

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 14-September-2003



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road



## The Triumph Of The Cross

*This feast is a reminder that God sent his son into the world to take on the human condition in all its weakness, a weakness symbolised by death. Through his triumph over death Christ offers us the way to the Father, the way to eternal life.*



Christ Our Light  
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## First Impressions

During the past three months since my appointment to the parish of Ballincollig I have been welcomed to the parish by many people. I have met young parents bringing their children for Baptism. The dedication of so many who give their time as Ministers of The Word and Eucharist; the church collectors and counters; the choir and those who decorate the Churches with flowers. Many others take on extra responsibilities; arranging the rota's for Ministers of the Eucharist and Word; looking after the shop in Christ Our Light not forgetting the dedicated group of people who publish the Parishioner weekly. Many make valuable contributions and several parishioners have expressed an interest in giving their time and talents to the parish community. This commitment and support is very

I am looking forward to my first meeting of the Parish Council during the first week of October. Ballincollig parish is blessed to have a group of people willing to give their time and talents to their Parish community. There is a great deal going on in Ballincollig parish that is a credit to it's parishioners and the priests and religious who have served this community. Life is continually changing and I think one of the challenges for us as a parish and a Christian community is to be open to new ways of evangelising.

I see parish or church as the people of God, the community where the talents and gifts of all are at the service of the work of evangelisation. The key to building this parish community is participation by the people; the recognising of the gifts and talents of the members (the baptised), the sharing of responsibility with the people of the parish and supporting those who take on responsibility. I am heartened by what I have seen and heard so far and I look forward to working with the Parish Council and others in helping the Christian community here to grow and develop.

*George O'Mahony*

## Thought for Today

### The Triumph Of The Cross

At the time Jesus was crucified, the cross was a shameful piece of wood. But, we understand it completely differently today. It is a powerful symbol of God's love for us and a reminder that no matter how difficult our journey is, there is hope for us. We can't fully understand, nor could the disciples, what Jesus has gone to prepare for us, but our strength lies in our trust that he has.

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

### Priest

Because our God is full of compassion, we can bring our prayers forward with confidence:

### Reader

For the members of the Church, that we may glory in the cross, where our salvation was won.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For all people of goodwill, that they may respect the cross, a symbol dear to Christians.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those whose sufferings bring them an experience of Calvary, that the one who triumphed on the cross may transform their pain to glory.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the sick who are dangerously ill and those who will die today, that the cross of Christ may bring them comfort and hope.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For sports men and women, during this All-Ireland month, that their example may build harmony in our land.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who have been lost through war, famine and disease, and for those from this community who have died, that they may be brought to eternal life by the Christ's victory on the cross.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

### Priest

Compassionate God, you forgive your people's sins and spare them: hear the prayers we lay before you under the shadow of the cross, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*Never forget the deeds of the Lord.*

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**BAPTISMS**

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

Lauren Catherine Buckley, 29 Parknamore

**MARRIAGES**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

Eamonn Noel O'Brien & Marina Mary Galvin, 38 Aylsbury

**† IN SYMPATHY †**

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

Nellie Keohane, Rosewood  
 Nora Lynch, Ballyburden  
 Tom McGrath Cloyne  
 Paddy Drohan, Cork  
 Raymond Creed  
 Joan Horgan

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

Denis & Ellen O' Leary, Noonan Road  
 Catherine & Thomas O'Malley, Co Mayo  
 The O' Connor Family, Carriganarra  
 Mary Hall, Bishopstown  
 Mary & Daniel O'Leary, Gilabbey St  
 Joseph Lombard, Coachford  
 Annie & Jeremiah Henchy, Carrigrohane  
 Gerard Spillane, Castleknock  
 Nuala Delaney, Inniscarra View Estate  
 Jerome Collins, Station House  
 James O' Leary, Curraheen  
 Kitty Kelleher, Ballinora  
 Joe Linehan, Inniscarra View  
 Lena Egar  
 Michael Egar  
 Joseph & Veronica Casey, London  
 John Kiely, Ovens  
 Denis O'Callaghan, Mac room  
 David Finn  
 Nora Cooney  
 Ann Murphy  
 Patrick Carmody  
 Mona Keogh  
 Michael Dineen, Coachford  
 Letty Brady, Muskerry Estate  
 Teresa Dunne, Thurles

