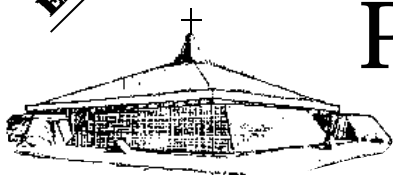


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THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



CHRIST OUR LIGHT
INNISHMORE



ST. MARY & ST. JOHN
STATION ROAD

SUNDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2000

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Some of the images in today's readings, may appear incomprehensible to many but they give us hope. God had promised to bring about the transformation of this fallen world, the resurrection of the dead. Our part is to live in hope, through the difficulties of our life and history.

THE READINGS AND THE END OF TIME

The Gospel we have just read, and the other sayings of Jesus in the same vein, have often led people at various times to predict the end of the world. They decide that the signs mentioned are happening now, and so we must all be ready for a great disaster. But the point of this Gospel is not to bring us all to live our lives in some kind of holy terror. True, as Christians we accept that heaven and earth will pass away. But more than accepting it, we pray actively for it. - 'Thy kingdom come' and 'we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour.'

There is a related theme in today's Gospel - that of being aware, of reading the signs of the times. Of realising that God is present to us in the here and now, and present as a loving and forgiving Father. The signs of his presence are all around us, when we see love, forgiveness and compassion - and sometimes challenge. The great pity is that many people spend so much time trying to figure out how and when God will show himself to the whole world in the future. For they fail to see how he is showing himself to them individually in the present.

Fr. Pat

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

PRIEST

My brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ is with us always, supporting us by his presence. Let us pray to the Lord for the grace of perseverance for all who believe in his name

READER

For the Pope, bishops and priests, let them always uphold the highest ideals of the Christian faith, and persevere in their following of the Lord's own teaching.

Lord, hear us;

Lord, graciously hear us.

For our government, let their just rules reflect God's justice, and let them afford equal opportunity to every member of our society.

Lord, hear us;

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who have been ill for a long time,

let their patient endurance win them serenity in this life, and the happiness of heaven in the world to come.

Lord, hear us;

Lord, graciously hear us.

For peace and happiness in the community,

let no trials disturb our inner peace, and let our happiness be firmly fixed on doing the Lord's will.

Lord, hear us;

Lord, graciously hear us.

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Our Website will be featured in the Evening Echo Monday 20th November 2000

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.



IN SYMPATHY

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:

Cecelia O'Sullivan, Innishmore

John Good, Castlepark

Nora O'Sullivan, England

Elizabeth Murphy, Long Island, N.Y.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE
REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF**

Jim Butler, Inniscarra

Thomas Farrell, Beech Park

Donal Aherne, Fr. Sexton Park

Eileen & Frank O'Donovan, Raheen

Kevin McCarthy, Rosewood

Kiarán Brennan, Shamrock Drive

Teresa Brown

Maureen O'Connell, Ballingulley

Jim Doherty, Model Farm Road

Patrick & Joan McAuliffe, Rathmore

Tim & Nora O'Sullivan, Kenmare

Nora Coughlan, Ballydehob

John & Hannah Corkery, Aherla

Eileen & John O'Regan, Castlepark

Rita Kinsella, Carrigrohane

Sylvester Cotter, Poulavone

Kelleher & Lucey Families

Donal Twomey, St. Lukes

Nora & Eugene O'Toole, Dillons Cross

O'Mahony Family

Jim Sheehan, Drimoleague

Fr. Gerard Kelleher

O'Shea & O'Sullivan Families

Joe Linehan

Rita Murphy

Hannah O'Mahony

Con Jeffries, Blarney St.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Ministers of the Word at the Church of Christ Our Light are invited to a meeting at the Community Hall at 8pm on Thursday 23rd November, 2000.

It is some time since we had a meeting so this will be an opportunity to get together again and to meet new readers who have joined us since the last meeting.

Our Parish Sister, Sr. Elizabeth will review the spirituality of the Advent readings and there will be time for discussion, prayer and a cup of tea!

We look forward to meeting you all.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

19 Sunday Dan 12:1-13. Ps. 15. Heb. 10:11-14. 18. Mk. 13:24-32. *Lect 1:826*

The mystery of faith that we celebrate in the Eucharist proclaims that Christ will come again. That is the main fact, and the details of that coming, the imagery we may use to describe the meaning, are extras to impress our senses.

20 Monday Rv. 1:1-4. 2:1-5. Ps. 1. Lk. 18:35-43. *Lect 11:875*

The Apocalypse has the literary form of allegorical narrative. Using traditional images of cosmic combat, it looks at the confrontation of the followers of Jesus with the Roman Empire. The community of Ephesus is praised for the stand it has taken on leadership, but its practice of Christian love is not what it should be.

