

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 21-September-2003



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road



## TWENTY FIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

*The following of Christ is not for the ambitious and selfish. Christians will inevitably find their goodness, gentleness and love put to the test. They will survive the test only if their life is based on trust in God as his Father.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

### Post Hurling Final

Sunday and Monday were two very painful days for all of us Cork Hurling fans; as the days move on the sense of disappointment eases but the hurling final will remain a topic of conversation in homes, places of work and bars for days and weeks on end.

Last Sunday I wrote about the dedication and involvement of many to the Parish of Ballincollig as well as the goodwill, support and commitment of many others. The next sentence remained incomplete in error; it just went "This commitment and support is very (I will try to complete it this week) encouraging and also provides a massive opportunity to engage with parishioners, explore our understanding of Parish and encourage people to put their gifts and talents at the service of the Lord and one another. I believe that every generation brings its own unique insight to bear on the Church and the world and I hope that as a parish in Ballincollig we will concentrate on involving people and mourning with one another as a pilgrim people.

Parishioners will have noticed that the tar macadam on the car park adjacent to St. Mary and St. John church has been resurfaced. This work was carried out by Gama - Tubin Construction Ltd. the main contractors for the Ballincollig bypass. I take this opportunity to say a sincere THANK YOU to Mr. Mehmet Erdem, Project Manager, Gama - Tubin Construction Ltd. who willingly offered to carry out this work for us and to his staff who worked there on Saturday 6th September a sincere thank you; your hard work is very much appreciated. The tar macadam was purchased from John A Wood Ltd. and I thank their contracts director Mr. Jim Donovan for his valued help in organising and coordinating the work. Thanks to everybody; regrets to parishioners for the inconvenience while the car park was closed.

*George O'Mahony*

### Thought for Today

It may be difficult for parents of our time to think of children as "non-persons." They are probably the most important people in our lives! Parents in ancient times loved their children just as parents do today. While children in our time are protected by many laws, still very few children carry any authority or power in our culture. So the difference is not in children and parents of two different times, rather the point is how children are unencumbered by status. Their love for God is fresh and uncomplicated. This is a quality in our children we should consciously observe and emulate.

### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

#### Priest

My friends, we have God for our help, so let us bring forward all our needs.

#### Reader

For all Christians, that they may learn to be servants first.

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

For peacemakers, that they may persevere, despite the obstacles to their work.

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

For groups and associations where there is disharmony, that members may place the greater good before their own needs.

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

For all the children of our community, that they may grow in strength and wisdom.

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

For children who have suffered from harm or abuse, that God may come to their aid and protect them from further danger.

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

For all who have died, that the Lord may keep them in his loving care.

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

#### Priest

God of power and might, you uphold our lives and keep us in your care, help us in our needs, we pray, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*The Lord upholds my life.*

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**BAPTISMS**

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

Sarah Louise O'Connell, 13 Ashton Court, Carriganarra  
Amber Sarah O'Connor, 26 Carriganarra.

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

Jack Griffin, Carrigrohane  
Christine Riordan, Ballinlough,  
Padrig Lynch, Crosshaven.

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

Paddy Lucey, Inchigeelagh  
Margaret Sheehan, Kilmurray  
Kathleen Ring, Mulgrave Road  
Michael Cosgrave, Galway  
Pat O'Connell, Victors Cross  
Eddie Dwyer  
John Walsh, 2 Cottage Square,  
Donors Intentions  
Patrick O'Neill & Family, Clash  
Ursala & Essa Lane, Blarney Street  
Fr. Sean Murphy, Station Road  
Rita Lynch, Beech Park  
Timothy Cooney, Birmingham  
Daniel Burke, Whitechurch  
Mona Keogh, Kilrush  
Michael Dineen, Coachford  
Lettie Brady, Muskerry Estate  
Teresa Dunne, Thurles  
Jack Houlihan  
Denis Coakley  
Margaret Walshe  
Ellen Mulroy  
Margaret Walshe, Kerry Pike  
Margaret Crowley.

