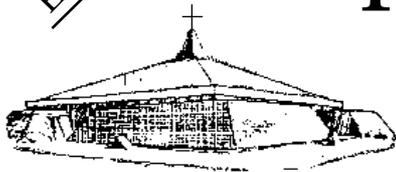


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THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



CHRIST OUR LIGHT
INNISHMORE



ST. MARY & ST. JOHN
STATION ROAD

SUNDAY 20TH MAY 2001
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



The night before He died Jesus promised the gift of the Spirit to his disciples. God the Father sends the Spirit to keep the word of Christ and for those who keep that word there is the great promise of Christ's peace - being at home with the Father and the Son.

FR. EUGENE CROWLEY

Fr. Eugene's words of farewell last Sunday were received with widespread and sincere regret by the parishioners of Ballincollig. He came to this parish six years ago after serving in Drinagh in West Cork and in Peru in South America. It was clear from his introductory message in 1995 that he was a communicator of rare talent whose Sunday talks combined substance with humour and clarity with brevity. He possessed the skill of expressing his message, or rather truths preached by Jesus two thousand years ago to the daily existence of the twenty-first century.

Young couples selecting one of the priests for their wedding ceremony invariably chose Fr. Eugene as the celebrant. Clearly they, with the unerring instinct of youth, perceived his sympathetic feeling and sensitivity for young people about to make the most momentous decision of their lives. At the subsequent wedding receptions his friendliness and good humour helped to set at their ease not only the Bride and Groom but also the guests.

There were, too, more sombre functions such as funerals often compounded by tragic circumstances where he helped grieving family members through their dark hours of shock and mourning. On these occasions that called for extraordinary sensitivity, Fr. Eugene always faced the hard questions and never took cover in meaningless platitudes. Never judgmental and always positive in approach, he displayed, especially on tragic occasions, his wise understanding of human feeling.

As a colleague in the parish, Eugene was one of the most obliging work mates one could have. He was always happy to exchange duties even at short notice to oblige someone else. To any request his instinctive response was "Yes". His fellow priests, the Sacristans and the members of the Parish Council with whom he worked will all miss his willingness, cheerfulness and encouragement. May the Lord reward his eighteen years of service to the Church and bless him always.

Leonard O'Brien

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

PRIEST

As God's people gathered in prayer, we present our needs to our loving Father.

READER

For communities and parishes where there is disagreement and anger, that all who are part of them may learn to show tolerance and understanding.

Lord, hear us;

Lord, graciously hear us.

For nations and peoples thirsting for peace with justice, that they may receive the Spirit of harmony and reconciliation.

Lord, hear us;

Lord, graciously hear us.

For people in pain and misery, that they, may have caring friends, full of hope and courage.

Lord, hear us;

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those in our community who need divine help, that God's grace may be theirs in abundance.

Lord, hear us;

Lord, graciously hear us.

For our brothers and sisters who have died, that the gates of the new Jerusalem may open wide to receive them

Lord, hear us;

Lord, graciously hear us.

PRIEST

O God of power and might, you graciously bless your people: give us confidence that our needs are heard and answered, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A PEACE THE WORLD CANNOT GIVE (*Gospel*)

We know how fragile peace can be. Peace processes struggle to survive; ceasefires collapse. Peace settlements, however carefully constructed, always appear as a threat to at least one side. Only God's peace is large enough to provide a context where every human individual and group can feel at home in our Father's house.

Visit Our Website: www.ballincolligparish.ie

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

BAPTISMS



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

Cian Gerard Cronin, 3, Maglin View
Niamh Margaret Collins, 19, Bridgewater

MARRIAGES



CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Edwin Patrick Dunlea, 125, St. Brendan's Road & Sharon O'Donovan, 46, Greystones



IN SYMPATHY

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:

Sr. Margaret Mary O'Connell,
Good Shepherd Convent, Limerick

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

The Deceased members of the Creed Family, Ballingearry

- Eddie & Noreen Da Silva, Beech Park**
- Sean Gallagher**
- John Shanahan, Fr. Sexton Park**
- Donors Intentions**
- Jeremiah & Mary O'Leary, Bantry**
- Liam Scully, Castlemartyr**
- Denis O'Mahony, Tudor Grove**
- Jeremiah & Johanna Coughlan, Blarney St.**
- Mary Linehan, Whitethorn Drive**
- Brian McVeigh, Co. Antrim**
- Kathleen Quirke, Blackrock**
- Michael & Chrissie Quirke, Coolroe Heights**
- Michael Noonan, Parknamore**
- Elizabeth Crowley, Poulavone**
- Christy & Lily O'Connor, Vincents St.**
- Paul Dillon, Sunday's Well**
- John Coleman, Coolroe**
- Jim Hanniffy, Galway**
- Patrick O'Grady, O'Donovan Crescent**
- Paddy Long, 3, Parknamore**
- James Collins, Dunmanway**

