## THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER







CHRIST OUR LIGHT **INNISHMORE** 

## **SUNDAY 26TH MAY 2002**

ST. MARY & ST. JOHN STATION ROAD

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

What a pity that for many the Trinity is just an intellectual puzzle! For the believer it is a sign of how close God has come to us by revealing (but not reducing) the mystery of his Being. He draws us into the mystery making us his children by the gift.

### TIME FOR THE LORD. RIGHT NOW. Isn't it amazing how frequently we mention or talk about time and yet never think too much or too deeply about it. We constantly complain that we never have enough of it. The flow of time is steady and silent. We scarcely notice it's movement. It is only on an anniversary or a birthday that we become aware of it's passing: "I can't believe it ..... another year gone by" or when, we remind ourselves, if we have the courage, that we are 50 years old or 60 years, or "imagine we are 30 years married this year". Certainly, in January, with the arrival of a new year, we do realise the passing of time. We look back on past years and often talk of the good old days. Our memories bring us warm

feelings tinged sometimes with regret for what has passed. We wonder about the future. Because it is uncertain, we may feel a vague fear about it. Besides, the newspapers & T.V. do not give us too much hope. The media appears to predict doom and gloom.

We should not allow ourselves to become trapped in our past memories nor paralysed by fear of the future. The only moment that is ours is right now. Christ is with us. As He has taken care of us in the past He will help us in the future. Since He is a God of love He will care for all of us and support us always. Will we always have time for Him? Do we have time for the Lord, right now?

Can we imagine that a God who loves us wishes us less happiness, in our adult years than in our youth, in our old age than in our time of childhood with it's physical vigour and vitality? Some years ago while speaking with a university student, he admitted to me that he was both anxious and upset for his best friend who had quite suddenly embarked upon a spiritual journey to the East, India and Nepal, in search of peace and inner harmony. "I can understand" the student went on, "his search for peace and solitude. I experience it when I kneel or sit in church. It is quiet, just the Lord and myself. I suppose I am fortunate in that I do not have to travel thousands of miles to the Far East seeking inner peace and quiet".

In Jesus' time His followers were searching too and they were curious. They wanted to know where He was staying. "Come and See", he replied. Too many people never experience the peace and quiet of a little time alone with the Lord. Are you one of them?

How often do you actually experience the soul-satisfying body-resting practice of spending some quiet time with the Lord? We don't have to travel great distances: the Lord is with us wherever we find ourselves, be it in church, at home or in the garden. Why not make time for Him, right now?

Fr. John O'Donovan

## **PRAYERS OF THE** FAITHFUL

## PRIEST-

Let us give glory to the great God, presenting our needs with trust and confidence

## **READER:**

For all believers, that they may know and experience the love of God. Lord, Hear us, Lord, graciously hear us.

For people who search for the truth, that God may embrace them with love and draw them to faith. Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For all who seek peace and justice, that they may inspire the peoples of the earth to work together. Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For this community, for all who worship in this place, that our Christian faith may be visible in the kind way we treat each other. Lord. Hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.

For those we have lost to death, that they may give glory and praise to God for ever more. Lord, Hear us, Lord, graciously hear us.

For our own need, which we remember now. Lord, Hear us, Lord, graciously hear us.

PRIEST:

God of infinite mercy, hear the prayers of your people who give praise for all the good things that come from you, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

To you glory and praise for evermore.

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#### BAPTISMS WE WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY



ALL THOSE WHO WERE BAPTISED RECENTLY Alison Louise Lyons, 24, Greystones Julie Clare Meagher, 6, The Brambles, Classis Lake Tadgh Fergal Grimsley-O'Connell, 22, Sweetbriar Lane

## MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Kenneth Ross, 8, Parknamore Heights & Sarah Forde, 8, Parknamore Heights

Donell Buckley, 114, Castlepark & Andrea Murphy, 25, Park Road, Muskerry Est.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF: Tom Twohill, Newtownshandrum John Quinn, 24, Beech Park Mary O'Sullivan, Raheen Kevin O'Donovan, Mill Hill Fathers & Drimoleague John Joe Collins, Hawthorne Creamery & Drimoleague Liam McCarthy, Turner's Cross & Dublin George Ryan, Douglas

