABOUT PRAYER

In a big or a small way, most of us have had the experience of not being properly dressed for an occasion. You know the kind of situation. You haven't had your hair done for ages, and you have an appointment with the hairdresser for tomorrow. But today the doorbell rings. You take off the soiled apron and throw it on a chair and you answer the bell. There standing at the door is a cousin you haven't seen for years. And she is done up to the nines!

You feel like something the cat carried in after dark. You invite her in, trying to hide the apron before she sees it, and you long for just a minute or two to straighten yourself out. Meantime you can hardly take in a word she is saying.

Of course it could be worse. You could turn up to a classy party in an off-the-peg little number, and discover too late that everyone else is wearing the latest in designer elegance. It is a moment for the ground to open and swallow you up.

It is a question of being dressed up properly for an occasion and of feeling like a misfit or a fool if we are not. We sense that the only way to respond to quality is with quality, To elegance is with elegance. And to holiness is with...

Coming before God to celebrate the Eucharist we are likewise conscious of 'the state I am in'. In his holy company we have an overwhelming sense of our own sinfulness. We want a moment to put on a bit of spiritual make-up, to tidy ourselves up spiritually. This is what we do at the beginning of Mass when we acknowledge our sins and beg the Lord for his mercy. We are trying to get ourselves presentable, Trying to lessen the dreadful confusion and embarrassment of being sinners in God's awesome presence.

Leonard O'Brien

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

PRIEST

Let us raise our prayers to God who works wonders among all the peoples.

READER

For all who seek to follow Christ, that they may not be slow to do what he asks of them.

Lord, hear us;

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the people of this community, that the gifts and talents of each parishioner may be used in the service of all.

Lord, hear us;

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those preparing to celebrate marriage this year, that the Lord's presence at their wedding may bring them joy.

Lord, hear us;

Lord, graciously hear us.

For all married couples, that their witness of love may show the world God's continuing presence.

Lord, hear us;

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the widowed, the separated and divorced, that the support of the community may help them in difficult times.

Lord, hear us;

Lord, graciously hear us.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

The Spirit is given to each person (Second Reading)

No one person can understand, or even be aware of, all the issues arising in diverse areas like economics, medicine and science.

But the Gospel can touch all of these areas, because in each of them there are Christian people who have been given the gift of the Spirit for that good purpose.

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Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

BAPTISMS



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

Jennifer Alice Linehan, 11 Glincool Lawn.

David Louis O' Driscoll, 61, Fernwalk.

MARRIAGES



CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Conor Patrick Murray, Barr na Snade, Ballincollig

Helen Margaret Creedon, Hillacest, Carraiganarra, Ballincollig.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

Mary Ellen Kelleher, Maglin.

Denis & Mary Desmond, Frenchs Villas.

John Kenneally, Aherla.

Patrick Kenneally, Curraheen.

Frank Collins, Ballingully.

Jack & Essa Lane, Blarney St.

David Spillane, Magazine Road.

John Bibenick, U.S.A

Bridget, Michael & Eileen O'Regan, Carraiganarra.

John Hogan, Tipperary.

John McCarthy, Ballintemple.

Michael & Mary Twohig, Kilcrea Park.

Timothy Meverley.

Nuala Delaney, Enniscarra View.

Arthur Kehoe, Gorey, Co. Wexford.

Joe Linehan.

Alison Murphy, Wyndham Downs.

Dermot Cronin.

John Barry-Murphy.

Ellen O'Connor.

Michael Horan, Clare.

John Breen, Muskerry Est.

Finbarr Conway, Ovens.

Jack Kelly.

Conor Healy.

William & Ellen, Cronin.

Jeremiah Noonan, Innishmore Square.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Second Week in Ordinary Time

14 Sunday Is. 62:1-5. Ps. 95. 1 Cor. 12:4-11. Jn. 2:1-11. *Lect I: 888*

The fulfilment of God's promise is compared to a wedding feast. The wine that flows in plenty speaks of the joy of the kingdom.

15 Monday Heb. 5:1-10. Ps. 109. Mk. 2:18-22. *Lect II: 15*

Jesus grew in suffering and learned to obey God's will. He is the bridegroom who is always with us.

