

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 28-September-2003



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road



**TWENTY SIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**  
*The ways of God cannot be confined within the limits of narrow human ideas. We must be ready to see his Spirit working in unexpected places, we must never be closed to the goodness in others. At the same time we must be ready to turn drastically away from the evil in ourselves.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

## Confirmation - First Holy Communion.

Last week the Parishioner published the dates of Confirmation in the parish of Ballincollig during 2004. Already the teachers of sixth and second classes are busy preparing the children for the Sacraments. I enjoy visiting the classrooms and experiencing first hand the enthusiasm and joy of the children as they keep their work books up to date and of course have plenty of questions and suggestions.

The classroom teacher has a set programme to follow and they do a very good job in preparing the children. But what about the rest of us Parents, godparents, extended family and the priests of the parish -what can we do - do we want to play our part in handing on the faith to these children that we are privileged to share the same parish community with.

The children in sixth class are already discovering about people like Helen Keller, Mother Teresa and personalities from the Bible like Abram (Abraham) and Moses and their journey of faith. During the year as I continue to visit the classrooms I will be getting to know the young people; I will also try to encourage the children to begin to reflect a little on passages from scripture and in this way encourage each of us to develop a personal image of the God that accompanies me through life. I hope also to try allow what we learn in the classroom influence the way I live my life. Finally I also hope that in a short time that young people will have an opportunity to be active in our Sunday Liturgies. The children's religion book provides a host of opportunities for parents and others to play a part in the faith development of each child.

The collapse of the Global Trade talks in Cancun, Mexico is a reminder to all of us that our actions or inaction has an effect on the lives of people all around us. It seems that in spite of all the advances in technology and communication that the will is not there yet to face the fact that unless there is a massive change in dealing with third world debt. World trade and health care that 80 million children will die unnecessarily over the next twelve years.

*George O'Mahony*

### Thought for Today

Love is one of those things that grows in itself. The more you give, the more it grows. There probably is no scientific way to measure why love works that way, but we just know it does. The same is true with acts of kindness--which in a way are the same thing as love. Like the person exorcising demons in Jesus' name, the more the better. That's how Jesus saw it, even though the disciples in their human jealousy and desire for ownership thought the person was an intruder. We see this in our own lives and try to pass it on to our children. It's hard to be mean to someone who just said, "I love you," or gave you a hug, or climbed up on your lap. As we try to get along with other people and teach our children to get along with siblings, friends, and classmates, we will make significant progress by acting and reacting in kindness and love.

### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

#### Priest

Brothers and sisters let us make our needs known to the Lord.

#### Reader

For those who are called to minister in the Church, that the Spirit given freely to all may help them become good servants.

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

For all who feel betrayed by church scandals, that they may see a church renewed in humility and penitence.

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

For an end to injustice and inequality in our world: that those blessed with wealth may remember the divine call to share.

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

For a spirit of hospitality and welcome among us, that all who visit may feel at home.

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

For the people in our community who are sick, that the Lord may raise them up.

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

For those who have died, and all our people who have gone before us in faith, that they may receive the reward of their labours.

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

#### Priest

Eternal God, you give wisdom to those who rely on you, send us the grace we need each day; we beseech you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.*

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**BAPTISMS**

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

Lucy Anne Cronin, Glincool Gardens  
 Siobhan Anne McAvoy, The Brambles, Classis Lake  
 Harrison Peter Heidt, Glendower Court

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

Joan Horgan  
 Tim O'Toole  
 Denis Calnan, Church View  
 Christine Cody, Rosewood

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

David Cronin, Ovens  
 Ann Barry Murphy, Farran  
 Mary Barrett  
 Frances Power  
 Joe & Patrick Linehan, Courtbrack  
 Maureen Cuddihy, Coolroe  
 Ann Murphy  
 Timothy Cooney, Birmingham  
 Breda, James & Denis O'Donoghue  
 John & Anna Twomey  
 Garrett Fitzgerald  
 Margaret Crowley, Rylane  
 Micheal Connolly, E.M.C  
 William Kavanagh, Carrigrohane  
 Joan Coakley, Muskerry Estate  
 Rose & Paddy Wall, Navan  
 Kay Barrett, Beech Park  
 Julie & Jerome Collins, Station House  
 Crissie Twomey, Main Road  
 Patrick Cotter, Leo Murphy Terrace  
 George & Willie Baker, Station Road  
 Tony O'Brien, Dunmanaway  
 Ned Delaney, Model Farm Road  
 Con & Mary Coakley  
 Agnes Murphy, Bishopstown  
 Josephine Murphy, Castle Avenue  
 John O'Sullivan  
 Donors Intentions.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**TWENTY SIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**

