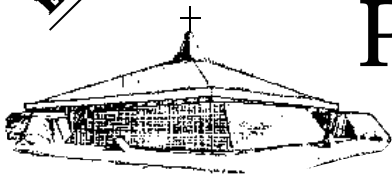


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# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



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**SUNDAY 31ST DECEMBER 2000**



## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

*The Feast of the Holy Family: We are reminded today that a holy family will be a happy one because everything is based on God's will of love...a love that shows itself in patience, forgiveness and sincere gratitude. The spirit of such a family will be the Spirit of God who brings peace.*

## ENDING OF THE YEAR OF JUBILEE

On January 6th, 2001, the Feast of the Epiphany, the Holy Year of Jubilee comes to an end. During the past year we have been commemorating in different ways the coming of Jesus 2000 years ago. Bishop John Buckley sent a special letter to every household a year ago drawing our attention to the Holy Year during which we were to CELEBRATE, to give THANKS and to be RECONCILED. It is, perhaps, appropriate to recall some of the main themes of his letter:

**TO CELEBRATE**  
Jubilee 2000 is celebrating an event that took place 2000 years ago and which changed the course of human history - the coming on earth of Jesus Christ. In the Old Testament, a jubilee year meant lifting the burdens from people, releasing them from debt and slavery and returning land to the people who originally lived on it. It was about giving unfortunate people a chance to start again. A jubilee was also a reminder to the rich to consider the less well off.

**TO GIVE THANKS**  
We give thanks to God for our Faith that our great saints first preached to us and generations of our ancestors preserved and passed on to us.

**WE ARE RECONCILED**  
It is a year in which we can be reconciled with those with whom we are not at peace, especially long estranged family members. As the story of the Prodigal Son teaches us, reconciliation lies at the heart of the Gospel message. One of the conditions to gain the jubilee year Indulgences is to experience the Sacrament of Forgiveness. Let bygones be bygones. End old family quarrels for once and for all. Let peace be the inheritance of the next generation.

The Bishop also asked us to reach out to those whose faith is weak, to help people to feel part of a caring Christian community especially through the celebration of Sunday Mass. In that way we are continuing the work of Christ which is our duty as baptised people. In a special prayer which he also sent us we prayed to be with God and our loved ones one day in Heaven.

If we have left the Jubilee Year pass by because we were preoccupied with the cares of the world let us avail of these remaining six days remembering that the Master of the vineyard paid the same wages to those who came to work at the eleventh hour.

*Leonard O'Brien*

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

### PRIEST

My brothers and sisters, it was God our Father's will that his son should share family life with Mary and Joseph. Let us pray to the Lord that he will continue to enrich our homes with his love and his grace.

### READER

For the family of the church, let us always remember that we are brothers and sisters, in Christ, and so learn to live in harmony with one another:  
Lord, hear us;

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the family of the whole human race let all come to realise that Christ is the true peace of our world, and through him let all conflicts of race, colour, creed and social distinction be eventually resolved.

Lord, hear us;

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those whose home life is broken or whose marriage has proved unhappy, let them pick up the threads of their lives again, and see their loneliness as a call from God to turn to him in their distress

Lord, hear us;

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the families in this community, let the husbands and wives renew their married love; let parents be more attentive to the needs of their children; and let children be a constant source of joy to their parents.

Lord, hear us;

Lord, graciously hear us.

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*Best Wishes for a Happy and Peaceful New Year*

The priests of the parish join in sending their New Year greetings to all members of the parish and to all readers of the Ballincollig Parishioner. We thank you all for your help and co-operation during the past year:

*Leonard O'Brien, Eugene Crowley, Pat O'Donovan, Paul O'Donoghue*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE  
REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

**Dermot & Peg Barry-Murphy, Carriganarra**  
**Noel Buckley, Carrigdena**  
**Jeremiah & Mary O'Leary, Bantry**  
**Patrick Sheehan, Kilmurray**  
**Denis Kelleher, Ballyshoneen**  
**Denis Murphy, Fr. Sexton Park**  
**Con Sheehan, Maglin**  
**Tim Sheehan, Bishopstown**  
**Bridget Power, Waterford**  
**Tom Tournay, Ratheen, Carrigrohane**  
**Denis & Marjorie Moroney, Crosshaven**  
**Johanna O'Shea**  
**Josephine Foley**  
**George Sutton, Rosewood**  
**Grace O'Connell**  
**Paddy Brennan, Kilkenny**  
**Denis & Mary Desmond, Frances Villa**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

31 Sunday 1 Sam. 1:20-22, 24-28. Ps. 83. 1 Jn. 3:1-2, 21-24. Lk. 2:41-52.  
*(Readings for Year C. Lectionary 1:122)*

The Holy Family is seen as the model for the human family, the religious community and the Church itself. St. John reminds us that while we are children of an earthly family we are firstly God's children, and our home is to be in the courts of the Lord.

