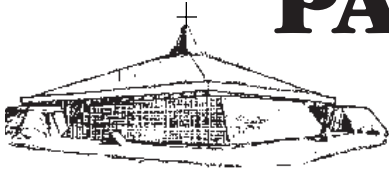


THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



SUNDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2001



TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Eucharistic is the name that we give to our great act of worship, it is a name that means 'giving thanks'. Today's readings remind us that we owe God thanks not just for healing lepers two thousand years ago, but for blessing our lives with his love and restoring them with his forgiveness.

THE MORAL PRINCIPLE OF THE DOUBLE EFFECT

There is a moral principle that will be frequently discussed in the forthcoming national debate on abortion. It is called the principle of the Double Effect. The principle states that in order that, to be morally allowable, an act from which a good effect and an evil effect are foreseen to follow, the good effect must never be produced from the evil effect and the evil effect must never be intended. A few examples may help to explain this.

Example: A school Board of Management schedules a Deb's Ball, foreseeing that some of the students will get drunk. A Deb's Ball is harmless in itself but not the drunkenness. The Board neither intends nor approves of the drunkenness. The cause of the evil effect (drunkenness) lies, not in the school authorities, but in the misbehaving students. By the principle of the "double effect" it is not morally wrong for the authorities to organise the event.

Sometimes the very same act can be morally wrong in one instance and permissible in another depending on the intention of the person.

Example: A passenger on a cruise ship decides to commit suicide. He jumps from the top deck with the intention of drowning himself. This is wrong because he directly wills his own death. On the other hand, a man is on the top deck of a sinking cruise ship. He knows that if he remains on board he will certainly die. So he jumps into the sea, knowing that he is most likely to die either from the fall or from drowning. But he does not intend to kill himself. He hopes to be rescued by jumping. He intends the good effect (saving his life) knowing that the evil effect (his death) is possible.

Example: A pregnant woman suffers from a serious illness. The doctor knows that the treatment will cause the death of her child. He may administer the treatment because the good effect (saving the mother) is directly intended while the evil effect (death of the child) is not intended or approved but permitted to happen. If the death of the child could be avoided by some other treatment the doctor would use that method.

The saving of the mother's life is sufficient reason to permit the unavoidable death of the child.

In Christian ethics the principle of the Double Effect is set forth as follows:

An act which has a good effect and a bad effect is permissible if four conditions are present: 1) The act directly intended must be a good act. 2) The good effect must come before the bad effect or at least simultaneously with it. 3) The foreseen evil effect must not be intended or approved. 4) There must be a proportionate reason for doing the good act which permits the evil act to follow.

Leonard O'Brien

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

PRIEST:

Let us make our prayers known to the Lord, who continues to work wonders among us.

READER:

For the men and women chosen to spread the Good News, that they may bear the hardships which come with that task.

Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For all who suffer disease in our world, that full medical help may be available to rich and poor alike.

Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who suffer isolation today, as the lepers once did, that nothing may deprive them of the support of Christians.

Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For greater respect for human life, from its beginnings to its last stages: that the life of every person may be valued and protected.

Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For all who have died in Christ that they may live with God forever.

Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For our own needs and for those who have asked for our prayers.

Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

PRIEST:

God of many wonders, you bring salvation to all the earth, remember your people and grant our prayers, through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

THEY CANNOT CHAIN UP THE GOOD NEWS (SECOND READING)

Missionaries from every part of the diocese established new parishes and dioceses, built schools and hospitals, shared the Good News in every continent. Men and women from many parishes work now as missionaries in foreign lands. We should be more aware of the missionary heritage of our country and of our local areas which is being celebrated in the Mission Alive festival and should be remembered on Mission Sunday next week.

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations

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THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER**MARRIAGES**

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:

