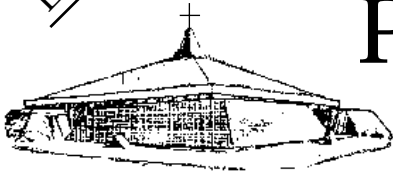


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# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



CHRIST OUR LIGHT  
INNISHMORE



ST. MARY & ST. JOHN  
STATION ROAD

**SUNDAY 25TH MARCH 2001**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**



*The Parable of the Prodigal shows us the power of the Father's forgiving love. The elder brother thinks of himself, and is begrudging. How often do we begrudge God's goodness to others? How many of us seek to use our good works as a means of monopolising God's love for ourselves.*

## ***THE REAL PRESENCE***

The recently discussed question of inter-Church Communion has focused attention on a fundamental question of our Faith; the real presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Eucharist.

The Council of Trent taught that, after the consecration, the Body and Blood, together with the Soul, and Divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, are contained "truly, really, and substantially in the sacrament of the most Holy Eucharist". The words "This is my body" are not a mere figure of speech, as Zwinglians contended. Neither does His presence depend on the faith of the recipient, as Calvin claimed.

The Real Presence was taught by our Lord Himself in Capharnaum (Jn, vi). "The bread that I will give is my flesh....He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life". The future tense (the bread which I will give) shows that the gift was not yet given. This could only refer to the Eucharist which he would give at the Last Supper, a year later.

An argument for the Catholic interpretation is supplied by the way Christ's words were received. The Jews exclaimed "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Our Lord, instead of explaining that He only meant to say that He was speaking of His teachings and not His flesh, repeated his assertion: "My flesh is truly food and my blood is truly drink".

Even when many of the people were shocked at His mysterious promise and did not believe, Christ still did not soften down or explain His words. As a result many of Christ's disciples went back and walked no more with Him. Then He turned to His twelve closest followers and asked them if they also would go away. They did not.

At the Last Supper, Our Lord made good His promise giving us the Eucharist with these words: "This is my Body.....This is my Blood.....Do this in commemoration of me".

When the Council of Trent in the 1540's spoke of the Real Presence it was not introducing some new teaching but rather repeating what the earliest Christian writers had already taught. In 166 A.D. St. Justin wrote: "We believe that the elements of the Eucharist are the flesh and blood of that Jesus who was made flesh". St. Irenaeus wrote around the year 300 A.D.: "Jesus said the chalice was his proper blood and the bread was his proper body". St. Cyril, who died in 386 A.D., wrote: "Since He has declared and said of the bread, 'This is my body', who after will venture to doubt?"

Perhaps it is appropriate to end with the words of Peter when asked if the Apostles would also walk away: "Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal Life".

*Leonard O'Brien*

## **THOUGHT FOR TODAY**

***We are ambassadors for Christ (Second Reading)***

Jesus Christ shows us that God, who brought his people to the Promised Land (First Reading) is like a father running out to welcome us (Gospel), reconciling us and bringing us into a new creation (Second Reading).

How will others hear that Good News unless we share it?

## **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

### **PRIEST**

Let us bring our prayers to God, who rescues us from all our distress.

### **READER**

That all who follow Christ may return to the embrace of their Loving Father during these Lenten days.

Lord, hear us;

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

That people who have fallen out with each other may be reconciled.

Lord, hear us;

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

That families who are experiencing difficulties of any kind may move from disagreement to forgiveness.

Lord, hear us;

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

That our mothers may be blessed this day, and that those who have died may have eternal rest.

Lord, hear us;

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

That God may bring to Paradise all those who have died, and all our neighbours and friends who have gone before us in faith.

Lord, hear us;

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

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*Taste and see that the Lord is good.*

## BAPTISMS

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

Mark Joseph O'Riordan, 26, Cranford Pines  
Eugene Brendan Buckley, 48, Bridgewater  
Jonathan McLean, 49, Parknamore Rise



## IN SYMPATHY

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:

Ita Fitzgerald, Tramore Road  
John Joe McCarthy  
Robert O'Sullivan, Castle Park

