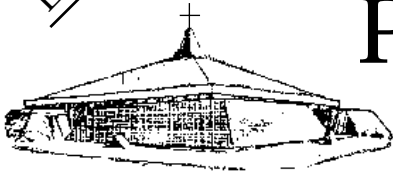


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THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



CHRIST OUR LIGHT
INNISHMORE



ST. MARY & ST. JOHN
STATION ROAD

SUNDAY 4TH MARCH 2001
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



As Lent begins we are reminded of Adam's fall from grace and of the reality of sin in human life, we are also reminded that Christ is the new Adam overcoming temptation in himself and so making possible a new life, a new humanity for those who belong to him.

YOUR COMMENTS AND LENT

Q. *What is the difference between the roads around Ballincollig and a cigarette?*

A. *There's more tar in a cigarette!*

This was one of many comments that my article on "Traffic Calming Irish Style" brought. Another comment went to the effect that it is not the roads that are the problem, it is the "driving surface" that matters and that is in appalling condition. It seems that there is considerable dissatisfaction with the driving surface locally and nothing seems to be being done. Thanks also for your remarks on the B.S.E. situation. Sadly since then the Foot and Mouth epidemic has taken over the headlines. If we are not diligent here in an effort to keep the disease out of our country, the consequences for people and animals don't bear thinking about. Very positive comments came in, in relation to Alcohol.

This week with Ash Wednesday just passed, and Lent in full swing, I guess it is time to think about the spiritual in life. Remember it is very easy to dismiss faith and all that goes with it, but when the crunch comes with tragedy, God comes very much into focus in our lives. The readings at Mass during the week encouraged us to take on whatever penance we do with a smile on our face rather than attracting attention to ourselves. Rather than "giving things up" why not try taking things on. At any time our behaviour in life can do with improvement, bearing in mind that we are all human and we all make mistakes. It is still no excuse for bad behaviour.

Fr. Pat O'Donovan C.C.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

You must worship the Lord your God (Gospel)

The devil puts before Jesus temptations that always face the Church and the individual Christian. We constantly feel the temptation to put our trust in something other than God - affluence, power, popularity. In Lent we learn to trust in Jesus as he trusted in his Father.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

PRIEST

As we begin our Lenten journey, let us remember all those in need.

READER

For our Pope, John Paul and our Bishop, John and all our leaders in faith.

Lord, hear us;

Lord, graciously hear us.

For peace and reconciliation in our country, and throughout the world.

Lord, hear us;

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the hungry, the poor and the homeless.

Lord, hear us;

Lord, graciously hear us.

For all members of this community, particularly those who are sick.

Lord, hear us;

Lord, graciously hear us.

For all our own needs, particularly those we remember now...

Lord, hear us;

Lord, graciously hear us.

Visit Our Website: www.ballincolligparish.ie

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

BAPTISMS

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

Brian Michael Daly, 88, Willowfield

**Alannah Lillie Katelyn Hegarty,
8, The Vale, Coolroe Meadows**



IN SYMPATHY

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:

Josephine Hayes, 5 Maglin Vale

Maire Quinn, Beech Road, Muskerry Estate

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

Helen O'Shea, Donoughmore

The Coughlan Family, Dripsey

John McCarthy, Bandon

Richie Kiely & Family, Whitechurch

Patrick Casey, Oola

J.J. O'Brien, Parknamore & Yorkshire

John Dunlea

Barbara Joyce, Galway

Ted Corkery, Aherla

William Murphy, Powdermills

Nellie O'Sullivan, Adrigole

Teresa Walsh, Wilton

Catherine Barry (Anniversary)

Nellie & Con O'Mahony (Anniversary)

Eileen O'Connor, Bishopstown (Anniversary)

Michael & Elizabeth Cunningham, Waterford

Breda O'Mahony, Carrigrohane

Nora & Frank Kiely, Turners Cross

Elsie Finn

Jeremiah & Margaret Carroll, Macroom

Julie Barry, Freemount

Ken Murphy, Castlevew

Christy O'Donoghue, St. Bridget St.