**Congratulations**

During the past week Bishop Buckley announced that Fr. Leonard O'Brien has been appointed Vicar General of the Diocese of Cork and Ross with the title Monsignor. The Vicar General role is to help the Bishop in the care of priests and the administration of the diocese. We wish Fr. Leonard well in this responsibility.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**TWENTY FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**

- 14 Sunday Hum. 21 :4-9. Ps. 77. Phil. 2:6-11. In. 3: 13-17. Lect II: 1186
- 15 Monday Heb. 5:7-9. Ps. 30. In. 19:25-27 or Lk. 2:33-35. Lect II: 7189
- 16 Tuesday 1 Tim. 3:1-13. Ps. 100. Lk. 7:11-17. Lect II: 314
- 17 Wednesday 1 Tim. 3: 14-16. Ps. 110. Lk. 7:31-35. Lect II: 316
- 18 Thursday 1 Tim. 4:12-16. Ps. 110. Lk. 7:36-50. Lect II: 318
- 19 Friday 1 Tim. 6:2-12. Ps. 48. Lk. 8:1-3. Lect II: 320
- 20 Saturday 1 Tim. 6:13-16. Ps. 99. Lk. 8:4-15. Lect II: 322

**Church of the Most Holy Trinity Cork  
 ANNUAL NOVENA  
 In Honour of St. PIO of Pietrelcina.**

15<sup>th</sup>—23<sup>rd</sup> September 2003

Commencing with 7.30pm Mass Monday 15<sup>th</sup>  
**Masses Daily** (including Sunday) at 10am & 7.30pm.  
**Penitential Service** 7.30pm Mass, Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>  
**Youth Mass** 7pm Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>  
 (Holy Trinity Gospel Choir will attend)  
 Fr Ermelindo O.F.M. Cap of San Giovanni Rotondo will  
 celebrate  
**Healing Mass** 7.30 pm Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 Novena concludes on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Feast of St Pio

**Preachers:**

Fr Eustace Mc Sweeney O.F.M.Cap (Ards Friary  
 Fr Bryan Shortall O.F.M, Cap (Rochestown Friary  
 Fr Desmond Mc Naboe O.F.M. (Raheny Friary)

**Parking Arrangements**

Churches of St. Mary & St. John and Christ our Light  
 Please note that all vehicles should drive in a clockwise  
 direction around both churches.

**Mass Missalettes**

To assist in the collection following the last Masses (12  
 noon—St. Mary & St. John & 5.30 pm - Christ our  
 Light), please leave at the end of the seat.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Num. 21:4-9

The people in the desert were losing hope. We know the feeling! Disillusionment, worry, loneliness and sorrow can wear us down. In the light of Christ's cross, we find hope that is stronger than any suffering. Jesus gave himself without limit to his Father, who raised him high. The meaning of our suffering is to share in his journey to the glory of his Father.

Second Reading: Phil. 2:6-11

The state of Jesus was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave.

Gospel: John 3: 13-17

The feast of The Triumph Of The Cross is celebrated each year since 335 when a church was first dedicated on the site of the crucifixion in Jerusalem. Jesus died between two men. One of them said to the other. 'We are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. (Lk 23; 41.) Jesus lived his dying completely for others. The total exhaustion of his body, the abandonment of his friends, even of his God all became the gift of himself. As he hung dying in complete powerlessness, nailed to the wood of a tree, there was no bitterness, no desire for revenge or resentment. Nothing to cling to; all to give. " Unless the grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains only a single grain, but if it dies it yields a rich harvest. " (Jn 12; 24). Jesus the innocent one died and death became a gateway to life.

Jesus on the Cross lived with the greatest poverty as his cry from the heart reminds us of " My God, my God, why have you forsaken me ". He, who came from God us to God, suffered the deepest anguish a human being can suffer, the anguish of being left alone, rejected, forgotten, abandoned by the one who is the source of all life. Every human being needs to be loved, cared and treated with dignity. Parents have the privilege of providing love and affection for their children but each of us Christians face a daily calling to become more aware of the love and affection of God for us and to reflect that love in our dealings and living with others.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

The Korean Martyrs 20-September-2003

The first missionaries came to Korea in 1836. But for nearly half a century before that time Korea had many fervent Catholics. In a manner perhaps unique in the history of the Church, the Faith was introduced there without preaching and before any missionaries had penetrated the country.

