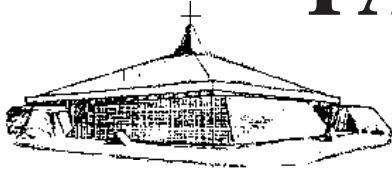


# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



CHRIST OUR LIGHT  
INNISHMORE



ST. MARY & ST. JOHN  
STATION ROAD

**SUNDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 2002**

**TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*It takes at least two to make a friendship. God loves us, but there is no relationship between him and us unless we return his love. In this relationship there can be no pretence nor living on the past. Our response to God must continue every day to be real, just as his love for us is a daily reality.*

## IMPORTANT ANNIVERSARY

Forty years ago the Second Vatican Council opened in Rome on the 11th. of October, 1962. More than 2,500 bishops were present at the opening Mass - the greatest gathering at any Council in the history of the Church. After the Mass, Pope John XXIII addressed the Fathers of the Council, showing them the way in which the Council must move, and the spirit which must animate it. On that day a train of events was set in motion that changed our religious lives for ever.

Today, in a typical Irish parish evidence of the changes introduced by the Council is all about us. Mass is said in English. Lay people read the Lessons and assist in the distribution of Holy Communion. Parishioners are consulted on all matters within the framework of the Parish Council. Modern hymns are sung by the choir. Marriages between Catholics and Protestants are solemnised with all the ceremonies formerly reserved for all Catholic weddings. Sins are forgiven in ceremonies of reconciliation. Catholics attend Protestant church ceremonies and Catholics can marry Protestants in the Protestant church with the Protestant minister as principal celebrant. The list of changes could go on and on.

The Vatican Council also brought about immense changes beyond the limits of our local parish. The Council documents are especially noteworthy for their concern with the poor. They insist on the unity of the human family and therefore on the wrongness of discrimination on grounds of race, religion, educational background and poverty. They put repeated emphasis on the Christian's duty to help build a just and peaceful world, a duty that he must carry out in brotherly cooperation with men of good will regardless of their religious persuasion or nationality.

Thanks to the direction given us by the Vatican Council of forty years ago we, Catholics, feel at home in the modern world. Catholics, especially in the Third World, are in the forefront of the fight for justice. Issues of the day such as peace, justice, the right to life, race relations, etc. are constantly mentioned in the prayers of the faithful at Mass. Inspired by the leadership of a fearless Pope, we help by prayer and financial sacrifice to make the modern world a fitting home for all God's children.

*Leonard O'Brien.*

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

**Priest:**

The Lord's mercy never ends, so we present our prayers with confidence:

**Reader:**

For the leaders of the Church, that they may live sincerely and fully the message they preach.  
Lord, Hear us,  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For people who feel they are beyond God's mercy, that they may know the welcome extended to those who change their ways.  
Lord, Hear us,  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For all who are on the margins of society, for men and women who are exploited, that justice and equality may prevail in our land.  
Lord, Hear us,  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who endure sickness, in mind or body, that the support of friends may remind them of God's healing love.  
Lord, Hear us,  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For all who have suffered death, that they may be raised to life through Jesus' resurrection.  
Lord, Hear us,  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For a moment, we remember in silence our own particular needs.  
Lord, Hear us,  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

**Priest:**

O God of endless goodness, your love and mercy have no end. hear the prayers your people make in faith, through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## THOUGHT FOR TODAY

HE SHALL CERTAINLY LIVE (FIRST READING)

The first son refused, but then he did as he was asked. The second son agreed to go, but then did not (Gospel). This teaches us two lessons - we must respond to God in deeds as well as words and it is never too late to turn back to God who is always ready to receive us

*Remember your mercy, Lord*

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**BAPTISMS**

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



Neasa Elizabeth Goulding, 41 Daffodil Fields  
 Jack Ken Murphy, Wilton Rd., Cork  
 Jack Timothy Twohig, 15 Parknamore

**MARRIAGES**

CONGRATULATIONS TO:



