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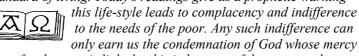
St. Mary & St. John

Station Road

Sunday 26-September-2004

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

One of the great preoccupations today is the maintenance of a high standard of living. Today's readings give us a prophetic warning -



for the poor is linked to his judgement of the oppressed.



Christ Our Light Innishmore

First Steps

September 2004 will long be remembered in Ballincollig with the opening of the bypass. Monday 20th Sept the parish council also had it's first meeting for this autumn; more than sixty people gave of their time to come along and take the first steps to work as a group to continue building the Christian community in Ballincollig parish. Ballincollig parish has had a parish council for ten years; I take this opportunity to thank sincerely former council members who have given of their time to the parish and also to the many individuals who give their time generously to the parish in varied ministries. Getting back to Monday's meeting, there was great energy, enthusiasm and a bit of fun also as we took our first steps with the help of Sr. Mairead. I am certainly looking forward to our next meeting on October 18th.

September 20th 2004 witnessed the official opening of the Ballincollig bypass. The bypass brings welcome relief to the people of Ballincollig as now we can move around to shops, schools, church and neighbours with a little more ease. Cork county council also revealed that during the excavation of the bypass site many very interesting archeological discoveries were made. The discovery of the remains of a house dated 3700 BC. as well as Bronze and Iron Age discoveries, remind us that this area has a history and culture that we need to treasure and respect. I hope that the county council will see their way to construct a replica or some suitable means of marking the general areas where these discoveries were made. I believe that a discovery that predates the pyramids of Egypt by one thousand years deserves to be acknowledged.

Tuesday night at the GAA. club a party was held to express the appreciation of the residents of Ballincollig to Gama Tubin and their work force for their courtesy and efficiency during the construction of the bypass. Representatives from various groups expressed their gratitude to the company and it's workers for their help. Mr. Jack Hegarty and myself expressed thanks on behalf of the staff, pupils, parents and the board of management of Scoil Eoin.

The gospel today is from St Luke's parable of the rich man and his lack of concern for the poor man Lazarus or as Amos puts it in the first reading I wonder do we care about the ruin of Joseph?

George O'Mahony

Reflection for Parents

Most often we think of ourselves as rich people sharing our resources with those in need, and indeed, that is what we, as Christians, are called to do. But have we ever been the one being served? Perhaps we have not found it necessary to receive material goods from others, but what have others given us out of generosity in the form or time, energy, or actions. Maybe someone sat with us when one of our children was sick, or helped us with some physical chore when our burden was too heavy to carry alone. It might even be a coach or teacher who has helped our children in a generous way. How can the actions of these people help us better live this Gospel message today? What can we give of ourselves?

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

We bring our prayers to God, who provides for the poor and oppressed.

Reader

For all who strive to live the Christian way, that they may be filled with faith and hope and love.

Lord, Hear us, Lord, graciously hear us.

For the starving peoples of the world, that they may be helped by the generosity of those who have more than enough.

Lord, Hear us, Lord, graciously hear us.

For an end to violence and war. **Lord, Hear us,**

Lord, graciously hear us.

For God's blessing on all who work in the food industry, those in agriculture and in marketing, and for a fruitful harvest, so that no one may go hungry.

Lord, Hear us, Lord, graciously hear us.

For all those who go as volunteers to help in the developing world, and for all who work towards a just distribution of wealth.

Lord, Hear us, Lord, graciously hear us.

For all who have died, especially those we remember in our Mass today. **Lord, Hear us,**

Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest

God of love, you care for your people. Hear the prayer, which we confidently make in the name of Jesus, your Son. Our Lord.

Amen.

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

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BAPTISMS

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

Aislinn Sureen Mansfield, Dundee, Scotland. Vanessa Adasra Oragui, The Grove, Wyndham Downs.

MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

David Anthony Donovan, Barr na Sráide & Sinéad McCarthy, Barr na Sráide.

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

Mary Hoonan, Greenmount, Nora Cronin, Parklands, Commons Rd. Shauna Daly, Aylsbury.

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

Florence Kelly, Fr. Sexton Park.

Joan Coakley, Muskerry Est.

Rose & Paddy Wall, Navan.

Rosemary Kavanagh, Navan.

Harry & Noreen Lane, Pouladuff.

Paddy O'Neill, Clash.

Nora Bowen, Shandon Street.

Nancy Powder, Dublin.

Ellen Greany, Station Road.

Denis Calnan, Church View.

Margaret Hegarty.

Fr. Sean Murphy, Station Road.

Noreen McGroardy, Cobh.

