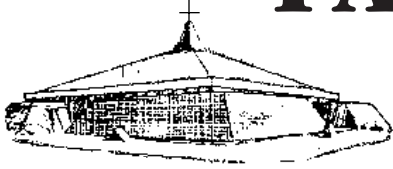


THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



CHRIST OUR LIGHT
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ST. MARY & ST. JOHN
STATION ROAD

SUNDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2002

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Our human horizons are so limited! So often we calculate the cost of our generosity - giving only to the DESERVING- afraid that our 'goodness' may be wasted. Our God is not limited. He takes the risk of his love being wasted and it is only because of such love that we can have hope.

THE LIVES OF THE SAINTS

This year it is hoped to publish each week in "The Parishioner" a short column entitled "Saint of the Week". This will give a brief outline of the life of one of Saints whose feast day falls on that week with, perhaps, the drawing of a parallel between the challenges they faced in their lifetime and the problems that beset modern man.

The saints offer us outstanding examples of moral and physical courage in the face of derision and bodily torture. Often the saints have undergone something akin to Jesus' experience on the cross where unspeakable suffering was blended with unwavering faith in God's plan of redemption.

Leafing through any volume of "Lives of the Saints" what strikes one is the extraordinary variety of human beings who have achieved sainthood. Married and single, young and old, men and women, European, Asian, African... all human life is there. Equally varied is the life style of the saints. Kings and paupers, nuns and warriors, mothers and virgins; all possible states of life are represented in the litany of saints.

Perhaps the most impressive road to sainthood is through martyrdom. There are no published statistics of prayer, but it seems safe to say that the grace of martyrdom is one of the gifts God is seldom asked for; being martyred is something that happens to other people. We are not particularly keen on becoming martyrs and because of the lapse of time we really know little about the men and women we honour as martyrs. We can, however, get an answer to the question: "Why does the Church honour the martyrs?" Martyrs are honoured, not because they suffered but because they were holy. The Church has no monopoly on courage. But martyrs are not canonised for courage, they are canonised because of their loving union with God of which their courage was the expression and final proof.

They are declared saints because the love of God was developed in them to a degree that was heroic; and that is the only reason why anyone ever has been canonised. So it all comes back to love, to the love that men and women can give back to God. Francis Xavier on the mission field, The Little Flower in her convent at Lisieux, Oliver Plunkett on the scaffold in London - all the saints are saints because they loved God and for no other reason.

Reading their lives reminds us that we can never be torn away(except by our own choice) from the hand of Christ.

Leonard O'Brien.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest:

The Lord is close to all who call, so we ask for help in our needs:

Reader:

For all who follow the Christian way, that they may learn to rejoice in God's boundless generosity.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For this community, that all may find a welcome here, newcomers and longtime residents alike.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For workers and those who employ others, that industrial peace may result from the rights of all being respected.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who cannot find work, that their needs may not be forgotten.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For all the sick, particularly those coming to the end of their earthly life, that they may experience comfort on the journey to their Father's house.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who gone before us in faith, that the Lord's generosity may assure them of a place in the kingdom of heaven.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest:

God of kindness and compassion, you are close to all who call upon you: hear the prayers we make to you, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

MY THOUGHTS ARE NOT YOUR THOUGHTS (FIRST READING)

The labourers who worked longer calculated that they should get more. That's not how it is between God and us. It is not a matter of calculation because God is offering us a gift greater than we could ever earn, or ever imagine.

The Lord is close to all who call him

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ALL THOSE WHO WERE BAPTISED RECENTLY



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Eimear Claire O'Callaghan, 16 Westcourt Heights
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Scott Denis Kelly, 17 West Grove

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CONGRATULATIONS TO:



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Joan Coughlan, Innishmore
Patrick Cronin, ballyphehane
Bobby Counihan, Gurranaברה

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

22 Sunday 1s. 55:6-9. Ps. 144. Phil. 1 :20-24,27. Mt. 20:1 - 16. Lect 1: 702
To nourish ourselves with the word in order to be "servants of the word" in the work of evangelisation: this is surely a priority for the Church at the dawn of the new millennum. Even in countries evangelised many centuries ago, the reality of a "Christian society" which measured itself explicitly on Gospel values, is now gone. Today we must courageously face a situation that is becoming increasingly diversified and demanding. We must revive in ourselves the burning conviction of Paul, who cried out: "Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel" (1 Cor 9:16)

Novo Millennio Ineunte. Pope John Paul II. 2001

Tuam Tomorrow is the anniversary of the episcopal ordination of Most Rev. Joseph Cassidy, 23 September 1979.