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Deceased members of the Lucey Family
John & Nora Leach, Beech Park
Mary O'Regan, Aglish
Joe Le Biase, Muskerry Estate
Jerry & Hanna O'Sullivan**SAINTS THIS WEEK****15 Monday - St. Teresa of Avila**, 1515-1582, established Carmelite convents under a reformed rule, and wrote much on prayer and the spiritual life. Patron of lacemakers and headache sufferers.**16 Tuesday - St. Gall**, was a monk of Bangor and set out with Columbanus for the Continent. When Columbanus was exiled from France, Gall accompanied him to Bregenz on Lake Constance. When Columbanus crossed into Italy, Gall remained in Switzerland. He lived in a hermitage, which later became the monastery of St. Gallen. He died around 630.**St. Hedwig**, 1174-1243, wife of the Duke of Silesia, mother of seven children, some of whom caused her trouble, devoted herself to charitable works.**16 Tuesday - St. Margaret Mary**, 1647-1690, visionary and ascetic, revived devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, exemplary in her patience and trust.**SAINTS THIS WEEK (CON'T)****17 Wednesday - St. Ignatius**, bishop of Antioch, died a martyr at Rome c. 107.**19 Friday - Sts. John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues**, with their six Jesuit companions, were slain by Huron and Iroquis Indians in 1647/48.**St. Paul of the Cross**, 1694-1775, founded the Passionists in Rome, preaching on the Passion of Christ and tending the sick, dying and the lapsed.**TWENTY-EIGHTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME****14 Sunday 2 K. 5:14-17. Ps. 97. 2 Tim 2:8-13.****Lk. 17:11-19. Lect I:919**

In the readings, cleansing from leprosy is seen as a sign of Messianic salvation and gratitude in response to the gifts of faith and salvation is advocated.

15 Monday Rom. 1:1-7. Ps. 97. Lk. 11:29-32. Lect II:364

The Letter to the Romans gives a synthesis of Paul's theology, but not it all. The main themes headlined at the beginning are: God's free choice of his people, the relationship of faith to justification, salvation through Christ's death and resurrection and the new covenant as fulfilment of the old.

16 Tuesday Rom. 1:16-25. Ps. 18. Lk. 11:37-41. Lect II:366

Faith relies on God's promises, his faithfulness to them and on his power to carry them out. The gospel reveals the power of God to make people righteous.

17 Wednesday Rom. 2:1-11. Ps. 61. Lk. 11:42-46. Lect II:368

Jews in possessing the Law are not immune from God's wrath. God shows no partiality and will condemn Jew and Gentile alike. But there will be glory, honour and peace for all who do good.

18 Thursday 2 Tim. 4:10-17. Ps. 144. Lk. 10:1-9. Lect II:357

St. Luke was a physician from a Gentile Christian milieu. He was with St. Paul on his second missionary journey and during his imprisonment in Rome. After Paul's death he is reputed to have worked in Greece. Patron of butchers, bookbinders, doctors and surgeons, artists and glassworkers.

19 Friday Rom. 4:1-8. Ps. 31. Lk. 12:1-7. Lect II:372

Abraham is an example of a man justified through his faith. Jewish teaching, seeing his loyalty and steadfastness, had lauded his works, but Paul sees these works as flowing from his faith. For God faith and uprightness are interdependent.

20 Saturday Rom. 4:13,16-18. Ps. 104. Lk. 12:8-12. Lect II:374

Faith is the basic requirement for salvation for all, not just for the descendants of Abraham. The promises were offered in response to faith, not as a reward for keeping the Law. Their

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Sunday 14th October 2001

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

It was a successful trip to Skibbereen for our Ladies Teams last Saturday 6th October when they won two of their three games. The Un-12 Girls were up first and faced a tough Skibb side who took the lead early on in what a thriller of a game. Ballincollig then pushed ahead to take a 3pt lead. The score continued to seesaw between the teams until, with 10 seconds to go, Ballincollig got 2 free shots which levelled the score, but, unluckily for us, Skibb just managed to slip in that vital basket and win the game. The girls were disappointed to lose such a close game after having played so well.

The Un-14 ladies also provided the crowd with a very exciting game, with each team scoring basket for basket. Skibb had a fight on their hands in the Ballincollig girls and with only 12 seconds left on the clock, Ballincollig took a 1 pt lead and held onto it to take the well deserved win.

Our Un-18 Ladies, spurred on by the previous Ballincollig performances also did themselves proud. When, early on in the game they were 16 pts down, Ballincollig played brilliantly and brought Skibb's lead back to only 5pts. Then with the help of some great free shot throwing, our ladies went ahead to win the game by 3pts. Well done to all the teams.

MENS RESULTS

The Un-11 Boys played their first game of the season last Tuesday night against Blue Demons and although they did not win, they put in a great performance against a strong Blue Demons side. This was the first time many of the Ballincollig lads had played in the leagues and with the help of some of the more experienced players they showed great enthusiasm. They went on to their first victory the following Saturday when they beat Glanmire convincingly here in B.C.S. Well done to all.

Our Un-13's also had a successful start to their season when they reached the semi-finals of the Un-13 Tournament which was held in Parochial Hall last Saturday. They had very convincing wins over Blue Demons, Middleton, Neptune and St. Brendans but the long day and fast paced games took their toll and unfortunately they were beaten in the Semi-Final by Senans of Clare. Well done for getting there on your first outing of the season.

