

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



SUNDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2001

THIRTY-FOURTH & LAST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We belong to the rule of Christ who rules not by being served but by his service of people, a service so radical that it led to his death. The cross is Christ's throne: on the cross he is lifted up and makes peace between God and humankind. Those who follow his rule of service will share in his kingdom of peace.

CHRIST THE KING

This Sunday is the feast of Christ the King. To mark the occasion there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in both churches in the parish ending with Benediction in the evening. In the church of St. Mary & St. John, Exposition begins after the 12.00 Mass and ends with Benediction at 6.30p.m. In the Church of Christ Our Light there will be Exposition from 1.00p.m. until 5.15p.m.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is a special devotion celebrating the real presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. This particular devotion is one of personal silent prayer. During the hours of Exposition there are no communal prayers and no liturgical services. In a world of continuous noise from T.V., from radios in the home and in the car, from Tannoy systems in Supermarkets and Shopping Malls, from the intrusive ringing of mobile phones, these precious hours of silence offer an escape to those who long for silence, reflection and prayer. An Old Testament prophet was once listening for the voice of God. There came a violent storm but he could not hear the Lord above the raging winds. There was a thunder storm but again the voice of the Lord was not in it. Finally he heard the Lord in the whispering of a gentle breeze. In a dim church lit by candles, fragrant with incense, one can hear the voice of the Lord speaking personally to us. As the Eucharistic hymn puts it: "Where restless yearnings cease and sorrows all depart".

The Gospel story of Mary and Martha illustrates the two ways of reaching out to God. There are those who place great value in serving God by energetic activity: the busy teacher or nurse, the housewife, the missionary priest, the working man who does long hours of overtime to earn enough to give his family a chance in life that may have been denied him. "Martha, Martha, you are busy about so many things". then there are those who eschew worldly activity to spend more time in prayer: The monks in Mellery, the Poor Clare nuns in College Road, the lay person who spends much time in prayer either in the home or in the church. "Mary has chosen the better part. It shall not be taken from her".

The ideal service of God is a balance between the way of Martha and that of Mary. In the Church of the present day we lean, too much perhaps, towards the way of Martha. Social work, community work, parish involvement are all excellent occupations of the good Christian. But the way of Mary must never be neglected as it is our personal relationship with the Lord that gives meaning to all worldly activities.

"Come to me all you who labour and are over burdened and I will refresh you". Why not answer this personal invitation by visiting the church during the hours of Exposition.

Leonard O'Brien

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

PRIEST:

With joy in our hearts on this feast, let us bring our prayers to God.

READER:

For the Pope, the bishops and all who minister in the Church, that they may be true servants, as Christ the King was.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the Jewish people, sons and daughters of David, King of Israel, that they may continue to grow in the love of God's name

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For world leaders and those who govern in this country, that they may work for human rights for all.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who suffer grievously, and all whose death is close, that Christ, the dying king of Calvary, may support them.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For all who have gone to their eternal rest that, with the good thief, they may find a place in Paradise.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

PRIEST:

Lord our God, King of the universe, you are the source of your people's joy!

Hear the prayers we make to you, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

FIRST IN EVERY WAY (SECOND READING)

A criminal dying on a cross recognised that Jesus, also dying in agony, was entering into his Kingdom. In Jesus, he glimpsed something of the extraordinary truth: here nailed to a cross was the first-born of all creation and the first born from the dead.

Jesus was leading us into Paradise, into the glory he had with his Father before the world was made (Jn 17:5)

I rejoiced when I hear them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'

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THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER**BAPTISMS**

WE WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY
ALL THOSE WHO WERE BAPTISED RECENTLY :
Matthew Finbarr Kelly-O'Regan, 200, The Willows
Sarah Elaine Murphy, 67, Westcourt Heights
Shauna Natalie McKenna, 199, The Willows

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IN SYMPATHY

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:
Michael Hallahan, Greenfields
Pauline O'Callaghan, West Village
Mattie Gibbons, Tuam, Co. Galway

MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:
Cathal Cleary, 7, Leedale Grove &
Pamela Harvey, 99, Shamrock Drive

