

THE BALLINCOLLIG + PARISHIONER

CHRIST OUR LIGHT
INNISHMORE

SUNDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2000

ST. MARY & ST. JOHN
STATION ROAD

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The following of Christ is not for the ambitious and selfish. Christians will inevitably find their goodness, gentleness and love put to the test. They will survive the test only if their life is based on trust in God as his Father.

THE CHURCH BELL

Early in the Jubilee Year the Parish Council looked for suggestions for some projects to mark this holy anniversary of the birth of Christ. Out of that exercise came the Jubilee Pilgrimage to the ruined church of Kilnaglory where our Christian roots lay very deep. A Pilgrimage to Rome was also planned and this parish pilgrimage departs next month for the Eternal City which has been at the heart of Christendom since St. Peter arrived there shortly after the Resurrection of Jesus. Another suggestion to mark this historic year in an ongoing way was to have the bell on the parish church rung before Masses and twice daily at the Angelus.

In earlier times the regular ringing of the church bell demanded the attendance of someone each day at the appointed time. Modern technology now offers two solutions to replace the human bellringer of a bell and relay the sound to the belfry where bugle shaped speakers would broadcast the sound. This was rejected on aesthetic grounds as the architect of the church never visualised such attachments sticking out of the belfry. The second method, which in fact has been adopted, is to fix a hammer in the belfry which is automatically controlled from an electronic panel in the sacristy. Thanks to this method, the bell rings fifteen minutes before weekend Masses, as well as at noon and 6.00p.m. for the Angelus each day. Out of consideration for sleeping neighbours, the bell is not set to ring for the early Masses.

In restoring the daily ringing of the church bell the parish has returned to a very ancient tradition of using a bell to call Christians to prayer. Now a world wide custom, bell ringing began in fact with an ancient Celtic tradition of associating the sound of a bell with the voice of God. The great campaniles of Europe's cathedrals such as the famous leaning tower of Pisa were constructed thanks to the influence of Irish monks in the Middle Ages. The word 'clocca' (French 'cloche', Eng. 'Clock') was certainly Irish in origin and it occurs at an early date both in Latin and the Irish form 'clog'. Thus it is found in the Book of Armagh and in the Life of Colmcille written c. 685. It is plain that in primitive Celtic lands an extraordinary importance was attached to bells. The most famous bell is that of St. Patrick. By the eight century bells seemed to be regarded as the essential equipment of every church. Around 750A.D. Pope Stephen II erected a belfry with three bells at St. Peter's in Rome.

The Church bell call us to Mass. It calls us to prayer at Angelus time. It tolls for us when we die. The English poet, John Donne, reminds us that when we hear a funeral bell we should not ask for whom it is ringing. Instead, we should realise that as we are all part of one another, any man's death diminishes us. As the bell counts away our own days on earth, each time it rings it is ringing for us.

"Never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee."

Leonard O'Brien

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

For the leaders of the Church,
pause,
that their patient endurance, in the face of hostility and suffering, may be a sign to all Christians of the ultimate triumph of the Resurrection.

pause,
Lord, hear us;
Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who work for peace, pause,
that they may be prepared to pay the price of peace, and endure the loss of friends and even imprisonment, because they speak up against violence,

pause,
Lord, hear us;
Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who are confined to their beds of suffering, pause,
that they may be given the gift of patience, and use their sickness to God's glory, by uniting it with the sufferings of Jesus on the Cross.

pause
Lord, hear us;
Lord, graciously hear us.

For refugees from war-torn countries, pause,
that they may find safe refuge in their new homes, and have the courage to start their lives afresh, putting aside all bitterness and hatred for their oppressors.

pause
Lord, graciously hear us.

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The Lord Upholds my Life.