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

Peggy O'Driscoll, West End, Scull Eleanor Mohally, Hillview Estate William & Catherine Ryan, St. Anthony's Lawn Mary McNulty, Fr. Sexton Park The Deceased relatives & friends of Dan & Peggy McCarthy, The Crescent Vincent Fahy, Glanworth Catherine Deasy, Beech Road The Carrol Family, Knockanroe John O'Mahony, Castletownbere Denis & Eileen O'Connell, Cloghroe James White, Leemount Mary Hurley, Skibbereen Harry Browne, Raleigh South, Macroom Michael & Mary Harrington Mary O'Connor Daniel O'Neill Joan Ryan, Curraglass, Co. Cork Michael Harrington Junior Denis Phelan, 4, Castleknock Michael Noonan, Parknamore Michael & Crissie Quirke, Coolroe Heights Kathleen Doyle Westcourt Breda O'Leary, Inniscarra Deceased members of Kelleher family, Kilgobnait Bridget Anne Murray, Coolraine Daniel (Chip) O'Sullivan, Fairy Lawn Lough

## **Mount Mercy College, Bishopstown** CÚRSA GAEILGE 2002

One week Irish Course for Girls & Boys, 10-16 years. July 8th to 12th; 10a.m.-3p.m. Catering for Fourth to Sixth Class Primary and 1st to 3rd year Post Primary. Seisiúin teagaisc, Drámaíocht, Céilí. Apply: Secretary, Mount Mercy College. Tel: 4542366 (10am to 4pm; 4968496, 6 to 8pm)

## **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

26 Sunday Ex. 34:4-6. 8-9. Ps. Dan. 3. 2 Cor. 13:11-13. Jn. 3:16-18. Lect 1: 611 The relationships in the Trinity are relationships of love. The reflection on this mystery today is not in terms of philosophy but of Christian living. The unity and harmony of the life in the Trinity is to be the aim of each community. Where love is, there God is. God's revelation of this inner life is for our salvation - a gift given in love. Our response can only be one of glory and praise.

EIGHTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

27 Monday 1 Pet.1 :3-9. Ps.110. Mk.10:17-27. Lect II:549 Peter's community express in their lives the great joy they experience in their welltested faith in Christ. The man of great wealth went away from Jesus sad, for he did not see that faith is more precious than gold.

28 Tuesday 1 Pet.1:10-16. Ps.97. Mk.10:28-31. Lect II:551 Free your minds of encumbrances and your reward will be great in this present time ind in the world to come

29 Wednesday 1 Pet. 1:18-25. Ps. 147. Mk. 10:32-45. Lect II:553 The disciples struggle with the meaning of following a crucified Saviour. The precious blood of Christ was the ransom paid to free us. Let our love for each other be real, with a desire to serve each other as did Christ.

30 Thursday 1 Pet.2:2-5, 9-12. Ps. 99. Mk.10:46-52. Lect II:555 The sacrament of baptism bestows the universal priesthood of believers... Those born again through baptism therefore, 'in virtue of their royal priesthood, join in the offering of the eucharist. They likewise exercise that priesthood in receiving the sacraments, in prayer and thanksgiving, in the witness of a holy life, by self denial, nd by an active charity'

31 Friday Zeph. 3:14-18 or Rom. 12:9-16. Ps. ls. 12:2-6. Lk. 1 :39-56. Lect  $II \cdot 1040$ 

"Mary, bearing the sacred Presence, like the Ark of the Covenant, journeys to Judaea. The Son of God who is within her and the Holy Spirit which overshad-ows her, like the glory and the cloud which indwelt and overshadowed the sanctuary, drive her with haste to Elizabeth. The Virgin is consumed with the desire to communicate to her relatives, who are also the poor of Yahweh, the Good News of the Messianic greeting. May we not see in Mary the first bearer of the Gospel of the Incarnation and Redemption?"

**JUNE 2002** 

1 Saturday Jude 17:20-25. Ps. 62. Mk.11 :27-33. Lect II:560 Jude's letter condemns false teachers, who are a danger to the community. There is to be trust in God who can keep us from falling away.

