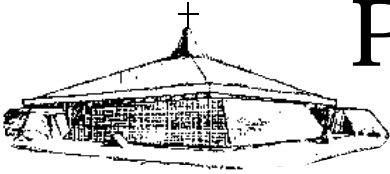


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EDITION**

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



**CHRIST OUR LIGHT
INNISHMORE**



**ST. MARY & ST. JOHN
STATION ROAD**

SUNDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2000

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He who seeks wisdom and eternal life, is reminded, that no earthly value can be compared to them. We may agree that all gold is but a little sand before the realities of God, but are we really able to follow through this image with the reality of our living? Are we really ready, to sell what ever we have and give it to the poor, so as to follow Christ?



CREDIT UNION

"Christianity is a great idea. It's a pity it has never been tried." Anyone who trots out this jaded old saying should take a look at their own community and all the selfless work that is done for others in a Christian spirit of generosity. An outstanding example of Christian motivated service is that of the Ballincollig Credit Union where so many men and women give hours of their free time in order to help families to save, to borrow wisely, to further education and protect against the ever present threats of unemployment, sickness and even the financial effects of a family bereavement.

Every banking agency relies on two things for success: confidence and service. the service provided by the Ballincollig Credit Union is appreciated by the whole community and the confidence in the Credit Union is proved by a membership that has entrusted some eighteen million pounds to the care of the Board of Management and Staff.

When Ballincollig Credit Union celebrated its silver jubilee, a few years ago, its membership which numbered 11,000 had invested ten and a half million pounds. Borrowings ran to some ten million. In the short few years since then the shares have grown to £18,233,133 and the number of paid staff has grown from 4 to 14. Such growth would have been impossible without the dedication of the Board of Directors and team of volunteers who give their time freely to such a wonderful service of the community.

It was the late Bishop Lucey who introduced the Credit Union to Cork over forty years ago when the small money lenders held great power over the poor of the city. Beginning with a few volunteers working from parish halls or rooms in the church itself the movement rapidly established itself as a compassionate friend of the small saver and borrower. Ballincollig Credit Union started in 1972 with a membership of less than 300 and shares of £7000. Soon, this figure will have grown to 20 million pounds.

During the third week of October an Education Week will be run in the Cork area with events ranging from children's talent competitions to Senior Citizens functions. A memorial Mass for deceased members will be celebrated in both churches in the parish. We pray God's blessing on this wonderful community work.

Leonard O'Brien

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

**For the priests of the Church,
that their celebration of the Eucharist
may be the focal point of their lives,
and that the joy of this celebration
may overcome any doubts or fears
that trouble them.**

**Lord, hear us;
Lord, graciously hear us.**

**For those in charge of world relief,
that the Lord's sharing in the Eucharist
may be the measure of their sharing
of the world's goods,
so that in every corner of our universe,
people will have sufficient
for their needs**

**Lord, hear us;
Lord, graciously hear us.**

**For those overburdened with worry,
especially about money,
that they may know that the Lord
always provides for those who
put their trust in him,
and that there is no problem they
cannot solve with the help of the Lord,
who gives them strength.**

**Lord, hear us;
Lord, graciously hear us.**

**For a deeper appreciation of the Lord's
goodness to us, that we may never take
for granted all the blessings of the Lord:
life, family, friends and
above all, the Eucharist.**

**Lord, hear us;
Lord, graciously hear us.**

Visit Our Website: www.ballincolligparish.ie

Fill us with your love that we may rejoice

BAPTISMS

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

Jason Kieran Lane, 62, Wyndham Downs

Jasmine Joyce McAllen-McMahon, Carrigaline



MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Kieran Anthony Collins, Curraheen Road &

Lorraine Norton, 34, Rosewood



IN SYMPATHY

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:

Liam O'Sullivan, Glenbrook, Poulavone

Michael Barry-Murphy, Glengariff & Carriganarra

Mary Doolin, Galley Head

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

Eily Lucey, Station Road

Digby Daunt, 5, Leo Murphy Terrace

Deceased members of the Ballincollig Credit Union

John O'Callaghan, Fr. Sexton Park

Patrick O'Neill, Clash

Denis J. Callanan, Innishmore

Richard Murphy, Clash Road

Jeremiah Carroll, Castle Ave.

