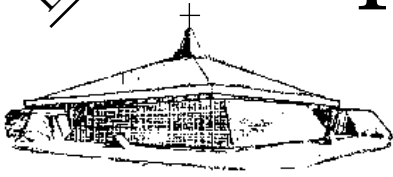


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# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



CHRIST OUR LIGHT  
INNISHMORE



ST. MARY & ST. JOHN  
STATION ROAD

**SUNDAY 22ND APRIL 2001**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**



*We are all a bit like Thomas, unless we see we find it difficult to believe. However, faith is a way of seeing, seeing beyond the apparent problems of life to the hope given by the Resurrection of Jesus; the hope of sharing heaven with Him*

## **CHRIST FOUNDED A CHURCH**

"Of course I'm a Christian, but I don't have anything to do with the Church". How often do you hear people make this comment these days! Probably it is a remark made out of lack of knowledge of the Bible rather than out of any form of malice.

Even a cursory reading of the New Testament shows that Christ founded a Church.

The mission of Christ:- He was sent into the world by his Heavenly Father to cleanse all men from sin, to make them children of God and heirs to His kingdom.

The mission of the Apostles:- Christ preached to but a few. He sent the Apostles to preach to all. He sent them to teach, to govern and to minister. They obeyed His word.

The foundation of the Church:- Christ, by giving the Apostles this commission, thereby founded a society, His Church - Christ saves through His Church. Christ said to His Apostles, "As the Father has sent me, so also, I send you". He sent them out into the "whole world" to "all nations" and promised to be with them "all days" until the end of time. He sent them (1) to teach all men His doctrine, (2) to rule all men with His authority, (3) to make all men holy by means of the sacraments which He instituted. In sending them in that way, He founded a religious society, His Church.

In a society, be it sporting, political or religious, there must be (1) a number of people, (2) a shared objective, (3) an agreed way of attaining that objective, (for example, a peaceful means or by force of arms), (4) some form of authority to bind the members together. A society like the G.A.A., for instance has all these four essentials: members, aims, an agreed way of working towards those aims and a ruling body.

The Church that Jesus founded was a Society: (1) the Apostles and other disciples formed the membership, (2) the aim was the sanctification and salvation of all men, (3) the means was belief in the teachings of Christ, obedience to God's commandments and use of the sacred rites like the Mass and the sacraments, (4) the authority was the Apostles led by St. Peter.

Because it was Christ Himself who gave these four essentials to His Church, He is therefore, the founder of the Church. The Apostles were not self-appointed, they were not appointed by the people, they were appointed by Christ. And after their appointment they were not left to their own discretion; they were always attended by the assistance of Christ, "Behold I am with you all days to the end of time".

## **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

### **PRIEST**

We bring our prayers to God, whose love for us has no end.

### **READER**

For the young and old who have become members of the Church this Easter, that their faith may grow stronger each day.  
Lord, hear us;

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For all who struggle between belief and doubt, that they may become convinced of Christ's victory over sin and death.

Lord, hear us;

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For people who are troubled, that they may find comfort through our friendship.  
Lord, hear us;

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the sick, and those facing operations, that they may experience healing and new strength.

Lord, hear us;

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who have died recently (especially those in our thoughts today) that they may have victory over death won by Christ's resurrection.

Lord, hear us;

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

A moments' silent prayer for our own particular needs.

Lord, hear us;

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

## **THROUGH OUR UNION IN JESUS I AM YOUR BROTHER (Second Reading)**

The disciples of Jesus are to be known by their love for one another (Jn 13:34). In his resurrection, Jesus united us in His Body and led us towards the merciful welcome of his Father. The Church is first and foremost our unity in Christ, a communion in which together, we contemplate the mystery of God's life in us.