**Ballincollig Confirmations 2004**

**Dates for your diary**

Scoil Mhuire	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April
Scoil Barra	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> April
Our Lady of Good Counsel	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> April
Scoil Eoin	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> April
Gaelscoil Uí Ríordáin (SMA Wilton)	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**TWENTY FIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME.**

21 Sunday Ws. 2:12, 17-20. Ps. 53. Jm. 3:16-4:3. Mk. 9:30- 37. Lect 1:802  
22 Monday Ezra 1 :1-6. Ps. 125. Lk. 8:16-18. Lect II:325  
23 Tuesday Ezra 6:7-8.12.14-20 Ps 121 Lk 8:19-21 Lect II:327  
24 Wednesday Ezra 9:5-9. Ps. Tob. 13:2-8. Lk. 9: 1-6. Lect II:329  
25 Thursday Hag. 1:1-8. Ps. 149. Lk. 9:7-9. Lect II:337  
26 Friday Hag. 1:15- 2:9. Ps. 42. Lk. 9:18-22. Lect II:333  
27 Saturday Zech. 2:5-9,14-15. Ps. Jer. 3:10-13. Lk. 9:43-45. Lect II:335

**Church of the Most Holy Trinity Cork  
ANNUAL NOVENA  
In Honour of St. PIO of Pietrelcina.**

15<sup>th</sup>—23<sup>rd</sup> September 2003

Commencing with 7.30pm **Mass** Monday 15<sup>th</sup>  
**Masses** Daily (including Sunday) at 10am & 7.30pm.  
**Penitential Service** 7.30pm Mass, Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>  
**Youth Mass** 7pm Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>  
(Holy Trinity Gospel Choir will attend)  
Fr Ermelindo O.F.M. Cap of San Giovanni Rotondo will  
concelebrate  
**Healing Mass** 7.30 pm Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Novena concludes on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Feast of St Pio

**Preachers:**

Fr Eustace Mc Sweeney O.F.M.Cap (Ards Friary  
Fr Bryan Shortall O.F.M, Cap (Rochestown Friary  
Fr Desmond Mc Naboe O.F.M. (Raheny Friary)

**Festival of Flowers**

A "Festival of Flowers" will take place at the Lough Church from Friday 26<sup>th</sup> until Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September. The Official Opening will be carried out by Lord Mayor, Cllr Colm Burke on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm. Preview with a cheese and wine Reception follows. Tickets €10. Entry to the Festival and Souvenir Programme for Saturday and Sunday costs €4. All proceeds in aid of Church Renovation Fund. Tea/Coffee available. Be sure to come along and enjoy the 45 beautiful displays prepared by flower groups from all over Munster.

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**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Wisdom 2:12. 17-20  
 People just don't like a prophet. Someone who speaks up, telling the truth, may well be rejected. Holiness does not always lead to happiness. Sometimes, it leads to pain and suffering and death.

Second Reading: James 3:16-4:3  
 The early Christians were not better than we are. They were just as envious, just as resentful, and just as bitter. Listen now, and hear the remedy.

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37  
 Who is the greatest; Celebrity farm had a winner; some win many medals, others set records of all kinds, many have the most recent model and biggest car in the range, many achieve fantastic results in the Leaving and Junior Cert exams; well done to all the high achievers in our midst.

Christ however is looking for a different kind of achievement. Jesus asks us "When you wish to be first make yourself last; When you wish to be great make yourself little; When you want to be the masters make yourself the servant." Christ asks to live this kind of life; He lived as the Suffering Servant, washed people feet, mixed with the outcasts and made time for the small people (the people that are rarely noticed) Lord when we ask the question Who is the greatest may we remember to look to you for guidance in our answer.



**SAINT OF THE WEEK**

St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) 23-September-2003

Francesco Forgione was born to a southern Italian farm family, the son of Grazio, a shepherd. At age 15 he entered the novitiate of the Capuchin Friars in Morcone, and joined the order at age of 19. Suffered several health problems, and at one point his family thought he had tuberculosis. He was ordained priest at the age of 22 on 10th August 1910.

While praying before a cross, he received the stigmata on 20th September 1918, the first priest ever to be so blessed. As word spread, especially after American soldiers brought home stories of Padre Pio following the Second World War, the priest himself became a point of pilgrimage for both the pious and the curious. He would hear confessions by the hour, reportedly able to read the consciences of those who held back. Reportedly able to bi-Iocate, levitate, and heal by touch. He founded the House for the Relief of Suffering in 1956, a hospital that serves 60,000 a year. In the 1920's he started; a series of prayer groups that continue today with over 400,000 members worldwide. He died 23rd September 1968 of natural causes "The life and mission of Padre Pio prove that difficulties and sorrows, if accepted out of love, are transformed into a privileged way of holiness, which opens onto the horizons of a greater good, known only to the Lord.