Nora Maverley, Quaker Road

Jeremiah & Mary Buttiner, Kilmichael

Con Murphy, Healy's Bridge

The Barry Family, Fr. Sexton Road

Philip Moynihan, Kilnaglory

Agnes Handley, Dublin & Mayo

Mary O'Sullivan, Carriganarra

Con Nagle, Coachford

Mary McGrath, North Mall

Sean Keating

Mary T. Kelleher

Paddy Kelleher

Dan & Margaret Lynch, Ballydehob

William O'Dwyer, Kilmichael

M. O'Sullivan, New York

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

15 Sunday Ws. 7:7-11. Ps. 89. Heb. 4:12-13. Mk. 10:17-30. *Lect I:810*

Being wealthy or being concerned about wealth, adds difficulty to the task of working out our salvation. Jesus promises a hundredfold reward even in this life to all who leave everything and follow him.

All Christians are called to practice detachment.

16 Monday Gal. 4:22-24,26-27,31. 5:1. Ps. 112. Lk. 11:29-32. *Lect II:814*

"Freedom is the central theological concept which sums up the Christian's situation before God as well as in this world. It is the basic concept underlying Paul's argument throughout the letter."

H.D. Betz.

17 Tuesday Gal. 5:1-6. Ps. 118. Lk. 11:37-41 *Lect II:816*

"By his glorious Cross Christ has won salvation for all. He redeemed them from the sin that held them in bondage. 'For freedom Christ has set us free'. In him we have communion with the 'truth that sets us free'. The Holy Spirit has been given to us and 'where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom'". CCC, 1741.

18 Wednesday 2 Tim. 4:10-17. Ps. 144. Lk. 10:1-9. *Lect II:1233*

19 Thursday Eph. 1:1-10. Ps. 97. Lk. 11:47-54 *Lect II:819*

The letter to the Ephesians is an amalgam of prayers, homilies and exhortations. It begins with a statement of our vocation, the call of God's chosen to eternal happiness. The whole body of creation, cut off by sin, is being reunited with Christ as its head.

20 Friday Eph. 1:11-14. Ps. 32. Lk. 12:1-7. *Lect II:822*

The people of Israel were chosen to be a sign of hope to the world and now non-Jews are to share in the salvation promised. The giving of the Spirit shows that God's plan of salvation is now in its final stages

21 Saturday Eph. 1:15-23. Ps. 8. Lk. 12:8-12. *Lect II:824*

Paul prays that the faithful may come to full knowledge of the saving plan, to know in their minds and hearts the hope held out to them, to recognise the Body which has Christ as the Head.

SAINTS THIS WEEK

Monday 16th - St. Gall was a monk of Bangor who set out with Columbanus for the Continent. When Columbanus was exiled from France, Gall accompanied him to Bregenz on Lake Constance. When Columbanus crossed into Italy, Gall remained in Switzerland. He lived in a hermitage, which later became the monastery of St. Gallen. He died around 630.

St. Hedwig 1174-1243, wife of the Duke of Silesia, mother of seven children, some of whom caused her trouble, devoted herself to charitable works.

St. Margaret Mary 1647-90, visionary and ascetic, revived devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and was exemplary in her patience and trust.

Tuesday 17th - St. Ignatius bishop of Antioch, died a martyr at Rome c. 107

Wednesday 18th - St. Luke was a physician from a Gentile Christian milieu. He was with St. Paul on his second missionary journey and during his imprisonment in Rome. After Paul's death he is reputed to have worked in Greece. In art represented by an ox. Patron of butchers, book-binders, doctors and surgeons, artists, glassworkers.

CONFIRMATION DATES

Scoil Eoin: Monday 2nd April 2001

Scoil Mhuire: Tuesday 3rd April 2001

Scoil Barra: Wednesday 4th April 2001

All members are requested to attend

BALLINCOLLIG CREDIT UNION

Members please note that
the 6.00p.m. Mass at
St. Mary & St. John's Church
on Saturday 14th October 2000
will be offered for
all deceased members

MISSION SUNDAY

Next Sunday is Mission Sunday. Pope John Paul II has requested that the celebration of the 2000 years of the birth of Jesus would lead to a 'new missionary advent'.

This should be the concern of 'all dioceses, parishes and church institutions' who can assist the Young Churches by prayer and a financial offering.

NOTICES

HAPPILY MARRIED?

*But do you sometimes wonder
what your partner really feels?*

Wish you talked more together?

Have a sense of something lacking?