JANUARY 2001

1 Monday Num. 6:22-27. Ps. 66. Gal. 4:4-7. Lk. 2:16-21. *Lect 1:139*  
 Mary, Mother of God. At the message of the angel, the Virgin Mary received the Word of God in her heart and in her body and gave Life to the world. Hence she is acknowledged and honoured as being truly the Mother of God and Mother of the Redeemer. *(Lumen gentium, 52)*

2 Tuesday 1 Jn. 2:22-28. Ps. 97. Jn. 1:19-28. *Lect 1:46*  
 All the ends of the earth have seen salvation in Word of God who existed from all eternity and is manifested in Jesus Christ. Both Basil and Gregory were born in Caesarea, and became firm friends while students at Athens. St. Basil, 330-379, bishop of Caesarea was a brilliant preacher, lived an ascetic life establishing norms for monastic life, implemented the decrees of the Council of Nicaea. Patron of Russia. St. Gregory, 330-379, was an unwilling bishop, first of Sasima and then Constantinople. He retired to live a monastic life.

3 Wednesday 1 Jn. 2:29-3:6. Ps. 97. Jn. 1:29-34. *Lect 1:148*  
 "The whole life of Jesus Christ will make manifest 'how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power.'" *CCC, 486*

4 Thursday 1 Jn. 3:7-10. Ps. 97. Jn. 1:35-42. *Lect 1:150*  
 The Christmas message is that we have found the Messiah. Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Word, has appeared to undo the work of the devil.

5 Friday 1 Jn. 3:11-21. Ps. 99. Jn. 1:43-51 *Lect 1:152*  
 "The Epiphany shows that 'the full number of the nations' now takes its 'place in their family of the patriarchs' and acquires *Israelitica dignitas* (is made 'worthy of the heritage of Israel')." *CCC 528*

6 Saturday Is. 60:1-6. Ps. 71. Eph. 3:2-3,5-6. Mt. 2:1-12. *Lect 1:161*  
 "The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Saviour of the world. The great feast of the Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. In the magi, representatives of the neighbouring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation." *CCC 528.*

AT THE GATE OF THE YEAR

And I said to the man,  
 who stood at the gate of the year:  
 Give me a light that I may tread  
 safely  
 into the unknown.  
 And he replied:  
 Go out into the darkness  
 and put your hand into the hand of  
 God.

So I went forth  
 and found the hand of God,  
 trod gladly into the light.  
 He led me towards the hills  
 and the breaking of the day in the  
 East.  
 So heart, be still!

What need our life to know,  
 if God hath comprehensions?  
 In all the dizzy strife of things,  
 both high and low.

SAINTS THIS WEEK

Friday 5th - Blessed Charles of St. Andrew, John Andrew Houben took vows as a Passionist in 1846, and came to Mount Argus in 1857, and it was there he spent most of his priestly life. His ministry in the confessional was renowned and the poor of Dublin found him a strong support. He died on 5 January 1893.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION FOR  
 THE PRIESTS OF THE PARISH  
 SINCERE THANKS FROM  
 Fr. Leonard, Eugene, Pat & Paul

DECEMBER 31ST 2000  
 - New Year's Eve

The 15 Decades of the Rosary will be recited  
 at 3p.m. in the Church of St. Mary & St. John  
 All are welcome

NOTICES

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Since setting up our site in June 2000 we have had visitors from Ireland, United Kingdom, Netherlands, France, Germany, United States, Canada, Singapore, Malaysia, Australia and South Africa.

We wish to thank you for your visits and comments.

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Why not avail of our site to tell the world about your organisation, club or society, giving details of its history, past and forthcoming events, etc.

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**BE STILL MY SOUL**

*Be still my soul:*

*The Lord is on your side.*

*Leave to your God to order and provide.  
In every change, He faithful will remain.*

*Be still my soul:*

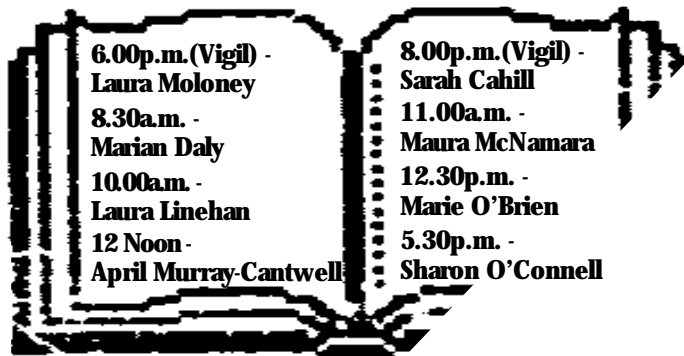
*Your God will undertake  
to guide the future as He has the past.*