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

Thomas Farrell, Beech Park
Edward Fitton, Ballincollig
Eileen & Frank O'Donovan, Raheen
Dan Murphy, Clash
Con Murphy, Leemount
Catherine O'Mahony, Tudor Grove
Marcella Callanan
William Parrott
Ellen Healy, Donoughmore
Nora Coughlan, Ballydehob
Frank McCarthy
Kevin McCarthy, Rosewood
Rita Kinsella, Carrigrohane
William Carroll, Dripsey
Dick Lane, Ballinora
Mary Lane, Castlepark
David Fitzgerald, England
Hughie Collins, Innishmore/Dunmanway
John Duff
Deceased members of Legion of Mary
Tom Daly
Dick Russell, St. Lukes
Pat & Mary Twomey, Ballyburden
Louis Angelini
Norah & Eugene O'Toole, Dillons Cross
Frances Cunningham, Crookstown/Ballincollig
Jim Campbell
O'Mahony Family, Barrack Street
Con Harrington, Adrigole

LAST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

25 Sunday 2 Sam. 5:1-3. Ps. 121. Col. 1:12-20.
Lk. 23:35-43. Lect I:936

Christ the King We celebrate Christ as a crucified king. Through his cross he has won a holy nation and a royal people. In his kingdom he has reconciled all things to himself and through himself. He is the true shepherd-king who leads his people to peace.

26 Monday Dan. 1:1-6. 8-20. Ps. Dan. 3:52-56.
Lk. 21:1-4. Lect II:439

In these days leading into Advent, the theme of the end times predominates in the liturgy. The Book of Daniel encourages faithfulness to the practice of the faith, despite the material allurements of the world and different forms of persecution.

27 Tuesday Dan. 2:31-45. Ps. Dan. 3:57-61. Lk. 21:5-11.
Lect II:442

"The Last Judgement will come when Christ returns in glory. Only the Father knows the day and the hour, only he determines the moment of its coming. Then through his Son Jesus Christ he will pronounce the final word on all history. We shall know the ultimate meaning of the whole work of creation and of the entire economy of salvation, and understand the marvellous ways by which his Providence led everything towards its final end. The Last Judgement will reveal that God's justice triumphs over all the injustices committed by his creatures and that God's love is stronger than death." CCC, 1040

28 Wednesday Dan. 5:1-6, 13-17, 23-28. Ps. Dan. 3.
Lk. 21:12-19. Lect II:444

Belshazzar's Feast. "You have been weighed in the balance and found wanting." God punishes those who, instead of glorifying him in whose hands lies their fate, worship other gods and celebrate sacrilegious feasts.

29 Thursday Dan. 6:12-28. Ps. Dan. 3:68-74. Lk. 21:20-28.
Lect II:447

Daniel is thrown into the lion pit but comes out unhurt. The king acknowledges the living God, who saves, sets free and works signs and wonders. With great signs and wonders the Son of Man will come in great glory.

30 Friday Rom. 10:9-18. Ps. 18. Mt. 4:18-22. Lect II:1279

1 Saturday Dan. 7:15-27. Ps. Dan. 3. Lk. 21:34-36 Lect II:452
God will permit a period of distress for a limited time, but after that will come a time of relief for his faithful people. Jesus warns us to hold fast during the days of trial and be ready for his coming to receive the sovereignty.

SAINTS THIS WEEK

27 Tuesday - St. Fergal, bishop and missionary Fergal (Virgil) lived first in France and then in Bavaria, where he founded the monastery of Chiemsee. He was appointed bishop of Salzburg around 754 and died in 784, leaving a reputation for learning and holiness.

30 Friday - St. Andrew, from Bethsaida was a disciple of St. John the Baptist when he was called by Jesus. He in turn brought his brother Peter to Jesus. He is said to have suffered martyrdom on this date by crucifixion, but the tradition of an X-shaped cross is much later. Patron Saint of Scotland, Russia and fishermen.