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

John Emperor, Rockchapel  
John Kingston  
Josephine Scannell, Poulavone  
Sheila Murray, Carrigrohane  
Peter & Ellen Murphy, Windsor  
Breda O'Callaghan, Church Field  
Anne Hogan, Tipperary  
Tadgh & Ellen O'Donovan  
Geraldine O'Sullivan-O'Brien, Timoleague  
Dan & Julia Desmond, Farnan  
Stephen & Julia O'Connor, Innishmore  
Paddy & Billy Coomey, Carriganarra  
Bridie O'Sullivan, Ballingearry  
Con Hewitt, Cashel  
Michael & Mary Harrington, Douglas St.  
Mary O'Connor, Powdermills  
Daniel O'Neill & Michael Harrington  
Ena O'Shea, Innishannon  
Dan O'Sullivan, The Village  
Jimmy Colman, The Village  
Francis O'Sullivan, Station Road  
Annie Knight, Castle Road, Bandon  
Lena Gaffney, St. Mary Place, Carrigrohane  
Mary & Sonny O'Regan, Poulavone  
The Le Benc Family  
Christina Carroll, Dripsey  
Francis O'Donovan, Cloyne  
John Murphy, Togher  
John Deasy, College Road  
Donal Prenderville, Killorglin  
Noel Buckley, Carrigdene  
Margaret O'Keeffe  
Rita & Tadg O'Connor, Friars Walk  
Nora O'Connor, Madonna House  
Con O'Leary, Springmount  
Declan Walsh, Richmond, N.Y.  
Edward Fouhy, Model Farm Road  
Babe & Bill Casey, Innishmore Square  
Ned Delaney, Model Farm Road

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

25 Sunday Jos. 5:9-12. Ps. 33. 2 Cor. 5:17-21. Lk. 15:1-3,11-32.

*Lect I:284*

Sinners and outcasts are at ease with Jesus and his story of the prodigal son tells why. Today's readings are a source of hope and consolation for all who have sinned in any way. Our Lord's eating with sinners is a sign of God breaking through his own laws in order to save those who are in danger of being lost.

26 Monday Is. 7:10-14, 8:10. Ps. 39. Heb. 10:4-10. Lk. 1:26-38.

*Lect II:985*

The Annunciation of the Lord "Giving her consent to God's word, Mary becomes the mother of Jesus. Espousing the divine will for salvation wholeheartedly, without a single sin to restrain her, she gave herself entirely to the person and to the work of her Son; she did so in order to serve the mystery of redemption with him and dependant on him, by God's grace." CCC, 494

27 Tuesday Ez. 47:1-9. 12. Ps. 45. Jn. 5:1-3. 5-16. *Lect I:292*

The water of baptism gives great joy to the Church. By this water we are healed and saved. By Baptism all sins are forgiven, original sin and all personal sins, as well as punishments for sin. Nothing remains that would impede the baptised from entry into the Kingdom of God.

28 Wednesday Is. 49:8-15. Ps. 144. Jn. 5:17-30. *Lect I:294*

Pride and joy in belonging to the Church should be part of our inheritance. Today, the readings in so many metaphors express the fullness of life in the Church, of the life of God's chosen people. "Baptism is the sacrament by which its recipients are incorporated into the Church and are built up together in the Spirit into a house where God lives, into a holy nation and a royal priesthood." (*Rite of Baptism*)

29 Thursday Ex. 32:7-14. Ps. 105. Jn. 5:31-47. *Lect I:297*

Jesus puts before his listeners the remembrance of Moses pleading for his people. The repeated failure of God's people to live up to the covenant serves as a warning for all generations.

30 Friday Wis. 2:1. 12-22. Ps. 33. Jn. 7:1-2. 10. 25-30. *Lect I:300*

A word of warning today. To take on the Christian way of life is to risk enmity and death. The opposition to Christianity has been violent and bloodstained in many periods of history. Modern civilisation have to do the opposition by other means; slander and ribaldry, ridicule and negative publicity.

31 Saturday Jer. 11:18-20. Ps. 7. Jn. 7:40-53. *Lect I:303*

Jesus is the Paschal Lamb. He bears the sins of the multitude as he allows himself to be silently led to the Cross. The whole life of Jesus is thus characterised as one in which his mission is "to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many".

## STATION MASS CARRIGROHANE

Wednesday April 4th at 8.00p.m.  
in the home of Tim & Sheila Collins

## URGENT

Will the person who booked the 10a.m.  
Mass on Saturday April 14th Call to the  
Sacristy in St. Mary & St. John's Church



## DID YOU KNOW?

Eleven million children under five die each year from hunger or hunger-related diseases.