#### **SAINTS THIS WEEK**

27 Monday - St Augustine of Canterbury, was a monk in Rome when sent by Pope Gregory the Great to preach to the English. He set up his see at Canterbury and had much success in converting the south of England.

1 Saturday - St Justin, was born in the Holy Land and settled in Rome. From paganism he became a Christian, wrote philosophical works, and opened a sc Rome. He was martyred c. AD 165. Patron of philosophers. and opened a school in

## **ANNUAL CEMETERY** MASS

## St. Oliver's

Will take place on Tuesday 2nd July 2002

at 7.30pm

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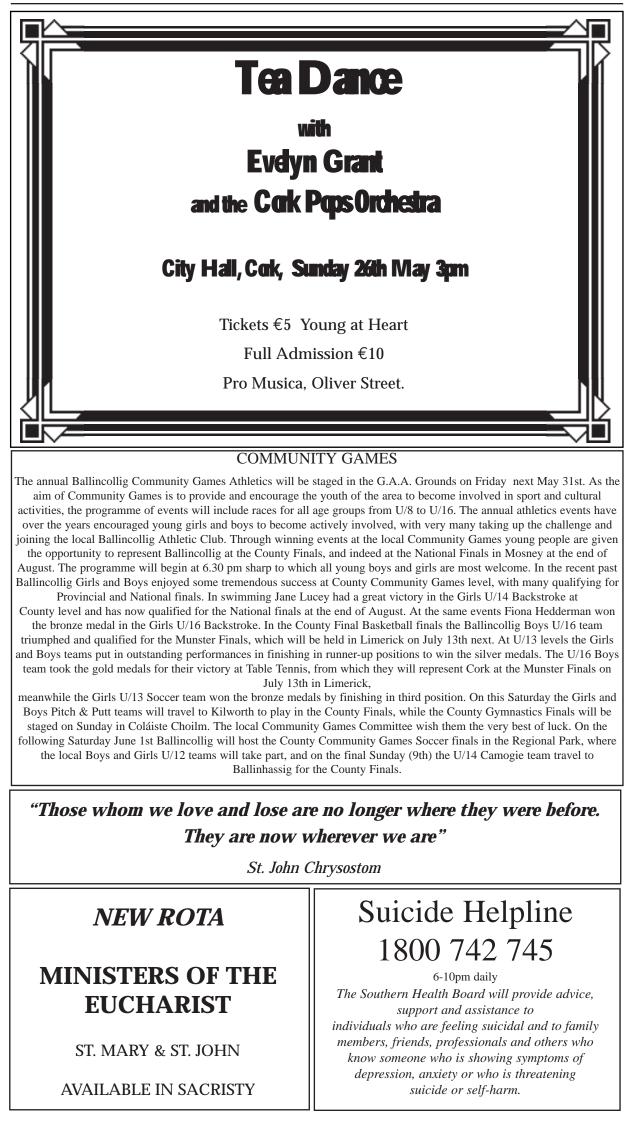
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ST. MARY & ST. JOHN	EACH SUNDAY	CHRIST OUR LIGHT	
Masses     Sunday: 8.30, 10.00, 12.00     Mon-Fri: 9.30am,     Saturday: 10.00am, 6pm     (Vigil)	ROSARY RECITED AT BOTH CHURCHES EACH SUNDAY 3.00P.M. <b>Everyone most welcome</b>	Masses     Sunday: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

