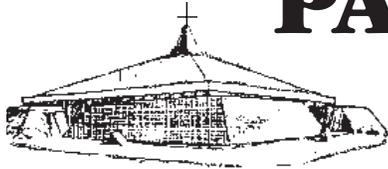


THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



SUNDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 2001

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 - this life-style leads to complacency and indifference to the needs of the poor. Any such indifference can only earn us the condemnation of God whose mercy

REPENTANCE

Repentance for sin is a central theme of the Christian message. The word "repentance" is sometimes used in the Bible to mean regret and sorrow for having done some deed. This was the kind of repentance shown by Judas when he repented of his betrayal of Jesus but did not change his life. Repentance in its true sense means sorrow that will cause a complete changed of life such as was shown by Peter after his denial of Jesus.

In the fourth century, St. John Chrysostom preached a wonderful sermon on the five roads to repentance. First among these was the acknowledgement of sin. He quotes the prophet who said: "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord, then He will forgive the guilt of my sin." To acknowledge sins help us to stop committing them. The second royal road to repentance, according to the Saint, is one which we might not have thought of: forget wrongs, control one's temper, forgive the trespasses of others. This puts into practice the well-known phrase in the Lord's Prayer: "Forgive us our trespasses we forgive those who trespass against us."

The third way to repentance is prayer - fervent and diligent prayer, prayer from the heart. So often we think of prayer in terms of asking God to do us some favour. Here we are asking God for something greater than an ordinary every day favour: we are asking that he wipe away our sins and help us to change our lives.

St. John Chrysostom again surprises us with what he considers the fifth road to repentance: Alms-giving. Even if people are very poor they can still take this way to repentance. Did not the widow in the Gospel prove this when she contributed her mite?

Finally, the fifth way to repentance is modest and humble behaviour, which annihilates sin as drastically as the other methods. In the parable of the Pharisee and the Publican, the Publican had no good deeds to list but instead he offered humility and the burden of his sins dropped off him.

"Here then are the five high-roads to repentance: first acknowledging one's sins, second forgiving the sins of others, third prayer, fourth alms-giving, fifth humility."

The saint concludes with these moving words: "We have learned how our wounds are to be healed - we must now apply these remedies, so that we may recover our health and enjoy the blessings of the holy table with confidence and attain the happiness of everlasting life through the grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ".

Leonard O'Brien

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

PRIEST:

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

READER:

For all who strive to be disciples of Christ, that they may be filled with faith and love.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the oppressed and exploited of the earth, that they may win the justice they deserve.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who would see us as rich, that we may not be blind to their needs.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For people in need in our community, that we may be their true friends.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For all who have died, that they may be raised up at the last day.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

A moment's silent prayer for our own needs and for those who have asked our prayers

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

PRIEST:

God of righteousness, you are just to the poor and oppressed, listen to our prayers, we ask you, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

A WITNESS FOR THE TRUTH (SECOND READING)

Tomorrow the Month of the Missions begins, appropriately, with the feast of St. Thérèse. Jesus witnessed to the truth, as did his followers (Second Reading). St. Thérèse knew that being an apostle - a messenger of the Gospel - was an essential part of her Carmelite vocation. It is part of the vocation of every Christian to be a witness to the Good News.

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

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THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER**BAPTISMS**

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



Liam Michéal Sugrue, 5, Glincool Rise
Jerry Tadg O'Sullivan, "Carrig", Ministers Cross
Jane Elizabeth McCarthy, 119 Rosewood
Luke William Murphy, 28, Bridgewater
Robert Edward McStay, 30 Bridgewater

MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:



Oliver Burke, Carrigfooka, Macroom &
Amanda Ryan, 80, Castlepark.
John O'Driscoll, Mallow Rd., Cork &
Grace Healy, 14, Carrigdene, Ballincollig.
Alan Mansfield, Finchley, London &
Parmindar Dulay, Finchley, London.
Michael O'Brien, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick &
Leone Murphy, 2, Rosewood
Kevin Byrne, 41, Gilabbey Street &
Bernadette O'Mahony, 4 Lee View

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

Bill Power, Leemount
Garrett Fitzgerald
Willie Kavanagh, Carrigrohane
Florence Kelley, Fr. SextonPark
Daniel & Margaret Murphy, Knockburden
Margaret & Patrick O'Mahony, Carriganarra
Denis McSweeney, Model Farm Road
Eileen Gould, Ballinlough
John Kelleher
Eleanor Mohally, Hillview Est.
Patrick O'Donoghue, The Crescent
Margaret & Michael Leahy
Noreen McGroarty, Cobh
James & Eileen O'Donovan, Leap
Denis McDonald, Coolroe
David Cronin, Ovens
Murphy Family, Greenfields
Nora Bowe, Tipperary
John & Ted Corkery, Aherla
Mary & Arthur Wilson

SAINTS THIS WEEK

1 Monday - St. Thérèse of Lisieux, Marie Françoise Thérèse Martin died at the Carmel in Lisieux on 30 September 1897. she was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope John Paul II in 1997. Patron of missions, florists, aviators and France.