John Dennehy, Castlevew

Tom & Mary O'Donoghue, Firies

Rita Harrington, The Square

Justin Harrington, Wolfe Tone Street

Timothy Cagney, 4, Gardiners Hill

Bridget, Michael & Eileen O'Regan, Carriganarra

Rose McMahan, Maple Lawn & Limerick

Eileen Walsh, Muskerry Estate

Ned Keating, West Village

Murtagh Brennan, Kilkenny

Wilson Family, Carlow

Stephen Murphy, Chapel Lane

Agnes O'Donoghue

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

4 Sunday Deut. 26:4-10. Ps. 90. Rom. 10:8-13. Lk. 4:1-13. *Lect I:207*

"Jesus' temptation reveals the way in which the Son of God is Messiah, contrary to the way Satan proposes to him and the way men wish to attribute to him. This is why Christ vanquished the Tempter for us. *CCC, 540*

5 Monday Lev. 19:1-2, 11-18. Ps. 18. Mt. 25:31-46. *Lect I:210*

The Gospel reminds us that Jesus came to preach good news to the poor. "Jesus shares the life of the poor, from the cradle to the cross; he experiences hunger, thirst, privation. Jesus identifies himself with the poor of every kind and makes active love of them the condition for entering his kingdom." *CCC, 544*

6 Tuesday Is. 55:10-11. Ps. 33. Mt. 6:7-15. *Lect I:212*

The model for our prayer is the Lord's Prayer. It is a summary of the whole Gospel, the most perfect of all prayers. Being taught and given to us by Our Lord it is indeed the Word of God that goes out and succeeds in what it was sent to do. It is the foundation of the daily prayer of all Christians.

7 Wednesday Jn. 3:1-10. Ps. 50. Lk. 11:29-32. *Lect I:214*

In Lent our eyes are fixed on the Cross of Christ from which comes our salvation, and the grace to accept it.

8 Thursday Esther 14:1,3-5,12-14. (*Vulgate*) Ps. 137. Mt. 7:7-12. *Lect I:216*

Queen Esther knew the practical things to be done and did them, but she did not rely on them. Her prayer shows that her confidence was in God, 'I have no one but you, Lord'. We can show a practical lack of faith. Sometimes we are hesitant to ask in prayer, maybe because it is only our last resort.

9 Friday Ez. 18:21-28. Ps. 129. Mt. 5:20-26. *Lect I:218*

As we prepare to celebrate the Eucharist St. Cyprian reminds us: 'To God the better offering is peace, community concord and a people made one in the unity of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.'

10 Saturday Deut. 26:16-19. Ps. 118. Mt. 5:43-48. *Lect I:221*

The Lord Jesus, the divine Teacher and Model of all perfection, preached holiness of life to each and everyone of His disciples of every condition. He Himself stands as the author and consummator of this holiness of life. *Lumen gentium 40.*

SAINTS THIS WEEK

Monday 5th - St. Kieran, Kieran of Saigir was born in Cape Clear, Co. Cork. He is numbered among the pre-Patrician saints of Ireland. He went to the Continent, where he was baptised and later ordained priest and bishop. He returned to his father's territory, Ossory, and seems to have lived as a hermit.

Wednesday 7th - Sts. Perpetua, a young upper class married woman & Felicity, a slave girl were martyred in Carthage, 203 AD

Thursday 8th - St. John of God, 1495-1550. He is patron saint of nurses, the sick, heart patients, printers and booksellers.

St. Senan, was born near Kilrush, Co. Clare. His vocation seems to have resulted from an experience of danger from the sea. His early studies were mainly made at the monastery of Kilnahanagh. His principal monastic foundation was on Scatterry Island, near Kilrush, in the Shannon Estuary. He was anamchara to Ciaran of Clonmacnois and Brendan, and died in 544.

Friday 9th - St. Frances of Rome, d. 1440, lived a happy married life in Rome where she was especially concerned for the poor.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Monthly Collection

This Weekend

3rd & 4th March 2001

PLEASE SUPPORT

A WORD

A careless word may kindle strife

A cruel word may wreck a life

A bitter word may hate instil

A brutal word may smite and kill

A gracious word may light a day

A timely word may lessen stress

A loving word may heal and bless

A Message from the Peace Movement

P.E.A.C.E. will be celebrating this March the Silver Jubilee of Cork Peace Week. Please join in the celebration.