23 Monday Pr. 3:27-34. Ps. 14. Lk. 8:16- 18. Lect II:776

That the godless sa often seem to prosper raises questions for all who follow God's way. "Do not envy the man of violence... for the wilful wrong-doer is abhorrent to the Lord."

St Eunan

24 Tuesday Pr. 21:1 -6,10- 13. Ps. 118. Lk. 8:19-21. Lect II:778

The true disciple of Christ is the one who hears the word of God and puts it into practice.

25 Wednesday Pr. 30:5-9. Ps.118. Lk. Lect II:780

The Christian is to recognise what real needs are. Christ sends his disciples out without bread or money on their journey.

St Finbarr came to Loch Irce (Gougane Barra) and probably lived there as a hermit. When disciples gathered round him he moved to Cork at the mouth of the Lee where he founded a monastery that became a famous centre of learning.

26 Thursday Eccles. 1 :2-11. Ps. 89. Lk. 9:7-9. Lect II:782

There will only be disappointment for those who put their trust in the passing things of this world. There will only be a continual dissatisfaction because the eyes will never have enough of seeing nor the ears of hearing.

Sts Cosmas and Damian, early martyrs in Syria, patrons of physicians. They are known as the Anargyroi (the holy moneyless ones) in the East, since they never took money for their medical services.

27 Friday Eccles. 3:1 - 11. Ps. 143. Ik. 9:18-22. Lect II:784

There is a time for every occupation under heaven. Peter as leader expresses his faith in Jesus as the Christ of God.

St Vincent de Paul, 1580-1660, founded the Congregation of the Mission (the Vincentians) and the Daughters of Charity (1633), the first sisters to work outside their convents in active service. He is the patron of all charitable works.

28 Saturday Eccles.11 :9- 12:8. Ps. 89. Lk. 9:43-45. Lect II:786

Qoheleth's poem about old age speaks of the slowing down of life in metaphorical terms. Contrary to the idea of long life being a blessing from God the poet looks at the burdensome aspect of longevity.

St Wenceslaus, 905-925, Prince of Bohemia, killed by his brother. Patron of brewers.

Sts Lawrence Ruiz and his companions. During the period 1633-1637 these sixteen martyrs shed their blood out of love for Christ in the city of Nagasaki, Japan.

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GOD LOOKS DOWN

I was parked in front of the shopping centre wiping off my car. I had just come from the car wash and was waiting for my wife to get out of work. Coming my way from across the carpark was what society would consider a bum. From the looks of him. he had no car, no home. no clean clothes and no money. There are times when you feel generous but there are other times that you just don't want to be bothered. This was one of those "don't want to be bothered times"
"I hope he doesn't ask me for any money" I thought...He didn't.
He came and sat on the kerb in front of the bus stop but he didn't look like he had enough money even for a bus.
After a few minutes he spoke. "That's a very pretty car," he said. He was ragged but he had an air of dignity around him. His scraggly blond beard kept more than his face warm.
I said, "thanks" and continued wiping off my car. He sat there quietly as I worked. The expected plea for money never came. As the silence between us widened something inside said, "ask him if he needs any help." I was sure that he would say "yes" but I held true to the inner voice.
"Do you need any help?" I asked
He answered in three simple but profound words that I shall never forget. We often look for wisdom in great men and women. We expect it from those of higher learning and accomplishments. I expected nothing but an outstretched grimy hand. He spoke the three words that shook me.
"Don't weall?" he said
I was feeling high and mighty, successful and important, above a bum in the street, until those three words hit me like a twelve-gauge shotgun. Don't we all? I needed help. Maybe not for a bus fare or a place to sleep, but I needed help. I reached in my wallet and gave him not only enough for the bus fare, but enough to get a warm meal and get a place to sleep. Those three words still ring true. No matter how much you have, no matter how much you have accomplished, you need help too. No matter how little you have, no matter how loaded you are with problems, even without or a place to sleep, you can give help. Even if it's just a compliment, you can give that. You never know when you may see someone that appears to have it all. They are waiting on you to give them what they don't have. A different perspective on life, a glimpse at something beautiful, a respite from daily chaos, that only you through a torn world can see. Maybe the man was just a homeless stranger wandering the streets. Maybe he was more than that. Maybe he was sent by a power that is great and wise, to minister to a soul too comfortable in themselves. Maybe God looked down, called an Angel, dressed him like a bum, then said
"go minister to that man cleaning the car, that man needs help."