16 Tuesday Heb. 6:10-20. Ps.110. Mk. 2:23-28 *Lect II:17*

"The celebration of Sunday observes the moral commandment inscribed by nature in the human heart to render to God an outward, visible, public and regular worship 'as a sign of his universal beneficence to all.'" CCC2176

17 Wednesday Heb. 7:1-3,15-17. Ps. 109. Mk. 3:1-6. *Lect II:19*

"Sunday worship fulfils the moral command of the Old Covenant, taking up its rhythm and spirit in the weekly celebration of the Creator and Redeemer of his people" CCC2176

18 Thursday Heb. 7:25-8:6. Ps. 39. Mk. 3:7-12. *Lect II: 21*

"Christ always gives his Church the gift of unity, but the Church must always pray and work to maintain, reinforce and perfect the unity that Christ wills for her" CCC, 820

Christian Unity Week begins. Readings may be taken from the Lectionary Vol III Pp. 508-528

19 Friday Heb. 8:6-13. Ps. 84. Mk. 3:13-19 *Lect II: 23*

Jesus founded the better covenant, as prophesied by Jeremiah:

"I will put my laws into their minds and write them on their hearts". The preaching of the apostles is to enable all to know God's love.

20 Saturday Heb. 9:2-3. 11-14. Ps. 46. Mk. 3: 20-21. *Lect II: 25*

Those who are closest to Jesus radically misunderstand him, while the scribes have an antagonistic disbelief. It is the crowd that Jesus has collected around him that shows an openness to the will of God. It is his eschatological family that is in the home with Jesus, within his Church.

SAINTS THIS WEEK

Monday 15th - St. Ita, founded a monastery in Kileedy, 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, whence her title "Foster-mother of the saints of Ireland". She died in 570.

Tuesday 16th - St. Fursa, was born in Ireland and became one of the great monastic missionaries abroad. He went first with his brothers Foillan and Ultan to live the monastic life in East Anglia. But as great numbers continued to visit him there he left his brother Foillan as abbot and sought refuge in France around 644. A patron gave him a hermitage at Lagny on the Marne. He died about 650 at Mézerolles while on a journey. His body was buried in Péronne, which became a great centre of devotion to him.

Wednesday 17th - St. Anthony, died 356, "Father of Christian Monks". lived a life of solitude but also guided others.

ST. JOSEPHS YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY

**Monthly meeting will be held
 in the Community Hall on
 Monday 15th January 2001 at 8p.m.**

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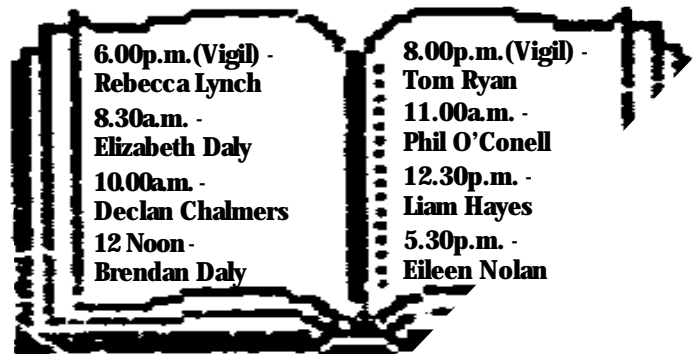
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**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST 20th /21th January 2001
ST. MARY'S & ST. JOHN'S CHURCH**

SATURDAY 20TH

6p.m.
Patsy Murphy
Breda Foley
Geraldine Graham
Jim Healy
Geraldine Hegarty
Cathy Horgan

SUNDAY 21ST

8.30a.m.
Theresa Lucey
Rita Murphy

10a.m.
Karina O'Mahoney
Nancy Hogan
Tadhg Murphy
Mary Murphy

12.00 Noon
Michael Crowley
John Walshe
Noel Hennessy
Breda Linehan
Rena O'Connor
Eavan O'Donoghue



CHRIST OUR LIGHT CHURCH

SATURDAY 20TH

8p.m.
Maire Uí Crualaoi
Marion O'Sullivan
Anne O'Connell

SUNDAY 21ST

11a.m.
Seamus O'Connell
Mary O'Connell
Finbarr Murray
Alan O'Riordan

12.30p.m.
Eileen O'Donoghue
Jackies Sheehan
Anne Burke
Mary Green
Michael O'Leary