BAPTISMS

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

- Sean Denis Patrick Kenefick, 77, Castlepark**
- Molly Maureen O'Grady, 21, The Meadow, Classis Lake.**
- David Anthony Twomey, 51, Woodberry, Greenfields.**
- Ciara Alice Crotty, 33, Leedale Grove**

MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Wanford William Watterman, 2 Leevew, Sundays Well & Aileen Nora Hasset, Station Road, Ballincollig.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

- Michael Bowen, Station Road**
- Josephine Murphy, 24 Castle Avenue**
- Paddy Forde, Leepoint**
- Willie Kavanagh, Carrigrohane**
- Florence Kelly, 9, Fr Sexton Park**
- Fr. Con Twohig**
- Jack O'Sullivan, Carriganarra**
- Cornolious & Catherine McSweeney, Inniscarra**
- Bertie Ovens, Glanmire**
- Patrick Cosgrove, Galway**
- Mary O'Driscoll, Beech Road**
- Robert Movey, Wolfe Tone Street**
- Kathleen Walsh, Meadow Park, Ballyvolane**
- The Bredley Family**
- Paddy & Marie Walsh, Glasheen**
- Letty Brady, Pine Walk**
- Garrett Fitzgerald, London & Macroom**
- Denis Conway, Ovens**
- William Ryan, Castleconnell**
- Maureen Caddihy, Coolroe**
- Patrick Linehan, Courtbrack**
- Michael Hickey, Ballincollig**
- Kathleen Day, England**
- John Kelleher, Mayfield**
- Noreen McGroarty, Cobh**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

24 Sunday WS. 2:12, 17-20. PS 53. Jm. 3:16-4:3. Mk 9:30-37. *Lect 1:802*
The followers of Jesus must also share in his Passion. The very way of life of the Christian will be seen as a reproach to others and therefore to be opposed. The Christian will also be accused for not conforming to the world's values and standards. In all this we must look to Jesus, the model of the suffering servant.

25 Monday Pr. 3:27-34. Ps. 14. Lk. 8:16-18. *Lect II:776*
That the godless so often seem to prosper raises questions for all who follow God's way. "Do not envy the man of violence... for the wilful wrong-doer is abhorrent to the Lord."

26 Tuesday Pr. 21:1-6, 10-13. Ps. 118. Lk 8:19-21. *Lect II:778*
The true disciple of Christ is the one who hears the word of God and puts it into practice.

27 Wednesday Pr. 30:5-9. Ps. 118. Lk. 9:1-6. *Lect II:780*
The Christian is to recognise what real needs are. Christ sends his disciples out without bread or money on their journey.

28 Thursday Eccles. 1:2-11. Ps. 89. Lk. 9:7-9. *Lect II:782*
There will only be disappointment for those who put their trust in the passing things of this world. There will only be a continual dissatisfaction because the eyes will never have enough of the ears of hearing.

29 Friday Dan. 7:9-10, 13-14. or Apoc. 12:7-12. Ps. 137. Jn. 1:47-51. *Lect II:1205*
Gabriel brought the message to Mary at the Annunciation. (Patron of telecommunications, radio and TV workers). Raphael, guide to Tobias. (Patron of nurses, physicians, the blind). Michael has been venerated as protector of Christians in general and soldiers in particular. (Patron of radiologists, the sick, paratroopers).

30 Saturday Eccles. 11:9-12:8. Ps. 89. Lk. 9:43-45. *Lect II:786*
Qoheleth's poem about old age speaks of the slowing down of life in metaphorical terms. Contrary to the idea of long life being a blessing from God, the poet looks at the burdensome aspect of longevity.

SAINTS THIS WEEK

Monday 25th - St. Finbarr came to Loch Irce (Gougane Barra) and probably lived there as a hermit. When disciples gathered round him, he moved to Cork at the mouth of the Lee, where he founded a monastery which became a famous centre of learning.

Tuesday 26th - Sts Cosmas & Damian early martyrs in Syria, patrons of physicians. They are known as the Anargyri in the East, since they never took money for their medical service

Wednesday 27th - St. Vincent De Paul 1580-1660, founded the Congregation of the Mission (the Vincentians) and the Daughters of Charity (1633), the first sisters to work outside their convents in active service. He is the patron of all charitable works.

Thursday 28th - St. Wenceslaus 905-925, Prince of Bohemia, killed by his brother. Patron of brewers.

Sts Lawrence Ruiz and his companions During the period 1633-37 these sixteen martyrs shed their blood out of love for Christ in the city of Nagasaki, Japan.

Saturday 30th - St. Jerome 340-420, translated the Bible into Latin and wrote commentaries on scripture. Patron of librarians.

SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER IN KNOCK

Saturday 7th October 2000

Bus will leave from L&N at 6.30am

Fare £10 Adults, £5 Children

Contact: Tony O'Neill Tel: 021-501667

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Monthly Collection

Next Weekend

30th Sept & 1st Oct 2000

PLEASE SUPPORT

ATTENTION MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST OF BOTH CHURCHES

A talk will be given by Fr. Tom Clancy followed by Mass in St. Mary's & St. Johns Church at 8pm on Tuesday 26th September.

NOVENA

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

at Church of the Real Presence, Bishopstown on Tuesday, 3rd October at 8pm

and every Tuesday thereafter until Tuesday 28th November

THE BALLINCOLLIG BASKETBALL CLUB NOTES

The club would like to thank most sincerely, the people of Ballincollig for their very generous support of our Church gate collection. We would also like to thank the collectors for giving their time to help the club.

In last weekends pre-season games, the girls U.12 and U.16 were unlucky not to win despite putting up a great fight.

The Junior men were also unlucky in their games.

Unfortunately the teams are not all up to full strength, but once the season gets into full swing, we can expect the club to get back on its winning track.

The following are the training times for the club, and as always, new members are very welcome. The venue is Ballincollig Community School Gym.

TRAINING TIMES 2000-2001

The following training times will commence from Monday 18th September 2000

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Team</u>
6.00-7.00pm	U.15 Boys
7.00-8.00pm	Junior Girls
8.00-9.00pm	Intermediate Ladies
9.00-10.00pm	Division 2 Men
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Team</u>
6.00-7.00pm	Games
7.00-8.00pm	Games
8.00-9.00pm	Games
9.00-10.00pm	Games
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Team</u>
11.00-12.00noon	6-10 Girls Beginners*** New time
12.00-1.00pm	U.11/12 Girls
5.00-6.00pm	U.11 Boys
6.00-7.00pm	U.19 Boys
7.00-8.00pm	U.17 Boys
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Team</u>
10.00-11.00am	6-10 Boys Beginners*** New time
11.00-12.00noon	U.14 Girls
12.00-1.00pm	U.16 Girls

Forthcoming Tournaments

Thur 21st Sept:	Junior & Intermediate Women
Venue:	Gurranabraher
Sat 23rd Sept:	U.14 Girls
Venue:	Little Island
Thurs 28th Sept:	Junior & Intermediate Ladies
Venue:	Gurranabraher

SPORTING CLUBS ORGANISATIONS, SOCIETIES

Do you wish to avail of
 "The Ballincollig Parishioner"
 and our website www.ballincollig.ie
 to publicise your activities and facilities
 Send details to Editor's Office, The Sacristy,
 St. Mary & St. John Church or by e-mail to
parish@ballincolligparish.ie

ALPHA

From 28th September

Alpha is a twelve-week course open to people of any or no church background, who would like to explore the Christian faith and its relevance to everyday life. It is informal and friendly, providing the opportunity to listen to discuss issues, to learn and to ask those difficult questions that have been bugging you. The popularity of Alpha has grown incredibly over the past few years. To date over one million people across 89 countries have taken this course. It is accepted and run by every major Christian denomination. For more information on Alpha and the impact that this course is having on the church and peoples lives, please visit the web-site, www.alpha.org.uk.

The next Alpha course in the Ballincollig area begins on Thursday 28th September with a special banquet at 8pm in Carrigrohane Church Hall (Near Nangles Garden Centre). Even if you are undecided about attending this course, please accept our invitation to come to the Alpha banquet. The course will run then on consecutive Thursday nights, 8-10pm. A light supper will be provided. The course ends on Thursday 14th December. Alpha is free of charge. It is presented by Carrigrohane Union of Parishes and the leaders come from the local C of I and Catholic churches.

If you would like to know more, please pick up a brochure from Ballincollig Library or visit our website at <http://www.gofree.indigo.ie/~carrigro/alpha.htm> or phone (021)7334711.

The National Training & Development Institute

VOCATIONAL SKILLS FOUNDATION COURSE

This course is designed for people with special needs, who are over 16 years and who need support and guidance in exploring suitable vocational options. Great emphasis is placed on maximising the student's strengths and much individual attention is given to allow progression at one's own pace.

