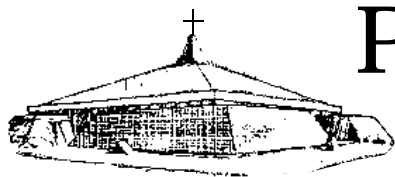


# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



CHRIST OUR LIGHT  
INNISHMORE



ST. MARY & ST. JOHN  
STATION ROAD

**SUNDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2000**

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



*Many people think of God as remote and invisible. Our extraordinary faith tells us, that he is also so close to us, that we can hear his Word, and know what he wants from us. Today we are called not just to hear his Word, but to practice it without hypocrisy, so that we may receive life.*

## ST. PAUL AND WOMEN'S RIGHTS

In the second reading at last Sunday's Mass, St. Paul stated that the husband is head of his wife and that wives should submit to their husbands in everything. In the light of today's thinking on the equality of women this statement makes extraordinary reading indeed and must give offence to many women. St. Paul lived and wrote in the Middle Eastern world where to this day the treatment of women is appalling. Systems such as purdah forbid women from showing their faces in public while the acceptance of polygamy degrades the status of women. The Jewish people, at least, were more advanced than that but still St. Paul was a child of his era and in accepting much of the received thinking showed a lack of originality. But then we all tend to accept the fashions of our time without question whether it be in hair style, dress social attitudes or even, at times, morality.

In the year 2000 we are all sensitive to human rights especially those of women. Yet not so long ago, we saw nothing wrong in a system of remuneration which paid women less than men even if both their employment and qualifications were identical. Up to the 1970's a lady Secondary teacher, for example, received less than her male counterpart. Many women were obliged to resign their positions on marriage. No politician, no journalist, no trades union leader, no priest complained about this injustice.

It is easy to be wise in hindsight. It is not so easy to take a cold look at the defects in the thinking of our own era. Today's world is full of examples. It is accepted that on televised current affairs discussions the panel will feature three men and one woman. No one objects when the men's All Ireland football final is a national event while the women's passes almost unheeded by public and media alike. In spite of lipservice to gender balance men still dominate in key positions such as newspaper editorships, top positions in hospital, the legal world and the business world. The Church is frequently and justifiably criticised for its attitude to women. But other institutions are equally guilty and deserves equal criticism.

Just as we learn so much wisdom from the writings of St. Paul we should also learn from his mistakes and never accept without criticism the fashionable attitudes of our own time.

*Leonard O'Brien*

## PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL

For the leaders of the Church, may they, by their prayers and good works, encourage all Christians to keep God's laws and show forth his loving care to the world.

Lord, hear us;  
Lord, graciously hear us.

For the legislators in our country, may their decisions reflect God's law, by which they uphold Christian principles, protecting the dignity of the individual, and the sanctity of family life.

Lord, hear us;  
Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who struggle with their consciences, may the light of Christ's love for his Church enable them to see themselves, not in isolation but in the context of the Church and society.

Lord, hear us;  
Lord, graciously hear us.

For a deeper appreciation of the inner meaning of God's commandments, may Christians not see them as mere external observances, but as a call by Christ to love with our minds and hearts God Our Father, and our neighbour as ourselves.

Lord, hear us;  
Lord, graciously hear us.

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*The just will live in the presence of the Lord.*

## BAPTISMS

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

**Cian Kevin Forde, 5, Whitehorn Avenue**  
**Daragh Jeremiah Cronin, 8, Maldene Ave, Bishopstown**



## MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

**Kealan Paul Mullan, 10, the Meadows & Deirdre Anita Power, 7, Coolroe Heights**  
**Thomas Jan Erlandsson, Dock Road, Limerick & Mary McSweeney, Togher**



## IN SYMPATHY

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:  
**Sean O'Buachalla, Gladtane, Mallow**

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

**Denis & Catherine O'Sullivan, Kilumney, Ovens**  
**Christina Cotter, Leo Murphy Terrace, Anniversary**  
**Donie O'Sullivan, 2, Castle Park**  
**James & Elizabeth Flynn, Durrus**  
**Dan O'Sullivan, Ovens**  
**Mary Hall, Bishopstown**  
**Ted & Mary Holland, Rosewood**  
**Kieran Holland, Greystones**  
**Jack O'Flynn, Turners Cross**  
**Rita Lynch, Green Street**  
**Catherine & John McKechnie, Tower**  
**Leslie Hayden, Bedford**  
**Br. Angelus Leahy**  
**Nuala Delaney**  
**Fr. Con Twohig**  
**Sean O'Donovan, Church Road, Carrigrohane**  
**James McNamara, Powdermills. Rec. Dec.**  
**Michael Dineen, coachford**  
**Maureen Callanan, West Village**  
**Catherine Buckley**  
**Michael Eager, Glanworth**  
**Maura & Tim Quill, Old Blackrock Road**  
**The O'Malley Family**  
**Bridget Mary O'Mahony, Parknamore Lodge, Ballincollig West**

