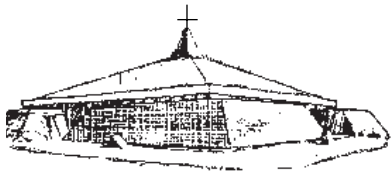


THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



SUNDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2001



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The joy in heaven over one repentant sinner explains why Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. God hates sin but he loves the sinner. He is so full of pity that he is more anxious to give forgiveness than we are to ask for it.

THE PARISH COUNCIL

Half the Parish Council replaced every three years. This system ensures both continuity and renewal by the introduction of new blood. The outgoing members have served on the Council for the past six years. They go out of office with the satisfaction of seeing a job well done. The following list summarises the work done by the Council over the past six years.

Participation in Mass broadcast from RTE - Renovation of the church of St. Mary & St. John - Publication of Directory of Youth Services - Holy Communion brought to the sick on Sundays - Parish Mission - Approval of the pallisade fencing around Scoil Eoin - Adoration of the Blessed Eucharist on First Fridays - Organisation of Holy Week ceremonies - Organisation of Readers and Ministers of the Eucharist in both churches - Organisation of the Eucharistic Procession - Organisation of the November Mass in St. Olivers - Organisation of Parish Prayer Groups - Drawing up of a constitution for the Parish Council - Setting up of a Youth Choir - Fund-raising for Parish Renovations - Running of the Growing In Faith Together programme

- Production of booklet for re-opening of parish church - Training of Altar Servers
- Launch of "The Parishioner" - Printing of Hymn Sheets
- Organisation of Triduum for feast of Our Lady of Lourdes - Special November Mass for those who died during the year - Triduum to St. Anthony for Exam Students - Opening of new Bookshop in Christ Our Light - Placing of double yellow lines to assist parking at Parish Church - Decisions on changes in Mass Times
- Retreats for Ministers of the Word and the Eucharist - Installation of automatic bell ringing equipment - Purchase of new organ - Recitation of Rosary in May - Submission on re-development of the Army Barracks - Week of Directed Prayer - Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes - Second Youth Choir in Christ Our Light - Course of Lenten Talks: "Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus" - Pilgrimage to Kilnaglorry - Parish Pilgrimage to Rome - Circle of the Living Rosary - Celebration to mark the beatification of Jacinta and Francisco - Re-decoration of Christ Our Light - Holy Communion for the Nursing Home - Setting up the Web Site - Music at all Christmas Masses - Distribution of ALIVE Catholic Paper - Pilgrimage to Gougane Barra - Printing of Holy Week Programmes

The priests would like to express their deep appreciation to all the members of the Council for their willing support over the years. The sharing of decision making with the parishioners through the good offices of a Parish Council was a novel idea in 1995. To-day it is a well established process based on the good will, enthusiasm and Faith of the members and their neighbours who elected them.

Leonard O'Brien

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

PRIEST:

With confidence, let us bring our needs before our great and compassionate God

READER:

That all who try to follow the way of Christ may know God's healing love, particularly when they fail.

Lord, graciously hear us.

That those who have experienced God's forgiveness may work to bring back to the arms of God's mercy all who stray.

Lord, graciously hear us.

That people who believe they have gone too far to return to faith may experience the compassion of the Loving Father.

Lord, graciously hear us.

That all those who live in loneliness and isolation, may be welcomed into the Christian family

Lord, graciously hear us.

PRIEST:

Let us pray especially for the souls so tragically killed in America this week We pray also for the injured and the bereaved, that they may see and feel the help of God in their dark hour. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

REJOICING IN HEAVEN (GOSPEL)

"It's up to him to make the first move!" we say; or "She started it!" That is not how God treats us when we sin.

Although we are in the wrong, God makes the first move, seeking lost sheep, searching for the lost coin, running to meet the straying son before he can even begin to apologise (Gospel). As God forgives us, so we should forgive each other (Col 3:13).

I will leave this place and go to my father.