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*Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end*



**IN SYMPATHY**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:  
**Con O'Donoghue, West Village**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE  
 REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF**

**James O'Connor, Farranree**  
**Mulcahy Family, Cobh**  
**John Lucey, Coolroe**  
**The Bradley Family**  
**Robert Morey, Wolfetone Street**  
**Liam Barrett, Killeens**  
**Maureen Cuddihy, Coolroe**  
**Jeremiah Collins, Dunmanway & U.S.A.**  
**Patrick & Mary Kelly, Tipperary**  
**Patrick Murphy, Garrabagh, Inniscarra**  
**Jerry & Hannah Goulding, Inniscarra**  
**John Jordan, Model Farm Road**  
**Deceased members of Cronin Family, Bantry**  
**Holmes, Hodders Villas**  
**Maureen Callanan, West Village**  
**Marcella Callanan, Muskerry Estate**  
**Francis & Hubert Burrows, The Square**  
**Matthew Tully, Willow Field**  
**Tommy Carroll, Kilmichael**  
**Mary Linehan, Inniscarra View Estate**  
**Patrick, Jane & Paddy Aherne, Magazine Road**  
**Denis Murphy, Powdermills**  
**Breda O'Callaghan**  
**Kitty & Eugene O'Callaghan**

**WHERE THERE IS LOVE**

**Where there is love the heart is light,  
 Where there is love the day is bright,  
 Where there is love there is a song,  
 To help when things are going wrong,  
 Where there is love there is a smile,  
 To make all things seem more worthwhile,  
 Where there is love there's quiet peace,  
 A tranquil place where turmoils cease....  
 Love changes darkness into light  
 And makes the heart take "wingless flight"  
 Oh, blest are they who walk in love...  
 They also walk with God above,  
 And when man walks with God again  
 There shall be Peace on Earth for men.**

*Helen Steiner Rice*

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

22 Sunday Acts. 5:12-16. Ps. 117. Apoc. 1:9-13,17-19. Jn. 20:19-31. *Lect I:444*  
 the account of the doubts of the apostle Thomas sets out to answer the question of how we can believe as firmly as those first disciples who had seen the Lord. And we are shown first that those first disciples did not come easily to faith. Because their faith was tested and tried we can have confidence in their testimony.

23 Monday Acts. 4:23-31. Ps. 2. Jn. 3:1-8. *Lect I:447*  
 Jesus is the light. That light led Nicodemus to faith in Jesus as more than a wonder-worker and teacher of the law. Enlightened by Christ the disciples prayed and were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to proclaim the word of God boldly.

24 Tuesday Acts. 4:32-37. Ps. 92. Jn. 3:7-15. *Lect I:449*  
 Jesus is the perfect revealer of God whose revelation reaches its climax in his exaltation on the cross. Faith is an active response to Jesus.

25 Wednesday 1 Pet 5:5-14. Ps. 88. Mk. 16:15-20. *Lect II:1005*

26 Thursday Acts. 5:27-33. Ps. 33. Jn. 3:31-36. *Lect I:454*  
 St. Peter speaking before the officials says clearly that the apostles are the authentic witnesses to the events which are God's Spirit at work.

27 Friday Acts. 5:34-42. Ps. 26. Jn. 6:1-15. *Lect I:456*  
 Jesus communicates his life-giving power through his living word and the gift of his own life in the eucharistic bread.

28 Saturday Acts. 6:1-71. Ps. 32. Jn. 6:16-21. *Lect I:459*  
 The Church continues to grow and the apostles re-order the ministries to cope with different needs. the Spirit works in the Church, and brings peace.

**SAINTS THIS WEEK**

Monday 23rd - St. Adalbert of Prague, was born in Bohemia (Czech Republic) around 956. In 981 he returned to Prague and around the age of twenty-six was consecrated the first native bishop of the city. Zealous for reform on the Cluniac lines, he met much opposition. He withdrew to Rome and entered the Benedictines. Adalbert was then released from his episcopal responsibilities and devoted himself to missionary work among the Prussians on the Polish coast, where he was martyred. Although apparently a failure, his influence was enormous and inspired many to take up the missionary work in central Europe. He is remembered for his prayerfulness, his concern for the poor, and his courage in the face of opposition.

Wednesday 25th - St. Mark, was closely connected with the preaching of Sts Peter, Paul and Barnabus. His Gospel was probably written at Rome when he was with Paul, and is traditionally viewed as representing St. Peter's approach to the preaching of the good news. Later tradition has him as an interpreter for St. Peter. His symbol is a winged lion.

