

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 16-November-2003



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road



Thirty Third Sunday In Ordinary Time
Some of the images in today's readings, may appear incomprehensible to many but they give us hope. God had promised to bring about the transformation of this fallen world, the resurrection of the dead. The timing belongs to God. Our part is to live in hope, through the difficulties of our life and history.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Death And Eternal Life

People often ask how can we know that there is an after life since no one ever came back to tell us. Abraham said to the rich man in the parable about poor Lazarus "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead." We have to believe in God, we have to meet him in prayer, in reflection, in Word and in Sacrament, and we have to serve him in others if we are to accept the truth of an after life. Argument, discussion, proofs cannot convince us. We must have an openness to goodness, to truth, to God.

The patient was frail and weak, her voice barely audible, yet her smile, the sparkle in her eye, showed her spirit. Even at death's door she was very much alive. She was even grateful that she had lived already six months longer than she was given in the initial prognosis. She had lived those days as she had lived her life, with faith, with hope and full of love and concern for her family, her friends, for those who now cared for her. "It can't be much longer now," she said, with courage as well as resignation. She could see beyond death to resurrection, she could see in the words of scripture "for to Him all people are in fact alive."

The young heroin addict in a recent TV programme was asked, "... how long can you go on like that, what next?" He was matter of fact in his reply - "A year or two and then death." The answer was as hopeless as the story of his life. The tragedy is not so much that he will die young but that he has already ceased to live. If life has no meaning what can eternal life mean? A postscript told us that he had not lived to the screening of the TV programme.

This month, November, we are particularly conscious not just of death but of life beyond death. We remember with love those who have died. We reach out in love to them by our prayers and offerings. This is not just a prayer of faith, it is an act of faith, it is a practice of faith. The very practice nourishes faith it opens us to God. It can also help to make us conscious that the gift of life that we have overflows into eternal life. It can give us peace and confidence in the face of the certainty of death. There is life in the next world. It lasts for all eternity with God. Don't you want to enter it?

John O'Donovan

Thought for Today

Out of curiosity; look through the newspapers today or sometime during the week. Try to determine if certain events reflect God's Kingdom already begun on earth. Maybe you'll find a story about someone who helped another person, or a group of people asking the community to help a group in need. Are there any stories about people or events that will change when Jesus returns? For example, are there groups of people sick or injured, victims of violence or unfair social practices? Like Mark's community, what kind of courage can we find in knowing Jesus will return? What can we do to give other people courage?

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

The Lord is at our side to support us, so we can present our needs with confidence.

Reader

For all Christians, that they may be found ready, when the Saviour comes in glory.

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

For those who share the priesthood of Jesus, that they may be true ministers of divine forgiveness.

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

For people who live in fear of death, that God's consoling word may be their support.

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

For prison officers and all who maintain our jails, that in their contact with prisoners they may show sensitivity and compassion.

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

For those who suffer, in body, mind or spirit, that God's powerful presence may help them to stand firm.

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

For all who have died especially those mentioned in Mass today, that they may awake to everlasting life.

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

Priest

O Lord, you are our portion and cup, you support us all our days, hear the prayers we make for all your Church, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

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BAPTISMS

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

Derek Anthony Foley, 23 Cherry Walk
 Caoimhe Elizabeth Henchy Ballyburden.
 Sean Dylan Twomey 2 The Brambles Classis Lake.
 Nicole Mary Murphy, 24 The Elms Classis Lake.
 Kieran Denis Mc Sweeney Kilnaglory.

MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Eoin Gerard McCormack, 16 Leesdale Court & Laura Anne Bullman, 16 Leesdale Court.

† IN SYMPATHY †

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :

Gerry McAvoy, Ballinlough.
 James Horan, Castleisland.
 Josie Hallihan, Manchester/Powdermills.
 John Lynch, Ballyburden.
 Mary Dillane, Ivy Circle/Newcastle.
 Sheila Holland, Waterfall.
 John O'Sullivan, Poulavone.
 Anne Twomey, West Village