This course includes modules on:

- Communications
- Personal & Interpersonal Skills
- Computer Applications
- Consumer Awareness
- Work Experience
- Mathematics
- Assertiveness
- Work Orientation
- Leisure Activities

The National Council for Vocational Awards and the Northern Council for Further Education certify this Vocational Skills Course. 40% of instruction time is devoted to exploring different vocational options, some of which are centre-based but will also involve sampling skills in an open employment setting. Depending on individual needs the duration of the course may extend up to 2 years. There are no course fees, students will retain their present benefits and also receive an additional training allowance.

On completion of this course the participants may:

- Continue with higher level training within NTDI
- Proceed to mainstream vocational training
- Obtain open employment
- Return to further education

For further information contact Andrew Feeney or K. Costelloe at Seward House, Cork Business & Technology Park, Model Farm Road, Cork. Tel: 021-4341028

BALLINCOLLIG TIDY TOWNS AWARDS WINNERS 18th September 2000

<p>1. School Category 2 Highly recommended <i>Colaiste Cholm Schol Barra</i> Overall Winner <i>Scoil Eoin</i></p> <p>2. Commercial & Industrial 2 Highly Commended <i>Finbarr O'Neill Farran Technology</i> Overall Winner <i>Great Island Enterprise Park</i></p> <p>3. Service Stations Highly Commended <i>Shell Service Station East Gate</i> Overall Winner <i>Celtic Fuels</i></p> <p>4. Shop Fronts 5 Highly Commended <i>Dwyers Pharmacy Finbarr Fenton Phelans Pharmacy O'Crualaoi O'Mahony Walsh</i> Overall Winner <i>Allied Irish Bank</i></p> <p>5. Front Garden Window Box 4th <i>Sean & May Hill, Coolroe Heights</i> 3rd <i>Maeve Murphy, Innishmore Court</i> 2nd <i>Brendan Murphy, Pine Walk</i> 1st <i>Sgt. Tim Bowe, Garda Station</i></p> <p>Garden Tub 4th <i>June Kavanagh, Maglin</i> 3rd <i>Sgt. Tim Bowe, Garda Station</i> 2nd <i>Mrs. Kearney, Westcourt Heights</i> 1st <i>Joe Sheehan, Island Way</i></p>	<p><i>Hanging Basket</i> 4th <i>Sean & May Hill, Coolroe Heights</i> 3rd <i>Brendan Murphy, Pine Walk</i> 2nd <i>Jackie McCoy, Aylsbury Ave</i> 1st <i>Maeve Murphy, Innishmore Court</i></p> <p><i>Highly Commended</i> 4 <i>Sgt. Tim Bowe, Garda Station</i> 3 <i>Eileen Burns, Westcourt Heights</i> 2 <i>Mrs. M Beamish Westcourt Heights</i> 1 <i>Sgt. Tim Bowe, Garda Station</i> 4th <i>Joe Sheehan Island Way</i> 3rd <i>Sean & May Hill, Coolroe Heights</i> 2nd <i>Mrs Breda Burke, Avoncourt</i> 1st <i>Mrs Zena Gibson Wyndham Downs</i></p> <p>6. Public Buildings Highly recommended <i>Cork County Council Innishmore</i> Overall Winner <i>Church of St. Mary & St. John</i></p> <p>7. Estates up to 40 houses Highly Commended <i>City West Mews</i> Overall Winner <i>CastleKnock</i></p> <p><i>Estates 40-120 houses</i> Highly Commended <i>Bridge Water</i> Overall Winner <i>Westcliffe</i></p> <p><i>Estates 120+ houses</i> Highly Commended <i>Westcourt/Westcourt Heights</i> Overall Winner <i>Parknamore Joint Area</i></p> <p>Overall Estate Winner <i>Wyndham Lawn/Downs/ The Groves</i></p> <p>Congratulations to all the winners, and to all who attended, our thanks for contributing to an enjoyable and successful evening</p>
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THE PIKE THEATRE GROUP
 We wish to thank all those who attended and supported our Parish Church fund raising night, at Tanner Park, Rugby Pavilion on Tuesday last 12th September.
 We also wish to thank all those who provided spot prizes, your generosity is greatly appreciated. I am happy to announce that a cheque for £51 was presented to the above fund on Monday September 18th.
 We look forward to the pleasure of your company, again on Tuesday 10th October at Tanner Park Rugby Pavilion for your entertainment on this occasion will be **Max Rambler's. Admission £3.00**

