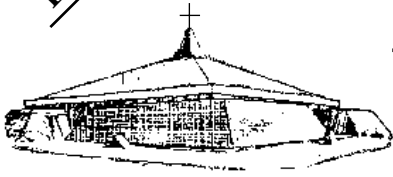


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# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



CHRIST OUR LIGHT  
INNISHMORE



ST. MARY & ST. JOHN  
STATION ROAD

**SUNDAY 28TH JANUARY 2001**

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



*The messengers of God's truth have often had to suffer hostility and rejection.  
This is still part of the Church's fate today as it continues the work of the prophets.  
As we struggle for truth we are encouraged by the Lord's words to Jeremiah  
" I am with you to deliver you."*

## THE CELTIC TIGER

The Celtic Tiger is a term we are familiar with. It is used to describe Ireland's prosperity in trade and commerce, over recent years. As such it has a modern and up to date ring about it.

Faith, Hope and Charity seem like terms that are a million miles from the Celtic Tiger, yet we are all familiar with them. Some might even describe them as 'old hat' by today's norms and values.

There is also a general feeling that once a new approach or a new method is adapted 'that it excludes the old or former system.

So it might be inferred that The Celtic Tiger excludes such old notions as Faith, Hope and Charity. People may point to reduced Mass attendances, or an attitude of "I'm all right Jack" as evidence of this. Many people feel that they can go it alone.

The loss of traditional beliefs and religious practices make many people discouraged, and they can often feel undermined and alone.

But we only have to look around us to see that all is not lost. In this Parish we saw a great public practical example of Charity in action with the marvellous collection raised before Christmas by the society of St Vincent De Paul, and while some may say that giving in this manner is the "Easy" option" there are many examples through the parish of actual practical charity in action every week.

The existence of real faith and hope is not in doubt. Today people are not as worried about what is said or thought by others, and so attendance at public devotions is much reduced. We must not forget that Faith, Hope and Charity, while they are personal gifts and virtues, will thrive and be nurtured by interaction with others who share our beliefs.

Most of us fear change; it takes us to unfamiliar place. But trust in God. Despite all change He is there to guide us and be our rock and anchor. He will ensure that we bring the best gifts from our past with us despite whatever uncertainty we may have.

*Tom Murray*

## THOUGHT FOR TODAY

**This text is being fulfilled (Gospel)**

When Jesus applied the prophecy of Isaiah to himself, it was too much for the neighbours who had known him all his life. Religious truths, kept at a distance, heard simply as familiar words, make little impact. When they are seen as fresh, unexpected, challenging, when they touch our lives, they are uncomfortable.

Only then do we really begin to understand them.

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

### **PRIEST**

The love of Jesus Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit, is given to all believers. We now ask the Lord for the same Holy Spirit to fill the Church and the world with his love.

### **READER**

For the Pope, may we so surround him with the support of our love and prayers that he will feel strengthened to continue his special mission of care and concern for the Church and the world.

Lord, hear us;

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For all those in authority, may they lead by example and love those whom they serve, and may we give them our support and good-will.

Lord, hear us;

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those without love in their lives, may the Spirit of Christ's love fill their lives with its warmth and light, dispelling the darkness of loneliness and suspicion

Lord, hear us;

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who work and pray for Christian unity, may they open to the Holy Spirit, who is given to all Christians, so that they may be drawn together in the person of Christ, who alone is the unity and peace between them.

Lord, hear us;

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

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*My lips will tell of your help.*

## BAPTISMS

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

Aisling Eileen Dore,  
20, The Meadows, Classis Lake, Ovens  
Fiona Kate Raggett,  
41, The Cloisters, Ballincollig  
Abbie Catherine Sarah O'Reilly  
Glincool Rise, Ballincollig



## IN SYMPATHY

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:

David Walsh, Mill Range.  
Una O'Sullivan, Poulavone.  
Liam Murphy, 3 Ashley Lawns, Malahide, Dublin.  
Bernard Coughlan, Togher.  
Frances McAuliffe, Farranree.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

