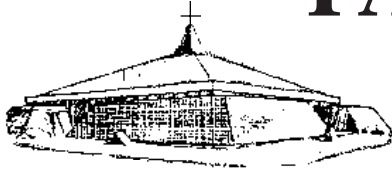


THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



CHRIST OUR LIGHT
INNISHMORE



ST. MARY & ST. JOHN
STATION ROAD

SUNDAY 26th JANUARY 2003

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Both Jonah and Jesus brought urgent messages for the need for repentance and change in peoples lives. Such change was needed to make them open to the action of God. If there is to be unity among the followers of Christ, we all need to change.

REPENT & BELIEVE THE GOOD NEWS

Every time we pick up a newspaper or turn on the radio or T.V., we are confronted with bad news, much of it of a distressing nature. It leaves us numb and helpless. We are in real danger of being swamped by bad news.

Christ came with good news - the good news of God's love, acceptance and forgiveness, which is offered free to all who desire it and seek it.

What is this good news? Essentially it is that forgiveness is available. Recovery is possible. One can find one's true self, even after the most disastrous fall or series of falls in one's life. We can come back to the Father's house, where not judgement but welcome awaits us.

The Good Shepherd has arrived. His aim is "to seek out and save the sheep that are lost".

So Jesus has good news for those who are not afraid to look at their own sinfulness. It has been said that Christianity begins with a sense of sin - with the sudden realisation that the life we have been living will not do. But Christ's message is not good news for the self-righteous, for those pharisees who in their own eyes "are not like the rest of men".

The hardest people of all to convert are the pious and the good because they do not see any need of conversion. When you experience your own need you are open to the good news, much the same as the person who feels ill is open to seek help from a doctor. No matter what we may appear to others to be, deep down we know we are not the people we should be. We have all had our 'falls' in life. But we are still loved by God and loved unconditionally. His love, His mercy, His forgiveness are available to us through Christ. All we have to do is recognise our need and seek His help with humility and sincerity.

If the house I am building with my life is a false one, or if I am building it on false foundations, then the sooner it falls down the better. Then with God's help I can start to build the real thing.

John O'Donovan

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest:

The Lord has shown us love from old, so we ask that our prayers be heard:

Reader:

That all Christians may have the enthusiasm of the early disciples in following the Saviour.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

That men and women of goodwill may hear and heed the divine call to repentance.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

That people who live in great cities may experience God's tender love through human friendship.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

That those who earn their living from the sea may be protected from every danger.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

That all our dead may enter the presence of God.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

That those who have asked our prayers may enjoy God's favour, especially those we remember now in silence.....

Priest:

Remember your mercy, O Lord, and the love you have shown from of old: Hear the prayers we make, and grant them, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Lord, make me know your ways

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BAPTISMS

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



Claudia Jane Brady, 51, Beech Park



IN SYMPATHY

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:

Edward O'Donovan, Raheen
Sheila O'Connell, Beech Park & Madonna House

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF


- Sheila & Sonny O'Mahony, Dunmanway
- Aherne Family, Fr. Sexton Park
- John Barry-Murphy, Farnanes
- Ellen Buckley, Bakers Road
- Michael Carroll, Coolroe Heights
- Thomas & Nora Cummins
- Sommers Family
- Francis Healy
- Dan & May Collins, Bantry
- Alison Murphy, Wyndham Downs
- Dermot Cronin, Connolly Park
- Dan & Ellen Fehily, Upton
- Tom Twomey, Clash
- Charles & Marie Ross, Dublin
- Sean O'Rourke, Carrick-on-Shannon
- Nora Barrett, Coolroe
- Denis, James & Breda O'Donoghue, West Village
- John McCarthy, Ballintemple
- The O'Regan Family, Carriganarra
- Michael Hallahan, Greenfields
- John Lynch, Ballyburden
- Maire Quinn
- Bill Vaughan, Newmarket
- James O'Dwyer, Co. Limerick
- The Reilly & Hanney Families
- Mary Whelan Rose
- Michael Whelan, Muskerry Estate
- Tim Sheehan, Bishopstown
- Gerard Spillane, Castleknock
- Billie Denieffe
- Margaret O'Keeffe, Killeens
- Joseph Sheehan, Kilcorney
- John Desmond, Garryhesta, Ovens

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK
THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**