**Then the Marriage Encounter Weekend
on 3rd-5th November at The Lakes Hotel,**

**Killarney - may be just right for you,
because it offers you the opportunity to
deepen the way you communicate in a way
that respects your privacy.**

**So whether you have been married
1 year or 50, if you would like to know
more, then without any obligation contact:**

Clive & Kathy Jones 026-48234

Don & Una Clapper 021-896373

THE CROSS IN MY POCKET

**I carry a cross in my pocket
A simple reminder to me
Of the fact that I am a Christian
No matter where I may be.**

**This little cross is not magic
Nor is it a good luck charm
It isn't meant to protect me
From every physical harm.**

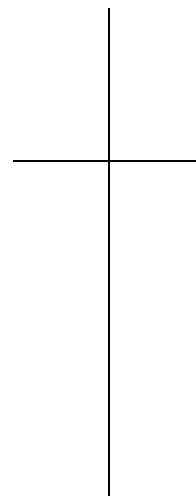
**It's not for identification
For all the world to see
It's simply an understanding
Between my Saviour and me.**

**When I put my hand in my pocket
To bring out a coin or a key
The cross is there to remind me
Of the price He paid for me.**

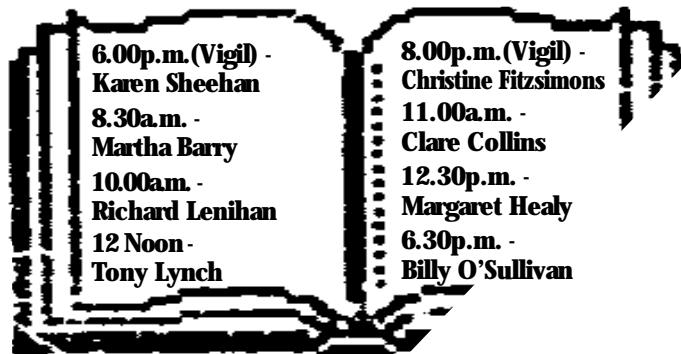
**It reminds me, too, to be thankful
For my blessings day by day
And to strive to serve Him better
In all that I do and say.**

**It's also a daily reminder
Of the peace and comfort I share
With all who know my Master
And give themselves to His care.**

**So, I carry a cross in my pocket
Reminding no one but me
That Jesus Christ is Lord of my life
If only I'll let Him be.**



MINISTERS OF THE WORD 21st/22nd Oct ST. MARY & ST. JOHN CHRIST OUR LIGHT



BALLINCOLLIG TIDY TOWNS

PLEASE NOTE

**Annual General Meeting scheduled
for 18th October 2000 is re-arranged
to 25th October 2000**

Venue: Scout Hall

Time: 8.30p.m.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST 21st/22nd October 2000 ST. MARY'S & ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

SATURDAY 21ST

6p.m.
Nora Allen
Bernadette Bell
Oliver Delaney
Betty Casey
Frank Riordan
Siobhan Riordan

SUNDAY 22ND

8.30a.m.
Mary Buckley
Josie Halligan

10a.m.

Anne Cahill
Pat Lee
May Delaney
Seamus O'Shea

12.00 Noon

Breda Lenihan
Joan Barrett
Sheila Carroll
Marsie Curling
Brendan Daly
Mary Daly



SATURDAY 21ST

8p.m.
Geraldine Lynch
Jim Cahill
Kit Cahill

CHRIST OUR LIGHT CHURCH

SUNDAY 22ND

11a.m.
Maura McNamara
Angela Cunningham
Laurence Cunningham
Bridie O'Donnell

12.30p.m.

Eileen Garvey
Sally Power
Lelia O'Brien
Moira Keane
Breeda Callanan

5.30p.m.

Neil O'Donoghue
Patricia O'Donoghue
Neil Cantillion-Murphy

PONTIFICAL COUNCIL
FOR THE FAMILY
JUBILEE OF FAMILIES
THE EVANGELIUM VITAE
PRAYER

15th October 2000

O Mary,
Bright dawn of the world,
Mother of the living,
to you do we entrust the cause of life:
Look down, O Mother,
upon the vast numbers
of babies not allowed to be born,
of the poor whose lives are made difficult,
of men and women who are
victims of brutal violence,
of the elderly and the sick
killed by indifference
or out of misguided mercy.

Grant that all who believe in Your Son
may proclaim the Gospel of Life
with honesty and love
to the people of our time.

Obtain for them the grace to accept
that Gospel as a gift ever new,
the joy of celebrating it with
gratitude throughout their lives
and the courage to bear witness
to it resolutely, in order to build,
together with all people of good will,
the civilization of truth and love,
to the praise and glory of God,
the Creator and lover of life.