Christine Hedderman.

Jeffrey McCarthy, Kilcoe.

James O'Reilly, Inniscarra View & Clonakilty.

Michael Eager, Glanworth.

Lena Eager, Glanworth.

Deceased members of the Buckley family, Killumney.

Daniel & Margaret Murphy, Knockburden.

Denis O'Callaghan, Macroom.

Maureen Cuddihy, Coolroe.

Patrick & Joe Linehan, Courtbrack.

Mrs. Rudden.

Mr. Meade, Glounthaune.

Con & Eileen Murphy, Macroom & Muskerry.

John Kiely, Ovens.

Daniel Burke, Whitechurch.

'Angel' is the name of their office, not of their nature. If you seek the name of their nature, it is 'spirit'; if you seek the name of their office, it is 'angel': from what they are, 'spirit', from what they do, 'angel.'

St. Augustine.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Twenty Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

26 Sunday Am. 6:1, 4-7. Ps. 145. 1 Tim. 6:11-16. Lk. 16:19-31. Lect l: 914

27 Monday Job 1:6-22. Ps. 16. Lk. 9:46-50. Lect ll: 788

28 Tuesday Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23. Ps. 87. Lk. 9:51-56. Lect ll: 791

29 Wednesday Dan. 7:9-10; 13-14, or Apoc. 12:7-12, Ps. 137, In. 1 :47-51, Lect II: 1205

30 Thursday Job 19:21-27. Ps. 26. Lk. 10: 1-12. Lect ll: 795

01 Friday Job 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5. Ps. 138. Lk. 10:13-16. Lect II: 797

02 Saturday Ex. 23:20-23. Ps. 90. Mt. 18:1-5.10. Lect ll:1212

Next Sunday's Readings 03-October-2004 Hab. 1:2-3, 2:2-4. Ps. 94. 2 Tim. 1: 6-8, 13-14. Lk. 17:5-10. Lect 1:

Passover Group

Next meeting

Parochial House on Thursday 30th September at 8.00 pm Building Christian Community If you are interested come along

Accommodation

Young Polish couple seeking accommodation in Ballincollig, Double Room, Bed Sit or Flat

Contact Fr. John O'Donovan @ 4870434

Envelope Collection

Education Fund (Students for the Priesthood)
This Weekend 25th & 26th September

Pioneer Mass Notice

The Togher Pioneer Centre is now up and running. A special Mass will be celebrated on Friday 1st October in the Church of the Way of the Cross. All Pioneers and those interested in becoming a Pioneer are especially welcome.

Enquiries to Tadgh Kelleher @ 4968540 or Mary Wrenne @ 4873676

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Amos 6:1, 4 - 7

The First Reading tells how Amos the Prophet criticized those who lived in luxury and neglected the poor. These were people who lived for pleasure and self-indulgence. Amos said these people would be the first to be punished.

Second Reading: Timothy 6:11 - 16

In the Second Reading, Paul writes to Timothy, a bishop. He asks him to fight the good fight and to keep God's command. Our calling is the same

Gospel: Luke 16:19 - 31

As was often Jesus' message, today's Gospel reverses the rich and poor of this world and the next. Lazarus, a poor beggar who was most likely crippled and had open sores that dogs licked, sat every day beneath the window of a rich man. The rich man dined lavishly everyday and completely ignored Lazarus. Eventually, they both died and the angels carried Lazarus to heaven where Abraham held him. The rich man went to hell where he was parched and tormented. Looking up, the rich man saw Lazarus comforted by Abraham and still with arrogant behaviour, asked Abraham to send Lazarus down to dip water onto his tongue. Abraham explained that there could be no crossing from one place to the next and that the rich man was stuck with the consequences of his earthly behaviour. The man knew it futile then to argue for himself but begged Abraham to send someone to his brothers to warn them that they needed to change, or they would end up as he had. Abraham reminded the man that his brothers had already been told all that, and it was now up to them whether or not they believed it. Even the raising of a dead person would not convince them if their hearts were closed.

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SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Vincent De Paul 27-September-2004

St. Vincent was born of poor parents in the village of Pouy in Gascony, France, about 1580. He enjoyed his first schooling under the Franciscan Fathers at Acqs. Such had been his progress in four years that a gentleman chose him as sub preceptor to his children, and he was thus enabled to continue his studies without being a burden to his parents. In 1596, he went to the University of Toulouse for theological studies, and there he was ordained priest in 1600.