1. Concelebrated Peace Mass - Sunday 4th March at St. Augustine's Church, Cork at 3.30pm. Bishop John McAreavey, Northern Ireland will preach.
2. Hear Fr. Neal Carlin (Derry & Donegal) speak at the Charismatic Prayer meeting for Peace at the Nano Nagle Hall, Evergreen St. on Wednesday 7th March at 8pm.
3. Holy Hour and Mass for Peace conducted/celebrated by Fr. Jerry Hickey, O.S.A. on Friday 9th March beginning at 7.30p.m. at the Convent Chapel, St. Marie's of the Isle, Sharman Crawford St.
4. 25th Ecumenical Service for Peace and Reconciliation in Ireland at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Cork. The Preacher will be Rev. Dr. Jim Williamson, Belfast.
5. A special evening of Sacred song music and liturgical dance and the performance of an opera, Judith (Old Testament Heroine) composed by John Gibson at the North Cathedral, Cork on Sunday 29th April at 8pm.
6. Come to the Everyman Palace, Sunday 4th March at 8pm for the Sixth National Song Contest for Peace. Book now at the Everyman.

TRUST IN GOD UNDER STRESS

Lord, the problems that beset me daily are many.
My dependence on you, my simple faith in your loving way,
Is constantly under pressure.

And yet, Lord, you are the shield that protects me.
Encircled by your love, you enfold me with concern,
Your strength supports me.

Past experience has assured me,
that as often as I cried out for help,
My prayer found audience. Now, I reach out, once more,
You are close to me, you hear and respond.

Awake or asleep, I am not troubled by the disputes I encounter.
The conflicts in my life will never separate me from you.

For you are able to salvage
All that imperils my friendship with you.
In your own good time, Lord, You will set me free.

'Salvation is of the Lord; Your blessing be upon your people!

Reflection from Psalm 3

Are you interested in working with children?

Ballincollig YMCA has a vacancy for a part-time PAKT assistant under the Community Employment Scheme.

PAKT (Parents and Kids Together) is a Ballincollig based project which includes weekly children's activities, family events and occasional parent's activities. The role of the PAKT assistant is to help with the implementation of a range of children's activities e.g. art, games and computers. There will also be some general administrative duties.

For further information and an application form, please contact:

**HELEN JARY, Ballincollig YMCA,
Unit 2b, Rosewood Estate,
Ballincollig, Co. Cork
TEL: 021-4877771**

MINISTERS OF THE WORD 10TH/11TH MAR

ST. MARY & ST. JOHN

CHRIST OUR LIGHT

6.00p.m. (Vigil) - Sandra Walsh	8.00p.m. (Vigil) - Christine Fitzsimons
8.30a.m. - Martha Barry	11.00a.m. - Clare Collins
10.00a.m. - Declan Chalmers	12.30p.m. - Margaret Healy
12 Noon - Tony Lynch	5.30p.m. - Billy O'Sullivan

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST 10th/11th March 2001 ST. MARY'S & ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

**SATURDAY 10TH
6p.m.**

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

**SUNDAY 11TH
8.30a.m.**

Mary Buckley
Josie Halligan

10a.m.

Anne Cahill
Pat Lee
May Delaney
Seamus O'Shea

12.00 Noon

Joan Barrett
Shelia Carroll
Marsie Curling
Brendan Daly
Mary Daly
Pat Keenan



**SATURDAY 10TH
8p.m.**

Geraldine Lynch
Jim Cahill
Kit Cahill

CHRIST OUR LIGHT CHURCH

SUNDAY 11TH

11a.m.
Maura McNamara
Angela Cunningham
Laurence Cunningham
Bridie O'Donnell

12.30p.m.

Eileen Garvey
Sally Power
Lelia O'Brien
Moira O'Kane
Breda Callanan

5.30p.m.