This week we have several things about which to ponder, pray and smile. What place does mystery have in our lives? There are so many things, which we encounter and with which we deal every day and all the time we do not understand them. Gravity is a good object to ponder. We may know how much we weigh and why as well, but why gravitational pulls, we might just stub our toe on that one. We can see and touch things, but are left to ponder their realities. This is a form of prayer you see and our smiling at them is a great recognition that we are quite limited. Mysteries are different from ponderables though. God is a mystery, who, even when we will encounter God in eternity will be known, only in as much as we can and not be satisfied. There will always be more of God than we can know and that will be a joy for us. One wouldn't want to be bored after the first million years of eternity, because we figured out the "rubick cube" of God. This week we could pray with humility about these things and events of our lives which so easily can frustrate us. Rather than that reaction, we could respond by genuflecting before this event or person or thing and use allow it to be a temporary or longer, mystery. Seeing creation as a hint of the Creator and the love that offers it to us, is a great beginning to bowing before the Trinity. Praying with Jesus, Who came to show us that all creation, is a blessed place, including our humanity, is a blessed place, is a grand way to prepare for the Eucharist and living it. Our reverencing of God's presence in all creation and delighting in that presence is a gracious way of experiencing the Holy Spirit who sanctifies us and all matter. The Trinity, the divine Poet, poem and teacher is only a meagre way of inviting us all to let there be mystery, but pondering and enjoying the search which has no end. Three Persons Who love infinitely themselves, and us who are the highest expression of that creative love, redemptive love, and faithful love. We pray a little more humbly this week with the mystery of ourselves pushing up against the mystery of a Trinity. He has much more to tell us and perhaps this week we can bare a little more.

This Weekend **BALLINCOLLIG PARISH** South American

Mission Fund

25th & 26th May 2002

**NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS:** Deut. 8:2-3, 14-16. Ps. 147. 1 Cor. 10:16-17. Jn. 6:51-58. Lect I:617 The Body and Blood of Christ



SATURDAY 1ST 6p.m. Vera Allen Bernadette Bell **Oliver Delaney** Betty Casey Frank Riordan Siobhan Riordan

SATURDAY 1ST 8p.m. Geraldine Lynch Charlie Vaughan Joan Stephenson

#### **ST. MARY'S & ST. JOHN'S CHURCH** SUNDAY 2ND 8.30a.m. 10a.m. Mary Buckley Anne Cahill

**Theresa Lucey** 

Pat Lee May Delaney Seamus O'Shea John O'Donovan

12.00 Noon Joan Barrett Sheila Carroll Marsie Curling Pat Keenan Will Casey

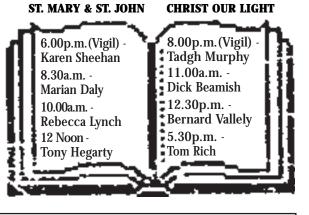
## **CHRIST OUR LIGHT CHURCH**

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST** 1st /2nd June 2002

> **SUNDAY 2ND** 11a.m. Maíre Uí Chrualaoí **Neil Jeffers** Eileen O'Donoghue Mary Coleman Dan Coleman

12.30p.m. Con O'Connell **Denis O'Mahony** Christine O'Mahony **Tom Murray** Maura Lombard

5.30p.m. Patsy Galvin Bridie O'Donnell Phil O'Connell



MINISTERS OF THE WORD JUNE 1ST - 2ND

## BALLINCOLLIG BASKETBALL CLUB

An end of season Family Night will be held in the G.A.A.Pavilion on Sunday June 2nd starting at 8.30pm. All members and parents are welcomed to attend what we hope to be a night of fun and games. Our Save The Gym campaign continues to receive support from a large number of people. After last week's Public Meeting a meeting was arranged with the head of the Public and Private Partnership section of the government. Committee members along with Batt O'Keeffe T.D. had a good exchange of views with the official who was present, as to why the Gym should be retained. We stated that the aim of our campaign was to keep the Gym for the benefit of our youth and we had the backing of our public representatives and various other clubs in our efforts. Our presentation was well received and we look forward to a positive answer to our request. Girls U13 Community Games basketball competition was held in Skibbereen last weekend. We finished in second place and a great day out was enjoyed by all who travelled to our last girls games of this season.

# SPCC

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW MORE?

OPEN INFORMATION EVENING TUESDAY, 28TH MAY 2002 8.00PM JURYS HOTEL, WESTERN RD, CORK

ALL WELCOME

## TRIDUUM IN HONOUR OF THE DIVINE MERCY IN PREPARATION FOR THE FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART.

