

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road



**Sunday 14-November-2004**

**Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

*As we come towards the end of the Church's Year we are reminded of the end of all time. Before it comes there will be time of trial: for the believer who endures in faith the end will not bring condemnation but healing and life.*



**Christ Our Light  
Innishmore**

## Faith Can Thrive In Difficult Times

Faith seems to thrive in difficult times, sometimes faith is born out of adversity. In this respect it resembles certain wild flowers, put them in a garden and they go to seed but, put them on a mountainside and they bloom.

During the Communist regime in Russia there was a ten year old girl whose family had been scattered to distant labour camps because of their belief in God. The girl was first taken to an orphanage. There, she refused to give up the crucifix her mother had hung around her neck before leaving. She tied a knot so that they could not take it from her during sleep. The struggle went on and on, but it was no good. She would not give up the cross.

She also refused to submit herself to retraining and to daily lessons in party propaganda. In the orphanage she was forced to live with children who were the outcasts of Russian society. Yet she refused to curse or steal. They never broke her, neither her spirit nor her faith. She ended up doing ten years in a labour camp. In a world of so much social and political turmoil, people of faith will often be regarded as naïve and ineffective and irrelevant. However, we must not be afraid of scepticism and cynicism, but trust that God will give us the strength to hold our ground.

What sustains us is the belief that ultimately good will triumph over evil. So, even in the midst of turmoil, joy can be ours, because we know that God is with us. That knowledge gives us strength to live through tragedy with our spirit unbroken.

Jesus spoke about the destruction of the temple. This would have come as a shattering blow to the Jews. Our generation has seen enormous changes here in Ireland. It is not a building but a whole world that has passed away. The only thing that endures is God's faithfulness. The only thing that does not change is God's love for us.

Faith is not a way of wishing that things were different. No one is helped by denial. Faith gives us the strength to cope with reality as it is. God does not spare us pain, but rescues us from despair.

*John O'Donovan*

## Reflection for Parents

Today's Gospel makes it clear that we should persevere in our faith and be faithful disciples. We are most responsible for evangelising our own children. There is an expression, "Faith is caught, not taught." How do our children see us live out our faith? How do we witness the greatness of God's love and our personal response to that love? Share with your children what it means for you to walk with Jesus.

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

### Priest

God cares for his people in their every need and so we bring our petitions before him with confidence.

### Reader

For our Holy Father the Pope, that God may strengthen him and give him all he needs.

**Lord, Hear us,  
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For all bishops, priests and deacons, that they may serve the People of God with joy and courage.

**Lord, Hear us,  
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For all who are preparing for the priesthood, and for many vocations to the priesthood.

**Lord, Hear us,  
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For all who suffer because of illness or the loss of loved ones, that they may be helped.

**Lord, Hear us,  
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For world leaders, that they may find ways of ending war and of sharing this world's goods.

**Lord, Hear us,  
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For our own needs and the needs we perceive around us.

**Lord, Hear us,  
Lord, graciously hear us.**

### Priest

Lord our God, your love sustains us and your truth guides us. Hear the prayers we make to you with confidence, and grant our requests in the name of Jesus, your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

*The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness.*

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**BAPTISMS**

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

James John Conway, 'Faha', Dripsey.  
Ciarán Mark Donovan, 2 Leevue.  
Leon Reville Fitzharris, Bridewood, Classis Lake.

**† IN SYMPATHY †  
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :**

Billy Kelly, Fr. Sexton Park & Mayfield.  
Lily Twomey, Mayfield.  
Frank McCarthy.  
Denis Murray, Turners Cross.

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

Denis & Margaret Linehan, Inniscarra.  
Henry & Nora O'Brien, Sheares Street, Cork.  
Ellen, Eugene & Catherine Lee, Dripsey.  
Pat McGrath, Glasheen Road.  
Nora Cleary, Causeway.  
Jack Shanahan, Fr. Sexton Park.  
Tom Durcan, Co. Mayo.  
John Forde, Curraheen.  
Ellen Reid, Curraheen.  
Jerry O'Sullivan, Ministers Cross.  
Michael & Elizabeth Fouhy, East Gate.  
William O'Dwyer, Kilmichael.  
Jack McCarthy, Dripsey.  
Ciarán Brennan, Shamrock Drive.  
Phil Coughlan, Tower Street.  
Deceased members of the McCarthy Family, Raheen.  
Donal O'Connor, Coolroe.  
Michael Hallahan, Greenfields.  
Nora O'Callaghan, Carrigrohane.  
Mary O'Callaghan, Yorkshire.  
Tom & Elizabeth Daly, Ballinagree.  
Anne Twomey, West Village.  
Edwin McDermott, Poulavone.  
Daniel & Ellen O'Keefe, Cullen.  
Charles Dunne, Willow Drive.  
Bridie O'Brien.  
James Kavanagh, Powdermills.  
Peter & Ellen Murphy.  
Mary Carroll, Millstreet.  
Tom Drinan, Waterfall.  
Deceased members of the Flower Club.  
Deceased members of the Legion of Mary.