Saturday 28th - St. Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort, 1673-1716, as a young priest was placed as a chaplain in a hospital for the sick poor, organising a congregation of the Sisters of Divine Wisdom to care for them. Soon afterward Louis discovered his true vocation preaching missions. Most important was the spirit of prayer which he instilled, especially with the recitation of the rosary. It is believed that Louis did more than any other man to spread the practice in France. A few years before his death, Louis gathered together a few priests who became the first members of his Company of Mary. He died at Saint-Laurent-sur-Sevre on 28 April 1716.

**EASTER COLLECTION FOR THE  
 PRIESTS OF THE PARISH  
 SINCERE THANKS FROM  
 Leonard, Eugene, Pat & Paul**

**EPISCOPAL COMMISSIONS**  
 A collection for the above will be included  
 in the Offertory Collection of all Masses  
 on next Weekend

*Roll Up! Roll Up!  
Roll Up!*

Do you believe that Jesus Christ is alive and active in the 21st Century? Or do you think the Resurrection is just a piece of history like World War II or 1916?

Resurrection happens in the Church all the time. It proves to us that life does not have to be boring and humdrum.

Problems do not have to weigh you down.

Come and experience some of the joy of the Resurrection on Sundays and Wednesdays at 8pm in the Crying Room of Christ Our Light Church beginning on Sunday 22nd April at 8pm

*"Why look among the dead for someone who is alive" - Luke 24:5*

**PARISH AUCTION**

On Wednesday evening, May 30th there will be a Charity Auction to help reduce the parish debt. After the renovation of our two churches and the building of an extension to Scoil Barra the parish debt stands at £285,000. As there has been no door-to-door collection, it is felt that parishioners will be happy to support this completely voluntary fund-raising effort.

You can help by donating something that can be auctioned. Please give something decent like a picture, valuable ornament, vase, brass, plate & silver, lamps, small piece of furniture, jewellery, ware, cutlery, sporting equipment like golf clubs, tennis racket, bicycle, binoculars, camera, clock, etc.

*Items may be handed into the Community Hall, Station Road, or Phone any of the following numbers:  
087-6483003, 4871799, 086-8369428*

*CLOSING DATE FOR DONATIONS: SUNDAY MAY 6TH*

*In troubled water you can scarce see your face; or see it very little till the water be quiet and stand still.*

*So in troubled times you can see little truth.*

*When times are quiet and settled then truth appears.*

SELDEN

MINISTERS OF THE WORD 28TH/29TH APRIL

ST. MARY & ST. JOHN

CHRIST OUR LIGHT

6.00p.m. (Vigil) - Sandra Walsh	8.00p.m. (Vigil) - Tom Ryan
8.30a.m. - Marian Daly	11.00a.m. - Phill O'Connell
10.00a.m. - Margot Twomey	12.30p.m. - Marlyn O'Connor
12 Noon - Tony Lynch	5.30p.m. - Mary O'Sullivan

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST 28th /29th April 2001  
ST. MARY'S & ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

SATURDAY 28TH  
6p.m.

Mary O'Donoghue  
Cait O'Grady  
Margaret Sullivan  
Angela Roche  
Betty Sheehan  
Jim Walsh

SUNDAY 29TH  
8.30a.m.

Theresa Lucey  
Rita Murphy

10a.m.

Maureen Roche  
Christina Walshe  
Peter Reilly  
Mary Collins

12.00 Noon

Oliver O'Donovan  
Pat Kelleher  
Ellen Seynour  
John Jeffers  
Joan Tobin  
Ita Walshe



SATURDAY 28TH  
8p.m.

Charlie Vaughan  
Joan Stephenson  
Maura O'Driscoll

CHRIST OUR LIGHT CHURCH

SUNDAY 29TH

11a.m.  
Anne O'Regan  
Neil Jeffries  
Eileen Byrne  
Mary Coleman  
Dan Coleman

12.30p.m.

Con O'Connell  
Denis O'Mahony  
Christine O'Mahony  
Tom Murray

5.30p.m.