5.30p.m.
Catherine Green
Mary Breen
Siobhan Burke

ST. MARY & ST. JOHN	EACH SUNDAY	CHRIST OUR LIGHT
<p>Masses Sunday: 8.30, 10.00, 12.00 Mon-Fri: 9.30am Saturday: 10.00, 6pm, (Vigil)</p>	<p>ROSARY RECITED AT BOTH CHURCHES EACH SUNDAY 3.00PM. <i>Everyone most welcome</i></p>	<p>Masses Sunday: 11.00, 12.30, 5.30pm Mon-Fri: 8.30am Saturday: 10.00am, 8.00pm (Vigil)</p>
<p>Confessions Saturday: after 10am Mass before 6pm Mass</p>	<p>SACRISTY SERVICES <i>Before and after all Masses Sundays & Weekdays</i> CHURCH OF ST. MARY & ST. JOHN - Mass Card Signing - Requests for Baptism/Marriage Certs etc. CHRIST OUR LIGHT - Mass Card Signing -</p>	<p>Confessions Saturday: after 10am Mass</p>
<p>Baptisms Saturday: 5.00pm Sunday: 12.45pm</p>		<p>Baptisms Saturday: 7.15pm</p>

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BIBLE ALIVE

Bible Alive magazine is a new bible reading aid with daily reflections on the mass reading of the day and short essays on a variety of faith issues. These are written by priests, religious and lay people, usually resident in the U.K and Ireland.

Bible Alive may be purchased in VERITAS bookshop, or ordered from Bible Alive, P.O Box 10, Navan, Co. Meath. Credit Card Hotline 041-982-5005.

It's well worth a read and is thought provoking, informative and encouraging.

PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARDS will be presented at the Blarney Park Hotel on January 27th 2001 by Minister Micheál Martin, T.D. Minister for Health and Children.

Categories for awards are Community; Sport; Arts/Culture; Business; Employee of the Year

Forms are available in the library and from Angela Corcoran at West End Shoes.



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Mental Illness _ Is there Another Way?

On January 19th Cork Advocacy Network are hosts to a one-day workshop on mental illness and the needs of the mentally ill. Cork Advocacy Network (CAN) was formed by a group of concerned families who shared harrowing experiences whilst trying to cope with a family member suffering from mental illness. The aims of the group are:

- **To provide a safe environment to discuss needs of all service users**
In many cases services users are afraid to voice their needs. Quite often by the time the patient is referred into the system he is not able to voice his need and the families or carers are also traumatised.
- **Introduce a more balanced approach to treatment of mental illness**
We lack a network of services. The mentally ill are very susceptible to stress, their ability to cope with any of the everyday things is impaired. By providing support in all aspects of community living it has been proved possible and cost effective to maintain a far better quality of life for both service users and service providers.
- **Provide a choice of drug-free treatment**
Whilst we would support that the use of drugs may be necessary in a management situation, we strongly believe an alternative must be offered and in cases where drugs are prescribed then information on the proven long-term side-effects must be readily available.
- **Introduce Community Care based on Keyworker System**
The Keyworker or Case Management System has a proven record of being cost effective and to hugely improve quality of life for both service user and service provider.

The workshop - 'Is There Another Way?' - is to be held at Jurys Hotel, Western Road, Cork starting 9.30 a.m. sharp on Friday, 19th January.

Minister Michael Martin TD will be present to officially launch the group and Vincent Browne will chair the open discussion session.

Speakers will include three 'survivors' of mental illness and Dr Tony Humphries will talk on 'The Voices Make Sense'.

So whether you are working in the psychiatric services, a user of the services or caring for someone with mental illness, this workshop is an opportunity to voice your thoughts. Together we CAN make a difference!
Is There Another Way?.....Cork Advocacy Network believes.....There has to be.
Admission is Free, lunch provided but numbers are restricted and it is essential to register before 10 a.m. 17th January.

For copy of programme/enquiries, or to register telephone Joan at 063-70136 or 087-2620830

*Next meeting of CAN is Thursday 11th January, 7.30p.m. at the Metropole Hotel
New members sought and very welcome*

**BALLINCOLLIG BASKETBALL CLUB
NOTES AND FIXTURES**

LADIES RESULTS:

On Sat 16th Jan the under 14 girls played Brunell in the Parochial hall. The Ballincollig girls were looking good from the start and kept the pressure up all through the match, leaving Brunell very little chance to make any impression on the score. It was a good win and performance by the Ballincollig girls.

The under 14's were not so lucky in their game against a very strong Glanmire side on Sat 6th Jan. The Glanmire girls took control of the game early on and widened the score line leaving Ballincollig with too much to do in the last quarter.