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

Patrick & Eileen Nolan, Borris Co. Carlow
 Pauline O'Callaghan.
 Edwin McDermott, Poulavone.
 Wrenne & O'Shea families.
 Mary Carroll, Millstreet.
 Patrick Carmody.
 Charles & Sean Dunne, Willow Drive.
 Fr. Gerard Kelleher.
 Deceased members M C O'Sullivan.
 Mary O'Mahony, Clash Road.
 Mary Emperor, Rochchapel.
 Bridget Ovens, Glanmire.
 Jack Shanahan, Fr. Sexton Park.
 Michael Gilleran, Rosewood.
 Maureen & Timothy O'Connell, Ballingulley.
 Therese Brown, Ballinvoskig.
 John Hegarty, McCurtain Street.
 Ciarán Brennan, Shamrock Drive.
 Sylvester Cotter, Ovens.
 William Vaughan, Killnamartyra.
 Catherine O'Connell, Pouladuff.
 Donal O'Connor, Coolroe.
 Laurence O'Brien, Durham, England.
 O'Neill & McNamara family, Castletownbere & Powdermills.
 Rita Kinsella, Carrigrohane.
 The Lucey Family, Inchigeela.
 John Anthony Creed, Inniscarra View Est.
 Tom Drinan, Waterfall.
 Michael Hallahan, Greenfields.
 Thomas Finnegan, Bishopstown.
 Tim O'Leary, Farnanes.
 William (Bill) Carroll, Dripsey.
 Frank McCarthy, Poulavone.
 Denis & Margaret Linehan, Inniscarra.
 Jerry & Hannah Goulding, Inniscarra.
 Patrick Murphy, Garravagh Inniscarra.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

THIRTY THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

16 Sunday Dn. 12:1-13. Ps. Is. Heb. 10:11-14. 18. Mk. 13:24-32. Lect. I:826
 17 Monday 1 Mac. I: 10-64 ed. Ps. 118. Lk.18:35-43. Lect II:425
 18 Tuesday 2 Mac. 6: 18-31. Ps. 3. Lk.19: 1-10. Lect II:427
 19 Wednesday 2 Mac. 7: I, 20-31. Ps. 16. Lk. 19: 11-28. Lect II:429
 20 Thursday 1 Mac. 2:15-29. Ps. 49. Lk. 19:41-44. Lect II:433
 21 Friday 1 Mac. 4:36-37, 52-59. Ps. I Chr. 29. Lk. 19:45- 48. Lect. II:435
 22 Saturday 1 Mac. 6:1-13. Ps. 9. Lk. 20:27-40. Lect II:437

Part Time Course

Are you interested in up-dating your skills to return to the workplace?

Would you like to learn about computers?

Places still remaining on part-time morning course

(Wednesday – Friday)

For further details contact St. Johns Central College at (021) 4276410

**THE 31ST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
 of
 BALLINCOLLIG CREDIT UNION LTD.**

**WILL BE HELD AT THE G.A.A. PAVILION
 on
 WEDNESDAY 26th NOVEMBER 2003 AT 8.00 pm**

EACH MEMBER IS INVITED TO ATTEND.

**THERE WILL BE DRAWS FOR TURKEYS & HAMS
 FOR THOSE ATTENDING THE MEETING.**

**FIRST DRAW FOR A LARGE CHRISTMAS HAMPER
 WILL TAKE PLACE AT 8 pm SHARP**

NOMINATIONS FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICES
 OF

BALLINCOLLIG CREDIT UNION LTD.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE POSITIONS OF FIVE (5) DIRECTORS ONE (1) SUPERVISOR AND AUDITOR SHALL BE IN WRITING SIGNED BY A PROPOSER AND SECONDER WHO SHALL BE MEMBERS OF THE CREDIT UNION AND ALSO BY THE NOMINEE SO AS TO INDICATE HIS/HER CONSENT.

COMPLETED NOMINATION FORMS SHALL REACH THE REGISTERED OFFICE OF THE CREDIT UNION AT LEAST 3 DAYS BEFORE THE DATE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO BRING THEIR PASS BOOKS WITH THEM ON THE NIGHT

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Daniel 12: 1-13
 At the end of time, the angels of God will appear. The dead will rise. The saints will shine like the stars. This is the glory of the Second Coming of Christ.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10: 11-14. 18
 Jesus reigns in glory, at the right hand of God. His one, perfect sacrifice has won for us the kingdom of heaven.

Gospel: Mark 13:24-32.
 Mark's community lived in a time of persecution, uneasiness and discouragement. They needed hope and Mark supplied it in his presentation of Jesus just before the story of his passion, death and resurrection. Some people call this portion of Mark's Gospel "Little Apocalypse" because it refers to events in the end times. Certain occurrences will be visible before Jesus returns and Mark has Jesus say words that help his community look for signs. The words in this Gospel indicate that "this" generation will not pass away before "these things have taken place." What is not exactly clear is what things, but the most important point is that the people of Mark's community find hope in Jesus' return.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Columban 23-November-2003
 St. Columban, also widely known as Columbanus, was born around 543 and became a monk of Bangor on the coast of County Down. He later set out with twelve companions for Burgundy in France where he established a monastery in Annegray. Owing to the incursions of the barbarians and the laxity of the clergy, the Church in France was at that time in a weak state. Wherever Columban and his Irish monks went the people were struck by their modesty, patience and humility. So many joined them in their hard monastic life that two further monastic foundations followed at Luxeuil and Fontaine.