21 Tuesday Rv. 3:1-6,14-22. Ps. 14. Lk. 19:1-10. *Lect 11:877*

The communities of Sardis and Laodicea are not praised but are called to repentance, to start all over again with the basics.

Presentation of the BVM Zech. 2:14-17. Ps. Lk. 1:46-55. Mt. 12:46-50.

Lect 11:1271 **It is an early belief that Mary was presented to be brought up in the Temple. It symbolises her total dedication to God**

22 Wednesday Rv. 4:1-11. Ps. 150. Lk. 19:11-28. *Lect 11:880*

John is given the vision of the heavenly court where God reigns with the saints whose function is to praise and adore God.

23 Thursday Is. 52:7-10. Ps. 95. Lk. 9:57-62. *Lect 11:1277*

St. Columban, also widely known as Columbanus, was born around 543. He became a monk of Bangor and later principal teacher there. In 591, desiring to "go on a pilgrimage for Christ" he set out with twelve companions and came to Burgundy. He established monasteries at Annegray, Luxeuil and Fontaine according to the severe Irish Rule. His criticism of the moral life of the court led to his banishment. He crossed the Alps around 613-14 and made his last and greatest foundation at Bobbio, where he died in 615. He left a valuable corpus of spiritual writings. One of the greatest of the Irish missionary monks.

24 Friday Rv. 10:8-11. Ps. 118. Lk. 19:45-48. *Lect 11:885*

The prophetic call of Ezekial is echoed in this incident of the seer eating the book. The sweetness is for the Church's victory, the bitterness for her sufferings.

25 Saturday Rv. 11:4-12. Ps. 143. Lk. 20:27-40. *Lect 11:886*

The two witnesses may refer to Sts Peter and Paul in their work of building up the new temple, the Church.

SAINTS THIS WEEK

Wednesday 22nd - St. Cecelia the patroness of music and musicians, was a second or third century Roman Christian martyr: According to tradition, she refused to worship the Roman gods and was beheaded. Her association with music and the representations of her playing the organ probably grew from a misunderstanding of a fifth century account of her life.

Friday 24th - Sts Andrew Dung-Lac, priest and companions Through the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries in Vietnam, many Christians suffered martyrdom. On 19 June 1988 Pope John Paul II canonised 117 of these, 96 native Vietnamese men and women, 11 Dominican missionaries from Spain, and 10 French missionaries.

St. Colman mac Lenine Colman mac Lenine was born around 530, probably in West Cork. A bard by profession, he is reputed to have been influenced by Brendan to become a priest. The main field of his apostolate was East Cork, where his chief foundation was in Cloyne. He died in 606

**PLEASE SUPPORT THE
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*St. Anne's Adoption Society
& St. Anne's Family Services
on 25th & 26th November 2000*

Thank You

NOTICES



*Scoil Eoin,
Baile an Chollaigh*

TABLE QUIZ

VENUE: G.A.A. PAVILION

Thursday 23rd November 2000

Commences

8.30p.m. sharp

£12 per table



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

"Jesus wishes to make me known and loved"

"He wants to establish in the world Devotion to my Immaculate Heart."

*"Do not be disheartened, My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge
and the way that will lead you to God."*

"In the end, My Immaculate Heart will triumph."

"People must amend their lives and ask forgiveness for their sins."

"Do not offend God Our Lord any more, for He is already deeply offended"

*"Pray, pray very much and make sacrifices for sinners, for may souls go to hell
because they have nobody to pray and make sacrifices for them."*

ST. MARIES OF THE ISLE CHAPEL

27th NOVEMBER 2000

from 7.30p.m.-9p.m.

Conducted by Fr. Dan Crowley P.P.

All Welcome

FATIMA: MORE RELEVANT, MORE URGENT THAN EVER

*For the intention of the promotion of
Eucharistic Adoration*

ROSARY

ADORATION

MASS



TUESDAY 28TH NOVEMBER, 2000

8.00p.m. - 10p.m.