At the present time with so much racial prejudice evident in our society it is well to remind ourselves of the words of St. Paul, 'there are no more distinctions between Jew and Greek, slave and free, male and female, but all of you are one in Christ Jesus' GALATIANS 3:28

(St. Martin de Porres is the patron saint of Race Relations)

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PILGRIMAGE

To: 'Our Lady Queen of Peace
House of Prayer'
Achill, Co. Mayo
on Saturday 8th December 2001



STAYING OVERNIGHT

Saturday 8th December *Bus departs Kinsale 6.15a.m.*

- 6.15a.m. Stop at BELGOOLY, for passengers
- 6.35a.m. Stop at RIVERSTICK, for passengers
- 6.40a.m. Stop at FIVE MILE BRIDGE, for passengers
- 6.45a.m. Stop at PARNELL PLACE, for passengers
- 6.55a.m. Stop at COMMONS ROAD, The Commons Inn, for passengers

Phone: Margaret Murphy at 021-4771606 or 087- 7806435



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or have separated will be held at
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ST. MARY & ST. JOHN	EACH SUNDAY	CHRIST OUR LIGHT
<p style="text-align: center;">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 style="text-align: center;">ROSARY RECITED AT BOTH CHURCHES EACH SUNDAY 3.00P.M. <i>Everyone most welcome</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">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 style="text-align: center;">Confessions</p> <p>Saturday: after 10am Mass before 6pm Mass</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRISTY SERVICES <i>Before and after all Masses Sundays & Weekdays</i> CHURCH OF ST. MARY & ST. JOHN</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Confessions</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday: after 10am Mass</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Baptisms</p> <p>Saturday: 5.00pm</p> <p>Sunday: 12.45pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">- Mass Card Signing - Requests for Baptism/Marriage Certs, etc. CHRIST OUR LIGHT - Mass Card Signing -</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Baptisms</p> <p>Saturday: 7.15pm</p>
<p>PARISH CLERGY</p> <p>CHURCH NO. ☎ 087-2479140</p> <p>Fr. L.O'Brien P.P. ☎ 021-4871206</p> <p>Fr. P. O'Donovan C.C. ☎ 021-4872808 Fax: 021-4872808</p> <p>Fr. Paul O'Donoghue ☎ 021-4876055</p> <p>Fr. John O'Donovan ☎ 021-4870434</p>		

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THIRST FOR GOD

Like the deer that pants for running streams,
 So my soul is yearning for you my God.
 I thirst for God the living God.
 Where can I find him to come and stand before
 him?
 Now I long for a deeper sense of your presence.
 To meet you in prayer, in the stillness of my
 heart,
 To relish once more those treasured moments,
 Anticipating heaven on earth.
 I recall so well, that lively faith of my youth,
 How I sang so vibrantly those hymns of praise,
 How I listened intently to your word
 Ever eager to join family and friends
 In the house of the Lord.
 But now, my heart feels empty.
 Doubt like a wave floods my soul.
 I try to pray, but there's a dryness within.
 Even the very thought of heaven seems
 hollow.
 I hear voices around me say;
 "Where is your God?"
 O Lord, send forth your light and your truth
 Let them lead me to your Holy Place.
 There I will go to the altar of God.
 I will go with great joy.
 'He will make me smile again.
 For he is my God.'

Reflection from Psalm No. 43:5

NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS:

Wis. 11:22-12:2. Ps. 144. 2 Thess. 1:11-2:2. Lk. 19:1-10.
 The Son of Man has come to seek out
 and save what was lost



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ST. MARY & ST. JOHN

CHRIST OUR LIGHT

6.00p.m.(Vigil) - Sandra Walsh	8.00p.m.(Vigil) - Marie O'Brien
8.30a.m. - Annette Collins	11.00a.m. - Claire Collins
10.00a.m. - Margot Twomey	12.30p.m. - Marlyn O'Connor
12 Noon - Brendan Daly	5.30p.m. - Margaret Murphy



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

1st /2nd December 2001

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



SATURDAY 1ST
 6p.m.
 Aisling Kelly
 April Ryan
 Eileen Murphy
 Ted Nelligan
 Angela Murphy
 Ann O'Connell