John Logan, Dundalk &  
 Claire Carroll, Tower

Paul Clancy, St Lukes &  
 Jennifer Nolan, Beech Park

**+**  
**IN SYMPATHY**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:

Denis McSweeney, Poulavone

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

Paddy Fitton, Ballyshoneen  
 Florence Kelly, 9 Fr. Sexton Pk  
 George & Willie Baker, Station Rd  
 Fr. Sean Murphy, Station Rd  
 Kate Murphy, Leemount  
 Deceased members of the Gaffney & Twohig families  
 Jeremiah O'Mahony, Bandon  
 Patrick & Catherine Harris, Ballyheigue  
 Diarmuid O'Hegarty, Wilton Ave.  
 Dave Barry, Mulgrave Rd  
 Con Murphy, Macroom  
 Mary Twomey, Western Rd  
 Kathleen Courtney, Fairhill  
 James O'Sullivan, Kilmichael  
 Mamie Cotter, Cloghroe  
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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

29 Sunday Ex. 18:25-28. Ps. 24. Phil. 2:1-11. Mt. 21:28-32. *Lect 1: 705*

Christ must be presented to all people with confidence. We shall address adults families, young people, children, without ever hiding the most radical demands of the Gospel message, but taking into account each person's needs in reward to their sensitivity and language, after the example of Paul who declared: "I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some" (1 Cor 9:22). In making these recommendations, I am thinking especially of the pastoral care of young people.

*Novo Millennio Ineunte. Pope John Paul II. 2001*

30 Monday Job 1 :6-22. Ps. 16. Lk. 9:46-50. *Lect II:788*

The story of Job is about humankind's relationship with God, and the problem of evil gives the occasion for the discussion. Job shows total resignation to God in all his misfortunes.

**St Jerome**, 340-420, translated the Bible into Latin, and wrote commentaries an scripture. Patron of librarians.

**OCTOBER 2002**

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

Job prays for help by raising the question of the meaning of what has happened to him. He shows the meaninglessness of life without a relationship with God.

**Therese of Lisieux.** Marie Francoise Therese Martin was born at Alencon on 2 January 1873 and died at the Carmel in Lisieux on 80th September 1897. She was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope John Paul 11 in 1997. Patron of missions florists, aviators and France.

2 Wednesday Ex. 23:20-23. Ps. 90. Mt. 18:1 -5, 10. *Lect II:1212*

Guardian Angels Catholic tradition has recognised that not only individual people have guardian angels but also homes, cities and states.

3 Thursday Job 19:21 -27. Ps. 26. Lk. 10:1 - 12. *Lect II:795*

Job realises that between God and humanity, between the Creator and the creature, there is a great chasm. "I know that my Redeemer lives" Words of hope that have given comfort through the ages. With faith in Christ's resurrection, we know that the kingdom of God is very near.

4 Friday Job 38:1,12-21.40.3-5. Ps.138.Lk 10:13-16. *Lect II:797*

God from the heart of the tempest rebukes Job. He should not have presumed to tell God how to rule the world. Job repents and retracts what he has said.

**St Francis of Assisi**, 1181-1226, abandoned all things for the love of Christ, founded the Friars Minar, and with St Clare the Poor Clares. For the last two years of his life he suffered the stigmata. The patron saint of ecologists.

5 Saturday Job 42:1-3, 5-6.12-17. Ps.118. Lk.10:17-24 *Lect II:799*

"Within the relationship of faith, suffering may be faced in the confidence that human times are in God's hands and that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose.'" *B.W. Anderson.*

"The friends of Job, who railed at him before, Come cap in hand, when he had three times more". *Dryden.*

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:** 30th September 2002

**Time:** 7.30p.m. - 9.00p.m

**Conducted by:** Rev. Jeremiah Cremin C.C. - The Glen

*All Welcome*

"IN THE END MY IMMACULATE HEART WILL TRIUMPH" - [OUR LADY OF FATIMA]

**DANGER**

We live under the shade of the Almighty.  
We are sheltered by the God  
Who is above all gods.  
All our days are under his care.  
His providence, like eagle's wings,  
Shields us.  
He orders his angels to protect us  
On life's singled trail,  
They signpost the way.  
We need not be afraid of the dark, or  
Fear dangers in broad daylight.

As we wake each morning,  
We hear hit reassuring words:

'Because you cling to me in love,  
Know me as I really am, and  
Talk to me as friend to friend.  
I will deliver you,  
Protect you, because  
You acknowledge my name.'