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

ST. MARY & ST. JOHN	EACH SUNDAY	CHRIST OUR LIGHT
<p>Masses Sunday: 8.30, 10.00, 12.00 Mon-Fri: 9.30am 8.00pm Saturday: 10.00, 6pm, (Vigil)</p>	<p>ROSARY RECITED AT BOTH CHURCHES EACH SUNDAY 3.00P.M. <i>Everyone most welcome</i></p>	<p>Masses Sunday: 11.00, 12.30, 5.30pm Mon-Fri: 8.30am 6.30pm Saturday: 10.00am, 8.00pm (Vigil)</p>
<p>Confessions Saturday: after 10am Mass before 6pm Mass</p>	<p>STUDENT MASS FOR LENT <u>COLAISTE CHOILM</u> EACH SCHOOLDAY AT 8.35A.M.</p>	<p>Confessions Saturday: after 10am Mass</p>
<p>Baptisms Saturday: 5.00pm Sunday: 12.45pm</p>		<p>Baptisms Saturday: 7.15pm</p>

PARISH CLERGY

CHURCH NO. 087-2479140

Fr. L.O'Brien P.P. ☎ 021-4871206 Fr. E. Crowley C.C. ☎ 021-4870434
 Fr. P. O'Donovan C.C. ☎ 021-4872808 Fax: 021-4872808 Fr. Paul O'Donoghue ☎ 021-4876055



**ENROLMENT
 WEEK**

MARCH 5TH - 9TH 2001

If you have a child beginning school this September, you are invited to call to Scoil Barra, any day, March 5th to 9th between 9.00a.m. and 3.00p.m.
 There will be an Open Night on Tuesday March 6th from 7.00p.m. - 8.30p.m. If you wish to bring your child along on that night to look around the school or if you would just like to come and talk to us, you will be very welcome.

*Donal O'Sullivan (Principal)
 Innishmore, Ballincollig
 Tel: 021-4873459*

**BALLINCOLLIG COMMUNITY SCHOOL
 Parent's Advisory Council
 TABLE QUIZ**
 at G.A.A. Club, Ballincollig
 on Wednesday March 7th 2001
 at 8.00p.m.
£12 per table
*Super Prizes * All Welcome*



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BALLINCOLLIG BASKETBALL CLUB LADIES RESULTS

On Thursday 15th our Un-12's lost to Skibbereen in the semi-finals of the league championship. It was a tough game for our girls, as Skibb had a very strong team and were fitter on the day. The Un-11's Tournament proved successful for Ballincollig, with our girls winning two of their three games. They put in very decisive performances and were very pleased with the wins. The Un-16 Ladies played Carrigaline in what was a very close fought game. While Carrigaline built up a good lead in the first quarter, Ballincollig snatched it from them only to lose it again. The lead see-sawed between them until, with only seconds to go Ballincollig won two free throws both of which were successfully taken and well-deserved win went to our girls. The Un-18 Ladies were not as lucky in their match on Sunday 18th as they faced a very strong Skibb side, who took advantage of our under strength team. Here in B.C.S. on Saturday 24th our 12's, 14's, 15's and 16's were very unlucky not to have won any of their games against Brunell, Bantry, Cobh and Mallow respectively, and all teams were disappointed not to have won their games. Good news however for our Jun. 1 Ladies who beat the Kelts by 4 points in what was a very exciting game. This win puts our ladies well ahead on points in the league table and are unlikely to be caught up with. Both our Un-14's and Inter Ladies team played Skibb on Sunday here in B.C.S. but while the Ballincollig girls played very well, unfortunately it was not enough against two very strong Skibb teams. Our Jun. 1 Ladies again showed their dominance when they beat Glanmire 2 very convincingly. The Un-16 Ladies made up for their previous nights poor performance by beating Cobh very comprehensively in a game they dominated from the start.

MENS RESULTS

The Un-11's had a disappointing game when they played Midleton in a league title match. The Ballincollig lads started off well, but seemed to lose their concentration and Midleton pulled away to win the game. No luck either for the Un-13's in their two games against Iona and Carrigaline. Our Un-17's were very unlucky to lose to Marathon as they put up a great show, but the shortage of players due to injury began to show in the last quarter and the Ballincollig Men were not able to pull back Marathons lead. Our Un-19 Men faced very tough opposition in Neptune when they played February 20th. Ballincollig knew from the start that it would be a tough game and played well, but Neptune's strength and fitness won out in the end.