28 Sunday Num. 11 :25-29. Ps. 18. Jm. 5: 1-6. Mk. 9:38-43, 45,47-48. Lect I:804  
 29 Monday Dan. 7:9-10, 13-14. or Apoc. 12:7-12. Ps. 137. In. 1 :47-51. Lect II: 7205  
 30 Tuesday Zech. 8:20-23. Ps. 86. Lk. 9:51-56. Lect II:339  
 01 Wednesday Neh. 2:1-8. Ps. 136. Lk. 9:57-62. Lect II:347  
 02 Thursday Ex. 23:20-23. Ps. 90. Mt. 18: 1-5,10. Lect II: 1272  
 03 Friday Bar. 1:15-22. Ps. 78. Lk. 10:13-16. Lect II:346  
 04 Saturday Bar 4:5-12,27-29. Ps. 68. Lk. 10:17-24. Lect II:348

**AL-ANON**

Open public meeting  
 Dominican Centre, Popes Quay  
 Wednesday next - October 1<sup>st</sup> 2003  
 Time: 8:00 to 9:30 pm

**Ballincollig Parish Pastoral Council**

The 41<sup>st</sup> meeting of the council will be held  
 in the Community Centre,  
 on Monday October 6<sup>th</sup> at 7.45 pm

***South Presentation Convent Chapel.  
 Douglas Street. Cork.***

**First Friday / First Saturday Reparation  
 to the Sacred Heart of Jesus  
 and the Immaculate Heart of Mary**

All night vigil of Reparation Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October  
 and Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2003.  
 Vigil commences at 10:00 pm with the opening Mass at  
 10:30 pm and will continue until 7:00 am on Saturday  
 with Mass at 6:00 am.

**Mass Book**

Reserving Masses for October, November & December  
**St. Mary & St. John fully booked**  
 Some bookings still available for Christ Our Light.

**Cork Craft Network**

In association with  
**ISPCC**

Presents  
 Craft and Healing Fair  
 At

Ballincollig GAA Club  
 Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October  
 11 am to 6 pm

Free Craft Workshops, Trade Stands Organic Café,  
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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Numbers 11:25-29  
 Today we hear how Moses allowed two good men to continue their work. Even in the desert, there was freedom among God's People; Moses was a leader, not a dictator.

Second Reading: James 5:1-6  
 People who have money and power sometimes discriminate against the poor; they may live in luxury and not pay fair wages. Such selfishness is a serious sin; today's reading tells why.

Gospel Mark 9:38-43  
 My first appointment after ordination in September 1971 was to the parish of St. Peter's; Woolwich, London S. E. 18. Life there was some experience, it was a massive sprawling parish with huge ethnic diversity and a very small proportion of Catholics but a great community and lots of people involved in the life of the parish. The Catholics in Woolwich then were mainly emigrants from Cork city and the Beara peninsula. The parish included three churches, five hospitals and an army barracks so plenty of variety. The parish priest was Canon Ronald Pepper and at the dinner one day he suggested that I had a streak of "Jansenism" in me. I had heard of the Jansenist's but did not remember too much about them. The Jansenist's depicted the crucifix with rigid arms raised upwards, symbolising a salvation reserved for a few. This was a contrast to the Christ figures of the middle -ages; even nailed to the Cross they appear to embrace the whole world with their outstretched arms. The way of being a Christian is to be open to the dimensions of all humanity, in the manner of these medieval figures. Today in the Gospel Christ frowns on the exclusivism of the Apostles, today exclusivity is a real temptation within the church. In our communities there are many little ones, weak, ill-instructed people whose faith we sometimes dismiss as puerile. Nothing authorises us to reject or despise them. Still less may we scandalise them, as though, having the monopoly of the Spirit, we were free to do what we liked.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Francis of Assisi 04-October-2003

Son of a wealthy cloth merchant in the Italian city of Assisi, Francis as a young man led the pleasure seeking life typical of young men of his class. Like most of such youths he got involved in the inter city skirmishes between Assisi and Perugia where he was held captive for a year. A fever which he contracted as a prisoner turned his thoughts to eternity. A further bout of illness resulted in his conversion to the spiritual life. When his father discovered that Francis was selling the family goods to help the poor he had him confined to a room. Later his mother released him and he went to live as a hermit in a ruined church near the city renouncing all worldly possessions and helping to nurse some lepers. He dressed in the brown woolen tunic tied with a knotted rope, the dress then worn by the poorest Umbrian peasants while he preached to the same peasants penance, brotherly love and peace.