*Psalm 91:14*

**CHARITY AUCTION**

*IN AID OF*  
CORK DEAF ENTERPRISES

**THIS SUNDAY**  
**SEPT. 29TH 2002**  
**2P.M.**

**AT THE**  
**ROCHESTOWN PARK HOTEL**

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**SPEAKER:**DR. BRIAN MULCAHY  
Consultant Physician - Rheumatologist  
**DATE:** TUESDAY 8th OCTOBER 2002  
**VENUE:** THE KINGSLEY HOTEL  
VICTORIA CROSS, CORK  
TIME: 8.00 P.M.

**ADMISSION FREE - ALL ARE WELCOME**

**SCOUTING NEWS**

*Our Annual Flag Day*  
*is next Friday October 4th.*

We would greatly appreciate your support  
on the day. Parents and friends of scouting  
who wish to be collectors please contact  
Joe Sheehan at 4872354 or any of the  
scout leaders prior to Friday.

ST. MARY & ST. JOHN	EACH SUNDAY	CHRIST OUR LIGHT
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Masses</b></p> <p><b>Sunday:</b> 8.30, 10.00, 12.00  <b>Mon-Thurs:</b> 9.30am.  <b>Friday:</b> 9.30am &amp; 8.00pm  <b>Saturday:</b> 10.00am, 6.00pm (Vigil)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ROSARY RECITED            AT BOTH CHURCHES EACH            SUNDAY            3.00P.M.            Everyone most welcome</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Masses</b></p> <p><b>Sunday:</b> 11.00, 12.30, 5.30pm  <b>Mon-Thurs:</b> 8.30am.  <b>Friday:</b> 8.30am &amp; 6.30pm  <b>Saturday:</b> 10.00am, 8.00pm (Vigil)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Confessions</b></p> <p><i>Saturday: after 10am Mass            before 6pm Mass</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FRIDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2002            (First Friday)  <b>EXPOSITION OF THE            BLESSED SACRAMENT</b>            Church of St. Mary &amp; St. John            Following 9.30a.m. Mass            Concluding with Rosary &amp;            Benediction at 7.40p.m.            &amp; Mass 8.00p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Confessions</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Saturday:            after 10am Mass</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Baptisms</b></p> <p><b>Saturday:</b> 5.00pm  <b>Sunday:</b> 12.45pm</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Confessions</b></p> <p><b>Saturday:</b> 7.15pm</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PARISH CLERGY</b>  <b>CHURCH NO. 087-2479140</b>  <b>Fr. Leonard. O'Brien P.P 021-4871206</b>  <b>Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C. 021-4877161</b>  <b>Fr. Paul O'Donoghue 021-4876055</b>  <b>Fr. John O'Donovan 021-4870434</b></p>		



IRISH  
HEART  
FOUNDATION

THIS SUNDAY  
29TH SEPTEMBER IS  
"WORLD HEART DAY".

TO MARK THE EVENT THE IRISH  
HEAR FOUNDATION IS HOLDING A  
WALK FROM THE SUNSET RIDGE  
HOTEL AT 11.30AM AND WALK TO  
BLARNEY.

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AND WE WOULD ASK BOTH YOUNG  
AND OLD TO PARTICIPATE IN THE  
WALK.

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## AFRICA

### BURUNDI

Forty members died in a four-month period due to war and/or a malaria epidemic. Legion membership was, up to some years ago, confined to adults, but in more recent times young people have been joining in increasing numbers which in turn has had the effect of increased vocations to the priesthood. In an area where the legionaries had to walk six hours each way to attend a monthly meeting, a higher council has been established locally.

### CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

No diocese in this country has less than 1,000 members. In Bangui itself there are 17,000 members.

### REPUBLIC OF CONGO

Due to the situation in this country, postal services are slow. A wide apostolate is undertaken through home and hospital visitation. Many marriages have been regularised, children are prepared for the sacraments, non-catholics were met and large numbers were encouraged to return of practice of their faith. Legion members continue to work under very difficult conditions. In another area, mention is made of contact with witch doctors, prostitutes, drug addicts and alcoholics - all were encouraged to leave their lifestyle and return to practice of the faith.

### RWANDA

Works are done in prisons and orphanages and for street children, as well as in homes and hospitals.

The Legion must be, so to speak, obsessed by that final commandment. It must as a first principle, set out to establish a contact of some sort of every soul everywhere. If this be done - and it can be done - then the lord's command will be moving toward fulfilment.