Yet, the cost of eradicating extreme poverty from the globe is one per cent of global income. About 130 million children receive no primary schooling. Yet, it would cost just an additional six billion dollars annually to supply basic education for all children in the developing world currently denied this right.

## LENT IS WHAT YOU DO

*Happy are those who see with the eyes,  
the unseen will be made known  
to their hearts.*

# Ballincollig Lions Club EASTER BAZAAR

Ballincollig Community Hall

~~on Sunday 8th April 2001 at 2.30p.m.~~

*has been rescheduled to  
Sunday 29th April 2001 at 2.30p.m.  
due to foot and mouth  
prevention efforts*

*Big Wheel, Tambola, Stalls, Raffles, Novelties,  
Cakes, Flowers, Toys, Electrical Goods, etc, etc.*

**GREAT VALUE!**

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(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**

### MINISTERS OF THE WORD 31ST/1ST APRIL

ST. MARY & ST. JOHN

CHRIST OUR LIGHT

6.00p.m. (Vigil) - Rebecca Lynch	8.00p.m. (Vigil) - Sarah Cahill
8.30a.m. - Elizabeth Daly	11.00a.m. - Maura McNamara
10.00a.m. - Declan Chalmers	12.30p.m. - Liam Hayes
12 Noon - Tony Hegarty	5.30p.m. - Eileen Nolan

### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST 31st March/1st April 2001 ST. MARY'S & ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

SATURDAY 31ST  
6p.m.

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

SUNDAY 1ST  
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



SATURDAY 31ST  
8p.m.

Charlie Vaughan  
Joan Stephenson  
Maura O'Driscoll

### CHRIST OUR LIGHT CHURCH

SUNDAY 1ST

11a.m.

Anne O'Regan  
Neil Jeffries  
Eileen Byrne  
Mary Coleman  
Dan Coleman

12.30p.m.

Con O'Connell  
Rose Cotter  
Denis O'Mahony  
Christine O'Mahony  
Tom Murray

5.30p.m.

Marie O'Brien  
Patsy Galvin  
Bridie O'Donnell



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-Fri: 9.30am 8.00pm                      Saturday: 10.00, 6pm,                      (Vigil)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ROSARY RECITED                      AT BOTH CHURCHES                      EACH SUNDAY                      3.00P.M.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><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 6.30pm                      Saturday: 10.00am, 8.00pm                      (Vigil)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Confessions</b></p> <p>Saturday: after 10am Mass                      before 6pm Mass</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>STUDENT                      MASS                      FOR LENT</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>COLAISTE CHOILM</b></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>EACH SCHOOLDAY                      AT 8.35A.M.</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Baptisms</b></p> <p>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

**Ballincollig Lions Club**

***BIG SPLASH***

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on Good Friday - 13th April 2001  
 12 Noon - 4p.m.

*Sponsored by Bord Gais Eireann*

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*If anybody wishes to support this  
 venture contact the school or any  
 member of Ballincollig Lions Club*



**WEEK OF DIRECTED PRAYER**

Ballincollig Parish's

Week of Directed Prayer

**begins this Sunday commencing at  
 7p.m. sharp in Christ Our Light Church.**

**We ask all Parishioners to pray  
 for those taking part**



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**NOELLE WRENNE FUND**  
 Noelle, an 8 year-old Ballincollig girl,  
 is seriously ill and undergoing treatment  
 in a Dublin hospital.

**A FUND HAS BEEN SET UP TO  
 ASSIST THE WRENNE FAMILY**  
*Donations to the fund should be  
 directed to: AIB Ballincollig branch  
 Account No. 20695083  
 Sort Code 93-40-11*

**BALLINCOLLIG  
 BASKETBALL CLUB**

This week sees the resumption of fixtures after  
 the lifting of some of the restrictions due to foot  
 and mouth scare.

We, like most other clubs would like to thank all  
 the club members for their co-operation during  
 this time and hope that all sports fixtures will  
 be able to return to normal.

The club will be holding an Easter Basketball  
 Camp on the 18th and 19th of April, in  
 Ballincollig Community School and will cater for  
 children of primary school age, both boys and  
 girls. Leaflets will be handed out to all primary  
 schools in Ballincollig and the schools in the  
 surrounding areas.

More details will be given in next weeks notes.