In his newly found poverty, Francis was soon joined by a rich magnate of the city and a Canon of the Cathedral. These new recruits went to the public square where they gave away all their belongings to the poor and went to live in huts at a spot called the Porziuncola where he had restored with his bare hands the ruined church of St. Mary of the Angels. More followers joined him and the Friars Minor were formed as a religious Order. The order was approved by the Pope and Francis was ordained a Deacon and spent the rest of his life preaching repentance in the streets, in public squares, from the walls of castles. So many wanted to join his movement that he devised the Third Order, a sort of middle state between the world and the cloister for those who could not leave their families to join the First Order, or Friars Minor.

Back to Education / Work Course

This Course is for adults who left school early and would like to return to education and /or work. The Course will cover:

- Everyday English (reading and writing)
- Basic Math's.
- Computers.

The Course will run in Ballincollig on Monday and Friday mornings (9.30 – 13:00 each morning) for 14 weeks - starting in late September 2003.

Priority will be given to those who are dependent on a social welfare allowance.

Many of those who did a similar course in Ballincollig last year are now doing courses in the Cork College of Commerce, Colaiste Stiofan Naofa (Tramore Road); others are working (full-time or part-time).

If you are interested in applying for this course, please contact Alan (021-7334539) or Phil (021-4295144).

SCOUTING NEWS

Our Annual Flag Day is next Friday October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2003.

We would greatly appreciate your support on the day. Parents and friends of scouting who wish to be collectors please contact Joe Sheehan at 4872354 or any of the scout leaders prior to Friday

Envelope Collection

Education Fund (Students for the Priesthood) This Weekend 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> September

Energy Awareness Week

Some tips to save energy

- ◆ Turn your TV off rather than leave it on stand-by - equipment on stand-by uses up to 20% of the energy it would use when fully on
- ◆ Walk or cycle instead of driving - it costs nothing and is good for you.
- ◆ Turn your heating down - reducing your thermostat by 10°C will take 10% off your heating bill
- ◆ Buy 'A' rated kitchen appliances - they cost less to run and over time will give you considerable savings on your electricity bill.
- ◆ Use energy efficient light bulbs (CFLs) instead of traditional bulbs - they use 1/5th of the energy and last up to 10 times as long.
- ◆ Insulate your attic - attic insulation will keep the heat in your home for longer and pay for itself in 2 to 3 years.
- ◆ Fit a lagging jacket - lagging your hot water cylinder will keep the water hotter for longer and pay for itself in 2 to 3 months

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Oct-04 & Oct-05-2003

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

6:00 pm (Vigil)  
Sandra Walsh  
8:30 am  
Annette Collins  
10:00 am  
Dave Murphy  
12:00 Noon  
Tony Hegarty

8:00 pm (Vigil)  
Joy O'Driscoll  
11:00 am  
Maura McNamara  
12:30 pm  
Marlyn O'Connor  
5:30 pm  
Brian O'Donoghue

**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 & 8 pm	<b>Friday</b>	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
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**

Oct-04 & Oct-05-2003

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

6.00 pm Aisling Kelly  
Tony O'Leary  
Eileen Murphy  
Ted Nelligan  
Angela Murphy  
Ann O'Connell

8:00 pm John O'Donoghue  
Eleanor O'Donoghue  
Kathleen Daly

8:30 am Helen Kelly  
Roddy Martin

11:00 am Mary O'Mahony  
Margaret Brown  
Rose Cotter  
Billy Barry

10:00 am Miriam Maunsell  
Mary Buckley  
Breda Ring  
Jerry O'Connor  
Mary O'Regan

12:30 pm Mary Twomey  
Terry O'Driscoll  
Bernie O'Driscoll  
Maura O'Driscoll

12 Noon Louie O'Leary  
John Walshe  
Pat Kelleher  
Irene O'Brien  
Ellen O'Sullivan  
Imogen Ryan

5:30 pm Garreth Irish  
Shelia Curran  
Bridie O'Donnell

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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**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2003**

**(First Friday) Church of St. Mary & St. John  
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Following 9:30 am Mass, concluding with Rosary, Benediction at 7:45 pm and Mass 8:00 pm.

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL  
MONTHLY COLLECTION**

Next Weekend  
4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> October 2003

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