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Sunday 16th September 2001

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER**BAPTISMS**

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



Fionn Francis O'Callaghan, Lillybank, Model Farm Rd
Thomas Anthony White, Clash Cross, Ballincollig
Katelyn Mary Erangey, 12, The Willows
Ciara Catherine Theresa Healy, 7, The Paddocks
Jake Anthony McDonnell, 14, Kilmore Road,
Knocknaheeny

**IN SYMPATHY**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:

Con O'Sullivan, Westcourt
Margaret McCarthy, Banogue, Limerick
Stephen Long, Douglas
Marie Daly, Muskerry Estate
Eileen Lucey, Aherla

MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Declan Murphy, Murmount Ave, Montenotte
& Miriam O'Keeffe, Model Farm Road
Bartholomew John Daly, Silversprings & Caroline
Anne Power, Coolduff, Inniscarra

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

James O'Leary, Curraheen
Christine O'Leary, Kilnaglory
Essa & Ursula Lane, Blarney St.
Denis Kearney, Leesdale
Dermot & Peg Barry-Murphy, Carriganarra
Tom Foley, Newstown
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Anthony Brennan, Kilkenny
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Joan & John O'Keeffe
Raymond Galvin, 82, The Cloisters
Rose & Patrick Wall, Navan, Co. Meath
Teresa Morton, Inniscarra View
Frank & Liz Matthews, Inniscarra View
Victor McCarthy
Julia Burke, Vicarstown
John Kiely, Ovens
Finbarr Herlihy
Don McAuliffe
Jim O'Reilly, 13, Whitethorn Drive
Joe Linehan, Inniscarra View

TWENTY-FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**16 Sunday Ex 32:7-11, 13-14. Ps 50. 1 Tim 1:12-17.****Lk.15:1-32. Lect I :906**

Jesus gives three parables about the question of those who have wandered away and were lost and how the communities must rejoice when they return and are found.

17 Monday 1 Tim 2:1-8. Ps. 27. Lk. 7:1-10. Lect II:312

Paul gives instructions for the good ordering of the liturgical assembly and prayer meetings of the community. He sees himself as apostle, herald and teacher.

18 Tuesday 1 Tim. 4:1-13. Ps. 100. Lk. 7:11-17. Lect II:314

"Only a baptised man (*vir*) validly receives sacred ordination. The Lord Jesus chose men (*vir*) to form the college of the twelve apostles, and the apostles did the same when they chose collaborators to succeed them in their ministry. The college of bishops, with whom the priests are united in their priesthood, makes the college of the twelve an ever present and ever-active reality until Christ's return. The Church recognises herself to be bound by this choice made by the Lord himself. For this reason the ordination of women is not possible." CCC 1578

19 Wednesday 1 Tim. 3:14-16. Ps. 110. Lk. 7:31-35.*Lect II:316*

"Belief in the true Incarnation of the Son of God is the distinctive sign of Christian faith: He was manifested in the flesh." CCC 463

20 Thursday 1 Tim. 4:12-16. Ps. 110. Lk. 7:36-50.*Lect II:318*

When Christ was taken up in glory after his glorious resurrection, the Holy Spirit showed forth in a special way the divinity of Christ. Before this his contemporaries had difficulty in accepting him.

21 Friday Eph. 4:1-7. Ps. 18. Mt. 9:9-13. Lect II:1198**22 Saturday 1 Tim. 6:13-16. Ps. 99. Lk. 8:4-15. Lect II:322**

"Do all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of the Lord." With a noble and generous heart become a people who take the word to themselves and yield a harvest through their perseverance.

SAINTS THIS WEEK

17 Monday - St. Robert Bellarmine, 1542-1621, Jesuit, Cardinal Bishop of Capua, involved in theological controversies of the time. Patron of catechists.

