

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 25-May-2003



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road



*Son loves us in giving up his life for his friends. This is God's love and we are called to imitate it.*

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
*'What is truth?' asked Pilate. Many people today would rather ask, 'What is love?' We find the answer not in ourselves but only in God. He loves us in giving us his Son. His Son loves us in giving up his life for his friends. This is God's love and we are called to imitate it.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

## R.E. Junior Cycle

As I have already said, working in school is indeed a privilege and from my experience of school, secondary teachers do put their heart and soul into their work. To journey with your students is to be part of their formation, a task that cannot be taken lightly. When students come to secondary school they take a huge step in their young lives, new building, new subjects, new friends, different teachers and different subjects. In my experience students settle in very quickly with the help of their teachers and peers.

In primary school the children receive a great formation in faith and a deep understanding of the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation, these Sacraments form the background of their Religious Education. Their teachers and the local clergy who visit the schools do a top class job; their liturgies are wonderful celebrations for children, parents, teachers, priests and for the faith community, which is Ballincollig.

As primary students move to secondary school, their teachers and schools are anxious to nurture and to develop this faith, when they begin first year, they begin with a first year mass asking God's blessing on the next journey in their lives.

Religious Education regardless of faith is to be valued; we are, all of us, precious in God's eyes. In the future, Religious Education is to become an exam subject, there are mixed views on this, personally I think it presents for us teachers, chaplains a worthwhile challenge, however there are mixed opinions among RE teachers and chaplains across the board. Only time will tell. Faith is central to all our lives and cannot be separated from any aspect of it especially from education. While RE texts are changing the current text for the Junior Cycle is First Year 'Love One Another', Second Year 'Show Us The Way' and Third Year 'A Time To Live'.

With God's blessing we are coming to the end of another school year, we wish all our students every blessing in their exams especially our Junior Cert facing state exams for the first time. To all Leaving Cert students from our parish and all over, be confident you've done the work, Well Done. The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.

*Fr. Paul, Coláiste Choilm.*

## Thought for Today

### Anybody of any nationality (First Reading)

People from a hundred different nations can be seen on the streets of Cork. All are members of God's family like us. There will be peace, Pope John Paul says, only to the extent that humanity sees itself as one family and when the dignity of individuals is accepted as more important than any difference or distinction

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

### Priest

Sisters and brothers let us pray to the Lord of love.

### Reader

For all who follow Christ today, that his love may be visible in their lives.

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

For those who seek the truth, that the Spirit may help them to find it in Jesus.

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

For young people who celebrate Confirmation this year, that the gifts of the Spirit may help them live Christian lives.

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

For people who suffer in mind or body, that the love of friends and neighbours may show them God's care.

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

For those whose sufferings, are over - for all our dead, that they may experience eternal life and love in heaven.

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

For our own needs and intentions, which we remember in a moment's quiet prayer...

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

### Priest

Ever Loving God, we sing a song of praise to your name, for you have worked wonders. Continue to guide your people, and hear all our prayers, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.*

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**BAPTISMS**

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

Grace Marie Cooke, 19 Carriganarra Estate.  
Aoife O'Dwyer, 51 Daffodil Fields

**MARRIAGES**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

Mark Hilliard, 39 Elm Lawn & Sharon Ferriter, 46 Cherry Walk.

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

Ned Hogan, Bandon

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

Lillian & Pat Keane, Ivy Circle  
Timothy Murphy, Rockchapel  
William & Catherine Ryan, St. Anthony's Lawn  
Paddy Troy, Offaly & Glanmire  
Mary McNulty, 8 Fr. Sexton Pk.  
Dan & Con Kenny, McCurtan's Villas  
Nora & William McGrath, The Lough  
Connie O'Regan, Carriganarra  
Denis & Patrick O'Shea, Ballinora  
Danjo & Noel O'Shea, Ballinora  
Sr. Gemma O'Dwyer, Wilton Drive  
Con & Mary O'Donovan, Station Rd.  
Michael Noonan, Rathmore  
Theresa Browne, Douglas  
Pat Barry, Tower  
Paddy Long  
Daniel & Mai O'Mahony, Bandon

**"Creativity in older years - Rekindle the wonder"**

Enjoy a day of relaxation, meditation, guided visualisation etc to help you tap into the creative potential within.