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

6 Saturday - St. Bruno, born Cologne 1033. He became professor of theology in Rheims University and later its head. But his desire was to found a monastery where poverty, manual work, silence and worship were the basics. At La Grande Chartreuse he founded the Cathusians. He died there in 1101.

TWENTY-FIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**30 Sunday Am. 6:1,4-7. Ps. 145. 1 Tim. 6:11-16.****Lk. 16:19-31. Lect I :914**

The gap between the haves and have-nots is condemned by Amos. Wealth and pleasure sought without reference to any responsibilities merits condemnation in this life and in the life to come.

1 Monday Zech. 8:1-8. Ps. 101. Lk. 9:46-50. Lect II:337

The hope of the messianic age supports the people. But they cannot postpone until then a correct way of living. They must live now by the covenant.

2 Tuesday 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 Wednesday Neh. 2:1-8. Ps. 136. Lk. 9:57-62. Lect II:341

Jesus calls us to share his life as he experiences hunger, thirst and privation.

4 Thursday Neh. 8:1-4, 5-6, 7-12. Ps. 18. Lk. 10:1-12.*Lect II:343*

The assembled people are in tears as they renew their covenant with God. "Whenever the Church, gathered by the Holy Spirit for liturgical celebration, announces and proclaims the word of God, it has the experience of being a new people in whom the covenant made in the past is fulfilled."

Introduction to the *Mass Lectionary*, n. 7.**5 Friday Bar. 1:15-22. Ps. 78. Lk. 10:13-16. Lect II:346**

Israel in Exile is punished because of her sins in abandoning the Law given to Moses. This psalm of penitence is her confession of guilt.

6 Saturday Bar. 4:5-12, 27-29. Ps. 68. Lk. 10:17-24. Lect II:346

"...Jesus confesses the Father, acknowledges and blesses him because he has hidden the mysteries of the Kingdom from those who think themselves learned and revealed them to infants, the poor of the Beatitudes. The whole prayer of Jesus is contained in this loving adherence of his human heart to the mystery of the will of the Father." CCC, 2603.

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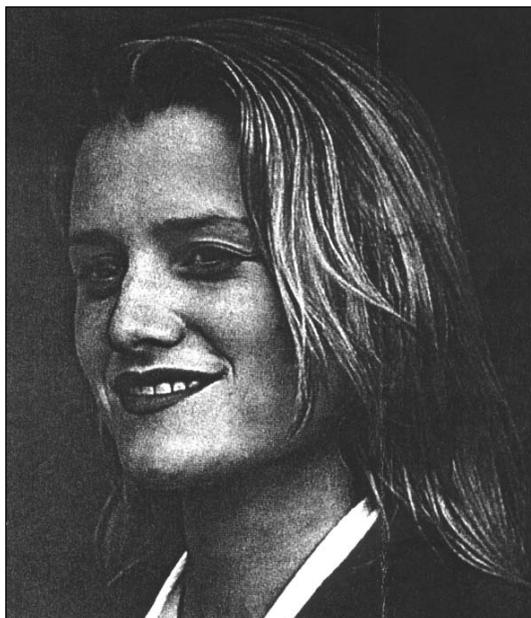
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**“CIRCLES OF
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A meeting of the above prayer
group will be held on Tuesday
October 2nd 2001 at 7p.m.

in Old Library Room,
Community Centre

*Present Members
and New Members are
all welcome to attend*

**“OCTOBER IS THE
MONTH OF THE ROSARY”**

**FATIMA
APOSTOLATE GROUP
BALLINCOLLIG**

The Monthly Meeting
of the Apostolate
will be held on
Monday October 1st, 2001
at 7pm in the
Youth House,
Station Road, Ballincollig