*Be still my soul:*

*The tempests still obey His voice,  
who ruled them once in Galilee*

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD 6TH/7TH JAN**

ST. MARY & ST. JOHN CHRIST OUR LIGHT



**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST 6th /7th January 2001**  
ST. MARY'S & ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

**SATURDAY 6TH**

6p.m.  
Mary O'Donoghue  
Cait O'Grady  
Margaret O'Sullivan  
Angela Roche  
Betty Sheehan  
Jim Walsh

**SUNDAY 7TH**

8.30a.m.  
Theresa Lucey  
Rita Murphy

10a.m.  
Maureen Roche  
Christina Walshe  
Peter Reilly  
Mary Collins

12.00 Noon  
Oliver O'Donovan  
Pat Kelleher  
Ellen Seymour  
John Jeffers  
Joan Tobin  
Ita Walshe



**CHRIST OUR LIGHT CHURCH**

**SATURDAY 6TH**

8p.m.  
Geraldine Lynch  
Jim Cahill  
Kit Cahill

**SUNDAY 7TH**

11a.m.  
Maura McNamara  
Angela Cunningham  
Laurence Cunningham  
Bridie O'Donnell

12.30p.m.  
Eileen Garvey  
Sally Power  
Lelia O'Brien  
Moira O'Keane  
Breda Callanan

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

ST. MARY & ST. JOHN	NOTE	CHRIST OUR LIGHT
<p style="text-align: center;">Masses</p> <p>Sunday: <b>8.30, 10.00, 12.00</b>                      Mon-Thur: <b>9.30am</b>                      Fri: <b>9.30am, 6.00pm</b>                      Saturday: <b>8.30, 10.00, 12.00</b>                      6pm (Vigil)</p>	<p>FRIDAY 5TH JAN. 2001                      (First Friday)  <b>EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</b>  <i>Church of St. Mary &amp; St. John</i>  <i>Following 9.30a.m. Mass</i>  <b>Concluding with Rosary &amp; Benediction at 7.45p.m.</b>  <i>&amp; Mass 8.00p.m.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Masses</p> <p>Sunday: <b>11.00, 12.30, 5.30pm</b>                      Mon-Thur: <b>8.30am</b>                      Fri: <b>8.30am, 8.00pm</b>                      Saturday: <b>11.00am, 12.30pm</b>                      6.30pm, 8.00pm (Vigil)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Confessions</p> <p>Saturday: <b>after 10am Mass</b>  <b>before 6pm Mass</b></p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Confessions</p> <p>Saturday: <b>after 10am Mass</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Baptisms</p> <p>Saturday: <b>5.00pm</b>                      Sunday: <b>12.45pm</b></p>	<p>SAT. 6TH JAN. 2001  <b>THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD</b>  <i>HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Baptisms</p> <p>Saturday: <b>7.15pm</b></p>

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EPIPHANY ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear brothers and sisters:

The glory of the Lord has shone upon us, and shall ever manifest itself among us until the day of his return.

Through the rhythms and changes of time let us call to mind and live the mysteries of salvation.

The centre of the whole liturgical year is the Paschal Triduum of the Lord, crucified, buried and risen, which will culminate in the solemn Vigil of Easter, during the holy night that will end with the dawn of the Fifteenth day of April. Every Sunday, as in a weekly Easter, holy Church makes present that great and saving deed by which Christ has forever conquered sin and death.

From Easter there comes forth and are reckoned all the days we keep holy: Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten spring, the twenty-eighth day of March; the Ascension of the Lord, the twenty-seventh day of May; and Pentecost, the third day of June; the first Sunday of Advent, the second day of December.

Likewise in the feasts of the Holy Mother of God, of the apostles and saints, and in the commemoration of the faithful departed, the pilgrim Church on earth proclaims the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord.

To Christ who was, who is, and who is to come, the Lord of time and history, be endless praise forever and ever! Amen!