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Gurranabraher/Blarney/Ballincollig/Carrignavar/Rathduff

**Envelope Offering for the
PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH
can be made next Sunday
22nd October 2000**

November Mass
for the Dead
Details next week.

BALLINCOLLIG BASKETBALL CLUB NOTES & FIXTURES

This week was a busy one for the club.

Starting with the boys under 11's on Thursday last, the boys had a fantastic win over Neptune and made history, as it was the first time the Club has ever beaten Neptune in this age group. The 37-32 score line reflects the close game that it was. But our team proved too strong for Neptune and held onto their lead. The Under 11's also had victory over Glanmire on Friday night, with a very decisive win. Glanmire were no match for Ballincollig, who put in a very strong performance under the watchful eye of their coach, Francis O'Sullivan. The team have improved greatly, and will hopefully do well this season.

Our under 13's did not fare well on Thursday and Friday, due to a shortage of players and had to call on some of the Under 11's to play and, while they were beaten in their matches by much older players, the Ballincollig boys gave it 110%.

Ballincollig Under 15s were unlucky not to win their game against Neptune on Thursday last. Although Neptune had a strong side, our team gave them a hard fight, and coach Cyril O'Leary says that the team has great potential. The under 17s team also had a great game against Neptune in Neptune Stadium, in what was a very exciting game, Ballincollig led by a point in the second half but the opposition just managed to take the lead and the game. Their coach Jim Neugent was very pleased with their performance and commitment. Well Done Lads!

The Mens Div 2 team has a well deserved win over C.I.E. in the Arcadia on Thursday night, taking the game by a convincing 11 points. On Friday night here in Ballincollig Community School, they faced a very strong Neptune side. In what was a very fast paced game, the two teams were evenly matched in the first half, but Neptune proved to be the stronger team on the night and held onto their second half lead for a win.

In the pre-season tournament semi-finals, Ballincollig Ladies Junior team were up against a very experienced Pandas team. Ballincollig led for the first half of a tough game but the Pandas 9 point lead was too much for Ballincollig to pull back. There was a similar story for Ballincollig under 15 girls who played Donoughmore on last Saturday night in Donoughmore Sports Hall. The girls had a poor first half but rallied well in the second half, however they were not strong enough to pull ahead of their tough opponents.

UPCOMING FIXTURES FOR OCT. - MEN

Friday 20th Oct. - Ballincollig Comm. School

6.00pm Ballincollig v Blue Demons U-15
7.00pm Ballincollig v Blue Demons U-19
8.00pm Ballincollig v Blue Demons Div 2

Saturday 21st October - Parochial Hall

11.00am Blue Demons v Ballincollig U-11
2.00pm Blue Demons v Ballincollig U-15
3.30pm Blue Demons v Ballincollig U-17

Saturday 21st October - Middleton Comm. Centre

11.00am Middleton Coasters v Ballincollig U-13

UPCOMING FIXTURES LADIES

Thursday 19th Oct.- Parochial Hall

8.15pm Pandas v Ballincollig Intermediate

THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH was founded in 1822 by a French laywoman, Pauline Jaricot. She wished to help not only French missions and missionaries but all missions and missionaries, especially the poorest. In 1922 it became the primary organisation of the Church for helping the missions under the patronage of the Pope. Pope Pius XI instituted Mission Sunday in 1926 and ordered that it be observed in all Churches, including those in mission territories.

It was Pauline who drew up the basic plan of the Society. It is one of prayer, offering of suffering and making a financial contribution for the spread of the Faith. The Irish collection on Mission Sunday is sent in its entirety to the Missions. The annual collection for the propagation of the Faith will be held on Sunday 22nd October

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- Computer Applications
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- Work Experience
- Mathematics
- Assertiveness
- Work Orientation
- Leisure Activities

The National Council for Vocational Awards and the Northern Council for Further Education certify this Vocational Skills Course. 40% of instruction time is devoted to exploring different vocational options, some of which are centre-based but will also involve sampling skills in an open employment setting. Depending on individual needs the duration of the course may extend up to 2 years. There are no course fees, students will retain their present benefits and also receive an additional training allowance.

On completion of this course the participants may:

- Continue with higher level training within NTDI
- Proceed to mainstream vocational training
- Obtain open employment
- Return to further education

For further information contact

Andrew Feeney or K. Costelloe at:
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Technology Park, Model Farm Road, Cork.
Tel: 021-4341028

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

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