## FATIMA APOSTOLATE

Ballincollig Group

**Our monthly meeting will be held on Monday next, September 4th 2000 in the Youth House, Station Road at 7p.m.**

*Present & New Members Welcome*

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

3 Sunday Dt. 4:1-2, 6-8. Ps. 14. Jm. 1:17-18,21-22,27. Mk. 7:1-8,14-15,21-23.  
*Lect II:793*

**God's commandments are given as a test or measure of our love for him. They lead us to show love for others. Human laws and observances can narrow us and lead to inhumanity to others.**

4 Monday 1 Cor. 2:1-5. Ps. 118. Lk. 4:16-30. *Lect II:738*

**The faith of the Christians must be seen to be founded on the power of God. It is not the result of plausible words or particular personalities.**

5 Tuesday 1 Cor. 2:10-16. Ps. 144. Lk. 4:31-37. *Lect II:741*

**To know what is going on in the depth of another person's mind, we must be told. So the depths of God's selfconsciousness is revealed to us by the Spirit. What Paul preaches is what the Spirit has revealed to the community, and that is the mind of Christ.**

6 Wednesday 1 Cor. 3:1-9. Ps. 32. Lk. 4:38-44. *Lect II:743*

**The function of preachers is to mediate faith. That faith is a gift given by God, so the credit goes not to individual preachers but to God, the only giver. The preachers must continue to proclaim the Good News of the kingdom of God.**

7 Thursday 1 Cor. 3:18-23. Ps. 23. Lk. 5:1-11. *Lect II:745*

**Christ is the Wisdom of God and we belong to him. It is worldly foolishness to commit oneself to individual apostles. We have to leave all and follow Christ.**

8 Friday Mic. 5:1-4 or Rom. 8:28-30. Ps. 12. Mt. 1:1-6,18-23. *Lect II:1180*  
**We celebrate the Birthday of Mary, who brought the dawn of hope and salvation to the world. she is the true Ark of the Covenant, the temple of God, because her body received the one Mediator.**

9 Saturday 1 Cor. 4:6-15. Ps. 144. Lk. 6:1-5. *Lect II:749*

**Paul's weakness shows the power of God, for any good that Paul has accomplished cannot be attributed entirely to him. Paul's spiritual fatherhood enabled the grace of God to grow in the Corinthians.**

## SAINTS THIS WEEK

Monday 4th - St. Oengus MacNissi **took his name from his mother, Cnes or Ness. It is claimed that Patrick baptised him and taught him the Psalms. He chose the district of Connor for his hermitage, but later became bishop of his clan. He died early in the sixth century.**

Saturday 9th - St. Ciaran was born in Roscommon, probably in 512. He was baptised and fostered by the deacon Diarmuid. He went to Clonard in 529. He also spent periods with Ninnid, Enda and Senan, and founded Inis Aingin on Lough Ree. In January 545 he came to Clonmacnois where he founded a monastery which was to become one of the most renowned in Europe. He died at the age of 33 while the monastery was being built.

## DANCE FOR PARISH DEBT

The Pike Theatre Group  
*presents*

*An Evening of Entertainment,  
Song & Dance*

**at Tanner Park Rugby Pavilion**

**on Tuesday September 12th at 8.30p.m.**

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**PARISH CHURCH RENOVATION FUND**

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# NOTICES

## COMMUNITY GAMES

Last weekend at the ESB National Community Games Finals, held at the Mosney Holiday Centre in Co. Meath. Ballincollig were represented in record numbers on the CMP Dairies Cork Community Games with 25 competitors and a further 3 competitors will travel for this weekends finals.

First out on Sunday were 6 year old Alison Hayes and Robert Noonan in the U/8 Gymnastics, with Alison winning the Gold Medal and Robert finishing in 6th place in a very tough group, Eva Crowley and Joseph O'Dowd followed in the U/10 competition. Eva in finishing 3rd took the Bronze medal, while Joseph was in 7th place.

Also on Sunday afternoon, Ann Marie O'Connell finished 6th in the Girls U/12 Gymnastics. Maria Moloney and John O'Mahoney completed the Gold Double in U/16 Gymnastics. John O'Mahony in making his eight successive appearance at the National Finals, created further history, as he won Gold through scoring 9.7 which is the highest score ever recorded in the National Finals for the floor event.

Also on Sunday the Boys Pitch & Putt team of Ian Bohane, Brian Healy, Brian O'Keefe and Colm Healy, although vastly inexperienced at this level, put on a tremendous display, finishing 6th.

Also on Sunday afternoon, the Boys U/16 Table Tennis team that included Eoin Hegarty, Eoin McNally, Killian Healy, David Buckley and Mike Spitere, played some brilliant table tennis They were involved in an enthralling play-off with the lads from Ballina in Co. Mayo, for third place and were unlucky to lose by the narrowest of margins and so settled for Certificates.