The country was closed to the outside world. Educated people, however, managed to smuggle in books on literature and science from Peking. Some Christian books fell into their hands and they recognised the truth. In 1784 one of them traveled to Peking where he was baptised. Upon his return he baptised his companions. Seven years later two of these converts were martyred when they refused to offer pagan sacrifice. In 1794 a Chinese priest was sent to Korea. He found about 4,000 Christians there. After a few fruitful years he was arrested and put to death. He was only one of many Christians who were put to death for their beliefs throughout the nineteenth century. During the persecutions of 1839-1867 one hundred and three martyrs, mainly lay people and from all walks of life witnessed to the faith. They are remembered for their fearless witness in the face of torture and death.

*Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can read.*

Ballincollig Adult Learners Group

Would you like to spend 1 hour helping someone improve his or her reading/writing skills?

One quarter of Irish adults have inadequate reading and writing skills

A Training Course (ten 2 hour sessions) for people interested in becoming Volunteer Tutors will be held in Ballincollig starting in September.

Further information contact:

Alan: 021- 7334539 or Phil: 021-4295144.

Ballincollig Adult Learners Group is funded by Cork County VEC and the National Development Plan. The Group is affiliated to the National Adult Literacy Agency.

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Tuesday to Friday, Office Hours

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Have you still got old Irish coins and notes? If so, the Cork Simon Community wants them. This money is probably useless to you but will help the Cork Simon Community continue to provide vital services to homeless people. Please drop your old coins into our shop in North Main Street or contact Mairéad on 021 4321166 or email fundraising@corksmoncommunity.ie



THE ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION  
OF IRELAND

**2003 ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION OF IRELAND  
LECTURE SERIES  
"ARTHRITIS IN IRELAND IN THE 21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY"**

**Speaker:** Dr. Muriel Soden  
Consultant Rheumatologist  
Bon Secour Hospital, Tralee

**Date:** Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2003

**Venue:** THE KINGSLEY HOTEL  
VICTORIA CROSS, CORK

TIME: 8.00 PM.

**ADMISSION FREE - ALL ARE WELCOME**

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Sep-20 & Sep-21-2003

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

6:00 pm (Vigil)  
Muireann Nelligan  
8:30 am  
Triona Collins  
10:00 am  
Declan Chalmers  
12:00 Noon  
Oliver O'Donovan

8:00 pm (Vigil)  
Michael Greene  
11:00 am  
Liam Hayes  
12:30 pm  
Dick Beamish  
5:30 pm  
Phil O'Connell

**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

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**Wednesday**

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**Thursday**

8:30 am

9:30 am

**Friday**

8:30 am

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**

Sep-20 & Sep-21-2003

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

6.00 pm Vera Allen  
Ber Bell  
Oliver Delaney  
Betty Casey  
Frank Riordan  
Siobhan Riordan

8:00 pm Geraldine Lynch  
Charlie Vaughan  
Joan Stephenson

8:30 am Mary Buckley  
Theresa Lucey

11:00 am Marie Ui Chrualaof  
Neil Jeffers  
Eileen O'Donoghue  
Mary Coleman  
Dan Coleman

10:00 am Anne Cahill  
Pat Lee  
May Delaney  
Seamus O'Shea  
John O'Donovan

12:30 pm Con O'Connell  
Denis O' Mahony  
Christine O'Mahony  
Tom Murray  
Maura Lombard

12 Noon Joan Barrett  
Sheila Carroll  
Marsie Curling  
Will Casey  
Geraldine Graham

5:30 pm Patsy Galvin  
Margaret Murphy  
Phil O'Donnell

**PARISH CLERGY**

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**Our New Hours are:-**

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<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9:45am to 5:00pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9:45am to 5:00pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9:45am to 7:00pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9:45am to 12:00noon</b>



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