

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 27-April-2003



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
We are all a bit like Thomas, unless we see we find it difficult to believe. However, faith is a way of seeing, seeing beyond the apparent problems of life to the hope given by the Resurrection of Jesus; the hope of sharing heaven with Him.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

SEE MY HANDS

On September 23rd 1968, Padre Pio, the famous Capuchin priest, passed away in an Italian monastery. For forty years he had the stigmata, that is, he had on his hands and feet and side the five main wounds that Jesus had on His body, the wounds our Lord showed to St. Thomas in today's Gospel. People had come from all over the world to confess their sins to this saintly priest and to offer up the Holy Mass with him. He had many spiritual powers, like the ability to speak other languages, to heal the sick, and especially to understand souls and their needs.

When Padre Pio offered Mass both he and the people were keenly aware that he bore in his body the wound marks our Lord suffered on the cross, wounds that were extremely painful to the priest. At times drops of blood oozed from the priest's hands, which were uncovered only during Mass. At other times they were covered with brown woollen mittens. During Mass he would often look like someone carrying a cross. Often he would weep. As he looked at the Sacred Host his face took on the appearance of an angel. A feeling of peace came over everyone present.

To some this story of Padre Pio may seem like a pious legend out of the Middle Ages. Actually here was a man of God who lived in our own time, who was seen and visited by hundreds of thousands of all faiths and of no faith, who was subjected to numerous medical and scientific tests, all of which proved there was no natural explanation for the wounds on his body or the cures he obtained.

God chose this holy priest to share in the physical suffering of his Son. To make that sharing more evident, more striking, God permitted the wounds to show in the body of Padre Pio and the hundreds of other stigmatists in history, notably St. Francis of Assisi. At the time countless people are called to share in the physical and spiritual pains of our Lord without showing it in a visible way. Very few, if any, of their neighbours may know it but those individuals are suffering, suffering with Christ. When they accept that pain with Christ and for Christ, they become His special followers.

A person who suffers from unreturned love, a bitter disappointment, loneliness and a host of other spiritual hurts, may have a pain without any external sign of it, without any open wound like Padre Pio.

What such human beings suffer makes them think of what Christ suffered. What they suffer makes you and me think of what Christ suffered. Just as St. Thomas recognised the true Christ by His wounds, so you and I recognise the true followers of Christ by the hurts, the wounds he or she suffers, whether they are visible or not.

This is the message of every Mass – to offer ourselves with the Body that was given for us and the Precious Blood that was shed for us. Every one of us in his and her own way can be another Padre Pio. God bless you this Easter season.

John O'Donovan

Thought for Today

Take a bucket and fill it with water.
Put your arms into it up to the wrists
Take them out and the hole that remains
Is the measure of how you'll be missed?

You may splash all you please when you enter;
You may stir up the water galore;
But stop and you'll find in a minute
That it looks just the same as before.

In troubled water you can scarce see your face; or see it very little till the water be quiet and stand still.

So in troubled times you can see little truth. When times are quiet and settled then truth appears.

SELDEN

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

We give thanks to the Lord, whose love has no end, and we bring forward our petitions.

Reader

That the unity of the Church may grow.

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

That all may have life to the full, through the power of Jesus.

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

That people who doubt may be convinced by our visible faith.

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

That any divisions in our communities may be overcome.

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

That those in need may experience friendship and practical care.

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

That those who have died recently may share the victory over death won by Christ's resurrection.

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

Priest

God our strength, the resurrection of Jesus renews our hope.

Listen to our petitions and help us, we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

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BAPTISMS

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

Martha Louise Kelly, 50 Willowgrove, Coolroe Heights
 Greta Una Fleming, 49 Castle Avenue, Muskerry Estate
 Dillon Jeremiah Horgan, 74 The Cloisters
 Steven Jean-Marie Barard, 7 Westberry Heights

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

Stephen Daly, Inniscarra View
 Elizabeth Begley, Innishmore
 John McNamara, Coachford
 Kathleen Hayes, Bandon