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2003 - 10.00 am. - 3.00 pm  
St.Dominics Retreat House,  
Ennismore, Montenotte, Cork  
Facilitator: Martina Lehane  
Special subsidised cost: €10  
Booking: 4502520 or 087 2439302

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**SIXTH WEEK OF EASTER**

25 Sunday Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48. Ps. 97. 1 Jn. 4:7-10. Jn. 15: 9-17. Lect 1:536  
26 Monday Acts 16: 11-15. Ps. 149. Jn. 15:26-16:4. Lect 1:542  
27 Tuesday Acts 16:22-34. Ps. 137. Jn. 16:5-11. Lect 1:544  
28 Wednesday Acts 17:15,22-18:1. Ps. 148. Jn. 16:12-15. Lect 1:546  
29 Thursday Acts 18: 1-8. Ps. 97. Jn. 16: 16-20. Lect 1:560  
30 Friday Acts 18:9-18. Ps. 46. Jn. 16:20-23. Lect 1:562  
31 Saturday Zeph. 3: 14-18 or Ram. 12:9-16. P5. 15.12:2-6. Lk. 1 :39-56. Lect 11: 1040

**IRELAND'S DRINKING PROBLEM**

James Joyce once referred to Ireland as "that Island of dreadful thirst". Recently both the President and Taoiseach have spoken in alarming terms of the seriousness of the problem. Several temperance groups from the Pioneers to A.A. devote time and enthusiasm to either solving the problem at individual level or else avoiding it by total abstinence.

"Al-Anon" is one of the lesser-known support groups dedicated to those who suffer indirectly from alcoholism. The Al-Anon Family Groups are a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience, strength and hope in order to solve their common problems.

Al-Anon has only one purpose: to help families of alcoholics. Some families have lived with the problem for years; to others the existence of the disease has come as a sudden shock. An example of the latter is the case of the two newly weds who begin their married life together only to find that one suffers from alcoholism. What to do? Where to turn to? These are the questions that the sufferer's partner asks in panic.

Next Thursday an information night will take place in the Community Hall. (See advertisement in this edition of "The Parishioner"). It may not be a family problem for you. Come along anyway. You may have a friend who some day may find themselves victims of the curse of alcohol in the family.

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**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

FIRST READING: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48.  
 Saint Peter lays down the principle that God chooses his elect no matter what their nationality. All are acceptable if they are in the right disposition. While Peter was speaking the Holy Spirit descended on the Gentiles. It is the only case of the reception of the Holy Spirit before baptism.

SECOND READING: 1 John 4: 7-10  
 The love of God and of the neighbour are so closely related that one cannot exist without the other. When God decided to restore mankind to his original supernatural state his love knew no bounds. He sent his only son into the world to lay down his life for our sins. This was an act of purest love.

GOSPEL: John 15: 9-17.  
 The observance of the commandments is the real proof of that union of wills that is called love. Jesus reduces his commandments to one: "that you love one another, as I have loved you."  
 The standard is Jesus' own love.



**FEAST OF THE WEEK**

The Visitation of The Blessed Mary 31-May-2003

The Visitation celebrated today is the event recalled in the Second Joyful Mystery of the Rosary. Mary, soon after conceiving the Christ Child journeyed across the mountains to Hebron, south of Jerusalem, to visit her cousin Elizabeth who was expecting the baby who was to grow up as John the Baptist. It was on the occasion of this meeting that the unborn John was cleansed of Original Sin by the presence of the Messiah and Elizabeth spoke the beautiful words of the Magnificat.

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**Ballincollig Parish Pastoral Council**

The Fortieth meeting of the council will be held in the Community Centre, on Monday May 26<sup>th</sup>

**Community Games**

This weekend will be a very busy weekend on the Community Games front with a large number of boys and girls representing Ballincollig in various events. Ballincollig will have Boys U-13 and U-16 Basketball teams competing in Mallow; Boys & Girls Pitch & Putt teams competing in Kilworth; Boys & Girls in the Gymnastics Finals in Mallow; Boys Table Tennis team in Mayfield. We wish all the competitors the very best of luck in their efforts. Congratulations to our Girls U-13 Basketball team who recently became the first Girls Basketball team from Ballincollig to win a county title and qualify for the Munster Community Games finals in Limerick in July. Our area Athletics finals will be held at the Ballincollig GAA Grounds on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May at 6.00 pm. We would like to thank Ballincollig GAA club for their continued support of Community Games and for allowing us to use their facilities.