MENS RESULTS:

The Ballincollig under 14 boys did very well in getting to the finals of the under 14's tournament in Parochial Hall on Sat 6 Jan. last. they were up against some very tough opponents but they held their concentration and went on to face Blue Demons in the final. Unfortunately after the long day, Ballincollig were unable to find that extra strength in the closing minutes of the game and lost to Demons. However coach Cyril O'Mahony said the boys deserved great praise for their performance throughout the tournament.

The Un-11 Boys played Midleton Coasters last Saturday 6th in Midleton Community Centre. It was a very close and entertaining game. Ballincollig got off to a good start and were in the lead going into the second half, but Midleton fought back and evened the score. Ballincollig again took the lead but in the dying minutes of the game missed a crucial point and Midleton just managed to get in their winning basket.

Our Div. 2 team had a great win over C.I.E. here in B.C.S. last Saturday. In what was a good high scoring game Ballincollig were just too strong for their opponents and dominated the game from the start. Coach Francis O'Sullivan was very pleased with the overall performance of the team.

UPCOMING FIXTURES - LADIES

Thursday 11th January - Parochial Hall

7.15pm Blackpool C.U. v Ballincollig Jun I

Saturday 13th January - Ballincollig Comm. School

5.00pm Ballincollig v Crosshaven Un-14

6.00pm Ballincollig v Crosshaven Un-16

7.00pm Ballincollig v Glanmire Un-18

8.00pm Ballincollig v Mallow Ladies Inter

UPCOMING FIXTURES - MEN

Friday 12th January - Parochial Hall

7.30pm Blue Demons v Ballincollig Div 2

Friday 12th January - Crescent College, Dooradoyle

8.00pm Crescent Limerick v Ballincollig Un-17

Saturday 13th January - New Hall, Skibbereen

6.30pm Skibbereen v Ballincollig Un-11

7.30pm Skibbereen v Ballincollig Un-15

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PROGRAMME: JANUARY-JULY 2001

1. **Soul-work for the Wisdom Years**
Six Monday mornings: 10-12.30
beginning 12th February
Course Leader: Sr. Imelda O'Shaughnessy
Cost of course: £30
2. **The Hero's Journey for Men**
Six Monday evenings: 8-10
beginning 5th February
Discovering the heroic dimension in our lives as men.
Course Leader: Mick Devine
Cost of course: £30 (waged), £15 (unwaged)
3. **Let go and let God**
Exploring the spirituality of the Twelve Steps
Six Wednesday evenings: 8-10
beginning 24th January
Course Leaders: Gus Byrnes, Margaret Kiely,
Mick Devine, Imelda O'Shaughnessy
Cost of course: £30 (waged), £15 (unwaged)
4. **Meditation**
Six Monday evenings: 8-10
beginning 15th January
Placing Christian contemplation. A half-hour with a text from the classics, followed by a half-hour of silent meditation. Discussion, refreshments.
Course Leader: Donagh O'Shea OP
Cost of course: £30 (waged), £15 (unwaged)
5. **Journeying with Paul: the theology of Paul for our time**
Eight Thursday evenings: 8-10
beginning 25th January
Course Leader: Victor Tabone
Cost of course: £40 (waged), £20 (unwaged)
6. **Tuesdays for Story: 'Lectio Divina'**
Every Tuesday morning, 11.30-12.30
An hour of quiet meditative sharing and prayer based on the Sunday Gospel.
Open to all - just arrive

AN IRISH WOMAN'S PRAYER

*I bless myself, and I kiss the cross, And the holy Creed I tell;
And the Paters and Aves trip off my tongue;
For it's me that know them well.
For it's many a day these same old beads
I hold in the same old way -
I got them my First Communion morn,
And that's sixty years this May.
'Twas the Joyful Mysteries then I liked (and said them joyfully);
When our Lord was only a child himself
At his blessed Mother's knee.
Ochone! but it's many and many a year
I've turned from the joyful deeds;
And I cry on the Sorrowful Mysteries
With tears as big as my beads.
For my beautiful boy with the fever went,
And 'himself' next morning died;
Do you wonder I think of the Mysteries
That end with the Crucified?
For it's then as I'm telling each blessed bead,
A-kneeling beside my bed,
We two women, God's mother and me,
Have many a talk of our dead.
And that's why I'm liking the beads that tell
Her pains and her darling Son's; It's plenty of time
I'll be having in heaven To think of the Glorious ones.*