Jimmy Walsh, Killarney  
Denis James & Breda O'Donoghue, West Village.  
Frank & Christopher Bogue, Kinsale.  
Sheila Murray, Carraigrohane.  
Sheila O'Donovan, Rochestown.  
Annie Lombard, Coachford.  
Denis Kelleher, Ballyshoneen  
Fr. Sonny Sexton  
Deceased members of the Buckley & McCarthy Family  
James O'Dwyer, Limerick  
Deceased members of the Harrington Family, The Square  
Denis & Margaret Murphy, Currabeg  
Denis & Margaret Flavin, Woodside  
Tim & Joan Murphy, Currabeg  
Catherine & Thomas O'Donnell, Drimoleague  
Joe & Mary Kate Campbell, Galway  
Peter Murphy, Tarelion  
Lucy Hogan, Dunmore East  
Ted Hogan, Ballinlough & Dublin  
Rita Hogan, Farranferis  
Johnny Adrian O'Connell, Killumney  
Farrell Dunne, Thurles  
Noreen & Paddy Greene  
Buckley Family, Grange  
Charlie Brown  
Paddy O'Donoghue, Bishopstown  
Denis O'Donoghue  
Timothy Twomey, Inniscarra  
Dan & May Collins, Bantry  
Paddy Horgan, Coolyduff

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

**28 Sunday** Jer. 1:4-5, 17-19. Ps. 70. 1 Cor. 12:31-13:13. Lk. 4:21-30. *Lect I:845*  
Jesus has come as the prophet to all the nations. There is no limit to the mercy and salvation he brings, only the willingness to accept him.

**29 Monday** Heb. 11:32-40. Ps. 30. Mk. 5:1-20 *Lect II:40*  
These witnesses of faith who endure so much, did not receive the promises. We are indeed blessed in that we have been chosen.

**30 Tuesday** Heb. 12:1-4. Ps. 21. Mk. 5:21-43. *Lect II:42*  
"Jesus hears the prayer of faith, expressed in words by Jairus or in silence by the woman who touches his clothes. ...The urgent request of the blind men has been renewed in the traditional prayer to Jesus known as the Jesus Prayer: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner!" *CCC, 2616*

**31 Wednesday** Heb. 12:4-7-15. Ps. 102. Mk. 6:1-6. *Lect II:45*  
The end of Jesus' Galilean ministry sees his rejection. This foreshadows the greater rejection by Israel, and the turning to the Gentiles by the apostles.

**St John Bosca**, 1815-1888, born in Piedmont, he founded the Salsians to educate boys for life. He also became involved in publishing catechetical material for youth. He is a patron saint of youth and of Catholic publishers'

**1 Thursday** Rom. 12:3-13. Ps. 148. Mk. 13:31-35. or Lk. 11:27-28 *Lect II:1319*  
**St. Brigid** was born c. 454. Invoked as a patron of scholars, poets, blacksmiths, healers, cattle, dairyworkers, newborn babies and fugitives.

**2 Friday** Mal 3:1-4. Ps. 23. Heb. 2:14-18. Lk. 2:22-40. *Lect II:940*  
The presentation of the Lord. "This feast is a combined remembrance of the Son and Mother." Ceremonial of Bishops, N. 241 "On this day Christ's faithful people with candles in their hands, go out to meet the Lord and to acclaim him with Simeon, who recognised Christ as 'a light to reveal God to the nations'. They should therefore be taught to walk as children of the light in their entire way of life, because they have a duty to show the light of Christ to all by acting in the works that they do as lighted lamps."

**3 Saturday** Heb. 13:15-17. Ps. 22. Mk. 6:30-34. *Lect II:34*  
Jesus took pity on the crowd, for they were like sheep without a shepherd. May the Good Shepherd make us always ready to do God's will in every kind of good action.

## SAINTS THIS WEEK

**St Ansgar**, a frenchman, who became Archbishop of Hamburg in the ninth century, and preached to the Danes. Apostle of Scandinavia. Patron of Denmark.

**St Blaise**, died 315. Bishop of Sebastea, martyred in Armenia. Patron for sore throats and sick cattle. **Blessing of Throats.**

## School Gloom

The big grey building, with torture  
inside

The teachers! The homework!

There's nowhere to hide!

The spellings! The tables! It's all  
coming back

The weight of that horrible heavy  
old sack!

I'm approaching with utmost misery

## SAINT BLAISE

Many Catholics might remember Saint Blaise's feast day because of the Blessing of the Throats that took place on this day. Two candles are blessed, held slightly open, and pressed against the throat as the blessing is said. Saint Blaise's protection of those with throat troubles apparently comes from a legend that a boy was brought to him who had a fishbone stuck in his throat. The boy was about to die when Saint Blaise healed him.

Very few facts are known about Saint Blaise. We believe he was a bishop of Sebastea in Armenia who was martyred under the reign of Licinius in the early fourth century.