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy First Birthday on the 19th May 2001 to
CHRISTOPHER HOCKEY
 love and best wishes from your
 Godmother Mary

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

20 Sunday Acts. 15:1-2. 22-29. Ps. 66. Apoc. 21:10-14. 22-23. Jn. 14:23-29.
Lect I:539
Alternatives: 2nd Reading Apoc. 22:12-14. 16-17. 20.
Gospel Jn. 17:20-26. Lect I:574

The Holy Spirit guides the Church from its beginnings. The promise of the gift of the Spirit is a comfort to the disciples as the Lord leaves them.

21 Monday Acts. 16:11-15. Ps. 149. Jn. 15:26-16:4. *Lect I:542*
 Jesus understands the fear of his disciples as they face the world. The Spirit of truth is with us to help speak up for our faith in the face of opposition, ridicule or indifference.

22 Tuesday Acts. 16:22-34. Ps. 137. Jn. 16:5-11. *Lect I:544*
 "God is love" and love is his first gift, containing all others. Because we are dead or at least wounded through sin, the first effect of the gift of love is the forgiveness of our sins. The communion of the Holy Spirit in the Church restores to the baptised the divine likeness lost through sin" *CCC, 733-734*

23 Wednesday Acts. 17:15. 22-18:1. Ps. 148. Jn. 16:12-15. *Lect I:546*
 St. Paul preached to the citizens of Athens about their unknown God, but they preferred to think about it all at a later time. The Spirit continues with the Church, helping us to interpret the signs of the times. We must be always ready to listen.

24 Thursday Acts. 18:1-8. Ps. 97. Jn. 16:16-20. *Lect I:560*
 St. Paul gives the example of missionary work, devoting all his time to preaching. As a result a great many Corinthians embrace the faith. "Faith comes from hearing".

25 Friday Acts. 18:9-18. Ps. 46. Jn. 16:20-23. *Lect I:562*
 "On the day of Pentecost when the seven weeks of Easter had come to an end, Christ's Passover is fulfilled in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, manifested, given and communicated as a divine person: of his fullness, Christ, the Lord, pours out the Spirit in abundance." *CCC, 731*

26 Saturday Acts. 18:23-28. Ps. 46. Jn. 16:23-28. *Lect I:564*
 The conflict between the believer and the world is part of the Christian's inheritance. The disciple can not expect other than what his Master also received. It is better to be persecuted for doing right than simply to conform to the ways of the world.

SAINTS THIS WEEK

Friday 25th - St. Bede, 673-735, monk of Jarrow, historian and biblical commentator. Patron of scholars.

St. Gregory VII, 1028-1085, Hildebrand of Tuscany, was a Cluniac monk who, on becoming Pope, worked for reform, and died in exile at Salerno.

St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, 1566-1607, a Carmelite in Florence, offered her life for the spiritual renewal of the Church.

Saturday 26th - St. Philip Neri, was born in Florence in 1515 where he founded the Congregation of the Oratory to foster good preaching and to promote holiness of priestly life.

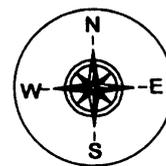
St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus
remember thy promise
to do good upon earth.
Show down
thy roses
on those who
invoke thee.
Obtain for us from God
the graces we hope for
from his infinite goodness.
Amen.



BALLINCOLLIG TIDY TOWNS

CORK COUNTY COUNCIL

Inter Town Challenge 2001



Competition commenced on May 17th and will continue until July 4th

Area 1 (Town Centre) (will be judged every week)

Main St. from Westpark Hotel to Roundabout near McNamara Supervalu Shopping Centre at Western End. To include area behind Main St. - Station Road up to Church, across and behind Church including Scoil Eoin, Scout Hall & Cemetery - Northern end of Car Park (incl. Car Park) and Time Square.

Area 2 (from 17th to 23rd May)

Muskerry Estate and Church View Estate. Station Road, from Station Road to Oriel Court House - including back road, shops & Scoil Mhuire.

Area 3 (from 24th to 30th May)

Innishmore Estate, Topps, Council Office, Training Centre, Schools, Private Sites, Regional Park & Sports Grounds. Industrial Estates, Westcliffe and Oriel Park.

COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

Next Tuesday 22nd May 2001 at 7.30pm

MEETING VENUES:

- L&N Car Park
- Moremiles Tyre Centre
- Scoil Eoin Car Park

Your Support is vital to maintain the high standards achieved last year.

REMEMBER THIS IS YOUR COMMUNITY

Don't leave it to others Please Play your Part

Bags and Gloves will be supplied

This competition is a serious effort by Cork County Council to eliminate litter from our streets etc, it is also designed in a way that gives everybody in the town an opportunity to get involved and indeed challenges us to get involved.



Saint Thérèse

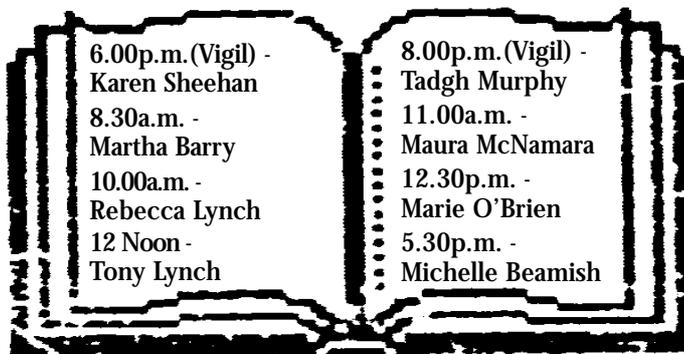
Visit to Ireland of the Relics

Diocese of Cork & Ross

*Wednesday June 20th 2001 -
Cathedral of St. Mary & St. Anne, Cork City*
*Saturday June 23rd 2001 -
SMA Church, Cork City*
*Sunday June 24th 2001 -
Carmelites, Kinsale, Co. Cork*

MINISTERS OF THE WORD 26TH/27TH MAY

ST. MARY & ST. JOHN CHRIST OUR LIGHT



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST 26th/27th May 2001

ST. MARY'S & ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

SATURDAY 26TH
6p.m.
Mary O Donoghue
Cait O Grady
Margaret O Sullivan
Angela Roche
Betty Sheehan

SUNDAY 27TH
8.30a.m.
Theresa Lucey
Rita Murphy

10a.m.
Maureen Roche
Christina Walshe
Peter Reilly
Mary Collins

12.00 Noon
Oliver O Donivan
Patrick Kelleher
Ellen Seymour
John Jeffers
Joan Tobin
Ita Walsh



CHRIST OUR LIGHT CHURCH

SATURDAY 26TH
8p.m.
Charlie Vaughan
Joan Stephenson
Maura O'Driscoll

SUNDAY 27TH
11a.m.
Ann O'Regan
Neil Jeffries
Eileen Byrne
Mary Coleman
Dan Coleman

12.30p.m.
Con O'Connell
Rose Cotter
Denis O'Mahony
Christine O'Mahony
Tom Murray

5.30p.m.
Marie O'Brien
Patsy Galvin
Bridie O'Donnell

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 3.00P.M.</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;">- Mass Card Signing - Requests for Baptism/Marriage Certs etc.</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;">CHRIST OUR LIGHT - Mass Card Signing -</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Baptisms</p> <p>Saturday: 7.15pm</p>

PARISH CLERGY
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 Fr. L.O'Brien P.P. ☎ 021-4871206 Fr. P. O'Donovan C.C. ☎ 021-4872808 Fax: 021-4872808
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GOSPEL COMMENTARY
 Relection on the Gospel
 for each day

JACOB'S WELL
 A short article on a different
 topic each month

WISDOM LINE
 A selected passage from a
 spiritual classic

BETWEEN OURSELVES
 Question and Answer

DOMINICANS IRELAND

**CORPUS CHRISTI
 PROCESSION**
Saturday 9th June 2001
**following 6.00p.m. Mass at the
 Church of St. Mary & St. John**
*The route will be to
 the East Gate and Back.*





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Ballincollig Parish Fund Raising
 To Reduce Parish Debt of £285,000
CHARITY AUCTION MAY 30TH



As there has been no door-to-door collection it is felt that parishioners will be happy to donate something for auction

SUGGESTED ITEMS

Furniture
 Plate & Silver

Brass

Pictures

Ornaments

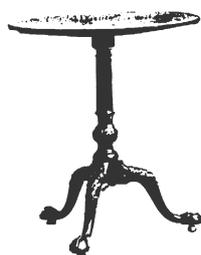
Jewellery

Sporting Equipment

Golf, Tennis

Cameras, Binoculars

Clocks



DROP POINT: COMMUNITY CENTRE, STATION RD.