Dates: Tue June 4th \_ Fri June 7th 2002 Venue: Ballyphehane Parish Church Time: Mass at 8.00 p.m. (Rosary at 7.40 p.m.) Speakers: Fr Eamonn Barry (June 4th & 5th) Fr Michael Fitzgerald (June 6th) Fr Anthony Finn O.S.A. (June 7th)

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## BALLINCOLLIG TIDY TOWNS

## **CORK COUNTY COUNCIL** Inter Town Challenge 2002



Competition commenced on May 9th and will continue until June 26th

#### Area 1 (Town Centre)

(will be judged every week) McNamara Supervalu Shopping Centre at Western End. To include area behind Main St. - Station Road up to Church, across and behind Church including Scoil Eoin, Scout Hall & Cemetery -Northern end of Car Park (incl. Car Park) and Time Square.

Area 5 (from 30th May to 5th June) Main St. from Westpark Hotel to Roundabout near Westcourt, Wyndham Downs, Westgrove. Inniscarra Road from Roundabout to Inniscarra Bridge including Gaelscoil Ui Riordan. Perimeter of Wyndham Downs to Macroom Road. Entrance to Coolroe Estate. To include all Aylsbury Estate, Coolroe Meadows. Main Road as far as Westphalia. & Ballincollig versus Cobh.

#### **TOWN CENTRE AREA 1**

- Small amount of litter but large number of cigarette ends at kerbside bus stop outside Fr Sexton Park. · Occasional pieces of litter between above and entrance to Gunpowder Mills also kerbside weeds at
- entrance.
- Small amount of litter and some dog fouling on footpath between above and gate to barracks. Also litter in alley beside O'Donovan's Off Licence.
- · Footpath from Barracks to West End Roundabout very good however the bus shelter opposite McNamara's was littered with a large number of cigarette ends.
- Occasional pieces of litter including cigarette ends between McNamara's and Statoil. Small amount of
- litter inside wall of Statoil but large amount inside wall of old Xtra-Vision premises beside same. • Remainder of Main Street very good but small amount of litter inside wall of Shell Station.
- Time Square area bad in places. Large amount of litter on site inside concrete post fence at Northern end. Litter on planted areas and at kerbsides. Bottle bank very untidy.
- Trolley bay at Aldi badly littered.
- Station Road good. Only occasional pieces of litter and cigarette ends.
- The Square was excellent.
- Chapel Lane was littered at rear of Darby Arms with Beer Mats, Straws and Bottle Tops.

#### AREA 2

- Churchview Estate: small amount of litter beside wheelie bins at side of Central Laneway beside girls school very good. Laneway to Muskerry Estate was littered in places. Estate good overall but kerbside weeds a problem in places.
- Station Road very good.
- Oaklands, small amount of litter and kerbside weeds in places.
- Seven bags of grass dumped opposite entrance to Hazel grove.
- Island Way, Holly Road, Castle Avenue all excellent.
- Ivy Circle, Park Road, Elm Lawn, very little litter but kerbside weeds in places.
- Shamrock Drive, very good but litter at walkway beside walkway.
- Pinewalk, Maple Lawn, Cherry Walk and Beech Road all excellent.
- Willow Drive very good. Only small amount of litter.
- Hazel Grove excellent.
- Occasional pieces of litter on verges on back road.

#### **Overall comments from the Judge:**

Cigarette ends were a problem in places, particularly at Bus Stops and outside banks, shops etc.

Time Square is a problem and needs serious attention. Whilst Area 2 was excellent I did notice dog fouling on some green areas. Our Committee are regularly doing litter picks on a voluntary basis all over Ballincollig and the support that we receive during these events from the nearly 20,000 residents is

minimal. This it is very disheartening especially when we see the comments expressed by the judge as outlined above. If this is what the judge has seen, what do the tourists and visitors and future investors see as they pass through or visit Your Town and Your Community.

#### Remember First Impressions Last

Town Ma	atche	es Marks this week Total to da			ate	
Fermoy	1		64		64	
Youghal	1		59		59	
Carrigaline	1		56		56	
Ballincollig	1		55		55	
Bandon	1		48		48	
Cobh	1		47		47	
Midleton	1		41		41	
Mallow	1		36		36	

Our thanks to all who contributed so generously to our Church Gate collection.