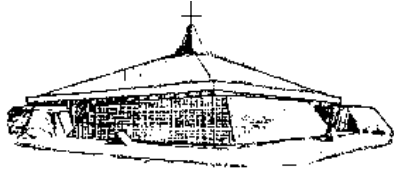


THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



SUNDAY 14TH APRIL 2002

Third Sunday of Easter

Sudden, unexpected death shocks and confuses us; it is all the more bitter when it comes to someone whose life is full of promise. Such a death was not futile for Jesus because it was part of God's purpose.

Like Him we may be called to "suffer these things and enter into glory".

A MIXED BAG

I wish to begin this week by saying a big thank you to all who took the time to write to me or phone their thoughts on what I wrote last week about the scandals that are at present coming out into the open in relation to child sexual abuse by priests and religious. I even got letters from friends whom I hadn't heard from in years whose priests in their parishes gave their thoughts last weekend. Everybody expressed encouragement. I noticed that both churches in the parish were full to capacity at most Masses. This I know is a vote of confidence for all of us, priests and people. It is with regret that I say goodbye and best wishes to Ned Morrissey and his wife Rose who are leaving the Parish, shortly, to live with their daughter over in Douglas. Ned served on the parish council and was a very active member. Ned was a minister of the word in St. Mary and St. John's church proclaiming the word of God with great sincerity. Blessed with a beautiful and distinguished voice I always found him a pleasure to listen to, regularly filling in when someone was unable to do so. For that Ned I am very grateful. Like a lot of people who are active in this parish, I always found him supportive but not obtrusive. I wish you both well in your new surroundings, and I hope you will visit from time to time. Since I came to this parish a number of people have moved on but all that I have come to know have had a positive influence on the place. I'll miss you Ned and Rose.

Speaking of "Thank You's" On the Neil Prendeville show the other morning, people were talking about the absence of it nowadays. Looking at a few till receipts recently I noticed its absence there too. Some shop assistants will not even lift their heads to acknowledge one's custom, on which we all depend. This I feel is sad and reflects badly on business. I put out the word, we should be grateful for one another.

For the very young and not so young I gather that the famous car "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" is making its first ever and only appearance at the Innishannon Steam and Vintage Rally (formerly Upton) on the June bank holiday weekend. This should make a treat for all of us who know Ian Flemming's famous film, I don't know much about the car but I intend to find out! More later!!!

Pat O'Donovan

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

PRIEST:

Because the Lord is our refuge and strength, let us bring forward our prayers.

READER:

For all Christians, that they may believe the scriptures and live by God's word.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who haven't yet heard the Good News, that the lives of believers may bring light and hope to all in darkness.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For people who travel, like the two on the road to Emmaus, that they may recognise Christ walking with them.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who suffer in mind and body, at home and abroad, that they may experience peace within.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For all who have gone before us in faith that may know happiness forever at God's right hand.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

PRIEST:

Lord our God, you show us the path of life: support us by your presence and help us every step of the way, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thought for Today

He explained the scriptures to us (Gospel)

The disciples travelling along the road were familiar with the message of the prophets. It was only as they listened to Jesus walking beside them that they understood its full meaning. How seriously have we tried to bear that message in our lives? The recent growth in the practice of lectio divina as a way of praying and bearing the scriptures is a great blessing for the Church.

Show us, Lord, the path of life.

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BAPTISMS



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

- Jay Marie Fitzgibbon, 85 Fernwalk
- Seán Pádraig De Búrca, 5 The Grove, Coolroe Meadows
- Alex Stephen Cronin, 50, The Close, Coolroe Meadows
- Jack Daniel Desmond, 9 Island Way
- Aliye Niamh Saybak, 32 Oaklands
- Diane Ellen Spillane, 62 Castle Ave, Muskerry Est
- Caoimhe Julieanne Creedon, 16 Westgrove, Coolroe

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IN SYMPATHY

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:

- Kevin Shields, Castleknock
- Richard Harris, Mayfield
- Rev. Canon Declan Crowley, Ovens

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

- John Woods, Carriganarra
- Con Kelleher, Poulavone
- Maura Kelly, Beech Park
- Helen Lynch, Innishannon
- Lena Dennehy, Castle View
- Redmond & Treasa Walsh
- Jerry O'Sullivan, Beara
- Tim Lucey, Industry Place
- Eileen Murphy, Muskerry Est.,
- Joseph Daly, Muskerry Est.,
- Thomas & Mary O'Donoghue, Killarney
- Mary Cahill, Upper Friars Road
- Joe O'Leary
- John Callaghan
- Berti Lehane
- Peter Murphy, Tarelton
- Nora Noonan, Aghabullogue
- Nellie Mullaly
- Paddy & Christina Hayes, Clonakilty
- Ellen Ryan
- Mary Lucey, Coolroe
- Sean Daly, Coolroe
- Con O'Driscoll
- Jim, Mary & Sean Callaghan, Galway
- Des McGreevey
- Mary & Denis Lucey, Ballingearry
- Mrs Tan, Singapore
- John McGowan

