

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 16-March-2003



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

To be asked to offer up your only Son was a terrible sacrifice. In the end Abraham was not asked to make it, but God Himself has offered it for us. It is from this sacramental gift that all our blessings come.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

THE YOUNG PATRICK

The kidnapping of St. Patrick and subsequent years of slavery in Ireland form the story of a personal tragedy in a young man's life.

Historians agree that Patrick was born in Britain though the exact location will never be known for certain. Most probably he was born in Candida Casa, 25 miles to the east of the Mull of Galloway which lies no more than 20 miles from the coast of Down. The date was probably 385 A.D. His family would have been reasonably well off officials of the Roman Empire in Britain.

Irish attacks on the Roman province of Britain can be traced back to about 350. The Emperor Theodosius erected fortifications against the marauders in Britain in 368. At this time there are references to a naval demonstration by the Romans in the Irish Sea, when the Irish "were driven back to their bogs". In 399 Claudian writes that the sea was full of Irish ships interested in plunder. Irish tradition confirms the Roman sources. Niall of the Nine Hostages met his death near the Isle of Wight.

Patrick himself describes the raid, which led to his capture. He refers to thousands of prisoners being taken. The ships engaged must have constituted quite a fleet and the place attacked must have been rich and well populated. The attack would have been sudden, ferocious and quickly executed. Patrick, a lad of sixteen, found himself a slave of the lowest category - minding pigs - without friends or family, not even understanding the language.

Years later the day came for his escape. The 200 Roman miles which he said he travelled, would be about the distance from Slemish to Gorey, Arklow or Wexford. As a penniless slave he must have offered to work his passage to the Continent on the first ship he found in the harbour. Some, if not all, of the cargo was dogs, obviously Irish wolfhounds, - those gentle grey giants, largest dogs in the world -, bred for the chase and therefore valuable in France where the great aristocrats were devoted to this sport. We can imagine Patrick feeding and watering the dogs on the three-day voyage and cleaning out their basket-work cages as he calmed their fear of the rolling ship.

Nantes, at the mouth of the Loire, would have been a likely landing place. From there the crew would have had to take the dogs to a market place inland. But here they met "a desert" through which they wandered for 28 days. This devastation would have been a consequence of a German raid on Gaul in 407. The raiding tribes marched down the Rhine, swung left to the Channel and then turned south and west along the coast of France, devastating as they went. Eventually the market was reached and Patrick was a free man at last.

But even as Patrick enjoyed his good fortune he heard the voices of the Irish calling him back to Ireland. His missionary vocation revealed the hand of God in all his extraordinary trials and his willing "yes" to God's invitation revealed the greatness of his character..

Leonard O'Brien

Thought for Today

It is wonderful for us to be here (Gospel)

The truth the disciples saw on the mountain was always there - Jesus fulfils the hopes and prophecies of the Old Testament (Moses and Elijah); he is God's beloved Son. God tells the disciples, and tells us, to listen to his Son. We need to recognise him in silent prayer.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us call on the Lord's name, praying with thanksgiving and trust.

Reader

For all the members of the Church, as we continue on our Lenten journey.

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

For those preparing to become members of the Christian community at Easter time.

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

For the Jewish people of every country, the sons and daughters of Abraham.

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

For those who are starving in this world of plenty.

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

For our community, and particularly for people who are lonely or fearful.

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

For those who have gone before us in faith, especially those who died recently, and for all whose anniversary occurs at this time.

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

Priest

Loving God, we are your servants: we trust in you, even in the midst of affliction.

Hear our prayers and help us to walk in your presence all our days, through Christ our Lord.

Amen..

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

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BAPTISMS

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

David Pearse Ryan, 36 Whitethorn Drive.
 Jane Margaret Barr-Hurley, 36 The Willows
 Shane Gavin O'Driscoll, 30 The Close
 Caoimhe Marie Crowley, 52 Manor Hill
 Lauren Nelligan-Sheehan, 36 Berry Field
 Olivia Noelle Daly, 64 Willow Grove.