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

Michael Desmond, Ballyangley
 Clare McSweeney
 Eileen O'Leary, Kilnaglorry
 Lily Maguire, Glincool Park
 Stephen & Julie O'Connor, Innishmore
 Michael, Roger & Elizabeth O'Donnell, Galbally
 Denis, Elizabeth & Mary Frances Kelleher
 James, Brenda & Denis O'Donoghue, West Village
 John Woods, Carriganarra
 Mary Delaney, Maglin
 Julia O'Callaghan, 9 Leemount
 Brian Casey, Carrigrohane
 Jerome Desmond, Rock Farm
 Jack & Lena Gaffney, Carrigrohane
 Eugene Courtney, Glincool
 Ellen Cronin, Mary Street
 Catherine McKecknie, Tower
 Jack & Jerry Hurley, Inniscarra View
 Maura Buckley, Crossbarry
 Mary Linehan, Inniscarra View
 John Twomey, Western Road.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SECOND WEEK OF EASTER

27 Sunday Acts 4:32-35. Ps. 117. 1 Jn. 5: 1-6. Jn. 20: 19-31. Lect 1:441
 28 Monday Acts 4:23-31. Ps. 2. Jn. 3: 1-8. Lect 1:447
 29 Tuesday 1 Jn 1 :5-2:2. Ps. 102. Mt. 11 :25-30. Lect. 11: 1009
 30 Wednesday Acts 5: 17 -26. Ps. 33. Jn. 3: 16-21. Lect 1:452
 01 Thursday Acts 5:27-33. Ps. 33. Jn. 3:31-36. Lect 1:454
 02 Friday Acts 5:34-42. Ps. 26. Jn. 6: 1-15. Lect 1:456
 03 Saturday Cor. 15: 1-8. Ps. 18. Jn. 14:6-14. Lect II: 10 17

BALLINCOLLIG TIDY TOWNS

The Cork County Council Inter Town Litter Challenge is now underway and judging of the following areas commenced Thursday 24th April

The Town Centre (which is judged every week)

Which includes the Main Street from the Westpark Hotel to the Western Roundabout near The White Horse Inn.

It includes 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 is **Area 3**

This includes all of Innishmore Estate, The Paddocks, Westcliffe, Oriel Park, Oriel House, The Westgate Foundation, Ballincollig Technology Park, Great Island Enterprise Park, County Council Offices and Training Centre, Eircom, Ballincollig Enterprise Park, An Post, The Health Centre, Scoil Barra, The Community School, Our Lady of Good Counsel School, The Regional Park.

The judge's comments, good and bad will be published in the newsletters

We ask everyone in these areas to play their part for the Community and spend a few minutes cleaning up around their own area.

BALLINCOLLIGS REPUTATION DEPENDS ON YOU!

We continue to organise Community Clean Ups every Wednesday evening. We meet at 7.30 pm in the Car Park near Quish's Supervalu. We then head off in various directions and the results last year were very positive.

If you can spare *ONLY 1 HOUR PER WEEK*

Please come along and lend a hand, remember many hands make light work.

Bags and Gloves supplied.

BALLINCOLLIG LIONS CLUB

EASTER BAZAAR

This Sunday 27th April 2003

Venue: Community Hall, Station Road
From: 2.30 pm

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING: Acts 4: 32-35

This is a description of life in the community of early Christians. Goods were shared but this sharing was always voluntary. The story of Ananias and Saphira makes it clear they were not bound to sell, and after they had the price was still theirs. However, the community of goods does not seem to have been very successful because we read elsewhere that rich and poor still existed in the community and Christians from other places had continually to send alms voluntarily to Jerusalem, 'each man according to his ability'.

SECOND READING: 1 John 5: 1-6

There are three dispositions necessary to being a Christian: to love the children of God, to love God and to keep his commandments. Jesus came 'by water and by blood'. Water and blood are symbols and refer, the one to the baptism of Christ, the other to his death.

GOSPEL: John 20: 19-31

The Church has perpetually understood the words of Jesus, "whose sins you forgive..." as the institution of the sacrament of Penance. The sacrament of pardon was instituted on the happiest day in the world's history. Ever since it has brought a personal joy to believers as they feel the load of guilt lifted from them.