**CIRCLES OF LIVING ROSARY
 "PRAYER GROUP"**
 The next meeting of the prayer group will be held on Tuesday October 3rd 2000, in the Old Library, at Community Centre, at 7.30pm.
 Let us all do something special for Our Blessed Lady during October - the month of the Rosary.
 Come along to the meeting on October 3rd. Present members, and new members are all very welcome.
**Contact:
 DOLORES HORGAN -021 4873019**

NOTICES

THE ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION OF IRELAND

2000 ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION OF IRELAND LECTURE SERIES

Common Forms of Arthritis

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

Date: **Monday 2nd October 2000**

Venue: **Jury's Hotel, Western Road, Cork**

Time: **8.00p.m.**

Admission Free - All are welcome

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Dr. Fiona Ryan, Public Health Specialist with the SHB urged people to keep well over the winter months and said, "Flu can seriously affect older people and those whose immune system is compromised/suppressed in any way. This vaccine is very effective - about 80% - in protecting against flu but the vaccine must be renewed every year. We would urge those of you who would benefit from the vaccine to please protect yourself against flu by availing of the vaccine"

The influenza vaccine is administered by injection and is free to all persons over 65 years, whether they have medical cards or not, and to medical card holders in the younger at-risk groups.

For Information on:

- PREMARRIAGE COURSES
- NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING
- ACHIEVING A PREGNANCY
- MENOPAUSE COUNSELLING

Contact N.A.O.M.I.

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(Tues-Fri Office Hours)

MINISTERS OF THE WORD 30th Sept-1st Oct ST. MARY & ST. JOHN CHRIST OUR LIGHT

**6.00p.m. (Vigil) -
Maureen Nelligan**

**8.30a.m. -
Elizabeth Barry**

**10.00a.m. -
Andrea Lenihan**

**12 Noon -
Tony Hegarty**

**8.00p.m. (Vigil) -
Sarah Cahill**

**11.00a.m. -
Maura McNamara**

**12.30p.m. -
Marlyn O'Connor**

**6.30p.m. -
Michelle Beamish**

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST 30th Sept - 1st Oct 2000 ST. MARY'S & ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

SATURDAY 30TH

6p.m.
Geraldine Hegarty
Patsy Mruphy
Breda Foley
Geraldine Gresham
Kathy Horgan

SUNDAY 1ST

8.30a.m.
Theresa Tuohy
Rita Murphy

10a.m.
Karina O'Mahony
Nancy Hogan
Tadgh Murphy
Mary Murphy

12.00 Noon
Michael Crowley
Chris Kavannagh
Noel Hennessey
April Ryan
Rena O'Connor
Eavan O'Donoghue

CHRIST OUR LIGHT CHURCH

SATURDAY 30TH

8p.m.
John O'Donoghue
Eleanor O'Donogue
Kathleen Daly

SUNDAY 1ST

11a.m.
Robert Wade
Mary O'Mahony
Margaret Brown
Lylia O'Brien

12.30p.m.
Brid Dolan
Peggy Sheehan
Pat Manning
Terry O'Driscoll
Bernie O'Driscoll

5.30p.m.
Garreth Irish
Sheila Curran
Statia O'Callaghan

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 3.00PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Everyone most welcome</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Masses</p> <p>Sunday: 11.00, 12.30, 5.30p.m.</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;">THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION WILL INCLUDE A CONTRIBUTION TO THE EDUCATION FUND (Students for Priesthood)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Confessions</p> <p>Saturday: after 10am Mass</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Baptisms</p> <p>Saturday: 6.45pm</p> <p>Sunday: 12.45pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">THIS WEEKEND SATURDAY 23rd SUNDAY 24th Sept</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please give generously</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Baptisms</p> <p>Saturday: 7.15pm</p>

PARISH CLERGY

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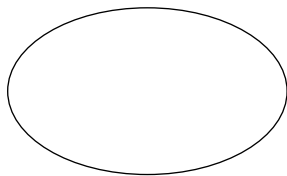
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Ballinollig G.A.A. Club, The Powdermills,
Ballinollig before October 15th, 2000**
Tel: 021-4873497