THIRD WEEK OF EASTER

14 Sunday Acts 2:14, 22-33. Ps. 15. 1 Pet. 1:17-21. Lk. 24:13-35. *Lect 1: 461*
The Gospel story contains a wealth of teaching on the meaning of the Eucharist as a celebration of the presence of the Risen Lord. Christ takes, blesses, breaks and gives the bread to his disciples and is known to them in the action. It is in the context of two or three gathered in his name that they come to faith. It is he who opens their minds and hearts explaining their doubts in the light of Sacred Scripture. And it is on the first day of the week, the Lord's Day, that the Lord of Days walks with them in the cool of the evening.

15 Monday Acts 6:8-15. Ps. 118. Jn. 6:22-29. *Lect 1: 472*
Stephen, filled with grace and power, witnesses to Christ, becomes a threat to the synagogue and is arrested. Jesus tells the people to look beyond the bread they eat to the mystery, and to seek him in faith.

16 Tuesday Acts 7:51 -8:1 a. Ps. 30. Jn. 6:30-35 *Lect 1: 474*
Stephen becomes the first to die for Christ, echoing his Master's words of forgiveness for his executioners. Jesus is the Father's gift, sent to us on a life-giving mission.

17 Wednesday Acts 8:1b-8. Ps. 65. Jn. 6:35-40. *Lect 1: 476*
The persecution of the Church in Jerusalem under Saul sends the Christians to preach the Good News elsewhere.

18 Thursday Acts 8:26-40. Ps. 65. Jn. 6:44-51. *Lect 1: 479*
"The Eucharist is the efficacious sign and sublime cause of that communion in the divine life and that unity of the People of God by which the Church is kept in being. It is the culmination both of God's action sanctifying the world in Christ and of the worship men offer to Christ and through him to the Father in the Holy Spirit." *Eucharisticum Mysterium, 6.*

19 Friday Acts 9:1 -20. Ps. 116. Jn. 6:52-59. *Lect 1:481*
The conversion of St Paul comes through his meeting with the risen Lord on the Road to Damascus. It is the same risen Lord who gives himself to believers in the Eucharist in a personal communion. That communion is a pledge of an eternal communion with Jesus and the Father.

20 Saturday Acts 9:31 -42. Ps. 115. Jn. 6:60-69. *Lect 1: 484*
The churches built themselves up and were filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit, Peter raises Dorcas to life on his apostolic journey. The words of Jesus lead to life, and give life if accepted in faith.

SAINTS THIS WEEK

16 Tuesday - St Bernadette Soubirous is recognised as a saint for her humility and assiduous religious life.

18 Thursday - St Laserian (Molise) entered the monastery at Leighlin where he became abbot. His monastery thrived and gave its name to the diocese established in 1110. Laserian died in 639.

SKATEBOARDING

The Parish Council has received complaints from Churchgoers, that the grounds surrounding St Mary & St John's Church are being used by skateboarders. It should be bourn in mind that skateboarding can be dangerous, particularly to elderly people. As this is sacred ground, with several graves and headstones, respect and devotion should be observed at all times.

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St. Augustine's Church
17th - 26th April 2002

Preacher for the Novena Rev. Fr. Declan Brosnan o.s.a.

Three Sessions Daily
10.40am - 3.40pm - 7.40pm

Saturday 20th April Anointing of the Sick at
4.00 o'clock Mass
Devotions 7.40pm with Vigil Mass 8.00pm

Sunday 21st April 10.10am-3.40pm 7.40pm
with Mass 4.00pm and 8.00pm.
Feast Day Friday 26th April 10.40am - 3.40pm.
Concelebrated Mass at 8.00pm

BASKETBALL CLUB NOTES

At our recent A.G.M.a major concern was expressed by parents and members about the demolition of Ballincollig Community School Gym as part of the process of their new school building. The general opinion was that while the new school was great for Ballincollig, an opportunity to provide a great facility at a very low cost for the youth was about to be lost. A new gym will be part of the new school building which is financed by PUBLIC PRIVATE

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Ballincollig Basketball Club provide an outlet for the youth of the surrounding area which is safe and enjoyable. Our sport is played indoor during the dark winter months and the cost of hiring halls is the greatest expense in our club budget. We are grateful for the help of Ballincollig Community School which enables us to continue the service we provide for a lot of young people. We would not be able to continue without their support.