The legend of his life that sprung up in the eighth century tell us that he was born in to a rich and noble family who raised him as a Christian. After becoming a bishop, a new persecution of Christians began. He received a message from God to go into the hills to escape persecution. Men hunting in the mountains discovered a cave surrounded by wild animals who were sick. Among them Blaise walked unafraid, curing them of their illnesses. Recognising Blaise as a bishop, they captured him to take him back for trial. On the way back he talked a wolf into releasing a pig that belonged to a poor woman. When Blaise was sentenced to death, the woman, in gratitude sneaked into the prison with food and candles. Finally Blaise was killed by the governor.

Blaise is the patron saint of wild animals because of his care for them and of those with throat maladies.

### IN HIS FOOTSTEPS

Take time as Saint Blaise did to find out how you can help wild animals. Find out what is being done to support and protect the wildlife in your area. There is wildlife everywhere, even in cities. Even a birdfeeder can help God's creatures survive.

### PRAYER

Saint Blaise, pray for us that we may not suffer from illnesses of the throat and pray that all who are suffering be healed by God's love. Amen.

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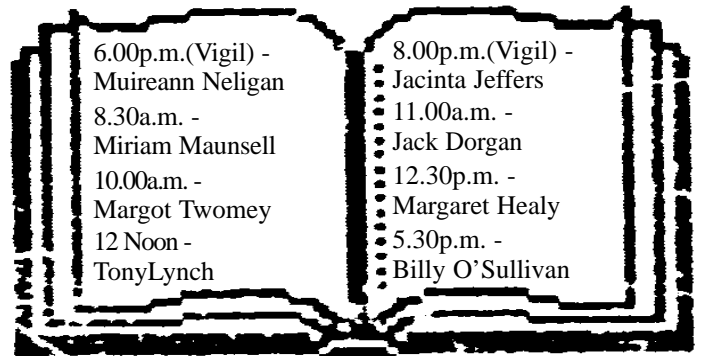
### Monthly Collection

Next Weekend

3rd & 4th February

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### MINISTERS OF THE WORD 3RD & 4TH FEB ST. MARY & ST. JOHN CHRIST OUR LIGHT



### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST 3rd/4th February 2001 ST. MARY'S & ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

SATURDAY 11TH  
6p.m.

Mary O'Donoghue  
Cait O'Grady  
Margaret O'Sullivan  
Angela Roche  
Betty Sheehan  
Jim Walsh

SUNDAY 12TH  
8.30a.m.

Theresa Lucey  
Rita Murphy

10a.m.

Maureen Roche  
Christina Walshe  
Peter Reilly  
Mary Collins

12.00 Noon

Oliver O'Donovan  
Pat Kelleher  
Ellen Seynour  
John Jeffers  
Joan Tobin  
Ita Walshe



### CHRIST OUR LIGHT CHURCH

SATURDAY 11TH  
8p.m.

Geraldine Lynch  
Jim Cahill  
Kit Cahill

SUNDAY 12TH  
11a.m.

Maura McNamara  
Angela Cunningham  
Laurence Cunningham  
Bridie O'Donnell

12.30p.m.

Eileen Garvey  
Sally Power  
Lelia O'Brien  
Moira O'Keane  
Breeda Callanan

5.30p.m.

Neil O'Donoghue  
Patricia O'Donoghue  
Neil Cantillion-Murphy

ST. MARY & ST. JOHN	EACH SUNDAY	CHRIST OUR LIGHT
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Masses</b></p> <p>Sunday: 8.30, 10.00, 12.00                      Mon-Thu: 9.30am                      Friday: 9.30am &amp; 8pm                      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;"><b>Masses</b></p> <p>Sunday: 11.00, 12.30, 5.30pm                      Mon-Fri: 8.30am                      Saturday: 10.00am, 8.00pm                      (Vigil)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Confessions</b></p> <p>Friday: 7.30pm                      Saturday: after 10am Mass                      before 6pm Mass</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FRIDAY 2ND FEB 2001</b>                      (First Friday)                      EXPOSITION OF THE                      BLESSED SACRAMENT  <i>Church of St. Mary &amp; St. John</i>                      following 9.30a.m Mass                      Concluding with Rosary &amp;                      Benediction at 7.45p.m                      &amp; Mass 8.00p.m</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Confessions</b></p> <p>Saturday: after 10am Mass</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Baptisms</b></p> <p>Saturday: 5.00pm                      Sunday: 12.45pm</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Baptisms</b></p> <p>Saturday: 7.15pm</p>

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

Christ's Body Today

Christ has  
 No body now on earth but yours;  
 No hands but yours;  
 No feet but yours'  
 Yours are the eyes  
 Throught which is to look out  
 Christ's compassion to the world;  
 Yours are the feet  
 With which He is to go about  
 Doing good;  
 Yours are the hands  
 With which He is to bless men now.