### **FATIMA APOSTOLATE GROUP BALLINCOLLIG**

The Monthly Meeting  
of the Apostolate  
will be held on Monday,  
October 7th, 2002  
at 7pm in the Youth House,  
Station Road, Ballincollig

*Present members and new members  
are welcome to attend*

### **THE ROSARY FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER**

The Rosary will be recited each evening,  
Monday to Friday, in the Church  
of St. Mary & St. John at 6.30pm  
*All are welcome*  
*Come and pray the Rosary with us.*

**Fatima Apostolate, Ballincollig**

### **For Information on:**

- **PREMARRIAGE COURSES**
- **ACHIEVING A PREGNANCY**
- **NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING**
- **MENOPAUSE COUNSELLING**

**Contact N.A.O.M.I. 36, Washington St., Cork.**

**Tel: 021-4272213 (Tuesday - Friday, Office Hours)**

## THE SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING: Ezek. 18:25-28

The prophet combats the belief that children are punished for the sins of their parents. Each individual is responsible only for his own sins. Moreover if the just man sin or the sinner be converted neither the good deeds of the former nor the evil deeds of the latter will be remembered. This teaching on personal responsibility and divine mercy is as relevant to life today as it was thousands of years ago.

SECOND READING: Phil. 2:1-11

In making the case that we should all be humble Paul's language becomes poetic as he describes the humility of Jesus. Jesus was equal to God and lowered himself to the level of us humans. Even more he accepted death which is the end of all humans. Even the death he chose was to be one of the most painful and humiliating known to man. How then can we consider ourselves better than others?

GOSPEL: Matt.21: 28-32

The significant point about the parable is the contrast between a farmer's two sons: one, beginning with a flat refusal, ends with obedience; the other, in appearance at least obedient, is in effect non-cooperative. There can be no doubt which did the will of the father. Swiftly upon the inevitable answer comes the devastating application of the parable. The tax collector who had listened to John the Baptist and the woman of evil life who had listened to Jesus will go into the Kingdom even now. There is as yet no sign that the chief priests and the elders of the people are on their way.

### **SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL Monthly Collection**

Next Weekend  
5th & 6th October

PLEASE SUPPORT

#### MINISTERS OF THE WORD OCT 5TH/6TH ST. MARY & ST. JOHN CHRIST OUR LIGHT

6.00p.m. (Vigil) - Geraldine Murphy	8.00p.m. (Vigil) - Jacinta Jeffers
8.30a.m. - Annette Collins	11.00a.m. - Jack Dorgan
10.00a.m. - Margot Twomey	12.30p.m. - Margaret Healy
12.00noon. - Tony Lynch	5.30p.m. - Margaret Murphy

### **MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

**5th/6th October 2002**

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



**SATURDAY 5TH**  
6p.m.  
Aisling Kelly  
Tony O Leary  
Eileen Murphy  
Ted Nelligan  
Angela Murphy  
Ann O'Connell

**SUNDAY 6TH**  
8.30a.m.  
Helen Kelly  
Roddy Martin

10a.m.  
Miriam Maunsell  
Mary Buckley  
Breda Ring  
Jerry O'Connor  
Mary O'Regan

12.00 Noon  
Louie O'Leary  
Imogen Ryan  
John Walshe  
Pat Kelleher  
Irene O'Brien  
Ellen O'Sullivan

#### **CHRIST OUR LIGHT CHURCH**

**SATURDAY 5TH**  
8p.m.  
John O'Donoghue  
Eleanor O'Donoghue  
Kathleen Daly

**SUNDAY 6TH**  
11a.m.  
Mary O'Mahony  
Margaret Brown  
Rose Cotter  
Billy Barry  
Nell Cantillon Murphy

12.30p.m.  
Mary Twomey  
Peggy Sheehan  
Pat Manning  
Terry O'Driscoll  
Bernie O'Driscoll

5.30p.m.  
Garreth Irish  
Shelia Curran  
Bridie O'Callaghan

## SAINT OF THE WEEK 9

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### ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Son of a wealthy cloth merchant in the Italian city of Assisi, Francis as a young man led the pleasure seeking life typical of young men of his class. Like most of such youths he got involved in the inter city skirmishes between Assisi and Perugia where he was held captive for a year. A fever which he contracted as a prisoner turned his thoughts to eternity. A further bout of illness resulted in his conversion to the spiritual life. When his father discovered that Francis was selling the family goods to help the poor he had him confined to a room. Later his mother released him and he went to live as a hermit in a ruined church near the city renouncing all worldly possessions and helping to nurse some lepers. He dressed in the brown woolen tunic tied with a knotted rope, the dress then worn by the poorest Umbrian peasants while he preached to the same peasants penance, brotherly love and peace.