Our club fear that we will not be able to finance the hire of the new gym which will be in the hands of a private company and the youth of Ballincollig will be the losers if this happens.

We have spoken to local politicians and a Government Minister about our concerns and with a view to retaining the gym for the people of Ballincollig. We are sad to report that we are still awaiting replies from the majority of our local representatives. One politician we met in MAY 2001 and we are still waiting for any return contact.

With a General Election just around the corner we will be asking all politicians who knock on our doors what did they do for minority community groups who needed facilities when their help was requested.

On a brighter note a large number of boys and girls attended our EASTER CAMP in the Community School Gym. Over the course of two days there was some serious dribbling and dunking in almost tropical weather by stars of the future.

A large number of participants received awards from visitors to the camp Cllr. Derry Canty and Deirdre Clune T.D. who were very impressed by the level of skills displayed among the children.

We would like to thank Ballincollig Community School for the use of their facilities, a special thanks to all our coaches and helpers who gave up their holidays to make the camp possible.

ST. MARY & ST. JOHN	EACH SUNDAY	CHRIST OUR LIGHT
<p>Masses</p> <p>Sunday: 8.30, 10.00, 12.00</p> <p>Mon-Fri: 9.30am,</p> <p>Saturday: 10.00am, 6pm (Vigil)</p>	<p>ROSARY RECITED AT BOTH CHURCHES EACH SUNDAY 3.00P.M. <i>Everyone most welcome</i></p>	<p>Masses</p> <p>Sunday: 11.00, 12.30, 5.30pm</p> <p>Mon-Fri: 8.30am.,</p> <p>Saturday: 10.00am, 8.00pm (Vigil)</p>
<p>Confessions</p> <p>Saturday: after 10am Mass before 6pm Mass</p>	<p>SACRISTY SERVICES <i>Before and after all Masses Sundays & Weekdays</i> <u>CHURCH OF ST. MARY & ST. JOHN</u></p> <p>- Mass Card Signing - Requests for Baptism/Marriage Certs, etc. <u>CHRIST OUR LIGHT</u> - Mass Card Signing -</p>	<p>Confessions</p> <p>Saturday: after 10am Mass</p>
<p>Baptisms</p> <p>Saturday: 5.00pm Sunday: 12.45pm</p>		<p>Baptisms</p> <p>Saturday: 7.15pm</p>
<p align="center">PARISH CLERGY</p> <p align="center">CHURCH NO. ☎ 087-2479140</p> <p align="center">Fr. L.O'Brien P.P ☎ 021-4871206</p> <p align="center">Fr. P. O'Donovan C.C. ☎ 021-4872808 Fax: 021-4872808</p> <p align="center">Fr. Paul O'Donoghue ☎ 021-4876055</p> <p align="center">Fr. John O'Donovan ☎ 021-4870434</p>		

EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION

This year's Eucharistic Procession will take place on Saturday 26th May 2002, following 6.00pm Mass at St. Mary & St. John's Church. The procession will be from the Church to East Gate followed by Benediction in Car Park.

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DEPENDENCE

Our great God knows the number of stars,
 He calls each orbit by name.
 The same Lord it is who heals the
 Broken-hearted and binds up their wounds.
 His greatness is matched only by his tenderness,
 While his strength parallels his mercy.
 The Lord appoints the times and seasons.
 He covers the sky with rain-clouds.
 He refreshes the earth
 With water for its fruits
 .He is the harvester of all living things.
 He supplies provisions for all his creatures.
 Such is God's loving care and providence for all creation.
 Well merited the praise and gratitude of
 His children who understand
 Their dependence on him.
 Call me by my name, Lord,
 As you call the stars in heaven.
 And one day, use my name to call me
 To your side forever.
 The Lord sets the number of stars,
 Gives to all of them their names.

Reflection from Psalm 147A

NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS:

Acts 2:14,36-41. Ps. 22. 1 Pet. 2:20-25. Jn. 10:1-10.

Lect I: 487. Vocations Sunday.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD 20TH/21ST APR
ST. MARY & ST. JOHN CHRIST OUR LIGHT

6.00p.m.(Vigil) - Muireann Nelligan	8.00p.m.(Vigil) - Tadhg Murphy
8.30a.m. - Annette Collins	11.00a.m. - Phil O'Connell
10.00a.m. - Rebecca Lynch	12.30p.m. - Bernard Vallely
12 Noon - Oliver O'Donovan	5.30p.m. - Brian O'Donoghue

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

20th/21st April 2002

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



SATURDAY 20TH
6p.m.