Patsy Galvin  
Bridie O'Donnell



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

**PARISH CLERGY**

CHURCH NO.  087-2479140

Fr. L.O'Brien P.P.  021-4871206

Fr. E. Crowley C.C.  021-4870434

Fr. P. O'Donovan C.C.  021-4872808 Fax: 021-4872808 Fr. Paul O'Donoghue  021-4876055

*Pilgrimage to Fatima*  
**8th - 15th October 2001**

Fatima, where the Blessed Virgin appeared to the three children, Lucia, Francesco and Jacinta in 1917 is now one of the greatest Marian Shrines in the world. Fatima was officially recognised by the church in 1930 and now receives millions of pilgrims especially during the Feast Days which are on the 13th of each month from May to October. Our Pilgrimage will be accompanied by a Spiritual Director and representative of Premier Travel. A full programme is arranged and pilgrims participate in all the official ceremonies; a half day tour visiting Al justrel and the Fatima Parish Church is included and a guided tour of the Sanctuary area.

**Basic Cost per Person: £530.00**

**COST INCLUDES:** Return flights ex Cork via London to Lisbon on services of Aer Lingus and British Airways.

- Accommodation sharing twin or three bedded rooms with private facilities at the Villa Fatima Hotel for 7 nights
- Full board for duration of pilgrimage
- Transfers to and from Airport to Hotel
- Half day excursion in Fatima
- Guided Tour of Sanctuary area.
- Spiritual Director and Representative of Premier Travel

**EXTRAS:** - Insurance and Taxes: £29

- Single room supplement £95. Single rooms are very scarce.
- Optional tours to Coimbra, Nazare and Lisbon

**HOTEL:** - Accommodation is at Villa Fatima Hotel. This is a comfortable family run Hotel approximately 5 minutes from the Sanctuary. All rooms have private facilities

ENQUIRIES TO:

**Premier Travel**

2, Grand Parade, Daunt's Square, Cork.

Tel: (021) 4277700

Contact Sally Power 021-4870954

*Getting Married*

**Following the successful launch of our Wedding Section on our website, applications are invited from interested parties (Florists, Photographers, Printers, etc.) to advertise in this section.**

**For further details contact: The Parishioner Office, c/o Sacristy, St. Mary and St. John Church, any Wednesday 8.30 to 9.30pm or e-mail to [parish@ballincolligparish.ie](mailto:parish@ballincolligparish.ie)**



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## Ballincollig Lions Club EASTER BAZAAR

Ballincollig Community Hall  
on Sunday 29th April 2001 at 2.30pm

*Big Wheel, Tambola, Stalls, Raffles,  
Novelties, Cakes, Flowers, Toys,  
Electrical Goods, etc, etc.*

**GREAT VALUE!**

*Please Support*

(p.s. We are also looking for unwanted/surplus goods for our Bazaar - check your garage/attic)

**DROP TO COMMUNITY HALL  
OR CONTACT FOR COLLECTION**

Statia @ 4870204 Elizabeth @ 4870354

Chris @ 70 Beech Park 4873614



## 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*

## I WAS BLIND

Lord, many people today sit at the roadside of life, begging, not for money but for love, for attention, for companionship, for a feeling that they are important and that their life has a meaning. In a sense they are blind, for they cannot see a way out of their predicament. Most of them are too embarrassed to cry for help. They are afraid of being silenced by the indifference of others. They need a kind person to stop and ask: "What can I do for you?" as you once did, Lord Jesus. Lord, that I may see my needy brothers and sisters; that I may hear their silent cries; that I may not pass by. For I too was a beggar, but you enriched me. I too was blind and you enlightened me



## Main Pilgrimage Season: April 29th - October 14th

### MASSES:

#### SUNDAY AND HOLYDAYS

Masses: 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am  
12noon, 3.00pm, 7.00pm  
(Eve of Sundays & Holydays 7.30pm)

### PUBLIC CEREMONIES:

2.30pm: Anointing of the Sick  
3.00pm: Concelebrated Mass  
followed by the Solemn  
Blessing of the Sick,  
Benediction of the  
Blessed Sacrament,  
Rosary Procession to the  
Shrine and the Blessing  
of Pious Objects

### CONFESSIONS:

Continuously from  
11am to 7.00pm in the  
Chapel of Reconciliation

### MASSES:

#### ALL WEEKDAYS

Masses: 8.00, 9.30, 11.00am  
12noon, 3.00pm, 5.00pm & 7.30pm

*Confessions:* Monday to Friday  
continuously from 11am to 5pm  
(August: 11am to 6pm)  
Saturdays: 11am to 9pm in the  
Chapel of Reconciliation

*Public Ceremonies:* 2.15pm: Stations  
of the Cross & Rosary Procession  
3.00pm: Concelebrated Mass with  
Anointing of the Sick