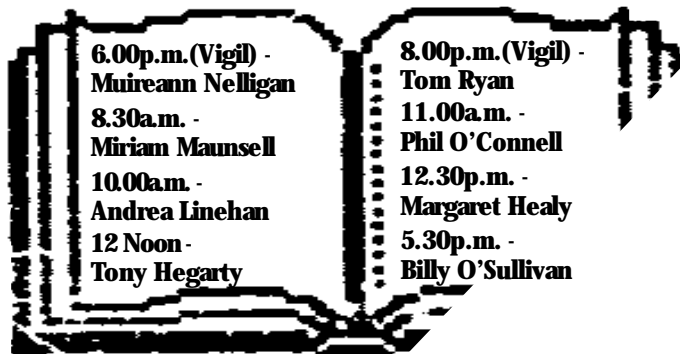
*ST. BRENDAN'S CHURCH,
THE GLEN, CORK*



Chief Celebrant:

Fr. Michael Fitzgerald

MINISTERS OF THE WORD 25th/26th Nov
ST. MARY & ST. JOHN CHRIST OUR LIGHT



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST 25th /26th November 2000
ST. MARY'S & ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

SATURDAY 25TH

6p.m.

Patsy Murphy

Breda Foley

Geraldine Gresham

Jim Healy

Geraldine Hegarty

Kathy Horgan

SUNDAY 26TH

8.30a.m.

Theresa Lucey

Rita Murphy

10a.m.

Karina O'Mahony

Nancy Hogan

Tadgh Murphy

Mary Murphy

12.00 Noon

Louie O'Leary

Mary Buckley

Will Casey

Rose Doyle

Anne O'Sullivan

Ellen O'Sullivan



CHRIST OUR LIGHT CHURCH

SATURDAY 25TH

8p.m.

John O'Donoghue

Eleanor O'Donogue

Kathleen Daly

SUNDAY 26TH

11a.m.

Robert Wade

Mary O'Mahony

Margaret Brown

Lelia 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>Masses</p> <p>Sunday: 8.30, 10.00, 12.00 Mon-Fri: 9.30am Saturday: 10.00, 6pm, (Vigil)</p>	<p>ROSARY RECITED AT BOTH CHURCHES EACH SUNDAY 3.00PM. <i>Everyone most welcome</i></p>	<p>Masses</p> <p>Sunday: 11.00, 12.30, 5.30pm Mon-Fri: 8.30am, Saturday: 10.00am, 8.00pm (Vigil)</p>
<p>Confessions</p> <p>Saturday: after 10am Mass before 6pm Mass</p>	<p>SACRISTY SERVICES <i>Before and after all Masses Sundays & Weekdays</i> CHURCH OF ST. MARY & ST. JOHN - Mass Card Signing - Requests for Baptism/Marriage Certs etc.</p>	<p>Confessions</p> <p>Saturday: after 10am Mass</p>
<p>Baptisms</p> <p>Saturday: 5.00pm Sunday: 12.45pm</p>	<p>CHRIST OUR LIGHT - Mass Card Signing -</p>	<p>Baptisms</p> <p>Saturday: 7.15pm</p>

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Fr. E. Crowley C.C.  021-4870434

Fr. P. O'Donovan C.C.  021-4872808 Fax: 021-4872808 Fr. Paul O'Donoghue  021-4876055

ST. JOSEPHS YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY

Monthly meeting of the
St. Joseph's Young Priests Society
 will be held in the Community Hall
 on Monday 20th November at 8p.m.

BALLINCOLLIG SCOUT UNIT

It's that crazy time of year again and our Bazaar date Sunday 3rd December is coming ever closer. Please keep us in mind as you do your pre-Christmas cleaning. If you don't want the stuff hanging around the house you can drop it to the Scout Hall, or contact any of the Committee. Remember we will accept all items for the Bazaar and Auction such as old toys, books, plants, ornaments, records, bikes, furniture etc., in fact anything big or small except clothes We will hold an open Bazaar meeting on Tuesday 14th November in the Scout Hall at 8pm and we would appreciate it if all parents could attend. Don't forget Sunday 3rd December at 3p.m.



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NOTICE TO MEMBERS



The Annual General Meeting of Ballincollig Credit Union Limited will be held at Ballincollig G.A.A.Club on Wednesday 29th November at 8.00p.m.



Each member is earnestly requested to attend. The election of five members to the Board of Directors, three members to the Supervisory Committee and an Auditor will take place at the meeting. Nominations for the proposed positions



must be made in writing and the completed nomination forms must reach the registered office of the Credit Union at least 3 days before the A.G.M. Nomination Forms are available on request at the Credit Union office. Members are requested to be in attendance before the appointed time to enable the meeting to start punctually and to bring with them their pass books as a means of identification and to establish their voting rights. Please note change of venue below!

John Smyth, Hon. Secretary

NEW VENUE: BALLINCOLLIG G.A.A. CLUB

BALLINCOLLIG CREDIT UNION

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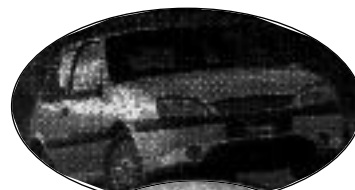
BRAND NEW FORD CAR

plus various other prizes to be won

DRAW TAKES PLACE

ON THE NIGHT!!