**FIXTURES**

Saturday 24 March - B.C.S - Ladies

5.00pm Ballincollig v Brunell Un-14

6.00pm Ballincollig v Glanmire Un-18

7.00pm Ballincollig v Donoughmore Jun 1

Saturday 24 March - Carrigaline

2.15pm B/collig v Carrigaline Bobcats Un-15

Sunday 25 March - B.C.S

11.00am Ballincollig v Donoughmore Un-16

12 noon Ballincollig v Glanmire Un-12

1.00pm Ballincollig v Donoughmore Un-15

G o d h a s y o u i n h i s p a n



I s h e c a l l i n g y o u t o b e a  
 p r i e s t i n C o r k & R o s s

***FIND OUT MORE***

*by attending an informal*

***INFORMATION DAY***

PRIESTHOOD IN THE DIOCESES OF CORK & ROSS

*St. Dominic's Retreat Centre, Montenotte, Cork*

***Saturday April 7th 2001***

11am to 5pm - Lunch provided - no cost - prebooking appreciated

***Questions?***

Contact you local priest or:

Fr. Aidan O'Driscoll

St. Finbarr's College, Farranferris, Cork.

Tel: (021) 4303015 Email: farna@iol.ie

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS  
 CORK AND ROSS**

Heavenly Father, we praise you  
 and thank you for all you have  
 done for us.

We thank you especially for sending  
 you Son, Jesus Christ, to visit and save us.

We ask you to bless our family and  
 all the people of our parish, especially  
 those who are suffering in any way.

Encourage those in our parish whom  
 you invite to become priests and  
 religious, and grant them the  
 generosity of mind and heart to follow  
 your call. May they bring good news  
 to our world today.

We ask this through  
 Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen

## MOTHER'S DAY HISTORY

The earliest Mother's Day celebrations can be traced back to the spring celebrations of ancient Greece in honour of Rhea, the Mother of the Gods. During the 1600's, England celebrated a day called 'Mothering Sunday'. Celebrated on the fourth Sunday of Lent (the 40 day period leading up to Easter), 'Mothering Sunday' honoured the mothers of England.

During this time many of the England's poor worked as servants for the wealthy. As most jobs were located far from their homes, the servants would live at the houses of their employers. On Mothering Sunday the servants would have the day off and were encouraged to return home and spend the day with their mothers. A special cake, called mothering cake was often brought along to provide a festive touch.

As Christianity spread through Europe the celebration changed to honour the "Mother Church" - the spiritual power that gave them life and protected them from harm. Over time the church festival blended with the Mothering Sunday celebration. People began honouring their mothers as well as the church.

*Wishing All the Mothers in the Parish a "Happy Mothers Day"*

### ENEMIES

I may not like to know it, Lord,

But I do have enemies.

Not everyone likes me.

I am not everyone's friend.

There are people who are  
Unsympathetic towards me,

Hinder my work,

Who rejoice when I fail,

Feel sad when I succeed,

Speak ill of me.

Give me frosty looks.

Always take the adversary position.

I bear the marks of enmity

Within my soul.

Help me, Lord,

To accept the reality of my sufferings,

Without bitterness or retaliation.

The fact that I have enemies,

Humbles and chastens me.

Lord, help me to learn about myself,

From those who are ill-disposed towards me.

They reveal more about my weak points,

Than those who smother me with affection.

It's encouraging to know, Lord, that,

My enemies have never been able to finish me off

*Reflection from Psalm No. 129*

### Afternoon of Prayer Dedicated to OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

ON SUNDAY 1ST APRIL 2001

At 2.30p.m. Sharp

In Banteer Community Centre

#### AGENDA

- |                                |                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Rosary                      | 2. Chaplet of Divine Mercy |
| 3. Story of Guadalupe          | 4. Music and Hymns         |
| 5. Short talk on Pro-life      | 6. Eucharistic Adoration   |
| 7. Healing Session and Prayers |                            |

GUEST SPEAKER: MR. P.B. KIELY, M.B.F.R.C.S.I.

Afternoon of Prayer conducted by Fr. M.Fitzgerald, C.C., Cobh

*All Welcome*

### 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 many souls go to hell because they have nobody to pray and make sacrifices for them."

ST. MARIES OF THE ISLE CHAPEL  
26th MARCH 2001

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

Conducted by Fr. Dan Crowley P.P.

*All Welcome*

FATIMA: MORE RELEVANT, MORE URGENT THAN EVER