*Last Thursday of each month for  
invalids:* 2.15pm: Stations of the  
Cross & Rosary Procession  
3.00pm: Concelebrated Mass with  
Special Homily dealing with Vocation  
of the Suffering and Anointing of the  
Sick.  
4.00pm: Solemn Blessing of the Sick  
and Benediction of the Blessed  
Sacrament

## THE NATIONAL PUBLIC NOVENA IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF KNOCK 14th to 22nd August (inclusive)

Twice Daily: Afternoon: 3.00pm  
Evening: 8.30pm

## PUBLIC ALL NIGHT VIGILS (First Friday of Month)

May: Friday 4th  
June: Friday 1st  
July: Friday 6th  
August: Friday 3rd  
September: Friday 7th  
October: Friday 5th

December: Friday 7th  
(Eve of the Immaculate Conception)

**BALLINCOLLIG BASKETBALL CLUB**

NOTES AND FIXTURES

On Friday 13th our Un-11 Boys once again provided great entertainment for the home crowd in Ballincollig Community School as they showed their strength as they took on Blue Demons A team. The Ballincollig boys took control of the game from the first quarter and did not allow Demons any chance to make an impact on the score. Another great win for the Un-11's

Our Un-17 Boys played well in the Billy Kelleher Tournament on Saturday and Sunday, however they were up against some tough opponents on the day and were unable to make it to the final despite some very good play.

The Easter Basketball Camp is under way and the response so far has been very encouraging with a lot of very tired but happy children being collected. Many thanks to all the coaches and helpers who have given their time so freely and enthusiastically. More about the camp next week.

**FIXTURES**

Friday 20 April - Ballincollig Comm. School  
6.00pm Ballincollig v Blue Demons Un-11  
Saturday 21 April - Midleton Comm. Centre  
7.30pm Midleton Coasters v Ballincollig Un-17  
Saturday 21 April - New Hall, Skibbereen  
6.30pm Skibbereen v Ballincollig Un-15

**CORPUS CHRISTI  
PROCESSION**

Following discussions at the recent Parish Pastoral Council, it has been decided to hold this year's procession on Saturday 9th June following 6.00p.m. Mass at the Church of St. Mary and St. John  
*THE ROUTE WILL BE TO THE EAST GATE AND BACK.*

**A Prayer for those  
who suffer from Depression**

Dear Jesus, I walk in the valley of darkness for I suffer from depression. I feel unloved, rejected, useless to myself and useless to others. I feel lost in a world I no longer understand. At times, I want to sleep and never wake up again. Lord, I believe that your love is a transforming love. Jesus, Son of David have pity on me.

Out of the depths, I cry to you.

Lord, even though I feel nothing, I still praise you for the wonder of my being. You have formed me in my mother's womb and watched over me to this moment. I am precious in your eyes and you love me. On the Cross, you shed your blood for me. You have carved me on the palm of your hand. For all this I give you thanks and praise.

May your precious blood give new life to me and to all those who suffer as I do. Take each one of us and hug us to your sacred and loving heart. Through your glorious wounds may we be healed.

Dear Jesus, when you fed the crowd in the desert, you wished to gather up the fragments lest anything be lost. As I wander through a desert and darkness of my own, I ask you to gather up the fragments of this shattered being, lest anything be lost. Through the prophet, Joel, you promise to restore the years that the locusts have eaten. I ask you, lay your hands gently on my weary head and restore me. Let your face shine upon me and give me back the peace, the joy that has been lost.

**THE LORD IS HOLY**

The Lord is King!  
All nations stand in awe at his presence!  
He sits between the guardian angels.  
Let the whole earth tremble  
Before the majesty of you persuasiveness.  
Let all peoples hallow you holy name,  
Because integrity is found in all you do.  
Let all humanity bow before you in worship.  
You, Lord, my king, are holy,  
With a holiness beyond all my experience.  
I have only images of your essence  
Within the limits of my mind;  
The purity of a mountain stream,  
The paths of the clouds,  
The star-studded sky,  
The falling of the pristine snow.  
I ask for the sense of your holiness  
To pervade my being.  
I ask to be touched  
With a spark of your fire.  
'Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*Reflection from Psalm 99*