19 Wednesday - St Janarius, bishop of Benevento, martyred at Naples in 305 with six companions.

21 Friday - St Matthew, the tax collector, may also be identified with Levi, son of Alphaeus in Mk. 2:13. He is said to have been a missionary in Persia and Ethiopia. Patron of accountants, bookkeepers, tax-collectors, customs officers and security guards

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THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER**REFLECTION - BE STILL**

God is our refuge and our strength.
 He is a sure help in days of trouble.
 Even when the world seems to dissolve in chaos, and
 Nations are wracked by wars;
 Yet, I will never doubt that our Great King is with us.
 He has come to save us.

He counsels me,
 'Wait quietly, and you shall have proof that I am God'.
 Hurry blinds me to your presence.
 Feverish activity allows no time for you.
 Only in the peace of my soul do I recognise you.
 Only in the silence of my heart can I worship you.

Soothe my emotions;
 Heal my anxiety;
 Allay my fears.

'Be still! and know that I am God.'
 He is still our refuge and our strength.

Reflection from Psalm 46

***The Choir of St. Mary's & St. John's
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 2001 at 10 o'clock Mass***

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Fridays: 6.00 - 7.00pm U11 Boys
 7.00 - 8.00pm U15/U16 Girls
 8.00 - 9.00pm U14 Girls

Saturdays: 11.00 - 12.00 Nursery Girls
 12.00 - 1.00pm U11/12 Girls

Sundays: 10.00 - 11.00 Nursery Boys
 11.00 - 12.00 U18 Girls
 12.00 - 1.00pm Junior Ladies

**BALLINCOLLIG BASKETBALL
 NEWS & NOTES**

Our Un-19 Men's Team enjoyed a good victory against Iona last Friday night in Parochial Hall. Ballincollig looked the stronger team throughout the match and deserved the win. This team also played very well on Saturday when they took part in the Un-19 Tournament in Parochial Hall, again beating Iona and St. Colms of Limerick but losing out to Blue Demons and the Waltham Spitfires who proved too strong on the day.

FIXTURES - MENS

Sat. 22nd - Parochial Hall
 DIV. 1 PRE-SEASON TOURNAMENT

Tues. 25th - Parochial Hall
 6.30pm Shamrocks v Ballincollig Div. 2

LADIES

Thur. 20th - Parochial Hall
 6.30pm Ballincollig v Kelts Junior
 8.30pm Ballincollig v Pandas Junior

Sat. 22nd - Parochial Hall
 6.30pm Ballincollig v Skibb. Inter
 8.30pm Ballincollig v Glanmire Junior

Thur. 27th - Parochial Hall
 8.00pm Ballincollig v Glanmire Inter

LADIES UN-18 AND UN-12 TOURNAMENT

Sat. 22nd - Little Island
 10.00am Ballincollig v Carrigaline 1 Un-12
 11.10am Ballincollig v Carrigaline 3 Un-12
 12.30pm Ballincollig v Glanmire 2 Un-12

Sat. 22nd - Little Island
 11.50am St. Colms v Ballincollig Un-18

Sunday 16th September 2001

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| ST. MARY & ST. JOHN | EACH SUNDAY | CHRIST OUR LIGHT |
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| <p>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>ROSARY RECITED AT BOTH CHURCHES EACH SUNDAY 3.00P.M.</p> <p><i>Everyone most welcome</i></p> | <p>Masses</p> <p>Sunday: 11.00, 12.30, 5.30pm</p> <p>Mon-Fri: 8.30am</p> <p>Saturday: 10.00am, 8.00pm (Vigil)</p> |
| <p>Confessions</p> <p>Saturday: after 10am Mass before 6pm Mass</p> | <p>MASS BOOKINGS THE MASS BOOK IN BOTH CHURCHES WILL OPEN ON SATURDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER FOR THE MONTHS OF OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER</p> | <p>Confessions</p> <p>Saturday: after 10am Mass</p> |
| <p>Baptisms</p> <p>Saturday: 5.00pm</p> <p>Sunday: 12.45pm</p> | | <p>Baptisms</p> <p>Saturday: 7.15pm</p> |

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NOELLE & FAMILY SAY THANKS

With deep respect, great sincerity and warmest appreciation, Brendan and Mary Wrenne and children Tara, Noelle, Elaine and David would most very sincerely like to thank our wonderful family and friends, priests, pensioners and neighbours for all their support, Holy Masses, beautiful prayers, adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, hours of fasting, fund-raising and financial help, messages of goodwill, telephone calls, etc., since Noelle's illness. You are all truly amazing.