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 And know God must have heard  
 I felt the answer in my head  
 Although He spoke no word.*

*I didn't ask for wealth of fame.  
 I knew you wouldn't mind  
 I asked Him to send treasures  
 Of a far more lasting kind.*

*I asked that He'd be near you  
 At the start of each new day  
 To grant you health and blessings  
 And friends to share your way.*



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**Ballincollig Entertainment Theatre are  
presenting their 4th Pantomime and  
this year it's Sleeping Beauty.**

**Much effort has gone into making  
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**The Panto will start it's run in Ballincollig  
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and runs until 7th January**

**Programme starts at 8p.m. each night  
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**ADMISSION TO THIS GREAT SHOW  
IS £3 FOR ADULTS  
AND £2 FOR KIDS AND SENIOR CITIZENS.**

**LONG AGO FESTIVALS**

*ANCIENT EGYPT*

**In ancient Egypt, New Year was celebrated at the time the River Nile flooded, which was near the end of September. The flooding of the Nile was very important because without it, the people would not have been able to grow crops in the dry desert.**

**At New Year, statues of the god Amon and his wife and son were taken up the Nile by boat. Singing, dancing and feasting was done for a month, and then the statues were taken back to the temple.**

*BABYLONIA*

**Babylonia lay in what is now the country of Iraq. Their New Year was in the Spring. During the festival, the king was stripped of his clothes and sent away, and for a few days everyone could do just what they liked. Then the king returned in a grand procession, dressed in fine robes. Then, everyone had to return to work and behave properly. Thus, each New Year, the people made a new start to their lives.**

*THE ROMANS*

**For a long time the Romans celebrated New Year on the first of March. Then, in 46BC, the Emperor Julius Caesar began a new calendar. It was the calendar that we still use today, and thus the New Year date was changed to the first day of January. January is named after the Roman god Janus, who was always shown as having two heads. He looked back to the last year and forward to the new one. The Roman New Year festival was called the Calends, and people decorated their homes and gave each other gifts. Slaves and their masters ate and drank together and people could do what they wanted to for a few days.**

*THE CELTS*

**The Celts were the people who lived in Gaul, now called France, and parts of Britain before the Romans arrived there. Their New Year festival was called Samhain. It took place at the end of October, and Samhain means 'summer's end'. At Samhain, the Celts gathered mistletoe to keep ghosts away, because they believed this was the time when the ghosts of the dead returned to haunt the living.**

## WHAT IS A HOLY YEAR?

**In the Roman Catholic tradition, a Holy Year, or Jubilee is a great religious event. It is a year of forgiveness of sins and also punishment due to sin, it is a year of reconciliation between adversaries, of conversion and receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation and consequently of solidarity, hope, justice, commitment to serve God with joy and in peace with our brothers and sisters. A Jubilee year is above all the year of Christ, who brings life and grace to humanity.**

**The origin of the Christian Jubilee goes back to Bible times. The Law of Moses prescribed a special year for the Jewish people: "You shall hallow the fiftieth year and proclaim the liberty throughout the land, to all its inhabitants; it shall be a jubilee for you when each of you shall return to his property and each of you shall return to his family. This fiftieth year is to be a jubilee year for you: you will not sow, you will not harvest the un-gathered corn, you will not gather the untrimmed vine. The jubilee is to be a holy thing to you, you will eat what comes from the fields." (The Book of Leviticus 25, 10-14). The trumpet with which this particular year was announced was a goat's horn called Yobel in Hebrew, and the origin of the word jubilee. The celebration of this year also included the restitution of land to the original owners, the remission of debts, the liberation of slaves and the land was left fallow. In the New Testament, Jesus presents himself as the One who brings the old Jubilee to completion, because he has come to "preach the year of the Lord's favour" (Isaiah 61: 1-2).**

**It is interesting to note that in almost every country, time is counted as before and after Christ's coming into the world, although today few people may realise the reasons for this calculation. For Christians then the Jubilee of the year 2000 is especially important because it is a celebration of the 2000th anniversary of the birth of Christ (apart from differences of exact chronological count). What's more, it was the first Holy Year which marks the turn of a millennium, since the first Jubilee was proclaimed by Pope Boniface VIII in 1300. For Christians then, the Jubilee of the Year 2000 should be a great prayer of praise and thanksgiving to God for the gift of the Incarnation of His Son and the Redemption He brings. The Jubilee is called Holy Year, not only because it begins, is marked and ends with solemn acts, but also because its purpose is to encourage holiness of life. It was actually convoked to strengthen faith, encourage works of charity and brotherly communion within the Church and in society and to call Christians to be more sincere and coherent in their faith in Christ, the only Saviour:**

**A Jubilee can be "ordinary" if it falls after the set period of years, and "extraordinary" when it is proclaimed for some outstanding event. There have been twenty-five "ordinary" Holy Years so far: the Year 2000 has been the 26th. The custom of calling "extraordinary" Jubilees began in the 16th century and they can vary in length from a few days to a year. There have been two extraordinary jubilees in this century: 1933 proclaimed by Pope Pius XI to mark the 1900th anniversary of Redemption and 1983 proclaimed by Pope John Paul II to mark 1500 years since the Redemption carried out by Christ through his Death and Resurrection in the year 33. In 1987 Pope John Paul II also proclaimed a Marian year:**