*Present Members
and New Members
are all welcome to attend*

Sunday 30th September 2001

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ST. MARY & ST. JOHN	EACH SUNDAY	CHRIST OUR LIGHT
<p align="center">Masses</p> <p>Sunday: 8.30, 10.00, 12.00 Mon-Thur: 9.30am Fri: 9.30am, 8.00pm Saturday: 10.00, 6pm (Vigil)</p>	<p align="center">ROSARY RECITED AT BOTH CHURCHES EACH SUNDAY 3.00P.M. <i>Everyone most welcome</i></p>	<p align="center">Masses</p> <p>Sunday: 11.00, 12.30, 5.30pm Mon-Thur: 8.30am Fri: 8.30am, 6.30pm Saturday: 10.00am, 8.00pm (Vigil)</p>
<p align="center">Confessions</p> <p>Saturday: after 10am Mass before 6pm Mass</p>	<p align="center">FRIDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2001 (First Friday) EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Church of St. Mary & St. John Following 9.30a.m. Mass Concluding with Rosary & Benediction at 7.40p.m. & Mass 8.00p.m.</p>	<p align="center">Confessions</p> <p align="center">Saturday: after 10am Mass</p>
<p align="center">Baptisms</p> <p>Saturday: 5.00pm Sunday: 12.45pm</p>		<p align="center">Baptisms</p> <p>Saturday: 7.15pm</p>

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NOVENA

PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH

The prayer should be recited over nine days

Oh, St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interest and desires.

Oh, St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power. I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.

Oh, St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you, and Jesus asleep in your arms: I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart.

Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me and ask Him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, Patron of departing souls - Pray for me.

This prayer was found in the fiftieth year of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. In 1505 it was sent from the Pope to Emperor Charles when he was going into battle. Whoever shall read this prayer or hear it or keep it about themselves, shall never die a sudden death or be drowned, nor shall poison take effect on them; neither shall they fall into the hands of the enemy, or shall be burned in any fore or shall be overpowered in battle.



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MORE PRECIOUS THAN GOLD

See how the skies make known
the glory of God!
How the vault of heaven declares
His craftsmanship!
Wherever I am, wherever I travel,
I can perceive something
Of the majesty of our God.
The magnificence of the mountains,
The immensity of the oceans,
The fascination of outer space,
All announce the power of God.
Even amid the bustle of our teeming cities,
Are reflections of the work of his hands;
He makes His presence known throughout
the universe.
The Lord has made his eternal truths known
From his word, and his law
Printed on the heart of humankind.
These precepts which direct us on the paths of
peace. He has given substance to my life,
Placed before me the goal of this creation.
Fulfilling humanity's greatest needs,
He has answered our deepest yearnings.
All these are more precious than gold,
Sweeter than honey dripping from its comb.
My pilgrim way on this planet
Presents no smooth path.
Plagued by lapses and hidden faults,
I stumble daily.
Yet your love and your grace sustains me.
'May the spoken words of my mouth,
The thoughts of my heart, win favour in your sight,
O Lord, My rescuer, my rock!
Reflection from Psalm No. 19

BEATITUDES FOR THE AGED

Blessed are those who understand
My faltering steps and palsied hand.
Blessed are they who know that my ears
today must strain to catch the things they say
Blessed are they who seem to know
That my eyes are dim and my wits are slow
Blessed are they with a cheery smile
Who stop to chat for a little while.
Blessed are they who never say
'You've told that story twice today'.
Blessed are they who know the ways
To bring back memories of yesterdays.
Blessed are they who make it known
That I am loved, respected and not alone.
Blessed are they who know I am at a loss
To find the strength to carry the cross.
Blessed are they who ease the days
On my journey Home in loving ways.

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Monthly Collection**
Next Weekend
6th & 7th October 2001
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NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS:
Hab. 1:2-3; 2:2-4. Ps. 94.
2 Tim. 1:1-8,13-14. Lk. 17:5-10.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD OCT. 6TH/7TH

ST. MARY & ST. JOHN CHRIST OUR LIGHT

6.00p.m.(Vigil) - Karen Sheehan	8.00p.m.(Vigil) - Michael Greene
8.30a.m. - Elaine Murphy	11.00a.m. - Fiona O'Connor
10.00a.m. - Margot Twomey	12.30p.m. - Marlyn O'Connor
12 Noon - Brendan Daly	5.30p.m. - Michelle Beamish

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

6th /7th October 2001

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



SATURDAY 6TH
6p.m.
Aisling Kelly
April Ryan
Eileen Murphy
Ted Nelligan
Angela Murphy
Ann O'Connell

SUNDAY 7TH
8.30a.m.
Helen Kelly
Roddy Martin

10a.m.
Miriam Maunsell
Joan Tobin
Breda Ring
Jerry O'Connor

12.00 Noon
Louie O'Leary
Mary Buckley
John Walshe
Pat Kelleher
Irene O'Brien
Ellen O'Sullivan

CHRIST OUR LIGHT CHURCH

SATURDAY 6TH
8p.m.
Maire Uí Crualaóí
Marion O'Sullivan
Anne O'Connell

SUNDAY 7TH
11a.m.
Seamus O'Connell
Mary O'Connell
Finbarr Murray
Alan O'Riordan

12.30p.m.
Eileen O'Donoghue
Jackie Sheehan
Anne Burke
Mary Green
Michael O'Leary

5.30p.m.
Catherine Green
Mary Breen
Siobhan Burke



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Voluntary collectors urgently required for the Flag Day in aid of the
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Anyone interested in helping, please contact Liz Kiely
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**VACANCIES EXIST IN COURSES ON
THE ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMME
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ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY
THANK YOU.**