- 26 Sunday** *Jonah 3:1-5, 10. Ps. 24. 1 Cor. 7:29-31.*
Mk. 1:1-14-20. Lect 1:743
- 27 Monday** *Heb. 9:15, 24-28. Ps. 97. Mk. 3:22-30. Lect II:27*
St Angela Merici 1474-1540, founder of the Ursulines, devoted herself to Christian education based on love, kindness with firmness, and concern for the individual.
- 28 Tuesday** *Heb. 10:1-10. Ps. 39. Mk. 3:31-35. Lect: II:29*
St Thomas Aquinas was born in Italy in 1224. Against the violent opposition of his family, he became a Dominican friar in 1244. He then went north to study (1245-52) at Paris and Cologne under St. Albert the Great. His greatest work, the *Summa Theologiae*, occupied him from 1267 to 1273. Patron of schools, universities, students and booksellers.
- 29 Wednesday** *Heb. 10:11-18. Ps. 109. Mk. 4:1-20. Lect II:31*
- 30 Thursday** *Heb. 10:19-25. Ps. 23. Mk. 4:21-25.*
St Aidan or Maedoc (Mogue) was born around 550, probably in County Cavan. Aidan studied under David in Wales, and on his return he founded a monastery at Ferns. He became bishop there and was renowned for his generosity and kindness. He died in 626 and his *Lives* testify to his popularity both in Cavan and in Ferns.
- Dublin Martyrs: Blessed Margaret Ball** was imprisoned for teaching Catholicism, harbouring priests and having Mass celebrated in her home. The harsh conditions of Dublin Castle wore down this old lady of gentle birth and she died there in 1584. **Blessed Francis Taylor** was born in Swords, Co. Dublin and was elected Mayor of Dublin in 1595. For his Catholic faith he was put in prison for seven years and died of the hardships suffered there on 30 January 1621 at the age of 70.
- 31 Friday** *Heb. 10:32-39. Ps. 36. Mk. 4:26-34.*
St John Bosco, 1815-1888, born in Piedmont, he founded the Salesians to educate boys for life. He also became involved in publishing catechetical material for youth. He is a patron saint of youth and of Catholic publishers.

February 2003

- 1 Saturday** *Rom. 12:3-13. Ps. 148. Mk. 3:31-35.*
or Lk. 11:27-28. Lect II:1319



THE ALZHEIMER SOCIETY of IRELAND

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MONDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY, 2003, IN JURY'S HOTEL AT 8P.M.

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MONTHLY COLLECTION**

Next Weekend
1st & 2nd February 2003
PLEASE SUPPORT

THE SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING: Jonah 3: 1-5, 10

Most probably the story of Jonah is a type of parable or story to teach a lesson rather than an exact historical book. Looked at that way it would compare with the parables like the Prodigal Son and the Good Samaritan told by Jesus. The central doctrine of the Book of Jonah is the universality of God's love and providence extending beyond the bounds of the Chosen People to pagan nations. Jonah brought an urgent call to repentance to a pagan city. Surprisingly the citizens listened to his message and repented.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians, 7: 29-31

These reflections of St. Paul are not a plea for neglecting earthly concerns, but for concentration on God's service and for treating other things as of secondary interest. Paul sees the need for detachment from this world because of the growing hostility of the pagan world to the Christians, the possibility of an early Second Coming and the shortness and precariousness of human life.

GOSPEL: Mark 1: 14-20

Like Jonah in the Old Testament, Jesus comes with a similar call to repentance. He proclaimed the good news that the age of Redemption which the Prophets had foretold was at hand. He called on everyone to do penance in order to enter into the new Kingdom.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

ST. BRIGID - 1st FEBRUARY

St. Brigid was born at Faughart near Dundalk around 450A.D. Refusing many good offers of marriage, she became a nun and settled with seven other nuns at Croghan Hill. Soon they moved to Kildare where she founded her famous convent of Cill Dara. This small oratory became the centre of religion and learning and developed into a cathedral city.

Not only was St. Brigid a patroness of students but she also founded a school of art, including metal work and illumination.

From this school came a wondrous book of the Gospels much praised by ancient writers.

Unfortunately this illuminated text disappeared around the time of the Reformation.

Her friendship with St. Patrick is attested by the following paragraph from the Book of Armagh, the authenticity of which is beyond question: "Between St. Patrick and St. Brigid, the columns of the Irish, there was a great friendship of charity that had but one heart and one mind. Through him and through her Christ performed many miracles".



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CURA - Would you be interested in becoming a volunteer?

Cura the organisation which caters for people with crisis pregnancy is in the process of recruiting new volunteers for their service in Paul St., Cork. Tel: 021-4277544 Information meetings will be held in Paul St. on Monday 3rd February 2003 at 10.00a.m. and 8.00p.m. You are invited along without any commitment. No experience necessary as full training will be given.