CLOSING DATE FOR DONATIONS: SUNDAY MAY 20TH 2001

PHONE: 087-6483003 086-8369428 021-4871799

ST. JOSEPHS YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY

Monthly meeting of the
 St. Joseph's Young Priests Society
 will be held in the Community Hall
 on Monday 21st May at 8p.m.
All members and subscribers welcome

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Council will be
 held on Monday 21st May 2001
 at 7.45p.m. in the Community Centre
All members are requested to attend

*The important thing is not to think
 too much but to love much and
 so do that which best stirs you to love*

ST. TERESA OF AVILA

THE NIGHT

You cover us with darkness, Lord,
 To afford us rest,
 To renew our energies,
 To prepare for a new day.
 Our little life is rounded with a sleep.
 I pray for all those whose duties
 Oblige them to turn
 Night into day,
 Who must work
 While the rest of us sleep.
 I pray for those who cannot find rest,
 But toss and turn,
 Those who worry a great deal,
 Having active minds
 In tired bodies.
 I pray for those who
 Keep vigil through the night hours;
 Proclaiming you Lord of the day and the night,
 With their presence.
 'Lift up your hands to the Holy Place
 And bless the Lord through the watches of the night.

Reflection from Psalm 134

BALLINCOLLIG BASKETBALL CLUB

First to report is the clubs A.G.M. which took place on the 2nd of May in Colaiste Choilm. The club's Secretary, Dermot Lucey, stated that the past year has seen considerable progress in the club with the Race Night, the Church Gate Collection, the sponsorship cards and the Easter Camp all contributing to the clubs success, allowing the club to provide each team with its own set of gear and basketballs.

Last year the 8 Ladies teams had 125 players registered with the Ladies Basketball Board and they played 102 games. The 6 Mens teams had 109 players registered with the Men's Basketball Board and they played 171 matches. These figures are in addition to the large number of younger boys and girls - almost 100 - who train in the Nursery on Saturday and Sunday mornings. With training times expanded to 20 hours a week in Ballincollig Community School Gym the club and members would like to thank the coaches for their tremendous commitment to the players and thanks to them and the committee, it was a great reflection on the club that we were able to end the year with the hugely successful Easter Camp in which 300 children between the ages of 5 and 12 participated.

The Ballincollig Basketball Club would like to thank Mr. Sean Slowey, Principal of Ballincollig Community School, who agreed a very suitable arrangement with the club for the use of the gym.

The club has enjoyed considerable success in the 2000-2001 season with the Junior I Ladies Un-19 winning the League Title, the Championship Title and the Top Four Title. The Boys Un-11 Team won the League Title and Tournament Cup. The Girls Un-12 took their League Title, the Girls Un-11 won their Tournament Cup and our Un-14 Boys went to the final of their tournament. Club members Donnacha Long, Keith Crowley, Colm O'Brien, and Barry Reid, had the distinction of representing the club in the Cork Schoolboys Un-17 team as did Cormac Lucey in the Schoolboys Un-15's and in the ladies Emma O'Brien and Saorlaith Byrne played on the Schoolgirls Un-18 Team and Elaine Davis was on the Un-15's Team.

Well done and thanks to all the club members, coaches and committee members who have put in so much hard work through the year.

Thoughts and Actions

Most of us do things automatically, things that have become second-nature to us. Some of easy to perform certain tasks. For instance, we can go swimming (once we have learned), cycle our bicycles, drive our cars, work at our typewriters or computers, perhaps even play a musical instrument and hold a conversation at the same time, (which would be considered quite remarkable). In other words, many modern-day activities may be carried out with little or hardly any thought or concentration. Indeed, after many years of performing the same tasks, we can go through the day on 'automatic pilot' with no strenuous effort on our part. We have learned to become 'agents' or 'representatives' of our time, to become an integral part of our society. We play out our expected roles and act our designated parts and do not need to exert our mental powers. Yet there is seldom time to reflect or mediate on the direction in which our lives are going or to devote much thought to our personal actions. It is far easier to float through stormy waters than to swim against the tide, to complacently agree with general opinion and not to 'rock the boat', to go through one's life with the minimum of effort. But is this a correct attitude to adopt and ought we not attempt to use the spiritual talents that God endowed us with?

Perhaps it would enhance our situations if we injected a little more effort into our lives and strived to improve our mental and spiritual state. A good starting point may be to listen to the words of St. Paul, when he advised: '...think before you do anything - hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil. ST. PAUL 1 THESS 5:16-24.