Don't we all? —Author Unknown

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Sunday 22nd September 2002

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

What is it all when all is told,
The ceaseless toiling for fame or gold
The fleeting joy or the bitter tears?
We are only here for a few short years,
Nothing our own but the silent past:
Loving or hating, nothing can last.
Each pathway leads to the silent fold,
Oh! What is it all when all is told?

What is it all? A grassy mound
Where day or night there is never a sound
Save the soR low mowm of the passing breeze
As it lovingly rustles the silent trees.
Or a thoughtful friend with a whispered prayer
May sometimes break the stillness there,
The hurry away from the gloom and cold,
Oh! What is it all when all is told?

What is all, just passing through,
A cross for me, and a cross for you.
Ours seem heavy while other seem light
But God in the end makes all things right.
He "tempers the wind" with such loving care,
He knows the burden that each can bare.
Then changes life's gray into heavenly gold.
Ah! That is all when all is told.



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THE VOICE OF THE LEGION OF MARY

EUROPE

UK/nd SCOTLAND

As a result of the visitation of homes many people who had lapsed from practice of the faith were encouraged to return and others are taking instruction. Street contact is done in several cities and in one parish assistance is given to a parish project aimed at young people in the 17-30 age group. After a meeting of all lay organisations in Scotland, the commerat was made that the Legion is one of the few organisations involved in a direct apostolate.



DENMARK

The Bishop of Copenhagen has written a very encouraging letter to the London legionaries giving his blessing to any initiative aimed at spreading the Legion while recognising that it is a difficult undertaking.

POLAND

One information meeting had an attendance of 40 from which two Legion groups were formed. A Youth Rally organised by the Legion was considered to be a great success. Contacts are made at supermarkets on Sundays to encourage people to keep the Sabbath holy.

THE NETHERLANDS

A public Rosary started 30 years ago continues to be recited in Dam Square. All the members of the most recent council set up come from the Cape Verde Islands.

AUSTRIA

Teams from Austria are working in Hungary, Romania, Croatia, Slovakia, Slovenia and the Czech Republic.

Accommodation Required:

The YMCA is seeking accommodation, within Ballincollig, for a Norwegian volunteer who will be working with us for 40 weeks (late Sept '02 to June '03). She is 19 years old, is a non-smoker and speaks excellent English. We can pay €90 per week for her board and lodging. She will need to have her own room. For further information, please contact Helen Jary at Ballincollig YMCA, phone: 4877770 or email: ymcaballincollig@eircom.net

The Cork Association for Autism is urgently looking for volunteers to collect for their Flag Day on Thursday 24th October 2002. Help needed in all areas, in Ctork City and County.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

22. SEPT. 2002. FIRST READING: Is. 55:6-9

In this extract from the prophecies of Isaias the prophet addresses the Jewish people who are still captives in Babylon. The time of their liberation is near. Soon the new King of Iran, Cyrus, would invade Iraq and give the Jews permission to return to their own land, Israel, and rebuild the Temple which the Babylonians had destroyed. The exiles are exhorted to seek God now when he can be found, to call on him while he is still near and not to question his ways because God's ways are not our ways. The darkest hour is before the dawn.

Similarly we often tend to lose heart and give up just before God is going to answer our prayer.

SECOND READING: Phil. 1: 20-24. 27.

Paul writes to the new Christians in the Greek city of Philippi that he had recently visited. He is torn between two desires: one, to die and be with the Lord forever; two, to stay alive and continue his preaching of Christ's message which is changing the lives of so many converts.

GOSPEL Matt. 20: 1-16

Our sense of "fair play" can be challenged by this parable unless we read it carefully. At 6 a.m. the Landowner goes to the market to hire workmen and, after the usual bargaining, no doubt, the day's wage is formally agreed upon - a denarius. At nine, noon and three p.m. he returns to the bazaar. This time no sum is mentioned other than a "fair wage". In human affairs one would expect three-quarters, one half, one quarter of a denarius respectively. One hour before sunset the man hires the last of the unemployed - more, it would seem, from pity than from need. When the first arrivals grumble that everyone receives the same wages, the Landowner gently reminds them of the agreed payment which they have received. When justice has been done, should anyone complain if kindness plays its part?

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The Southern Health Board will provide advice, support and assistance to individuals who are feeling suicidal and to family members, friends, professionals and others who know someone who is showing symptoms of depression, anxiety or who is threatening suicide or self-harm.