*St. Theresa of Avila*

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***THIS SUNDAY - JANUARY 28TH 2001***

*10a.m. to 5.30p.m.*

**GUEST SPEAKERS**

Sr. Anne O'Leary PBVM & Fr. Tom Clancy P.P.

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**BALLINCOLLIG BASKETBALL CLUB  
NOTES AND FIXTURES**

**MENS RESULTS:**

The Un-17 team had a great victory over Blue Demons on Saturday night in Ballincollig Community School Gym. In an exciting and closely fought game, Ballincollig came out on top by 4 points.

Coach, Jim Nugent was very pleased with the performance of the team, especially as Demons had only lost 2 league matches up to this. Ballincollig lead early in the game as Donnacha Long drove to the basket and Keith Crowley fired in 3-point shots. Brian O'Keeffe, Barry Reid and Killian Dineen gave outstanding support, Paul Fitzgerald tormented Demons with his ball control, and Colm O'Brien, Aaron Kavanagh, Byron Hehir and Michael Mullane, all played their part.

In the second half, Blue Demons came back and lead for a short time, but the Ballincollig lads remained calm. They took the lead again and maintained their advantage to the end, winning 57-53. This was indeed a great victory for Ballincollig. It was the first time ever that Ballincollig had beaten Blue Demons, one of Cork's top clubs at Un-17. Well Done Jim Nugent and team.

Our Un-13's had a very hard struggle against their Blue Demon opponents. Ballincollig were severely undermanned, but in the circumstances did not do too badly. The Un-15's had a very surprising defeat at the hands of Demons on the same Saturday. The Ballincollig team were unusually short of players and Demons took full advantage of that by taking control of the game early on, leaving Ballincollig with an uphill struggle.

The Mens Div. 2 team did not play up to their normal standard and were beaten by Shamrocks last Saturday. Again this team was under strength and it began to show in the second half when Shamrock started to pull away and took the game by a 10 point lead.

**LADIES RESULTS:**

Our Senior Ladies played in the Munster section of the All Ireland Club Championship. They had 3 matches in which they played fairly well but were unlucky to have only won one. They lost to Abbeyfeale and Thurles but beat Blackpool in what was a good game.

**LOST AND FOUND**

Would all team members please contact their respective coaches with regard to lost property, as there are several tops and jumpers which have still not been claimed.

**UPCOMING FIXTURES - LADIES**

Thursday 25th January - Parochial Hall		
6.15pm	Brunell 2 v Ballincollig	Un-12
7.15pm	Glanmire v Ballincollig	Un-15
Saturday 27th January - Parochial Hall		
4.00pm	Ballincollig v Glanmire	Un-12
Saturday 27th January - Ballincollig Comm. School		
5.00pm	Ballincollig v Brunell	Un-14
6.00pm	Ballincollig v Midleton	Un-16
7.00pm	Ballincollig v Glanmire	Un-18

**UPCOMING FIXTURES - MEN**

Friday 26th January - Carrigaline Comm. School		
7.30pm	Carrigaline B v Ballincollig	Un-15
Saturday 27th January - Salesian Convent, Limerick		
3.00pm	Marathon Limerick v Ballincollig	Un-17

**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  
29th JANUARY 2001  
from 7.30p.m.-9p.m.**

Conducted by Fr. Vincent Hartnett.

*All Welcome*

FATIMA: MORE RELEVANT, MORE URGENT THAN EVER

**SIMPLICITY**

I have used too many words in my prayers, Lord.

I have tried to fit in too many ideas.

I employ too many arguments.

I have tried to get my prayer,  
All neatly tidied-up.

I have kept my eye on the clock.

Now I need to return  
To the simplicity of childhood.  
Not childish, but childlike.

Could it be that I have made the intellect  
You gave me to find you,  
An obstacle to seeing you?

I don't think myself better than others.

I don't pretend to know it all  
I am quiet now before the Lord,  
The thoughts of a child on its mother's breast,  
A child's thoughts were all my soul knew.

'I have kept my whole being quiet and silent,  
Like an infant quieted at its mother's breast,  
Like an infant quieted in my whole being.' Psalm 131:2

*Reflection from Psalm No. 131*

**DAY OF RENEWAL**

Galilee Prayer Group of Ballincollig invites you to attend our first ever Day of Renewal, which will be held on Saturday the 17th February 2001 in the Community Centre. Speakers will attend. More news next week.