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

Mamie Quinn, Powdermills
 Molly & Eily O'Leary, Barrack St.
 Patrick McNamara, 10 Sweet Briar Lane
 Pat & Billy Coomey, Carriganarra
 Twohig Family, Kilcrea Park
 Tom McAuliffe
 John Emperor, Rockchapel
 Mary Herlihy, Rosscarbery
 Jim O'Donovan, Union Hall
 Josephine Scannell, Poulavone
 Mary O'Donovan, Union Hall
 Matthew Murphy, Ovens
 Anne Hogan, Co. Tipperary
 Fr. Caheragh MacCarthy
 Geraldine O'Sullivan-O'Brien, Timoleague
 Bridie O'Sullivan, Ballingearry
 Daniel O'Sullivan
 Mabel Neenan
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 Mary O'Connor
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 Michael Harrington, Jn.
 Kitty Harrington
 John Joe McCarthy
 Robert Cuthbert
 Norah & Patrick Barry, Redemption Rd.
 Ned Keating, West Village
 Wm. & Mgt. McNamara, Ballincollig
 Daniel McSweeney, Cathedral Road
 James Sheehan, Ballyporeen
 William Murphy, The Powdermills
 Ted & Bridie Brennan
 Patrick & Norah Murphy, Glengarriffe
 Ml. Collins, Churchfield Hill
 Declan Walsh
 Jenny & Kate Hallahan, Kilmichael
 Christina Carroll, Dripsey.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SECOND WEEK OF LENT

16 Sunday Gen. 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18. Ps. 115. Rom. 8:31-34. Mk. 9:2-10. Lect 1:225
 17 Monday Jer. 1 :4-9. Ps. 116. Acts 13:46-49. Lk. 10: 1-12,17-20. Lect 1: 1015
 18 Tuesday Is. 1:10,16-20. Ps. 49. Mt. 23:1-12. Lect 1:232
 19 Wednesday 2 Sam. 7:4-5,12-14,16. Ps. 88. Rom. 4:13,16-18, 22. Mt. 1: 16, 18-21 or Lk. 2:41-51 Lect 1:970
 20 Thursday Jer. 17:5-10. Ps. 1. Lk. 16:19-31. Lect 1:236
 21 Friday Gen. 37:3-28. Ps. 104. Mt. 21 :33-43, 45-46. Lect 1:239
 22 Saturday Mic. 7:14-15, 18-20.Ps 102. lk. 15:1-3, 11-32.

SPRING DUES

Envelopes have now been distributed to each household. Please return it by placing it in the Basket at Mass. Spare envelopes are available from the back of the Church.

Mass Times St. Patrick's Day

Masses same as Sunday, except the 5.30 pm in Christ our Light moves to 6.30 pm and an extra Mass in St. Mary & St. John at 8.00 pm.



Sadly, the lives of millions of children especially those in poorer countries are absolute hell. Children in poverty are often weak and vulnerable. Many governments, armies, corrupt war lords, ruthless businessmen and corporations see children not as a treasure to be nourished, but as a commodity to be cruelly exploited. This Lent, Trocaire is highlighting the obscenity of child exploitation and child labour. We need your help.

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Mass Book

The Book for reserving Masses for April, May and June opened on Saturday March 15th

“Blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting”

Elizabeth Bibesco

THE SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING: Genesis 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18
By his command to sacrifice Isaac God proclaimed his absolute dominion over the lives of men who are the work of his hands.

SECOND READING: Romans 8: 31-34
St. Paul summarises the blessings of the spiritual life in the assurance of God's love for us in Christ.

GOSPEL: Mark 9: 2-10
The Transfiguration of Christ, together with the appearance of Moses and Elias and the declaration by the Father, was a confirmation of all that Christ had taught them concerning his own Person and his relation to the Old Law.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Joseph 19-March-2003

Because St. Joseph's feast day comes so soon after St. Patrick's Day it is almost ignored in Ireland.

Little is known about Joseph. He was called "a just man" in Scripture. This attribute was certainly validated in the few events in his life that are recorded.

St. Joseph has always been an inspiration to the workers of the world who pass their lives in honest toil not to enrich themselves but to support their families.

BALLINCOLLIG PARISH CONFIRMATIONS 2003

- Scoil Eoin - Monday 7th April 2003
Scoil Mhuire - Tuesday 1st April 2003
Scoil Barra - Wednesday 7th May 2003

Happy St Patrick's Day to all our readers



P.E.A.C.E
Prayer Enterprise and Christian Effort



Rev. David Armstrong (Church of Ireland) will preach at the Ecumenical Peace Service This Sunday 16th March Church of the Way of the Cross, Togher 4.00 pm.