SUNDAY 2ND
 8.30a.m.
 Helen Kelly
 Roddy Martin

10a.m.
 Miriam Maunsell
 Joan Tobin
 Breda Ring
 Jerry O'Connor

12.00 Noon
 Louie O'Leary
 Mary Buckley
 John Walshe
 Pat Kelleher
 Irene O'Brien
 Ellen O'Sullivan

CHRIST OUR LIGHT CHURCH

SATURDAY 1ST
 8p.m.
 Jim Cahill
 Kit Cahill
 Sheila O'Connor

SUNDAY 2ND
 11a.m.
 Maura McNamara
 Angela Cunningham
 Laurence Cunningham
 Anne O'Connell
 Marie Mullins

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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BALLINCOLLIG BASKETBALL CLUB

Ladies Results

Our Ladies teams had a busy week travelling to play games outside the city limits. Our Un-18 Girls went to Mallow and put up a very good performance against a strong home team. Ballincollig Girls stayed with their opponents well into the second half. Mallow's better teamwork eventually gave them a hard earned win. On Saturday night our Inter Ladies travelled to Skibbereen. We struggled in the first half to capitalise on our possession to close on an early Skibb. lead. The second half saw a more spirited effort. Despite lifting their game Ballincollig could not catch a good Skibbereen side. Un-14 Girls had a trip to Bantry on Sunday morning. In a tough game the Ballincollig team played well. Bantry proved once more that they are hard to beat at home and won a vital brace of league points.

Mens Results

Un-11 Boys Tournament saw our very young team defeated by very strong opposition in Blue Demons A and St. Brendan's, Tralee and scoring a great win against Neptune B. All the players showed that they will benefit from these games and enjoyed the experience. Un-13 Boys are making great strides in their leagues. On Saturday they were far too strong for Carrigaline B and were convincing winners in a game that saw everyone play well. Un-15 Boys played Crescent Limerick in Ballincollig on Saturday evening. After a close first quarter we pulled away for an impressive victory. Div. 2 Men played Cobh in what was expected to be a close game. Ballincollig had a good win despite never reaching their full potential and continue to lead their league. We recently held a very successful coaching course where twelve members qualified as Level 1 Coaches. The Club looks forward to having all the newly qualified coaches working alongside our more experienced coaches.

BASKETBALL FOR BEGINNERS

BALLINCOLLIG COMMUNITY SCHOOL GYM

Girls (Ages 7,8,9)	Saturday	11a.m. - 12noon
Girls (10,11)	Saturday	12noon - 1.00a.m.
Boys (7,8,9)	Sunday	10.00a.m.-11.00a.m.
Boys (10,11)	Friday	6.00p.m. - 7.00p.m.

If anybody has any problems/queries about training times/age groups please contact any of our coaches at any of our sessions.

Sunday November 25th is the Feast of Christ the King

There will be Exposition
of the Blessed Sacrament in
both churches on Sunday afternoon
CHURCH OF ST. MARY & ST. JOHN:-

After 12noon Mass until 6.30p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST OUR LIGHT:-

After 12.30pm Mass until 5.15pm (before 5.30 Mass)

*All are welcome to go along
to spend some time with the Lord*

WANTED:-

**A Kind, Caring Person to look after
an elderly lady in her own home**
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at 021-4873019 for details*

**Envelope Offering for
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this Weekend 24th/25th November**

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Ballincollig Scouts
BAZAAR
SUNDAY DECEMBER 2nd
COMMUNITY HALL

Self-discipline never means giving up anything, for giving up is a loss. Our Lord did not ask us to give up the things of the earth, but to exchange them for better things.

FULTON SHEEN

If the Gospel means 'Good News' then being a christian means being a happy person, one who spreads joy. 'Gloomy faces' said St. Philip Neri 'aren't made for the happy house of paradise.'

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OF OUR
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**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 26th November 2001

Time: 7.30p.m.

Conducted by: Rev. Fr. Dan Crowley PP

All Welcome

FATIMA: MORE RELEVANT, MORE URGENT THAN EVER

You who dwell
in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in his shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge,
my rock in whom I trust!"

And he will raise you up
on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you shine like the sun,
and hold you
in the palm of his hand.

You need not fear
the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day
though thousands fall about you,
near you it shall not come.

For to his angels
he's given a command
to guard you in all your ways;
upon their hands
they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot
against a stone.



**ANNUAL
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Sunday 9th December 2001

at 11.00a.m.

in Christ Our Light Church

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