

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 01-June-2003

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
(World Communications Day)

Jesus ascended to heaven so that his influence and power might be felt not just in one place but in all the world. Today he is present everywhere through his Church, bringing all people to God.



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Cork & Ross Mission in South America.

It is now almost 40 years since the late Bishop Lucey established the Cork & Ross Mission in Peru. It took great courage to take responsibility for an area thousands of miles away, with different traditions, culture and language. The outreach to South America was a response to a request by Pope John XXIII to help in the renewed evangelisation of South America, a continent which was experiencing a severe shortage of priests and sisters. About sixty of the priests from this diocese, with some Kerry and Cloyne priests, have worked in our parishes there. Even a greater number of sisters from the Bon Secours and Mercy Orders also served there as nurses, teachers and parish sisters.

Primarily, the work of the priests and sisters in South America was to make Christ better known and loved. From this came a commitment to the material welfare of the people. Medical centres, schools and parish centres have been built, and vibrant parish communities have been formed. I have seen, during my visits, the great work that has been done. Many lives have been touched by our continued commitment since 1966. The work of spreading the Good News of Jesus is central to our faith. The faith of all of us is strengthened when it is shared because the Church, of its very nature is missionary. That missionary work will continue to the end of time.

In 1992 the late Bishop Michael Murphy visited Ecuador and was moved by the poverty and shortage of priests in that country. In 1993 he made a commitment to the Archbishop in Ecuador that he would take responsibility for two parishes on the outskirts of the city of Manta for a period of 10 years. That contract has expired since March, 2003, and the priests are returning home.

I have decided that our commitment in Peru will end in March, 2004, and the three priests, at present working there, will then return home. A most significant chapter in the history of the Diocese of Cork and Ross will end at that time.

It is unusual for a diocesan missionary project to last as long as that of Cork and Ross. It survived terrorism, earthquakes and political turmoil. This is due, after the grace of God, to the willingness of volunteer priests and sisters to work there over the years, and to the generosity of the people of Cork and Ross. The people at home shared in this work by their prayers, sacrifices and especially their financial support. The Lord will reward the people for their generosity over the years.

This is not the end of our commitment to Peru and Ecuador. There is still widespread poverty in both countries. Most homes lack running water and many families are without any weekly earnings. There is no unemployment benefit. Hospitals are very short of medicines. Globalisation has made the world a smaller place but not a better place for the poor. Debt repayments compound the problem. We intend to provide ongoing financial support for the local churches in accordance with their specific needs as long as that is necessary. The sisters of the Mercy and Bon Secours Orders will continue to work in the parishes in Peru. Both Orders are now receiving many local girls into their Communities. We will continue to support them. We will be contributing 30,000 Euro, this year, to help in defraying the expenses involved in the training of those who will work in the parishes in Ecuador as priests, catechists and pastoral workers.

As this is the final public Collection since 1965, I thank you very sincerely for your generosity over the years. I trust and encourage you to continue to help our new commitment to Peru and Ecuador. I invite you to keep the people of those countries in your prayers.

With prayerful best wishes,

+ John Buckley

+John Buckley,
Bishop of Cork & Ross

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

With confidence, let us bring our prayers before God, the Most High. With confidence, let us bring our prayers before God, the Most High

Reader

For all Christians, that by their lives they may pass on the Good News.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those called to work as missionaries, that they may carry on the Lord's work in today's world.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For broadcasters and journalists, and all who work in the media, that their work may advance the cause of truth and justice.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those preparing for exams over this holiday weekend, that they may have the Spirit's help, according to their needs.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For people who feel isolated or unloved, that we may help them to realise the gifts they have to offer.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For all our loved ones who have died that where Christ has gone, they may soon follow.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

Priest

Lord Most High, great king over all the earth, you calm your people in their distress: Hear and grant the prayers we make to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

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BAPTISMS

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

Dylan Tochi Elili, 12 Mossgrove, Classis
 Nonyelum Temyna, Elili, 12 Mossgrove, Classis
 Cian Joseph O'Donoghue, 43 The Grove, Coolroe Meadows
 Daniel Fisher, 14 Aylsbury Ave.
 Mark Patrick Irwin, 178 Beech Park
 Coimhe Bullman-McCormack, 16 Leesdale Court
 Mel Kavanagh, 17 Glendower Court.

MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Kenneth Forde, Castle Park & Mary Caroline Lucey, Clash Rd.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :

John O'Driscoll, Leevew, Carrigrohane
 Elizabeth Daly, 62 Willow Field
 Tom Barry, Glanmire
 Martin Corry, Glounthaune

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

Noel Buckley, Carrigdene
 Eileen McCarthy, Clashanafein
 Mark Fogarty, Clash Rd.
 Ann Smyth, Carrigdene
 Michael O'Brien, Ballinhassig
 Catherine & Edward Hogan, Ballinlough
 Donal O'Donovan, Blackpool & Ballinlough
 Lillie Sheehan, Douglas
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 Catherine & Timothy McCarthy, Dunmanway
 The Delaney family, Carriganaree
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 Eileen Nolan, Coachford
 Niamh Carroll, Freemount
 William Boyce, Milford
 Rita Fouhy, East Gate
 Daniel & Hannah O'Connor, Ballinagree
 Daniel & Hannah Dempsey, Leemount
 John & Josephine Harrington, Union Hall
 Kathleen Doyle, 29 Westcourt
 Breda O'Leary
 Frank Manning, Clondrohid
 Kelliher Family, Kilgobnet
 Patrick O'Leary
 Eileen & Denis O'Connell, Cloghroe
 Michael Maher
 James & Christine McSweeney, Blarney St.
 William & Christine O'Sullivan
 Frank & Margaret Whelan, Prosperity Square
 Jerry O'Callaghan, Carrigrohane

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

- 01 Sunday Acts 1:1-11. Ps. 46. Eph. 1:17-23 or Eph. 4:1-13. Mk. 16: 15-20. Lect 1:552
- 02 Monday Acts 19: 1-8. Ps. 67. In. 16:29-33. Lect 1:576
- 03 Tuesday Acts 20: 17-27. Ps. 67. In. 17: 1-11. Lect 1:578
- 04 Wednesday Acts 20: 28-38. Ps. 67. In. 17: 11-19. Lect 1:580
- 05 Thursday Acts 22:30. 23:6-11. Ps. 15. Jn 17:20-26. Lect 1:583
- 06 Friday Acts 25: 13-21. Ps. 102. In. 21: 15-19 Lect 1:585
- 07 Saturday Acts 28: 16-20, 30-31. Ps. 10. In. 21 :20-25. Lect 1:588

A STUDENT'S PRAYER AT EXAM TIME

You know Lord, no matter how often exams come along; it's always the same. I've been through all this before: the late nights, the cramming, the funny feeling in the pit of my stomach; and there always seems to be so much still left to do. You would think I might be getting used to it now. I'm not asking you to make up for what I have not done Lord. What I am asking is a restful night's sleep and freedom from useless worrying. Help me to have confidence in what I have done, and to get it down during the exam in some kind of order. And while I think of it Lord, take care of all the others too! Amen.

"God is not far from any of us since it is in him that we live and move and exist. We are all his children." (Acts 17:28) And so in confidence and trust, heavenly Father, we pray:

We pray for our families, teachers and friends who have supported us, especially when we were struggling or just getting by. May we too be there for each other in the coming days?

Jesus said: "Peace is what I leave you, it is my own peace that I give you". (John 14:27) We pray for all those who are anxious about what lies ahead, or are worried. Give us the peace of mind and heart we need to do our best.

"And so I prayed and understanding was given to me." (Book of Wisdom 7:7) Father, pour out your spirit of understanding and truth. Help us to strive with all our hearts to know what is pleasing to you, and when we know your will, grant us the courage and determination to do it. We pray this with our futures in mind and we place it into your hands

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EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION

This year's Eucharistic Procession will take place on Saturday 21st June 2003, following 6.00 pm Mass at St. Mary & St. John's Church. The procession will be from the Church to East Gate Followed by Benediction in Car Park.

THE SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING: Acts 1: 1-11
 St. Luke, the writer of the Gospel was also the author of The Acts of the Apostles. At the beginning of this book he refers to the Gospel as "his earlier work". He fills in the events between the Resurrection and the Ascension. The Apostles are given their last commandments: to preach to the whole world. They are reminded that the Second Coming will only happen after the Gospel has been preached to the whole world.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4: 1-13
 In the list of gifts given to the church the point he makes is that their aim is to enlarge the unity of the Church, and to develop its intensity until we all attain full unity with the Son of God. The unity of the Church is stressed. But that unity does not mean uniformity as the gifts differ in each person.

GOSPEL: Mark 16: 15-20
 The Apostles are commanded to preach the Gospel to all. The salvation which it brings is for all without exception. In the early days of the Church, possibly because of a greater need for extraordinary signs to move a sceptical and hostile world miracles were more frequent than in later times.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Kevin 03-June-2003

St. Kevin was a native of Leinster and grew up in Kilnamanagh, where he received his early religious formation. Wishing to be a hermit, he crossed the mountains to Glendalough and settled in Disert Caoimhghin at the foot of the upper lake. But disciples began to gather round him. Gradually the great monastic settlement grew, and spread through the glen after his death in 618.

