THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



Sunday 23-October-2005

Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time Mission Sunday

By its nature, the Church is mission sunday By its nature, the Church is missionary. Christ sent her to let her light shine to the whole human race. We cannot leave this task to the professionals. The prophets and the apostles were ordinary lay people when chosen to speak and act in God's name. As the result of our baptism, each of us has a duty to work for the missions in our own special way and in our own particular place.

St. Mary & St. John Station Road

World Mission Sunday

The final command of Jesus to the Apostles before he ascended from the Mount of Olives was simple and direct. "Go" he said to them and "Teach all nations, baptise them in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit". From the day of the first Pentecost, when Peter spoke to the large crowd and converted many to Christianity, followers of Jesus have travelled the world proclaiming the Good News of Salvation.

At first, the Apostles themselves did the preaching. Peter led the way. St Paul travelled all around the Eastern Mediterranean taking Christ to the nations. Over the 2,000 years since, countless missionaries have gone forth to spread the Word of God.

Fr. Joseph was just one of many. He was born at the beginning of the last century. He was ordained in 1925 and sailed for Nigeria in that same year where he was to begin his ministry.

He began work in a small town in Western Nigeria. Until he arrived no priest had ever set foot there. The nearest visiting priest had come no nearer than 50 miles away. So, the challenge for the newly ordained priest was great indeed. Not surprisingly Fr. Joseph's health suffered. The climate affected him and he was ill several times. Then he caught yellow fever. At that time there was no cure for this most common of tropical diseases. He died just eight months after arriving to this, his life's work in Africa.

For twenty centuries, the Faith has been carried around the world by missionaries such as Fr. Joseph, like St. Francis Xavier who became well-known. Most live and die as we do; just following the call that Christ has given them. Because of these great Christians, the Word of God has been taken to all Nations. Yet, there is so much to do.

But, there is a more hopeful sign that the message of Christ is spreading. The collapse of Communism has opened up freedom of worship in Easter Europe. In Albania, for example, perhaps the most repressed of nations, the Mass was banned for 40 years. Just one Bishop and 29 Priests survived this period. Now 30 candidates are studying for the priesthood.

The need for the Word of God to be spread is massive. But there are those who are answering the call. On this World Mission Sunday we remember all those who carry the Light of Faith to new converts. We pray for the courageous, both religious and lay, who are the faces of Christ in the away lands.

In this Diocese of Cork and Ross, this parish of Ballincollig, we remind ourselves today that we too are called upon to be bearers of the Light of Christ. May the Lord help all of us as we live our own Lives of Faith.

John O'Donovan

Reflection for Parents

Our children see us live out this gospel message in the every-day things we do for other people. How often do they quietly notice us help an elderly relative, take food to a sick neighbour, or visit someone in a nursing home. We don't really have to preach this gospel message to our children, but sometimes just inviting them along is witness enough to shape their lives.

I love you, Lord, my strength.

Christ Our Light Innishmore

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us present our needs and the needs of all peoples before our loving God.

Reader

For our Holy Father, Pope Benedict, that he may continue to witness to the faith, with courage and love. **Lord, Hear us,**

Lord, graciously hear us.

For all bishops, priests and deacons, and for all who serve the church as teachers of the faith.

Lord, Hear us, Lord, graciously hear us.

For all parents, the first teachers of the faith to their children.

Lord, Hear us, Lord, graciously hear us.

For all missionaries, that their work may be fruitful, and that they may be strengthened by the prayer and support of those who send them to spread the Good News of Jesus.

Lord, Hear us, Lord, graciously hear us.

For ourselves, that we may witness to the faith in our homes and workplaces, encouraged by the example of those who have gone before us. Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who have gone before us, witnessing to faith in Jesus. Lord, Hear us, Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest

0 God, you are the strength of your people. Hear the prayers we make to you in Jesus' name.

Amen.

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BAPTISMS

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

Ruby Catherine Ford, 52, Maple Lawn. Sinead Collette Murray, 197, The Willows. Grace Siobhan O'Donovan, 56, Willow Grove. Nathan Michael O'Callaghan-Verling, 5, Leo Murphy Tce. Ciara Marie Hallissey, 3, The Brambles, Classis Lake. Abi Kaitlin Ring, 48, Daffodil Fields. Miracle Onyeka, 8, The Brambles, Classis Lake. Blessing Onyeka, 8, The Brambles, Classis Lake.