MENS FIXTURES

Saturday October 13th - Parochial Hall
 3.30pm Blue Demons v Ballincollig Un-17
 Tuesday October 16th - Mallow Youth Club
 7.00pm Mallow Y.C. v Ballincollig Un-15
 Friday October 19th - Parochial Hall
 7.00pm Iona v Ballincollig Un-15
 8.30pm Blue Demons A v Ballincollig Div. 2

LADIES FIXTURES

Saturday October 13th - B.C.S. Ballincollig
 4.15pm Ballincollig v Skibbereen Un-15
 5.15pm Ballincollig v Skibbereen Un-16
 6.15pm Ballincollig v Skibbereen Inter

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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: 10.00, 6pm (Vigil)</p>	<p>ROSARY RECITED AT BOTH CHURCHES EACH SUNDAY 3.00P.M.</p> <p><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></p> <p><u>CHURCH OF ST. MARY & ST. JOHN</u></p> <p>- Mass Card Signing - Requests for Baptism/Marriage Certs, etc.</p> <p><u>CHRIST OUR LIGHT</u></p> <p>- Mass Card Signing -</p>	<p>Confessions</p> <p>Saturday: after 10am Mass</p>
<p>Baptisms</p> <p>Saturday: 5.00pm</p> <p>Sunday: 12.45pm</p>		<p>Baptisms</p> <p>Saturday: 7.15pm</p>

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in Ballincollig G.A.A. Pavilion
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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 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 No. 147A

SELF-HELP HEALTH

Learn self-help techniques for
coping with stress, depression,
anxiety, anger management, fears,
phobias, panic attacks.

RECOVERY invites everyone to attend its
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every Wednesday at 7.30p.m.

All are welcome to attend

*Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father,
send now your Spirit over the earth.*

*Let the Holy Spirit live in the hearts of all nations,
that they may be preserved from
degeneration, disaster and war.*

*May the Lady of all Nations who once was Mary,
be our Advocate, Amen.*

MINISTERS OF THE WORD OCT. 20TH/21ST

ST. MARY & ST. JOHN

CHRIST OUR LIGHT

Envelope Offering for the
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20th/21st October 2001

NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS:

*Theme: Share your faith Deut. 10:17-19.
Ps. 120. 2 Tim. 3:12-4:2. Lk. 10:17-24.*

6.00p.m.(Vigil) - Jennifer Murphy	8.00p.m.(Vigil) - Marie O'Brien
8.30a.m. - Elizabeth Daly	11.00a.m. - Clare Collins
10.00a.m. - Margot Twomey	12.30p.m. - Pat McGeough
12 Noon - Tony Lynch	5.30p.m. - Eileen Nolan

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

20th /21st October 2001

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



SATURDAY 20TH
6p.m.
Vera Allen
Bernadette Bell
Oliver Delaney
Betty Casey
Frank Riordan
Siobhan Riordan

SUNDAY 21ST
8.30a.m.
Mary Buckley
Theresa Lucey

10a.m.
Anne Cahill
Pat Lee
May Delaney
Seamus O'Shea

12.00 Noon
Joan Barrett
Sheila Carroll
Marsie Curling
Brendan Daly
Mary Daly
Pat Keenan

CHRIST OUR LIGHT CHURCH

SATURDAY 20TH
8p.m.
Geraldine Lynch
Jim Cahill
Kit Cahill

SUNDAY 21ST
11a.m.
Maura McNamara
Angela Cunningham
Laurence Cunningham
Bridie O'Donnell

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

5.30p.m.
Neil O'Donoghue
Patricia O'Donoghue
Nell Cantillon- Murphy

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**THE ALZHEIMER
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CORK BRANCH

The Table Quiz, in aid of the Alzheimer Society of Ireland
(Cork Branch) will be held on Tuesday 16th October 2001 at 8p.m.
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Ballincollig Adult Learners Group



The Ballincollig Adult Learners Group provides free and confidential tuition for adults experiencing literacy difficulties.

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Each Volunteer Tutor works with a learner for 1.5-2 hours weekly.
Full Training is provided.

We are beginning another Tutor Training Course on Monday 22nd October. It will continue for 8 Mondays (7.30pm-9.30pm)
The Course is certified by the Cork County Vocational Education Committee.