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**Novena to the Sacred Heart
 19th – 27th June**

**Sacred Heart Church
 Western Road**



**10:00am and 8:00pm daily
 All-Night Vigil 27th
 Ms. Gina Menzies
 Fr. David Smith, MSC
 Sr. Colette Stevenson, PVBM**

'I have come that you may have life, life to the full'



**Irish Blood
 Transfusion Service**
 Seirbhís Fuiltraistriúcháin Éireann

**Will hold
 Blood Donor Clinics
 In the**

GAA Pavilion, Ballinacollig

On Tue 3rd, Wed 4th & Thur 5th June 2003

From 3.00 – 5.00 & 7.00 – 9.00 pm.

Blood is urgently required

Please make a special effort to attend.

Thought for Today

Called into one and the same hope (Second Reading)

A world of tribunals and scandals can be depressing. We wonder whether there is anyone who can be trusted. Is it possible to have hope when the evidence of human weakness is all around us? Jesus, ascended to his Father's right hand, calls us to a hope that does not disappoint us. We can place all our trust in him

ANNUAL CEMETERY MASS

St. Oliver's

Is reverting back to the month of November
 Date will be published at the appropriate time.

First Friday and First Saturday

Vigil Of Reparation

Friday 6th June and Saturday 7th June

South Presentation Convent Chapel

Douglas Street, Cork

10.00pm Rosary

10.30pm Mass Fr. Chris Donlon CC Youghal

6.00am Mass Fr. Patrick Walsh CC

Dennehy's Cross, Cork City

Come and Adore Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament

Solas Dé Junior Choir

Rehearsals will be held Wednesday 4th June at 2.45pm
 In Church of Christ our Light.

Friday 6th June 2003

(First Friday)

Church of St. Mary & St. John

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Following 9:30 am Mass, concluding with Rosary,
 Benediction at 7:45 pm and Mass 8:00 pm.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Jun-07 & Jun-08-2003

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Karen Sheehan
8:30 am
Marian Daly
10:00 am
Elaine Murphy
12:00 Noon
Oliver O'Donovan

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Joy O'Driscoll
11:00 am
Fiona O'Connor
12:30 pm
Pat McGeough
5:30 pm
Brian O'Donoghue

MASS TIMES

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

8:30am, 10am & 12 noon	Sunday	11am, 12:30pm & 5:30pm
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 & before 6:00 pm Mass **Saturday** After 9:00 am Mass

BAPTISMS

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

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Jun-07 & Jun-08-2003

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Patsy Murphy
Breda Foley
Mary Walsh
Sr. M. Carmody
Geraldine Hegarty
Cathy Horgan
8:30 am Theresa Lucey
Rita Murphy
10:00 am Tadgh Murphy
Mary Murphy
Joan Tobin
Betty Sheehan
12 Noon Michael Crowley
Breda Lenihan
Noel Hennessey
Marie O'Callaghan
Rena O'Connor
Angela Roche

8:00 pm Jim Cahill
Kit Cahill
Sheila O'Connor
11:00 am Maura McNamara
Angela Cunningham
Laurence Cunningham
Bridie O'Donnell
12:30 pm Anne O'Connell
Eileen Garvey
Sally Power
Breda Callanan
Marie O'Brien
5:30 pm Neil O'Donoghue
Patrica O'Donoghue
Stattia O'Callaghan

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BALLINCOLLIG PARISH

South American Mission Fund
This weekend
31st May & 1st June
Second basket collection all Masses

Scoil Barra

Confirmation Class 2003

Please join us at the 11 am Mass on Sunday June 8th
In Christ Our Light to share in the music and readings of our
Confirmation Day

BALLINCOLLIG TIDY TOWNS

The table for the CORK INTER-TOWN LITTER CHALLENGE 2003 shows Ballincollig in 4th place 35 marks behind the leader. It is very obvious from the comments that we lost marks in the town centre. We would like to point out that we do not judge this competition and that the comments, as printed below, were made by the judges.

AREA 1 (TOWN CENTRE)

- **Main Street** – bottle and piece of paper by kerb outside **AIB**. A few pieces of paper near the **Oriel House**. Plastic cup at bus stop. Chip plate near kerb across from **Statoil Station**. A lot of cigarette ends on street outside **AIB**. Red bull can on street outside **O'Mahony Walsh Auctioneers**. Weed against wall outside **Kay's Discount Store**. Coca Cola bottle at corner of **Discount Store**. Three bottles and sheet of cardboard in forecourt of **Shell Station**. A lot of litter at entrance to derelict house that is across from Healy's Bar. Bank slips in front of **AIB**.
- **Baker St.** a lot of paper litter by grass verge and badly littered around **Community Centre**
- **Station Road** a lot of litter on both sides heading up by the church
- School and cemetery – very clean
- Car park and square – all of this area was litter free
- Harrington St – litter free

Remarks

Station Road requires attention, as there was quite a lot of litter here.

Regardless of the results we have to keep going and with the National Tidy Towns Competition starting on June 1st we have to make a big improvement.



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