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

Dan Cotter, Dunmanway. Frances Mitchenson, Birmingham. Katherine Foley, Carriganarra Estate. Ted O'Leary, Innishmore Court. Bob Delaney, Cheekpoint, Waterford. Marie Ryan, Rockvale House, Coolroe. Kitty Foley, Ballyhooley. Margaret Bradley, Carrigaline. Rosemary Prendergast, Crosshaven. Patrick Hogan, Cobh. Joan O'Brien, Greenmount. Eugene O'Connor, The Lough. William Doyle, Luton England.

We extend our sympathies to the families, relatives and friends of the above.

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

Peter & Ellen Murphy, Windsor. Peig & John O'Hanlon. Maureen Callanan, West Village. John Lucey, Gillabbey Tce. Maudie Carroll, Kilmichael. Patrick & Nora Riordan, Ballingeary. Mary Lynch, Windsor. Goretti LeBlanc, Innishannon. Daniel & Mary Dwyer, Leo Murphy Terrace. Jim Deasy, 90, Rosewood. Paddy Fitton, Ballyshoneen. Donal O'Callaghan, Dublin. Nancy Minihane, Skibbereen. Rita Fouhy, Blarney. Pat Havden, London. Henry Thornhill, Skibbereen. The Linehan Family, London & Kanturk. Michael Gilleran, Rosewood. Eileen & Thomas Egan, Evergreen Villa. William Twomey, Wilton. Kevin O'Donovan, Bantry. Margaret Kelleher, Macroom. John & Nora Leach, Beech Park. Bríd Hogan, Wilton & Carriganarra. John & Elizabeth O'Callaghan, Ballygown, Killavullen.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Thirtieth Week In Ordinary Time

23 Sunday Ex. 22:20-26. Ps. 11. 1 Pet. 3:15-18. Mt. 22:34-40. Lect l: 717

24 Monday Rom. 8:12-17. Ps. 67. Lk. 13:10-17. Lect ll: 388

25 Tuesday Rom. 8: 18-25. Ps. 125. Lk. 13: 18-21. Lect ll: 393

26 Wednesday Rom. 8:26-30. Ps. 12. Lk. 13:22-30. Lect ll: 392

27 Thursday Rom. 8:31-39. Ps. 108. Lk. 13:31-35. Lect ll: 394

28 Friday Eph 2:19-22. Ps. 18. Lk. 6:12-19. Lect ll: 1242

29 Saturday Rom. 11: 1-2, 11-12, 25-29. Ps. 93. Lk. 14: 1, 7-11. Lect II: 397

Next Sunday's Readings 30-October-2005 Mal. 1:14-2:2, 8-10. Ps. 130. 1 Th. 2:7-913. Mt. 23:1-12. Lect I: 719

The Parkinson's Association of Ireland

Invites you - a person with Parkinson's, a carer, relative, health professional or friend - to a PARKINSON'S PATIENT INFORMATION UPDATE

on

Sunday October 23rd, 2005

from 2.00 pm. to 6.00 pm. in University College Cork (Aula Maxima Theatre) Cost: (including tea/coffee/refreshments): € 10.00 person Prior Registration is Necessary To Attend This Event Phone the Association on 1800 359 359, or e-mail us at parkinsonsireland@eircom.net Registration closes on Tuesday 18th October Early booking is recommended to avoid disappointment

Mission Sunday

This weekend we are asked to remember and support the Missionary effort of the church. To this end, some returned Missionaries and parishioners who have been helped by the work of Irish Missionaries will speak at some of the masses.

Inniscarra / Ballincollig ICA

Would like to remind past members that they are holding their 70th Anniversary Dinner on November 22nd 2005 at the Lee Valley Golf Club. We would be delighted to see you all there. Contact Madeline at 021 4871538 or Pat at 4871564 between 7 – 9 pm Tickets limited – Book early

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26 Moses is given a lesson on how to treat the stranger.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18 St Peter tells us to be respectful to all.

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

Trying to trick Jesus into saying something contrary to Moses, the Pharisees asked Jesus which was the greatest commandment. Jesus responded by saying that we are to love God with all our heart, our soul, and mind. Secondly, we are to love our neighbour as our self.

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SAINT OF THE WEEK

Blessed Thaddeus McCarthy 25-October-2005

Thaddeus McCarthy was appointed Bishop of Cork & Cloyne in 1490. A rival claimant opposed him. Thaddeus made the long journey to Rome to appeal for justice. The Pope gave him a document ordering his restoration as Bishop. He then set off home travelling incognito as a pilgrim.

Worn out by his travels and sufferings, he died in a pilgrim hospice at Ivrea in Piedmont on October 24th in circumstances, which at once established his reputation for sanctity. As he lay dying his bed 'appeared all aflame and on fire without being consumed in any way'. The Bishop of Piedmont discovered the identity of the pilgrim from the Papal document and the bishop's ring he had hidden among his poor belongings. The body was vested in Episcopal robes and buried in the Cathedral church of Ivrea.