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Thirty Third Week in Ordinary Time**

14 Sunday Mal. 3:19-20. Ps. 97. 2 Thess. 3:7-12. Lk. 21:5-19. Lect I: 934  
15 Monday Apoc. 1:1-4, 2:1-5. Ps. 1. Lk. 18:35-43. Lect II: 875  
16 Tuesday Apoc. 3:1-6, 14-22. Ps. 14. Lk. 19:1-10. Lect II: 877  
17 Wednesday Apoc. 4:1-11. Ps. 150. Lk. 19:11-28. Lect II: 880  
18 Thursday Apoc. 5:1-10. Ps. 149. Lk. 19:41-44 Lect II: 883  
19 Friday Apoc. 10:8-11. Ps. 118. Lk. 19:45-48. Lect II: 885  
20 Saturday Apoc. 11:4-12. Ps. 143. Lk. 20:27-40. Lect II: 886

**Next Sunday's Readings 21-November-2004**  
2 Sam. 5:1-3. Ps. 121. Col. 1:12-20. Lk. 23:35-43. Lect I: 936

***Mass at St. Oliver's Cemetery***

Sincere thanks to everybody who helped to organise and ensure the smooth running of the Mass at St Oliver's cemetery on Saturday November 6th. Thanks to the members of the Garda who ensured a smooth flow of traffic. Well done to the Ballincollig scout troop who provided the tent and tables; to Healy sound for a great sound system; to the members of The Cork Male Voice choir; to the Ministers of the Eucharist and Word and also to Geraldine Graham for her preparation and organising. This years Mass was very well attended and it is heartening to see people remembering to pray for their dead.

Fr George

***Confirmation 2005***

Monday 15th November the parents of the sixth class boys in Scoil Eoin are invited to a meeting at 7.30 pm in the school. The night will focus on preparation for confirmation and explore ways for the parents, school and parish to work closer together in handing on our faith. Looking forward to seeing you

***Ballincollig Parish Pastoral Council***

The next meeting of the council will be held in the Annexe, Community Hall, on Monday November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7.30 pm

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**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Mal. 3:19-20

The Day of the Lord is the day when Christ returns in glory. For us who believe, it will be a day of justice and vindication; we are not afraid.

Second Reading: 2 Thess 3:7-12

Even though this life does not last forever, that does not mean we avoid doing our duty. We work as we should, doing the will of God.

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

It is clear from this passage in Luke's Gospel that when the world ends, some terrifying events will occur. The clear message, however, is that we should not face these events with apprehension, but rather with trust-trust that God wants us to have everlasting life with him. Instead of being afraid, we are called to find strength and courage in God's love and persevere in our faith.



**SAINT OF THE WEEK**

**St. Laurence O'Toole 17-November-2004**

St Laurence O'Toole (Lorcán Ó Tuathail) was born in Castledermot, Co. Kildare in 1128. He became Abbot of Glendalough in 1153 and Archbishop of Dublin in 1162. He died in Eu in Normandy on the 14th of November 1180 and was canonised in 1225.

Laurence's father was Maurice O'Toole, King of Hy Murray. When Laurence was 10 he was given as a hostage to Dermot McMurrough, King of Leinster, who treated him with great harshness. The boy was sent in chains to a remote area where he was ill-housed, ill-clothed and ill-fed. For two years, the king's son learned what it was to experience real poverty and oppression.

After two years, Dermot was forced to release Laurence and send him to Glendalough monastery, where his father could reclaim him. When Maurice arrived, he found his son had fallen in love with the life of the monks and he gave him permission to join the community. Laurence was only 25 when he was elected Abbot, and he proved to be the greatest Abbot of Glendalough since St Kevin its founder. He encouraged learning, built new churches and renewed monastic life by bringing in monks from the continent. He was un-failing in his care for the poor and sold the monastery treasures to feed famine victims.