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ST. MARY & ST. JOHN CHRIST OUR LIGHT

6.00p.m.(Vigil) - Karen Sheehan	8.00p.m.(Vigil) - Fiona Feely
8.30a.m. - Elizabeth Daly	11.00a.m. - Maura McNamara
10.00a.m. - Declan Chalmers	12.30p.m. - Con O'Connell
12.00noon. - Tony Hegarty	5.30p.m. - Michelle Beamish

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

28th/29th September 2002

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



SATURDAY 28TH
6p.m.
Patsy Murphy
Breda Foley
Geraldine Graham
Geraldine Hegarty
Cathy Horgan

SUNDAY 29TH
8.30a.m.
Theresa Lucey
Rita Murphy

10a.m.
Karina O'Mahony
Rose Doyle
Tadhg Murphy
Mary Murphy
Joan Tobin

12.00 Noon
Michael Crowley
Breda Linehan
Noel Hennessy
Marie O'Callaghan
Rena O'Connor
Angela Roche

CHRIST OUR LIGHT CHURCH

SATURDAY 28TH
8p.m.
Jim Cahill
Kit Cahill
Sheila O'Connor

SUNDAY 29TH
11a.m.
Maura McNamara
Angela Cunningham
Laurence Cunningham
Margaret Mullins
Margaret Murphy

12.30p.m.
Eileen Garvey
Sally Power
Breda Callanan
Anne O'Connell
Marie O'Brien

5.30p.m.
Neil O'Donoghue
Patricia O'Donoghue
Statia O'Callaghan

Sunday 22nd September 2002

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SAINT OF THE WEEK 9 28 - SEPTEMBER - 02

ST. LAWRENCE RUIZ AND HIS COMPANIONS

Lawrence Ruiz, a married man with children, was a native of the Philipine Islands. He, together with fifteen companions all associates or members of the Dominican Order, lived as Christians in Japan during the period 1633 -1667. The group included nine priests, two religious and five lay people. They helped to spread the Faith in the Philipine Islands, Formosa and Japan before being called upon to give their lives as martyrs for the same Faith. Their sad case was typical of many of the early Japanese Christians.

St. Francis Xavier first brought Christianity to Japan in 1549. Within two years about 3,000 had been baptized into the Church. This number had increased to 300,00 by the end of that century. Then a fearful persecution broke out. On one day twenty six Christians were crucified at Nagasaki, and died preaching and singing to the end. In 1622 took place what was called "the great martyrdom", 52 chosen Christians being martyred on the same day, 26 being decapitated, and the remainder burned alive. In 1637, 37,000 Christians revolted and shut themselves up within the fortress of Shimabara and were slain to the last one. Japan was then closed to the outside world and so remained for two centuries.

In 1860, when missionaries were finally permitted to enter Japan again they found to thier amazement that the Faith had not died. Some 50,000 people still remained as Christians.

There were three marks by which these descendants of martyrs recognised the new missionaries as the successors of their ancient fathers: the authority of the Pope of Rome, the veneration of the Blessed Virgin and the celibacy of the clergy.

Questions

I am a young person who always believed in God.

I know He is there just like I know Australia is there even though I have never seen that country. But I can't see what difference it makes to me that God is there.

I live my life just like some of my friends who say there is no God there.

Can you tell me any difference God can make to my life.?"

I am so glad that you have the Faith and so sorry that some of your friends have lost it. Sometimes people who have a great knowledge of religion do lose their Faith while others who know very little about Scripture or Theology have a very deep Faith indeed.

We should never forget that Faith is a gift from God. Not everyone receives that gift.

To believe in God and to love Him has enormous consequences for our lives.

* It means living in thanksgiving: everything we have comes from Him: life, health, intelligence and the ability to love.

*It means respecting every person in this world because they are made in the image and likeness of God.

*It means making good use of every created thing. He gave us all the beauty and good things in the world, not to lead us astray but to bring us closer to Him.

*It means trusting God in every circumstance, even in adversity.

Sunday 22nd September 2002

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Cuallacht Iar Scolairi Cholaiste Bhaile an Roistigh
ROCHESTOWN COLLEGE PAST PUPILS' UNION
(Founded 1950)

To Whom It May Concern:

Rochestown College Past Pupils' Union will meet for our Annual Reunion and Annual General Meeting on *Saturday 28th September 2002*. We would be pleased if you would help us to notify past pupils about the event. The programme this year will be as follows:

- 2.30pm Assemble at the new Rochestown Friary (Tea & Coffee)
- 3.00pm Private visit to College grounds and buildings.
- 5.00pm Annual General Meeting (Rochestown College)
- 6.00pm Mass at Rochestown Monastery
- 7.30pm **Reunion Dinner (Maryborough House Hotel)**

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Yours faithfully
Kevin Murray
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What to do next:

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