On Monday the Team Acrobatics Finals were held and the Ballincollig Team of Michelle and David Sheehan, Denis Moloney, Kieran Buckley and Ann Marie O'Connell defeated the Wexford team, by 0.03 to take the gold.

Also on Monday the Ballincollig Girls Pitch & Putt Team, of Elaine Murphy, Karen O'Brien, Sarah McSweeney and Brid Foley, were in outstanding form

playing some brilliant Pitch & Putt, before conceding by 1 point to Dublin, and therefore settling for Silver. Elaine Murphy, was the star of this event as she won Gold for best individual score.

The Ballincollig Community Games Committee wish to express its deep gratitude to Gymnastics Manager Marie O'Connell, Coaches Sandra O'Leary and Emer Smith; Acrobatics Managers/Coaches Neil and Claire Sheehan; Pitch & Putt Managers Patsy McNally (Girls) and Kaeliv Donnelly (Boys); and Table Tennis Manager Michael Healy.

This weekend three athletes will be heading from Ballincollig as part of the Cork team for the athletics finals. Ronan Foulkes will run in the Boys U/16-100m; while Thomas Maunsell and Elinor Lucey will run in the Boys and Girls U/17 Marathon.

Finally the Committee also wished to thank the following for their help in sponsoring the local teams: Ballincollig Credit Union Ltd, Suttons Oil Ltd, O'Brien Construction, the ESB, Post Formed Systems Ltd, O'Keefe Insulations Limited and O'Flynn Construction Ltd. Without their financial help the cost of running Community Games in the area would be prohibitive. The Committee also wish to acknowledge the co-operation and help of Pat Kinsella and his staff at Colaiste Choilm, who have allowed the use of the schools facilities throughout the year.

## MINISTERS OF THE WORD 9/10 SEPT ST. MARY & ST. JOHN CHRIST OUR LIGHT

6.00p.m. (Vigil) - Karen Sheehan	8.00p.m. (Vigil) - Christine Fitzgibbon
8.30a.m. - Martha Barry	11.00a.m. - Clare Collins
10.00am. - Laura Linehan	12.30p.m. - Pat McGeough
12 Noon - April Murray-Cantwell	5.30p.m. - Margaret Murphy

## MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST 9th/10th September 2000 ST. MARY'S & ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

### SATURDAY 9TH

6p.m.  
Ted Nelligan  
Helen Kelly  
Breda Lehihan  
Eileen Murphy  
Angela Murphy  
Ann O'Connell

### SUNDAY 10TH

8.30a.m.  
Mary Buckley  
Josie Halligan

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

12.00 Noon  
Louie O'Leary  
Mary Buckley  
Will Casey  
Rose Doyle  
Anne O'Sullivan  
Ellen O'Sullivan

### CHRIST OUR LIGHT CHURCH

### SATURDAY 9TH

8p.m.  
Michael Greene  
Tom Ryan  
Christine Fitzgibbon  
Jacinta Jeffers  
Pauline Collins  
Sarah Cahill

### SUNDAY 10TH

11a.m.  
Fiona O'Connor  
Phil O'Connell  
Clare Collins  
Jack Dorgan  
Noreen O'Riordan

12.30p.m.  
Marie O'Brien  
Marlyn O'Connor  
Liam Hayes  
Pat McGeough  
Margaret Healy

5.30p.m.  
Sharon O'Connell  
Michelle Beamish  
Eileen Nolan  
Margaret Murphy  
Billy O'Sullivan

Maura McNamara



CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR THIS WEEK

ST. MARY & ST. JOHN	EACH SUNDAY	CHRIST OUR LIGHT
<p><b>Masses</b>                      Sunday: <b>8.30, 10.00, 12.00</b>                      Mon-Fri: <b>9.30a.m.</b>                      Saturday: <b>10.00a.m., 6p.m.</b>                      (Vigil)</p>	<p><b>ROSARY RECITED                      AT BOTH CHURCHES                      EACH SUNDAY                      3.00PM.</b>  <i>Everyone most welcome</i></p>	<p><b>Masses</b>                      Sunday: <b>11.00, 12.30, 5.30p.m.</b>                      Mon-Fri: <b>8.30a.m.</b>                      Saturday: <b>10.00am, 8.00pm</b>                      (Vigil)</p>
<p><b>Confessions</b>                      Saturday: <b>after 10a.m. Mass                      before 6p.m. Mass</b></p>	<p><b>SACRISTY SERVICES                      CHURCH OF ST. MARY                      &amp; ST. JOHN</b>                      - Mass Card Signing -                      Requests for                      Baptism/Marriage Certs etc.</p>	<p><b>Confessions</b>                      Saturday: <b>after 10a.m. Mass</b></p>
<p><b>Baptisms</b>                      Saturday: <b>5.00p.m.</b>                      Sunday: <b>12.45p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>CHRIST OUR LIGHT</b>                      - Mass Card Signing -  <i>Before and after all Masses                      Sundays &amp; Weekdays</i></p>	<p><b>Baptisms</b>                      Saturday: <b>7.15p.m.</b></p>

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