We want to assure you of our prayers for you all and each night during the Family Rosary and daily Mass also, Noelle prays for you all from her sweet little heart. You are all so special to us. May God reward you abundantly.

Please, please continue to pray for Noelle and for all of us for mighty healing and a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit. We are so grateful to God for all of you and we really treasure your support and beautiful friendship. We are asking Fr. Leonard, Fr. Pat, Fr. John and Fr. Paul to each offer Holy Mass for all your intentions.

Thank you and God bless you.

You will be remembered in our prayers and Masses on our Pilgrimage to Medjugorje.

Brendan & Mary Wrenne

C.I.E. (STAFF)

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

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NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS:

Am. 6:1, 4-7. Ps. 145. 1 Tim. 6:11-16.
Lk. 16:19-31.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD SEP 22ND/23RD

ST. MARY & ST. JOHN

CHRIST OUR LIGHT

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| 6.00p.m.(Vigil) - Jennifer Murphy | 8.00p.m.(Vigil) - Pauline Collins |
| 8.30a.m. - Elaine Murphy | 11.00a.m. - Noreen O'Riordan |
| 10.00a.m. - Rebecca Lynch | 12.30p.m. - Liam Hayes |
| 12 Noon - Tony Lynch | 5.30p.m. - Eileen Nolan |

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

22nd /23rd September 2001

ST. MARY'S & ST. JOHN'S CHURCH



SATURDAY 22ND

6p.m.
Vera Allen
Bernadette Bell
Oliver Delaney
Betty Casey
Frank Riordan
Siobhan Riordan

SUNDAY 23RD

8.30a.m.
Mary Buckley
Josie Halligan

10a.m.
Anne Cahill
Pat Lee
May Delaney
Seamus O'Shea

12.00 Noon
Joan Barrett
Sheila Carroll
Marsie Curling
Brendan Daly
Mary Daly
Pat Keenan

CHRIST OUR LIGHT CHURCH

SATURDAY 22ND

8p.m.
Geraldine Lynch
Jim Cahill
Kit Cahill

SUNDAY 23RD

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

12.30p.m.
Eileen Harvey
Sally Power
Lelia O'Brien
Breda Callanan

5.30p.m.
Neil O'Donoghue
Patricia O'Donoghue
Nell Cantillon- Murphy

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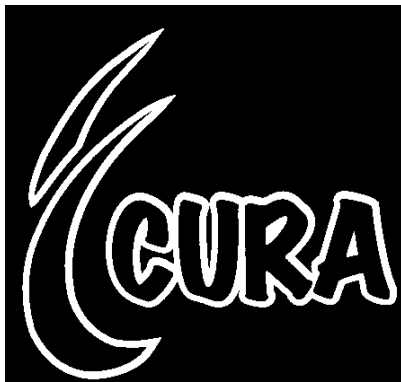
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POPE CONDEMNS ATTACKS ON HUMAN DIGNITY

Pope John Paul II has condemned last Tuesday's attacks on the United States as a "terrible assault against human dignity".

Speaking before a general audience in St. Peter's Square on Wednesday last, the pontiff said: "My heartfelt sympathy goes out to the American people, subjected to inhuman terrorist attacks which have taken the lives of thousands of innocent human beings and caused unspeakable sorrow."

"I ask God to grant the American people the strength and courage they need in this time of sorrow."