He was beatified in 1896 and one of his bones is preserved in the beautiful ossuary in Cork's newly renovated Cathedral.

Envelope for the Holy Souls

During the month of November we are encouraged to remember our dead and to pray for them. In Ballincollig Parish, as well as masses in St Oliver's graveyard and in St. Mary & St. John's for the adjoining cemetery, a novena of masses is celebrated beginning on the 2nd November until 10th November. I am inviting families or individuals to please hand in names of all those you want to remember during this novena. There are envelopes available at tables at the back of both churches. You might be good enough to take one and return it as soon as possible.

Thanking you. Fr. George O'Mahony, PP.

Library Invitation

Curraheen Rd Parish Library located in the Parish Meeting Room (entry through the Church of the Real Presence)

There is a wide range of spiritual reading, videos and audio tapes on every subject including self-help books, educational matter, scripture study, parenting, etc.

There is no charge for borrowing.

Opening hours: Sat. 6:40 pm to 7:20 pm (after the 6 pm Vigil Mass) Sun. 11:10 am to 11:50 am (after the 10:30 am Mass)

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Autumn Dues

Envelopes are now being distributed to each household in the parish of Ballincollig; contribution of the dues is for the support of the priests of the parish Please return it by placing it in the Basket at Mass. Spare envelopes are available from the back of the Church.

Children's Mass in Christ Our Light

The 11:00 am Mass in Christ Our Light welcomes children of 2^{nd} and 3^{rd} class. Before the readings, the children are invited to the Crying Room. Parents prepare and present the Liturgy of the Word in an appropriate way. Parents are welcome to come along and observe the Liturgy and take part in it.

Ballincollig One Act Drama Festival

Ballincollig One Act Drama Festival takes place this weekend Friday 21st, Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd October at 8.00m. 10 plays will participate in the festival.

The Festival opens on Friday night at 7.00 pm with a Cheese and Wine Reception. All are welcome.

Annual Cemetery Masses St. Oliver's

Will take place on Saturday 5th November 2005 at 2 pm

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

Will take place on Saturday 12th November 2005 at 2 pm

Consecration of a supermarket

God of all, we consecrate this place to you, asking that in the bustle of everyday life, the routine of shopping, you will speak of your love but also of the needs and circumstance of others

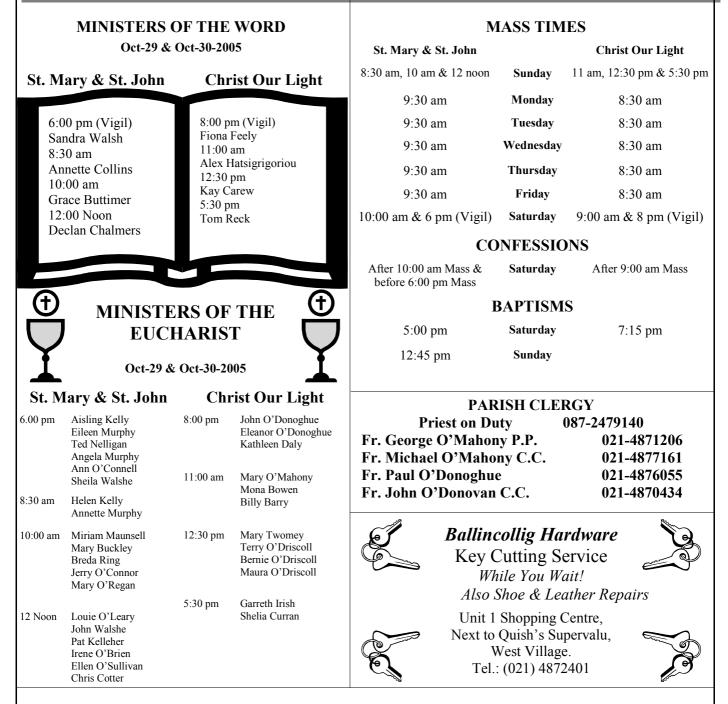
Through shelves piled high with food, Remind us of how fortunate we are, how much we have to celebrate and thank you for.

Through the bewildering variety of produce, daily replenished, remind us of those, both near and far, whose livelihoods are interwoven with what is sold here, all too many so much less fortunate that ourselves, to them what we take for granted seeming unimaginable luxury, an impossible dream.

> Recognised or unrecognised, Speak to those who work and shop here of realities beyond themselves, highlighting blessings, quickening consciences and inviting a response, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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Mon	10:30 - 5:00 pm
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Thurs	9:45 - 5:00 pm
Fri	9:45 - 7:00 pm
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