In 1605, on a voyage by sea from Marseilles to Narbonne, he fell into the hands of African pirates and was carried as a slave to Tunis. His captivity lasted about two years, until Divine Providence enabled him to affect his escape. After a brief visit to Rome he returned to France, where he became preceptor in the family of Emmanuel de Gondy, Count of Goigny, and General of the galleys of France. In 1617, he began to preach missions, and in 1625, he lay the foundations of a congregation which afterward became the Congregation of the Mission or Lazarists, so named on account of the Priory of St. Lazarus, which the Fathers began to occupy in 1633.

It would be impossible to enumerate all the works of this servant of God. Charity was his predominant virtue. It extended to all classes of persons, from forsaken childhood to old age. The Sisters of Charity also owe the foundation of their congregation to St. Vincent. In the midst of the most distracting occupations his soul was always intimately united with God. Though honoured by the great ones of the world, he remained deeply rooted in humility. The Apostle of Charity, the immortal Vincent de Paul, breathed his last in Paris at the age of eighty. His feast day is September 27th. He is the patron of charitable societies.

Mass Book - Christ Our Light

Masses for October, November and December Still available

Week of Directed Prayer

The Week of Directed Prayer begins today Sunday 26th September with a meeting in the Community Hall at 7 pm.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MONTHLY COLLECTION

Next Weekend 2nd & 3rd October 2004 PLEASE SUPPORT

Friday 1st October 2004 First Friday Church of St. Mary & St. John EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACREMENT

From 10 am to 7:30 pm Hour of Prayer commences at 7 pm Mass 8:00 pm.

FATIMA APOSTOLATE GROUP

The monthly meeting of the Apostolate will be held on Monday 4th October 2004 at 7 pm in the Youth House, Station Road. Present members and new members are all welcome to attend

The Rosary

During the month of October, the Rosary will be recited each evening Monday to Friday at 6:30 pm in the Church of St. Mary & St. John

All are welcome "Come pray the Rosary with us for Peace in the World"

Fatima Apostolate

Energy Awareness Week Some tips to save energy

- **Turn your TV off rather than leave it on standby** - equipment on stand-by uses up to 20% of the energy it would use when fully on
- ♦ Walk or cycle instead of driving it costs nothing and is good for you.
- ◆ Turn your heating down reducing your thermostat by 10°C will take 10% off your heating bill
- ♦ Buy 'A' rated kitchen appliances they cost less to run and over time will give you considerable savings on your electricity bill.
- ◆ Use energy efficient light bulbs (CFLs) instead of traditional bulbs they use 1/5th of the energy and last up to 10 times as long.
- ♦ Insulate your attic attic insulation will keep the heat in your home for longer and pay for itself in 2 to 3 years.
- Fit a lagging jacket lagging your hot water cylinder will keep the water hotter for longer and pay for itself in 2 to 3 months

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MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Oct-02 & Oct-03-2004

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil) Karen Sheehan 8:30 am Triona Collins 10:00 am Elaine Murphy 12:00 Noon Tony Hegarty

8:00 pm (Vigil) Jacinta Jeffers 11:00 am Margaret Healy 12:30 pm Marlyn O'Connor 5:30 pm Christine O'Brien



MINISTERS OF THE **EUCHARIST**

Oct-02 & Oct-03-2004



St. Mary & St. John

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6.00 pm	Aisling Kelly Eileen Murphy Ted Nelligan Angela Murphy	8:00 pm	John O'Donoghue Eleanor O'Donoghue Kathleen Daly
	Ann O'Connell Sheila Walshe	11:00 am	Mary O'Mahony Margaret Brown
8:30 am	Helen Kelly Annette Murphy		Mona Bowen Billy Barry
10:00 am	Miriam Maunsell Mary Buckley Breda Ring Jerry O'Connor Mary O'Regan	12:30 pm	Mary Twomey Terry O'Driscoll Bernie O'Driscoll Maura O'Driscoll Bridie O'Donnell
12 Noon	Louie O'Leary John Walshe	5:30 pm	Garreth Irish Shelia Curran



St. Mary & St. John		Christ Our Light	
8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon	Sunday	11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm	
9:30 am	Monday	8:30 am	
9:30 am	Tuesday	8:30 am	
9:30 am	Wednesday	8:30 am	
9:30 am	Thursday	8:30 am	
9:30 am & 8 pm	Friday	8:30 am & 6:30 pm	
10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)	Saturday	9:00 am & 8 pm (Vigil)	

CONFESSIONS

After 10:00 am Mass & After 9:00 am Mass Saturday before 6:00 pm Mass

BAPTISMS

5:00 pm	Saturday	7:15 pm
12:45 pm	Sunday	

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