E. Chandler

*Know, most dearly beloved brother,
that courtesy is one of the properties of God,
who gives His sun and rain to the
just and unjust by courtesy; and courtesy
is the sister of charity, by which hatred
is vanquished and love is cherished.*

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

THE PRAYING HANDS

Back in the fifteenth century, in a tiny village near Nuremburg, lived a family with eighteen children. In order merely to keep food on the table for this big family, the father and head of the household, a goldsmith by profession, worked almost eighteen hours a day at his trade and any other paying chore he could find in the neighbourhood.

Despite their seemingly hopeless condition, two of Albrecht Durer the Elder's children had a dream. They both wanted to pursue their talent for art, but they knew full well that their father would never be financially able to send either of them to Nuremburg to study at the Academy. After many long discussions at night in their crowded bed, the two boys finally worked out a pact. They would toss a coin. The loser would go down into the nearby mines and, with his earnings, support his brother while he attended the academy. Then, when that brother who won the toss completed his studies, in four years, he would support the other brother at the academy, either with sales of his artwork, or, if necessary also by labouring in the mines. They tossed a coin on a Sunday morning after church. Albrecht Durer won the toss and went off to Nuremburg.

Albert went down the dangerous mines and, for the next four years, financed his brother, whose work at the academy was almost an immediate sensation. Albrecht's etchings, his woodcuts and his oils were far better than those of most of his professors and by the time he graduated, he was beginning to earn considerable fees for his commissioned works.

When the young artist returned to his village, the Durer family held a festive dinner on their lawn to celebrate Albrecht's triumphant homecoming. After a long and memorable meal, punctuated with music and laughter, Albrecht rose from his honoured position at the head of the table to drink a toast to his beloved brother for the years of sacrifice that had enabled Albrecht to fulfil his ambition. His closing words were, 'And now, Albert, blessed brother of mine, now it is your turn. Now you can go to Nuremburg to pursue your dream, and I will take care of you'.

All heads turned in eager expectation to the far end of the table where Albert sat, tears streaming down his pale face, shaking his lowered head from side to side while he sobbed and repeated, over and over, 'No...no...no' Finally Albert rose and wiped the tears from his cheeks. He glanced down the long table at the faces he loved and then holding his hands close to his right cheek, he said softly, 'no, brother, I cannot go to Nuremburg, it is too late for me. Look...look what four years in the mines have done to my hands. The bones in every finger have been smashed at least once, and lately, I have been suffering from arthritis so badly in my right hand that I cannot even hold a glass to return your toast, much less make delicate lines on parchment or canvas with a brush. No brother...for me it is too late'.

More than 450 years have passed. By now, Albrecht Durer's hundreds of masterful portraits, pen and silver point sketches, water-colours, charcoals, woodcuts and copper engravings hang in every great museum in the world, but the odds are great that you, like most people, are familiar with only one of Albrecht Durer's works. More than merely being familiar, you may well have a reproduction hanging in your home or office.

One day, to pay homage to Albert for all that he had sacrificed, Albrecht Durer painstakingly drew his brother's abused hands with palms together and thin fingers stretched skyward. He called his powerful drawing simply 'Hands', but the entire world almost immediately opened their hearts to his great masterpiece and renamed his tribute of love, 'The Praying Hands'. The next time you see a copy of that touching creation, take a second look. Let it be your reminder, if you still need one, that no-one - no-one - ever makes it alone.



Random Theatre Company

will host a

Youth Drama Workshop

in

Gaelscoil Uí Ríordáin, Ballincollig,

on

Saturday May 26th

from

10.00 am to 4.00 pm

[Morning break: 11.30-11.45, Lunch break: 1.00-2.00]

The workshop will be conducted by **Tricia Edelstein** of **Boomerang Theatre**. On the day you will devise a play, moving from preparatory approach-work all the way up to acting it at the end of the session.

If you are between the ages of 13 and 18 years and have an interest in drama (you do NOT need acting experience), then this workshop is for you.

The admission fee is £5, and can be forwarded, along with the attached application form to any of the following:

Dick Beamish, 18 Westcourt Hts., Ballincollig. Tel.: 4870008.

Maura Guinevan, Coolroe, Ballincollig. Tel.: 4850219.

Richard Collins, 9 Maglin Circle, Ballincollig. Tel.: 4870986.

Marian O'Callaghan, Kilcrea, Ovens. Tel.: 7331393.

Maurice McGillicuddy, Coolyduff, Inniscarra. Tel.: 4871783.

Feel free to ring any of the above if you require further information about the day.

Application Form

I wish to attend the Youth Drame Workshop and enclose fee of £5.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel. No.: _____ Age: _____

Random Theatre Company is grant aided by Cork County Council