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Flower Arranging for Beginners (6 week course)
Starting: Thursday 20th March, 7-9 pm

For further information:
Contact Bernadette @ Crystal Computers
021/4873487

THE WIDENING GAP

Lenten Seminars at SMA Centre, Wilton
(Organised by the Cork Alliance for Justice & Social Care)

Tues. 18th March at 8.00 pm:
Margaret O'Keeffe (UCC) & Paul Moynihan,
Cork City Council, on Social Housing.

THE ROSARY

During Lent the Rosary will be recited each evening (Monday to Friday) at 7.30 pm, before 8.00 pm Mass at St. Mary & St. John Church.
Come and Pray the Rosary with us
Fatima Aposolate

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Mar-22 & Mar-23-2003

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Muireann Nelligan
8:30 am
Annette Collins
10:00 am
Declan Chalmers
12:00 Noon
Tony Lynch

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Pauline Collins
11:00 am
Maura McNamara
12:30 pm
Marie Groarke
5:30 pm
Christine O'Brien

MASS TIMES

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

8:30am, 10am, 12 noon & 6 pm (Vigil)
8:30am, 10am, 12 noon & 8 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm
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9:30 am & 8 pm
10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)

Sunday
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

11 am, 12:30pm, 5:30pm & 8.00 pm (Vigil)
11 am, 12:30pm & 6:30pm
8:30 am & 6:30 pm
8:30 am & 6:30 pm
8:30 am & 6:30 pm
8:30 am & 6:30 pm
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
12:45 pm

Saturday
Sunday

7:15 pm

PARISH CLERGY

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MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Mar-22 & Mar-23-2003

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Aisling Kelly
Tony O'Leary
Eileen Murphy
Ted Nelligan
Angela Murphy
Ann O'Connell

8:00 pm John O'Donoghue
Eleanor O'Donoghue
Kathleen Daly

8:30 am Helen Kelly
Roddy Martin

11:00 am Mary O'Mahony
Margaret Brown
Rose Cotter
Billy Barry
Nell Cantillon Murphy

10:00 am Miriam Maunsell
Mary Buckley
Breda Ring
Jerry O'Connor
Mary O'Regan

12:30 pm Mary Twomey
Terry O'Driscoll
Bernie O'Driscoll
Maura O'Driscoll

12 Noon Louie O'Leary
John Walshe
Pat Kelleher
Irene O'Brien
Ellen O'Sullivan
Imogen Ryan

5:30 pm Garreth Irish
Shelia Curran
Statia O'Callaghan

Annual Church Gate Collection

Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th March 2003
Ballincollig Churches



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Can you give one hour of your time each month to distribute the free "ALIVE" Catholic paper in your locality?

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Evening Prayer for Healing In Honour of St. Joseph Husband of Mary At

Mercy Centre Mallow, Co. Cork.

On Wednesday 19th March 2003

(Fest of St. Joseph)

Conducted by:

Fr. John Horan and Denis O'Leary

Programme:

Introduction, Opening Prayer and Hymns
Mass of St. Joseph

Short talks on the following: -

The Rosa Mystica, The Immaculate Heart
The Passion of Jesus, The Eucharist St. Maria Goretti

Concluding with

Eucharistic Blessing And Prayers for Healing

All are Welcome

Ballincollig and Cobh YMCA wish to appoint

PAKT (Parents & Kids Together) Family Support Worker

The successful candidate will be involved in the delivery of elements of the Parents and Family Programme in both Ballincollig and Cobh PAKT groups.

The person will have experience of Family Support work; a relevant third level qualification and will be able to support the Christian ethos of the YMCA. An initial 9-month, 21 hour week contract (exclusive of the summer months) is offered. Salary will be YMCA Grade B1-4 (€26,096- €28,858 pro-rata) Further job details and an application form are available from:

Tricia Collins, Cobh YMCA, c/o Convent of Mercy, Cobh, Co. Cork

(021 4814060/ymcacobh@indigo.ie)

The closing date for applications is 5.00 pm Friday 28th March.



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