To enrol as a Volunteer Tutor, please phone Alan at 7334539
or Phil at 4295144

BALLINCOLLIG COMMUNITY SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will take place on
Tuesday 16th October 2001 in Ballincollig Community School at 8pm
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DAY FOR LIFE - SUNDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2001

Extract from a letter from the Irish Bishops

It is six years now since Pope John Paul II wrote his encyclical letter *Evangelium Vitae* (The Gospel of Life), which was addressed to the whole Church, and to all people of good will.

The Pope proposed that a '*day for life should be celebrated each year in every country*'. The primary purpose of this day should be '*to foster in individual consciences, in families, in the Church, and in civil society, a recognition of the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition*'. (EV #85)

We are aware that the vast majority of Irish people, in heart and mind, wish to respect life. As Pope John Paul says '*this Gospel of life.....has a profound and persuasive echo in the heart of every person - believer and unbeliever.*' (EV #2) But choosing life in every circumstance is not without its difficulties. It frequently requires courage and generosity. It is all too easy to become ambivalent in our respect for life, especially when that respect poses difficulties or challenges for ourselves. We are also aware, as Pope John Paul says, that '*a new cultural climate is developing and taking hold, which gives crimes against life a new and - if possible - more sinister character.*' (EV #4)

There is a radical contradiction between the Gospel of Life and what is sometimes referred to as the *culture of death*. This contradiction is reflected in:

- the alarming growth in the number of murders committed in our country
- the acceptance by many that abortion is a normal response to unwanted pregnancy
- the numbers killed and injured on Irish roads, due to excessive speed, and to the abuse of alcohol and drugs.
- the tragic deaths of young people as a result of trafficking in drugs for the sake of profit.
- the recent sharp increase in the number of suicides, especially among young men, and the pain associated with this for their families and friends.
- the death of so many people through poverty and malnourishment in the countries of the third world, much of which could be prevented by the development of an equitable world order.
- the hatred and intolerance which has led to so many incidences of ethnic cleansing and genocide in various parts of the world in recent years.
- the recent acceptance and legalisation of euthanasia in some countries.

Sunday 14th October 2001

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER**WHY RESPECT LIFE?**

Each one of us - believer or unbeliever - is capable of appreciating the essential value of every human life, simply by reflecting on the mystery of his or her own life. We know instinctively that when life is taken away, all sorts of other possibilities are destroyed along with it. Life in its very beginnings is often regarded as less valuable, because it is less visible. This is paradoxical because recent developments in science have made us much more aware of the significance and the power of things so small that they cannot be seen with the naked eye. In the last stages of life, the experience of pain or disappointment, loneliness or fear can swamp our consciousness, so that the value of life and its mystery become obscured. This can be difficult for everyone concerned. In the midst of this experience, it is important to remember that what lies beneath the surface is still a unique human person.

With the eyes of faith, the dignity of the human person can be seen even more clearly. In *Genesis*, the first book of the Bible, we read that man and woman were made in the image of God. This has nothing to do with appearance or personality. It means that we are made for relationship with God. This relationship, undermined by sin, is not just restored, but placed on a completely new level, by the coming among us of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As Pope John Paul II reminds us:

'The unconditional choice for life reaches its full religious and moral meaning when it flows from, is formed by and nourished by faith in Christ. Nothing helps us so much to face positively the conflict between death and life in which we are engaged as faith in the Son of God who became man and dwelt among men so that they may have life and have it abundantly' (Jn. 10:10) (EV #28)

The real problem, of course, is not the fact that people die. Indeed, we believe that physical death is the gateway to eternal life. The real problem is that anyone of us would place so little value on his or her own life or on the life of another person that we would destroy it, because it is inconvenient or painful for us, because we see it as an obstacle, or simply because we didn't care enough.

CHOICE AND DECISION

'What else could I do? I had no alternative', 'I didn't think it would end up that way', 'I can't be expected to take responsibility'. These reactions and others like them, seek to abdicate responsibility for our own actions, including actions which result in the death of another person. But the very definition of an action is something for which I am responsible, because I made a decision to act or not to act, knowing the consequences. I am responsible not just for what I intend but for the full foreseeable consequences of my action. There is always an alternative. We are inclined to forget that the consequences of our choices and decisions are not just outside us. Our choices are, in a very real sense, what we become. Each time we choose death, we ourselves die a little more. Each time we choose life, we begin to live a little more fully.

We thank you for reflecting with us on the mystery of life, and we invite you to reflect now on how God may be asking you at this particular time to witness to the Gospel of Life. If, in the past, you have chosen death over life, we invite you to turn to Jesus who is the source of all life. He is full of mercy and compassion, and he makes all things new.