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**AWARDS PRESENTATION OF
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& SHOP FRONT COMPETITIONS**

by Micheál Martin T.D.,

at Ballincollig Rugby Football Club on Friday
28th September 2001 at 8.30pm sharp.

ALL WELCOME

*To remain silently
in God's presence is
like breathing deeply
after we had lacked
sufficient air*

Brother Roger of Taizé

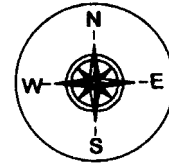
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BALLINCOLLIG TIDY TOWNS

NATIONAL TIDY TOWNS

Judges Report 2001



OVERALL DEVELOPMENT APPROACH

Many thanks for your very thorough submission which was most useful on the day. The map clearly outlined the areas which had been improved upon over the last year. The presence of a Local County Council office must be useful in terms of the high level of support you have garnered from them. The adjudicator was pleased to note that ungrounding of cables has commenced. It was also interesting to observe that both guide dogs and visually impaired train here and hence the use of special paving finishes at foot path junctions. The encouragement of bi-lingual signage is apparent. The competitions in relation to each category of your tidy town's presentation are certainly paying off. The tidy towns section of the parish website must provide great interest in Ballincollig. The adjudicator noted your problems in relation to absentee landlords and traffic. Hopefully these issues will resolve themselves in the not too distant future.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Most of the buildings along the very long Main Street and in the Shopping Centres were presented to a high standard, although there were minor issues to be resolved such as the Market Gate which appeared to be abandoned and one or two grubby signs. Projecting plastic signs should also be discouraged. Many of the buildings sported cheerful window boxes and hanging baskets. The trees planted along Main Street contribute greatly to this aspect of the town's presentation. The Oriel House and its landscaping to the front were presented to a high standard. This is an attractive combination of stone wall with flowers overhanging the neatly cut grassy verge.

LANDSCAPING

The new interventions to the east side of the town looked marvellous - the limestone structure and roundabout filled with roses and trees. The landscaped area opposite was also well maintained. The planting at the East Gate comprising of the curved ramped stone wall with railing and boxes filled with petunias to the front looked quite dramatic. The planting at the junction of Main Street and the Square is coming along very nicely. In terms of further enhancement in this category, perhaps some planting and trees might soften the rather harsh appearance of Ballincollig Shopping Centre Car Park.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The Regional Park with its watersides, trees and historic buildings is a wonderful asset so close to the town centre. Hopefully your signage in relation to wildlife will be in place for next year's competition - the adjudicator noted your problems in this regard. The proposed Slí na Sláinte route should also be a wonderful initiative for the town.

LITTER CONTROL

The standard in this category of the competition was quite good although there were one or two problem areas. A light scattering was evident along the Main Street, along the Killarney Road and by the phone box beyond the Statoil Station.

TIDINESS

The apparently abandoned car showrooms with its extremely grubby boundary wall and weedy forecourt area on the Cork side of the town creates a bad impression at this entrance to Ballincollig. At the other end of the town perhaps the concrete post and wire fence to the rugby club (which looks quite unfortunate) could be replaced with a stone wall or hedging of an indigenous variety such as beech or hawthorn. Two rather grubby out buildings on the Killarney approach should to re-whitewashed before next year's competition.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The standard in this category of the competition was very good - with both mature existing estates and in particular new estates contributing well to this category. Of particular note were Manor Hill Estate, Fr. Sexton Park and the houses opposite with their traditional cottage hedging to the front, Muskerry Estate and Coolroe Heights with its neatly cut grass, nameplate and surrounding permanent planting. The high standard of landscaping to new estates is quite magnificent.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Approach roads, the Main Street and rear areas were all presented to a high standard on adjudication day. The magnificent nameplates at each end of the village were admired and look extremely welcoming. The roundabout at the west end of the village could perhaps be developed along the lines of that at the east end which looked truly marvellous on the day.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Ballincollig is a busy vibrant town with much through traffic. It continues to improve at a steady pace and there is evidence of much enthusiasm from its residents in relation to its appearance.