The act of faith made by Thomas is the fullest and most explicit of all the confessions of faith recorded in the Gospels.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

In the 14th. Century the Church was at one of its weakest moments in history. Because of civil unrest in Italy the Pope had left Rome and gone to live in Avignon in the south of France. The towering figure of this period is Catherine of Siena, a humble and dauntless member of the Dominican Third Order. Living a life of severe penitential exercises she wrote letters to popes, kings, rulers of republics and leaders of armies as well as ordinary people who looked for her direction and advice. So great was her influence that she achieved the pope's return to Rome. She was a counsellor to Pope Gregory XI and Pope Urban VI. In 1970 Catherine was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church and, in 2000, Patroness of Europe.

**BALLINCOLLIG PARISH
CONFIRMATIONS 2003**

Scoil Barra - Wednesday 7th May 2003

Gaelscoil Uí Ríordáin - Wednesday 21st May 2003

Legion of Mary

Annual Pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday 25th May

Bus leaving village at 7 am sharp.

Fare €18.00 Deposit €10.00

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On the 9th of November 2002 Mick O'Connell set out with the Dolphin Senior Team for a Charity Cup match in Clonakilty.

Spirits were high; as Dolphin had won their first two AIL games, their best start in years. Little did we know that a freak accident was about to happen and Mick would suffer serious spinal injuries that would change his life and that of his family forever?

Mick was taken to the Cork University Hospital where he was operated on that evening, but his condition deteriorated within a week, due to internal bleeding and pneumonia, which left him fighting for his life for the next two months.

He lost nearly 6 stone in weight during that time, thankfully by the 22nd of January Mick's condition had improved significantly to allow him to be transferred to the National Rehabilitation Centre in Dun Laoghaire where intensive remedial treatment began and he is gradually putting on weight and getting stronger day by day.

There is nothing we can do in respect to Mick's injuries except for our prayers but we can help in removing the financial challenges to ensure that he can have a future where his long-term needs are catered for, whatever they may be.

A Sponsored 5K Run/Walk will take place on Sunday the 11th of May, 2003 where each participant will be asked to raise a **minimum** sponsorship of €100.00. There is of course no maximum to what you can collect or donate.

We would like your assistance and we are requesting that you inform your parishioners of this event so that as many people as possible will take part and raise sponsorship.

What happened to Mick O'Connell is every parent's worst nightmare and we are asking every one to support this worthy cause.

**Yours sincerely
Paul Mitchell, Chairman.**

F A S T F O O D F O R T H E S O U L

ONE DAY RETREATS

May: 3,4,5,7,10,11,12,14,17, 18, 19,21,24,25,26,27

August: 20,23,24,25,26,27,30,31

September: 2,3,6,8,9,13,14,15,16,20,21

Cost: €20 inc. boat fare, coffee & light lunch.

Reservations essential for the One Day Retreats

QUIET DAYS

"where you can be all by yourself and rest for a while"

6 May, 1 & 17 September

Arrival 10 am - Departure 4 pm

Cost: €15 inc. boat fare & refreshments.

To ensure space & atmosphere, numbers are limited.

Reservations essential for Quiet Days.

THREE DAY PILGRIMAGE

You may commence your pilgrimage on any day from Friday 30th May to Wednesday 13th August

Cost: €35 inc. boat fare and accommodation.

No reservation required for Three Day Pilgrimages

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LOUGH DERG

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

May-03 & May-04-2003

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Sandra Walsh
8:30 am
Annette Collins
10:00 am
Margot Twomey
12:00 Noon
Tony Lynch

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Pauline Collins
11:00 am
Maura McNamara
12:30 pm
Marie Groarke
5:30 pm
Michelle Beamish

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

9:30 am

Wednesday

8:30 am

9:30 am

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

May-03 & May-04-2003

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

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

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Theresa Lucey

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

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

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. John O'Donovan C.C.

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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 28th April 2003

Time: 7.30 p.m.

Conducted by: Rev. Fr. John McCarthy, Fermoy

All Welcome

"IN THE END MY IMMACULATE HEART WILL TRIUMPH"
[OUR LADY OF FATIMA]

Cork Divine Mercy Apostolate

Feast of Divine Mercy
Sunday 27th April 2003

St. Augustine's Church
Washington Street, Cork
2.00 pm to 5.00 pm

Envelope Collection

Episcopal Commissions
This Weekend 26th & 27th April

EASTER COLLECTION FOR THE PRIESTS OF THE PARISH

SINCERE THANKS FROM Leonard, John and Michael.

The Grove Leisure Centre, Bandon

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Beginning Week of May 5th

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