**THE APOSTOLATE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA, CORK MONTHLY DEVOTIONS, MASS AND HOLY HOUR**

**IN REPARATION TO *The Sacred Heart of Jesus and The Immaculate Heart of Mary* ST. MARIES OF THE ISLE CHAPEL**

**Date:** Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2003

**Time:** 7.30 p.m.

**Conducted by:**

Rev. John Power O.S.A. New Ross

*All Welcome*

**"IN THE END MY IMMACULATE HEART WILL TRIUMPH"**

**[OUR LADY OF FATIMA]**

**Novena to the Sacred Heart 19<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> June**

**Sacred Heart Church Western Road**

**10:00am and 8:00pm daily All-Night Vigil 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Ms. Gina Menzies**

**Fr. David Smith, MSC**

**Sr. Colette Stevenson, PVBM**



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

**Evening Of Prayer For Reconciliation Among Men**

Mercy Centre, Mallow  
 Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2003  
 7.30pm to 10.15pm

Conducted By

Denis O'Leary & Fr. Michael Campbell C.C.  
 All Are Welcome

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

May-31 & Jun-01-2003

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

6:00 pm (Vigil)  
Sandra Walsh  
8:30 am  
Elizabeth Daly  
10:00 am  
Margot Twomey  
12:00 Noon  
Tony Hegarty

8:00 pm (Vigil)  
Fiona Feehy  
11:00 am  
Dick Beamish  
12:30 pm  
Margaret Healy  
5:30 pm  
Christine O'Brien

**MASS TIMES**

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

8:30am, 10am & 12 noon	<b>Sunday</b>	11am, 12:30pm & 5:30pm
9:30 am	<b>Monday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Tuesday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Thursday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Friday</b>	8:30 am
10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)	<b>Saturday</b>	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**

May-31 & Jun-01-2003

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

6.00 pm Mary O'Donoghue  
Steve Wills  
Margaret O'Sullivan  
Rita Aherne  
Betty Sheehan  
Jim Walsh

8:30 am Mary Buckley  
Rita Murphy

10:00 am Maureen Roche  
Christina Walsh  
Peter Reilly  
Mary Collins  
Christy Roche

12 Noon Oliver O'Donovan  
Barbara Kelly  
John Jeffers  
Mary McLean  
Ellen Seymour  
Ita Walsh

8:00 pm Geraldine Lynch  
Charlie Vaughan  
Joan Stephenson

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

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

5:30 pm Patsy Galvin  
Bridie O'Donnell  
Phil O'Donnell

**PARISH CLERGY**

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**Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C. 021-4877161**  
**Fr. Paul O'Donoghue 021-4876055**  
**Fr. John O'Donovan C.C. 021-4870434**

**AL-ANON**

Are you worried about some-one's drinking?  
**Open Al-Anon Meeting**  
Thursday next 29<sup>th</sup> May  
8.30pm – 9.30pm  
Ballincollig Community Hall  
(near Church and School)  
Al-Anon can help

**Envelope Collection**

South American  
Mission Fund  
Next Weekend  
31st May & 1st June

**BALLINCOLLIG TIDY TOWNS**

Firstly we would like to thank everyone for their generosity last weekend for our Church Gate Collection. Your response was fantastic and will allow us to keep trying to improve our community. We are now half way through the Cork County Council Inter Town Litter Challenge and Ballincollig has moved up to 4th Place. We have no comments as of yet for last week because the examiners judged Area 3 again in error. So they had to come back out and judge the correct area. Thankfully this happened because our marks improved by 22 in the second judging and the original comments were very poor in relation to Innishmore and advised that this area receive serious attention. Certain business premises also came in for criticism. Full details next week. Please note that the following areas are to be judged commencing Thursday 22nd May. The Town Centre is judged every week and includes the following Areas; Main Street from the Westpark Hotel to the Western Roundabout near The White Horse Inn. Time Square, The Car Park, The Commercial Area Around Aldi's & Hollywood, The Car Parks Beside The Reel Cinema, Chapel Lane, Station Road, Church of St. Mary & St. John, Scoil Eoin, The Scout Hall, The Cemetery. The other area to be judged this week is Area 7: Beech Park, The Cloisters, Castle Park, Aishling Close, Cranford Pines, Greystones, Rosewood, Inniscarra and the main road from Spar to Leo Murphy Road. The next area to be judged from Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May is Area 8: This includes Carriganarra, Castleknock, Glincool and Maglin Estates. It also includes the Killumney Road from Muskerry Estate to Leo Murphy Road Junction and the Maglin Road from Killumney Road to the river. We ask everyone in these areas to play their part for the Community and spend a few minutes cleaning up around their own area.



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