EXTRA TICKETS AVAILABLE



NOMINATIONS

Please note that members can advise their credit union as to whom, in the advent of their deaths, they wish to leave their savings.

This nomination can be up to 10,000.

Any monies over this sum will become part of the members estate.

For further information please contact this office.

A.G.M. 2000

NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF BALLINCOLLIG CREDIT UNION LTD.

Date: Wednesday 29th November

Time: 8.00p.m.

NEW Venue: Ballincollig GAA Club



**BALLINCOLLIG BASKETBALL CLUB
NOTES & FIXTURES**

LADIES

This was a good week for the ladies and girls teams with five wins out of their nine games.

It was a case of revenge being very sweet for our Un-18 Ladies on Thursday last, when they met Glanmire again. Having been well beaten by Glanmire the previous week, Ballincollig came out meaning business from the start and Glanmire were outclassed by our girls who won the game very comfortably.

The intermediate team were unlucky to be beaten by Brunell on Thursday 9th on Parochial Hall as they put in a good performance. The team has not had a win in this higher division yet, but are improving with every game.

The Un-16 Girls had a good game against Brunell on Friday 10th in B.C.S. and while Brunell put up a good fight, Ballincollig were the stronger on the night and won the game well.

Now, while our Un-12's did not win their game against Carrigaline on Friday 10th, it was not for the lack of effort, in what was definitely the most exciting game of the week. The first half was very close but Ballincollig managed to get an eight point lead.

Then in the second half the cat and mouse drama began with Carrigaline taking the lead by 2pts, our girls levelled the game but then Carrigaline put up a lead of 6 points which our girls again levelled. With the adrenaline at a high, the game went to extra time and Carrigaline just snatched the victory by a mere 2 pts.

Well done to our girls for a fantastic performance.

Our Junior Ladies youth and strength were the deciding factor in their match with C.S.O. Team. The C.S.O. ladies were completely out played by Ballincollig who went on to a very easy victory.

Having played their hearts out the previous night, our Un-12 Girls were understandably tired for their game on Saturday 11th when they faced Donoughmore. The Ballincollig girls were also short of players so Donoughmore were able to take advantage of that and win the game.

The Ladies Un-16's beat a very impressive Donoughmore side in their game on Saturday. However, Ballincollig proved to be the tougher and fitter of the two sides and won the match well.

It was a similar story for our Junior 1 Ladies Team when they met their Donoughmore counterparts on the same evening. The Ballincollig Team had an easy win over their opponents and could have won by an even greater margin, but with the big cup games coming up next weekend, it was wise to save something for that! Ballincollig Intermediate Ladies played Colaiste Mhuire in Cobh on Saturday 11th. Unfortunately Ballincollig had only the minimum 5 players and when one of the players was injured in the opening minutes of the game, it was left to the remaining four to hold the fort. While Ballincollig did not win, to their credit, the ladies fought well and gave Cobh a good spirited game.

MEN

The Boys Un-11's played Blue Demons on Saturday 11th in Parochial Hall. Ballincollig had a bad start to the game but fought back to level the score in the second half and were unlucky to be beaten by only 4 pts. On Friday Our Div. 2 Men's Team had a better result against their Blue Demon opponents in what was a very tough and hard fought game. It was a vital win for our men, so well done to one and all.

UPCOMING FIXTURES - MEN

Tuesday 21st November - Parochial Hall		
7.30pm	Glanmire v Ballincollig	U-13
Friday 24th November - Carrigaline Comm. School		
7.30pm	Carrigaline B v Ballincollig	U-13
8.30pm	Carrigaline B v Ballincollig	U-17

LADIES

Friday 24th November - Ballincollig Comm. School		
6.15pm	Ballincollig v Sparrows	Un-12
7.15pm	Ballincollig v Swifts	Un-15
8.15pm	Ballincollig v Striders	Un-18A/B
Saturday 25th November - Middleton Community Centre		
7.00pm	Middleton v Ballincollig	Un-18A/B
Sunday 26th November - Skibbereen Sports Centre		
11.15am	Swallows v Ballincollig	Un-14A/B



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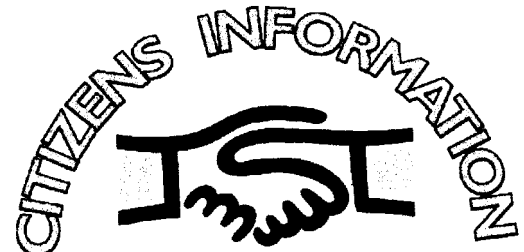
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