CHANGE IN DEADLINE

*Please note that with IMMEDIATE EFFECT,
all articles for Publication in the Ballincollig Parishioner
should be submitted to the Sacristy
by 8.30pm on Tuesday nights*

For Information on:

- **PREMARRIAGE COURSES**
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PRE-MARRIAGE PLANNING

Seven Essential Steps

NOTICE

Church Law does not allow a priest to preside at the wedding of a couple that hasn't given at least three months notice to the church where the wedding is to take place. (The local priest is not responsible for this regulation!)

It is also necessary to notify the priest(s) of the parish(es) where both parties now live - since it is he/they who will be completing the two sets of pre-marriage papers.

PRE-MARRIAGE COURSE

The parish priest of each parish is responsible for ensuring that people who marry in the church are adequately prepared. The most common form of preparation is one of the recommended pre-marriage courses. It is recommended that you book a course at least six months before the date of the wedding.

PAPERS

Each person getting married in a Catholic church needs to have a completed "Pre-nuptial Enquiry Form". The priest of your current parish will fill this out for you and then send it to the church. Before it can be completed, you will need to furnish a Certificate of Baptism (issued not more than six months), evidence of Confirmation and evidence that you have completed a recognised pre-marriage course. You may also need one or more "letters of freedom" if you lived in another parish since you reached the minimum age for marriage.

The papers are meant to be completed by a priest who knows you. Do get in touch several months ahead of the marriage if you're meeting for the first time!

LETTERS OF FREEDOM

If you have a letter of freedom, it doesn't mean that you are free to marry! A letter of freedom is a letter from a parish where you lived for some time, saying that while there, you were not married. You'll need one if, for example, you have lived and worked abroad or in another parish in Ireland.

MIXED MARRIAGE

If your proposed partner is not Catholic you will need to get a "dispensation" from the bishop. As this may take some time to process, please contact your local priest in good time.

VENUE

Traditionally, most people celebrate their marriage in the home church of the bride. However, if you wish to celebrate your marriage in another church you are free to do so, as long as it is part of a parish, and if the requirements for "notice", etc, are fulfilled. You may also wish to consider the option of celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage without Mass. The priest you choose to officiate will explain all the options for the liturgy to you.

DAY AND TIME

As Sunday is the day when the Church community gathers for Eucharist, Sunday weddings are not permitted in these dioceses. The time of your ceremony is of your own choosing, within the schedules of the local churches. Please remember that some churches have more than one wedding per day - if you're late, you delay everyone. Most people's situations are unique, and it's impossible to cover all the details here. If in doubt, consult your local priest.

Sunday 30th September 2001

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER**BALLINCOLLIG BASKETBALL CLUB****LADIES RESULTS**

On Thursday 20th our Jun. 1 Team played the Pandas in the Inter/Jun. Tournament. Although the Pandas had the advantage of an older more mature squad, our girls played very enthusiastically, and while they did not win the game they were pleased with their overall performance.

Our Inter Ladies faced a strong Skibbereen side on the same night. Ballincollig had a slow start and while they pulled up in the second half, they had left it too late to really get back into the game.

Our Jun 2 Girls again put in a very spirited performance in their game on Saturday 22nd against Glanmire 1. The Ballincollig girls took control of the game in the opening minutes and took Glanmire by surprise, as they were the more experienced of the two sides. Ballincollig held onto their 7pt lead going into the second half, but the Glanmire girls then began to pick up the pace and unluckily for our girls who had played so well, Glanmire just managed to get those vital scores and take the win.

The Un-12 Girls had a great Tournament in Little Island in which they won all their games. Their first game was against Carrigaline 1 which they won well. Their second and third games against Carrigaline 3 and Glanmire 2 resulted in great wins for the Ballincollig Girls. In the Semi-Final they went up against a strong Carrigaline 2 team in what was a thrilling game with our Ballincollig girls coming out the victors.

The finals of this competition will be held on Thursday 27th September in Parochial Hall at 7pm.

The Un-18 Ladies started off their tournament well with a good win over St. Colms. Both teams were evenly matched but Ballincollig kept their concentration and won well. they were not as lucky in their second game when they were beaten by a very strong Glanmire side who later went on to win the tournament outright.

LADIES FIXTURES

Thursday 27th - Parochial Hall

7p.m. Un-16 Girls Final

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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