The ultimate reason for the apostolic effectiveness of Padre Pio, the profound root of so much spiritual fruitfulness can be found in that intimate and constant union with God attested to by his long hours spent in prayer and in the confessional. He loved to repeat; 'I am a poor Franciscan who prays' convinced that "prayer is the best weapon we have, a key that opens the heart of God".

This fundamental characteristic of his spirituality continues in the 'Prayer Group's' that he founded, which offer to the Church and to society the wonderful contribution of incessant and confident prayer." Pope John Paul II

**Back to Education / Work Course**

This Course is for adults who left school early and would like to return to education and /or work.  
 The Course will cover:

- Everyday English (reading and writing)**
- Basic Math's.**
- Computers.**

The Course will run in Ballincollig on Monday and Friday mornings (9.30 – 13:00 each morning) for 14 weeks - starting in late September 2003.

Priority will be given to those who are dependent on a social welfare allowance.

Many of those who did a similar course in Ballincollig last year are now doing courses in the Cork College of Commerce, Colaiste Stiofan Naofa (Tramore Road); others are working (full-time or part-time).

If you are interested in applying for this course, please contact **Alan (021-7334539) or Phil (021-4295144).**

<p><b>NAOMI</b>  National Association of the Ovulation Method of Ireland Ltd.</p>	<p>FOR INFORMATION ON <i>Pre-marriage Courses,</i> <i>Natural Family Planning,</i> <i>Achieving a Pregnancy</i> <i>Menopause Counselling</i> Contact N.A.O.M.I., 36 Washington Street, Cork. Tel: 021-4272213 Tuesday to Friday, Office Hours</p>
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**Liturgy of the Word for Children**

A meeting will be held at 8 Glincool Gardens, Maglin Road, on Monday September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:45 pm.

Meeting is to discuss the possibility of arranging for special liturgy of the Word for Children.

**All Welcome**

**Envelope Collection**  
**Education Fund (Students for the Priesthood)**  
 Next Weekend 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> September



THE ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION  
OF IRELAND

**2003 ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION OF IRELAND  
LECTURE SERIES  
"ARTHRITIS IN IRELAND IN THE 21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY"**

**Speaker:** Dr. Muriel Soden  
 Consultant Rheumatologist  
 Bon Secour Hospital, Tralee  
**Date:** Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2003  
**Venue:** THE KINGSLEY HOTEL  
 VICTORIA CROSS, CORK

TIME: 8.00 PM.

**ADMISSION FREE - ALL ARE WELCOME**

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Sep-27 & Sep-28-2003

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

6:00 pm (Vigil)  
Karen Sheehan  
8:30 am  
Elizabeth Daly  
10:00 am  
Margot Twomey  
12:00 Noon  
Tony Hegarty

8:00 pm (Vigil)  
Fiona Feely  
11:00 am  
Joseph Manning  
12:30 pm  
Marie Groarke  
5:30 pm  
Michelle Beamish

**MASS TIMES**

**St. Mary & St. John**

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8:30am, 10am & 12 noon	<b>Sunday</b>	11am, 12:30pm & 5:30pm
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**

Sep-27 & Sep-28-2003

**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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**Fr. George O'Mahony P.P. 021-4871206**  
**Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C. 021-4877161**  
**Fr. Paul O'Donoghue 021-4876055**  
**Fr. John O'Donovan C.C. 021-4870434**

**Mass Book Opened**

The Book for reserving Masses for October, November and December  
Opened on Saturday morning, September 13th

**Christ Our Light Religious Bookshop**  
**Open before and after all weekend Masses.**

We sell a wide variety of religious books, scapulars, rosary beads, statues, pictures, crucifixes, Mass cards, etc.  
*Why not come and see for your self and give someone a gift that will last forever.*



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**Extended Opening Hours**

For our members convenience we will extend our opening hours from Monday 1st September.

**Our New Hours are:-**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>9:45am to 5:00pm</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9:45am to 5:00pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9:45am to 5:00pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9:45am to 7:00pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9:45am to 12:00noon</b>



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