Aisling Kelly
 April Ryan
 Eileen Murphy
 Ted Nelligan
 Angela Murphy
 Ann O'Connell

SUNDAY 21ST
8.30a.m.

Helen Kelly
 Roddy Martin

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

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

CHRIST OUR LIGHT CHURCH

SATURDAY 20TH
8p.m.

John O'Donoghue
 Eleanor O'Donoghue
 Kathleen Daly

SUNDAY 21ST
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'Donnell

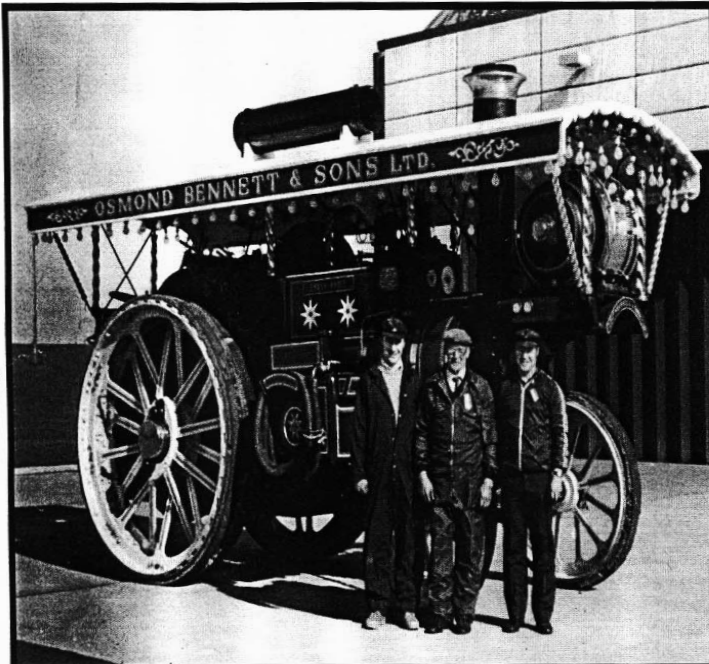
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It is also of utmost concern to me that if anyone believes a priest may have been involved in sexual abuse that it should be reported to me. Anyone who suspects that such a crime may have been committed should also make a complete report to the Gardai or the Southern Health Board.

All who minister within our parishes and institutions must always seek to uphold Christian values and conduct. It is diocesan policy that any priest who is found to have sexually abused a child or young person in his pastoral care will be withdrawn from ministry and not returned. The hand of care and help will be offered to such a priest to bring about his healing too.

Down through the years, the people of these Dioceses have been enriched by a tradition of faithful priestly ministry. Countless people have come to know God better and to experience God's personal care for them through the work of their priests. People have come to place a great trust in their priests.

We need to work together to ensure that this trust can be maintained and restored when damaged. I want to assure you that when an allegation of child sex abuse is made against a priest of this diocese, the matter is immediately taken very seriously. All efforts are made to help the complainants and their families, to ensure that the alleged offender is treated justly and fairly and to protect children from further risk. The allegation is also reported to the Gardai.

I again invite anyone who has any concern about the behaviour of a priest of this diocese to make contact with me. I assure you of a sensitive and immediate response. The address and telephone number of my office are in the telephone directory, the diocesan directory and on the notice boards of the churches.

Finally, I invite you to join with me in praying for the victims and the many people who are suffering at this time. I pray that in time we will all be healed by the grace of God working through and in each of us.

Sincerely in Christ,

+ John Buckley

+ John Buckley,

Bishop of Cork and Ross.



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LETTER TO THE PEOPLE OF CORK AND ROSS

My dear people,

It is a matter of considerable sadness when anyone mistreats another human being. It is even more hurtful when we learn that priests in whom people place the highest trust have abused children and young people. Furthermore, many people are upset and angry that Church authorities have not always acted responsibly when people expected them to deal with such problems. I am truly sorry that the Church has not treated some people fairly when priests sexually abused them. Some people have not met the compassionate face of Christ in the way the Church has responded. An essential trust has been damaged. So it is understandable that people are confused and distressed.

Some people may also feel that if they have concerns about the behaviour of a priest that their story will not be listened to.

This would be the worst possible outcome. I repeat here what my predecessor Bishop Murphy and I have said on numerous occasions.

The welfare of children has to be of paramount importance to all of us. This is all the more reason why the Church must be willing to offer complainants all the pastoral help we can give. The road to recovery from being sexually abused is a difficult and painful one. I am committed to placing diocesan resources at the disposal of people who need such help. The diocese has already assisted people in such painful circumstances and will continue to do so.

This is the least that Christ expects of all of us.