MARRIAGE & COUPLES COURSES

The Cork Marriage Counselling Centre, a service of the Diocese, is offering the following workshops this spring. The workshops are evening sessions and are facilitated by experienced professional practitioners in marital health and counselling.

1. Maintaining a Christian Marriage

A workshop for couples to concentrate on enriching a Christian marriage. Three sessions fortnightly from Monday February 10th

2. The Marriage Health Check-up

A workshop for couples who would value a relationship check-up. Three sessions fortnightly from Tuesday February 11th

3. Marriage Separation Adjustment

A workshop for individuals coping with the aftermath of marital separation. Three sessions fortnightly from Wed. February 12th

4. Parents in Marital Breakdown

A workshop to help parents understand and deal with children's reactions to marital separation.

For registration or further information contact the Centre on 021-4275678

PILGRIMAGES 2003

*Dioceses of Cork & Ross
to Lourdes*

11th to 16th June

Full Details from:
Joe Walsh Tours, 117, Patrick Street, Cork

*Knocknaheeny/Hollyhill
Pilgrimage To Lourdes*

26th to 31st July 03

Full Details from:
Michael Walsh 4397417
Kay Joyce 4396171
Donnie Riordan 4300747

Medugorje

**18th to 25th May 03
14th to 21st Sept. 03**

Full Details from:
Finbar O'Leary 021-4968959

MINISTERS OF THE WORD 1/2 FEB 2003
ST. MARY & ST. JOHN CHRIST OUR LIGHT

6.00p.m.(Vigil) - Sandra Walsh	8.00p.m.(Vigil) - Pauline Collins
8.30a.m. - Marian Daly	11.00a.m. - Fiona O'Connor
10.00a.m. - Elaine Murphy	12.30p.m. - Pat McGeough
12.00noon. - Oliver O'Donovan	5.30p.m. - Michelle Beamish



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST



1st/2nd February 2003

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00pm: Mary O'Donoghue Steve Wills Mgt O'Sullivan Rita Aherne Betty Sheehan Jim Walsh	8.00pm: Anne O'Regan Marion O'Sullivan Finbar Murray
8.30am: Mary Buckley Rita Murphy	11.00am: Seamus O'Connell Mary O'Connell Finbar Murray Alan O'Riordan Geraldine Keohane Pat Manning
10.00am: Maureen Roche Christina Walshe Peter Reilly Mary Collins Christy Roche	12.30pm: Maura Lombard Jackie Sheehan Mary Green Michael O'Leary Lelia O'Brien
12.00 noon: Oliver O'Donovan Barbara Kelly John Jeffers Mary McLean Ellen Seymour Ita Walshe	5.30pm: Catherine Green Mary Breen Siobhan Burke

MOUNT MERCY COLLEGE

The Principal and Staff of Mount Mercy College would like to extend an invitation to parents of students and to past pupils of the school, to a viewing of our new school facilities on Saturday, 1st February 2003, from 10.30a.m. - 12.20p.m.

The Apostolate of Our Lady of Fatima, Cork

MONTHLY DEVOTIONS
MASS AND HOLY HOUR

IN REPARATION TO



The Sacred Heart of Jesus and The Immaculate Heart of Mary

ST. MARIES OF THE ISLE

Date: Monday 27th January 2003 Time: 7.30p.m.

Conducted by: Fr. Vincent Hartnett, Blackpool

All Welcome

MASS TIMES

ST. MARY & ST. JOHN Sunday: 8.30, 10.00, 12.00 Mon-Fri: 9.30am Saturday: 10.00am, 6pm (Vigil)	CHRIST OUR LIGHT Sunday: 11.00, 12.30, 5.30pm Mon-Fri: 8.30am Saturday: 9.00am, 8.00pm (Vigil)
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CONFESSIONS

ST. MARY & ST. JOHN Saturday: after 10am Mass before 6pm Mass	CHRIST OUR LIGHT Saturday: after 10am Mass
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BAPTISMS

ST. MARY & ST. JOHN Saturday: 5.00pm Sunday: 12.45pm	CHRIST OUR LIGHT Saturday: 7.15pm
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Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C. ☎ 021-4877161
Fr. Paul O'Donoghue ☎ 021-4876055
Fr. John O'Donovan C.C. ☎ 021-4870434

CHANGE OF MASS TIMES

The 10.00a.m. Saturday Mass at the Church of Christ Our Light has been changed to 9.00a.m.

The 10.00a.m. Saturday Mass at the Church of St. Mary and St. John remains unchanged.



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