In his newly found poverty, Francis was soon joined by a rich magnate of the city and a Canon of the Cathedral. These new recruits went to the public square where they gave away all their belongings to the poor and went to live in huts at a spot called the Porziuncola where he had restored with his bare hands the ruined church of St. Mary of the Angels. More followers joined him and the Friars Minor were formed as a religious Order. The order was approved by the Pope and Francis was ordained a Deacon and spent the rest of his life preaching repentance in the streets, in public squares, from the walls of castles. So many wanted to join his movement that he devised the Third Order, a sort of middle state between the world and the cloister for those who could not leave their families to join the First Order, or Friars Minor.

Today this Third Order meets monthly in Ballincollig helping lay people to live in the spirit of the great St. Francis.

## Questions

**Q. What's this advertising campaign on Power to Change all about? Is this safe - or is it some dangerous sect in disguise?**

A. This campaign is a missionary effort to bring the living reality of Jesus before people. It is a combined effort involving the various Christian families—a great advance on past prejudices. At the end of the Great Jubilee year AD 2000, Pope John Paul urged us to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus and to launch out into the deep, in the spirit of the first apostles. Power to Change is a campaign that deserves our full backing.

**Q. A huge amount of money is being spent advertising this Power to Change campaign. Everybody in Ireland has already heard about Christianity so why not spend this money on something more practical?**

A. Everybody in Ireland has heard about beer but they still advertise it. People might know about Jesus but how many actually know Jesus? How many really know Jesus in a one-to-one daily relationship? To hear people abuse his name, he hardly means much to them. In the Gospel Jesus healed people physically, morally and spiritually. He is with us today if we answer his call and take him seriously. He has the power to change your life for the better.

Fr Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap

## BALLINCOLLIG BASKETBALL CLUB

We wish to thank all who contributed so generously to our Church Gate Collection recently.

Training sessions for all teams have resumed and players are asked to return their membership applications as soon as possible. At present we are unable to provide a training time for beginners due to the unavailability of a suitable venue in Ballincollig on Saturday or Sunday mornings. In recent years training for younger children has been very popular and we hope to resume it when we can locate a suitable venue .

Our Division 1 mens who had a very successful season last year and won promotion are starting to settle in this higher grade after a slow start. In their pre -season tournament they played well and were beaten in the semi final by eventual winners Blue Demons .

A very young U14 girls team played four games in a recent tournament and while all the results didn't go their way, a steady improvement was visible in all matches .

Our ladies senior team played Kyer Kelts and Glanmire and a lack of pre-season training due to the unavailability of a gym cost them victory in both games .

U 12 and U 18 girls are in action this weekends tournaments in Parochial Hall Gurrán commencing at 9.00am for U12 and 11.30am for U 18

Boys U 1 1/13/15/17 games are fixed for Neptune Stadium on October 3rd .

Teams for this season are as follows;

Boys U11 A, U11B, U13,U15,U17,U19 and Div 1 Mens .

Girls U11, U12, U14,U16, U18 U19 and Ladies Senior .



## Power to Change



### What is Alpha?

The Alpha course is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith. It's relaxed, non-threatening, low-key, friendly and fun. You can listen and learn, discuss and discover, and ask questions. The Alpha consists of a ten-week course made up of a series of talks looking at such topics as:

Who is Jesus? Why did Jesus die? and Why and how do I pray?

### Who is Alpha for?

Those who would like to know more about their faith, those who want to brush up on the basics those who find prayer boring.

**The Alpha Course takes place on a Wednesday night beginning on 2nd October starting at 8 pm with a simple meal and finishing at 10 pm in The Prayer Centre, 9 North Main Street, Cork**

What to do next:

If you fall into the above categories or know of someone who does and would like to register for a place on the next Alpha course, please ring The Prayer Centre on 021-427 0362 between 12.30 pm and 4 pm Monday to Friday or Jeanette on 021-454 2468.

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 Cork City and County.

Tel: 021-4271808

## AL-ANON

open public meeting on  
Wednesday next - October 2nd  
@ 8pm  
in Dominican Centre, Popes Quay