In 1162 Laurence became the first Irish Archbishop of the Danish city of Dublin. Many of the citizens were no more than nominal Christians and he made it his duty to deepen their faith and reform their lives. He introduced Augustinian monks from France to Christ Church Cathedral to reform the liturgy and he became a member of their community. He continued his works of charity, especially towards homeless children, whom he led and housed in his own residence.

Laurence left Dublin for the last time in the spring of 1180. His mission was to settle a dispute that had arisen between the English and Irish Kings. Henry II, the man responsible for the murder of St Thomas a Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, received him badly, abused him roundly and forbade him to return to Ireland. Then he went to visit his dominions in Normandy. Laurence followed him, sick and exhausted though he was. He died in the monastery at Eu, without having met the King. His tomb in Eu rapidly became a place of pilgrimage and many miracles were attributed to his intercession. He was canonised in 1225.

**Hymns This Sunday**

12 noon Mass St. Mary & St. John

Please join in with the Cantor.

Entrance "Make me a channel of your peace"

Offeratory "Hail Queen of Heaven" (Hymn 21)

Communion "Sweet heart of Jesus" (Hymn 24)

"The Love I have for you my Lord"

Final Hymn "On Eagles Wings"

**St. Joseph's (SMA) Parish  
St. Finbarr's Cemetery, Wilton**

Prayer service for the Deceased will be held on today Sunday November 14th at 3 pm.

**Muskerry Local History  
Society**

**November Lecture**

**Subject:- History of Saint Anns the Hydro, Blarney.**

Speaker:- Mr. Joe O'Leary, Local Historian.

Venue:- Ballincollig Rugby Club Function Hall.

Date & Time:- 16th November 2004 @ 8pm.

Admission:- €2.00. Non members welcome.

**Parents of Scoil Eoin Fundraising Group**

Table Quiz

Venue: GAA Pavilion

Wednesday 17th November 2004

Tickets €20 Per Table

8.30 p.m. Sharp

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Mary O'Keeffe, Ballincollig, A.O.I.F.A.

Entitled

"Yuletide Reflections"

on

Thursday, November 25<sup>th</sup> 2004

In the School Hall at 8:00 pm

Tickets: €10 available at School Office

Refreshments will be served.

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Nov-20 & Nov-21-2004

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

6:00 pm (Vigil)  
Aine Sheehan  
8:30 am  
Annette Collins  
10:00 am  
Elaine Murphy  
12:00 Noon  
Oliver O'Donovan

8:00 pm (Vigil)  
Fiona Feely  
11:00 am  
Margaret Healy  
12:30 pm  
Marlyn O'Connor  
5:30 pm  
Christine O'Brien

**MASS TIMES**

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon	<b>Sunday</b>	11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm
9:30 am	<b>Monday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Tuesday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Thursday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Friday</b>	8:30 am
10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)	<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 am & 8 pm (Vigil)

**CONFESSIONS**

After 10:00 am Mass & before 6:00 pm Mass      **Saturday**      After 9:00 am Mass

**BAPTISMS**

5:00 pm      **Saturday**      7:15 pm  
12:45 pm      **Sunday**

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Nov-20 & Nov-21-2004

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

6.00 pm    Patsie Murphy  
              Breda Foley  
              Mary Walsh  
              Geraldine Hegarty  
              Betty Sheehan  
              Ann O'Reilly  
  
8:30 am    Theresa Lucey  
              Rita Murphy  
  
10:00 am    Tadgh Murphy  
              Mary Murphy  
              Joan Tobin  
              Tony O'Leary  
  
12 Noon    Michael Crowley  
              Breda Lenihan  
              Noel Hennessey  
              Marie O'Callaghan  
              Rena O'Connor  
              Angela Roche

8:00 pm    Jim Cahill, Kit Cahill  
              Sheila O'Connor  
              John Canty  
  
11:00 am    Brid Healy-Harris  
              Angela Cunningham  
              Laurence Cunningham  
              Nell Cantillon Murphy  
  
12:30 pm    Anne O'Connell  
              Eileen Garvey  
              Sally Power  
              Breda Callanan  
              Marie O'Brien  
  
5:30 pm    Neil O'Donoghue  
              Lucy O'Callaghan  
              Phil O'Connell

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