FIXTURES

Friday 2nd March - Parochial Hall		
6.30pm	Glanmire v Ballincollig	U-13
Saturday 3rd March - Parochial Hall		
U-11 Tournament		
Saturday 3rd March - B.C.S.		
3.00pm	Ballincollig v Iona	U-13
4.00pm	Ballincollig v Iona	U-15
5.00pm	Ballincollig v Iona	U-17
Saturday 3rd March - Midleton Community Centre		
8.30pm	East Cork Glenmary v Ballincollig	Div. 2
Sunday 4th March - New Hall Skibbereen		
10.15am	Skibbereen v Ballincollig	Div. 2
Wednesday 7th March - B.C.S.		
6.00pm	Ballincollig v Carrigaline A	U-13
Friday 9th March - Parochial Hall		
6.00pm	Ballincollig v Mallow Youth Club	U-11
7.15pm	Ballincollig v Skibbereen	Div. 2

BALLINCOLLIG SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

The monthly Mass and Meeting
of the Secular Franciscan Order
will take place in
the Church of St. Mary & St. John
on Thursday March 8th 2001 at 11a.m.
Rosary will be recited at 10.45a.m.
All members are welcome

BALLINCOLLIG BASKETBALL CLUB BOGUS COLLECTORS

It has been brought to our attention in recent days that a number of people in the Ballincollig area have been going from house to house falsely collecting sponsorship for the Ballincollig Basketball Club. At this present time Ballincollig Basketball Club is NOT involved in any fund-raising and these people have NO CONNECTION with the club and we would ask members of the public to be aware of these bogus collectors. The Gardaí have been notified and would ask the public to be vigilant and report any such incidents to them. The club would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of Ballincollig for all their support and understanding at this time.

Ballincollig Lions Club EASTER BAZAAR

Ballincollig Community Hall
on Sunday 8th April 2001 at 2.30p.m.
*Big Wheel, Tambola, Stalls, Raffles, Novelties,
Cakes, Flowers, Toys, Electrical Goods, etc, etc.*
GREAT VALUE!
Please Support
(p.s. We are also looking for unwanted/surplus
quality goods for our Bazaar - check your garage/attic)
DROP TO COMMUNITY HALL OR
CONTACT FOR COLLECTION:
Statia @ 4870204 Elizabeth @ 4870354
Chris@ 70 Beech Park 4873614



***LENT 2001:
IT'S TIME TO
ABOLISH SLAVERY.
AGAIN.***

In biblical times we know that people were often held in slavery. But slavery is not just a thing of the past. Millions of women, men and children around the world are trapped in slavery today. Today's slaves are held as bonded labourers in India, or forced to work as child soldiers in Sierra Leone, or taken captive and forced to work on large plantations in Brazil.

LENT IS WHAT YOU DO

**WANT TO LEARN MORE
ABOUT THE BIBLE?**

Help is at hand, in our forthcoming week of Directed Prayer, which begins on the 25th March 2001.

This week gives participants an opportunity to gain deeper insight into the Bible, and their own prayer life.

A team of trained guides from outside the Parish will direct the week.

Each director will, on an individual basis, help you to pray, and to reflect on what God is saying in your life.

All parishioners, and prayer groups are asked to please pray for all those taking part in the week of Directed Prayer.

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR MARCH

General: That, with the committed help of all believers, the scourge of poverty may come to an end, eliminating the intolerable social and economic inequality in the world.

Missionary: That the heroism of the Martyrs and of the "Witnesses to the Faith" who have been remembered during the Great Jubilee may spur all people to foster ecumenism and inter-religious dialogue.

ENVELOPE REMINDER

Sunday 11th March 2001

Ballincollig Parish

*CORK MARRIAGE
COUNSELLING CENTRE*

**Irish Friends of the Foyers of Charity
inspired by Marthe Robin**

**AFTERNOON
OF PRAYER**

(1.30 pm to 6.00pm)

Imperial Hotel,
South Mall, Cork

**THIS SUNDAY
4TH MARCH 2001**

Theme:

"Adore the Cross"

Directed by:

**Father Michael Fitzgerald
(afternoon programme includes Mass)**

also a Talk, Rosary & Adoration

Refreshments

Offering for the day £3.00

Further information:

*Gearoid Duffy -
Cork Tel: 4541207*