Because the life of Columban was a rebuke to the royal life style he and his Irish monks were ordered out of French territory. After many difficulties they journeyed to Italy where they founded the monastery at Bobbio between Milan and Genoa. There the saint died. In 1482 his body was placed in a new shrine and laid beneath the altar in the crypt where it is still venerated.

After Columbanus many Irish monks went to work on continental Europe where they are credited with keeping both Christianity and learning alive during the Dark Ages following the collapse of Roman power.

ANNUAL CEMETERY MASSES

St. Oliver's

Will take place this Saturday 15th November 2003 at 2 pm

St. Mary & St. John's (adjoining cemetery)

Will take place next Saturday 22nd November 2003 at 2 pm

**The Ten Commandments
 You Shall Not Steal**

Have I taken anything that did not belong to me? Have I been dishonest in the payment of my taxes or in the submission of expense accounts in my business? Have I wasted time and cheated my employer by not doing a full day's work for my wages? Have I been extravagant in my manner of life, to the neglect of the poor of the world? Have I been irresponsible and neglected the needs of my family by wasting money or gambling or betting?

(Next week a reflection on the eight commandment)

Are YOU Seeking Healing, Peace, Happiness In Your Life?

Emmaus Men's Fellowship Cork
 Invites you to a weekend of
 Searching, Prayer, Healing and Celebration
 at The Sacred Heart Hall, Western Road, Cork
 Saturday 15th November from 10.30 am to 6.00 pm
 Sunday 16th November from 10.30 am to 6.00 pm
 Theme: "The Law of the Lord is my Strength"
 Speaker: Fr. Thaddeus Doyle (of The Curate's Diary)
 Coffee and Tea provided

Bookshop – Christ Our Light

Now in stock 'Witness To Hope' video – Pope John Paul II Volume 9, 10, 11, 12; Fr. Tom Brown's CD's; selection of Christmas cards, Christmas candles and cribs, rosary beads, crucifixes and a variety of religious objects.

**Why not give a religious gift this Christmas!
 Shop open weekends before and after all masses.**

Holy Rosary Sisters

Sr. Mary and Sr. Zita wish to say a sincere thank you to the people of Ballincollig for the generous contribution they received which amounted to **€6,513.75.**

Thank you once again.

**Parents of Scoil Eoin
 Fundraising Group**

TABLE QUIZ

Venue : GAA Pavilion
 Wednesday 19th November 2003
 Tickets €20 per table
 8:30 pm Sharp
 Tickets available in the school or at the door on the night.



**THE ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION
 OF IRELAND**

2003 Arthritis Foundation Of Ireland Lecture Series
 'Diagnosis And Treatment
 of Rheumatoid Arthritis'

Speaker: Dr. Brian Mulcahy, Consultant Physician
 Rheumatologist, Shanakiel, Cork
 Date: Tuesday 18th November 2003
 Venue: The Kingsley Hotel,
 Victoria Cross, Cork Time: 8.00 pm
 Admission Free – All Are Welcome

**The Annual Diocesan Envelope Collection for the
 Cork Marriage Counselling Centre
 will take place at all Masses next
 weekend November 22nd & 23rd**

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Nov-22 & Nov-23-2003

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Muireann Nelligan
8:30 am
Triona Collins
10:00 am
Elaine Murphy
12:00 Noon
Tony Lynch

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Jacinta Jeffers
11:00 am
Jack Dorgan
12:30 pm
Pat McGeough
5:30 pm
Tom Reck

MASS TIMES

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

8:30am, 10am & 12 noon	Sunday	11am, 12:30pm & 5:30pm
9:30 am	Monday	8:30 am
9:30 am	Tuesday	8:30 am
9:30 am	Wednesday	8:30 am
9:30 am	Thursday	8:30 am
9:30 am	Friday	8:30 am
10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)	Saturday	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-22 & Nov-23-2003

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Patsy Murphy
Breda Foley
Mary Walsh
Sr. M. Carmody
Geraldine Hegarty
Cathy Horgan
8:30 am Theresa Lucey
Rita Murphy
10:00 am Tadgh Murphy
Mary Murphy
Joan Tobin
Betty Sheehan
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
11:00 am Maura McNamara
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
Patrica O'Donoghue
Statia O'Callaghan

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