

#### SUNDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2001

#### TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus lamented the fact that the 'children of light' are not as astute at doing good as the wicked are at looking after themselves. It may be that some of our ineffectiveness in doing good arises from a lack of total commitment to God. We cannot have it both ways; self-concerned and love of God don't mix.

#### "FR. PAUL'S HOMILY - NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING"

We are all gathered here this morning because of an enormous tragedy that should never have happened, a tragedy forced on society, a tragedy that id forced into our homes, our schools and ultimately into our minds. We are living through a truly sad time in the history of our world. We are witness to a mountain of pain and distress, unimaginable to anyone, except those who have gone through the garden of Gethsemane. In the context of that terrible distress and unmanageable pain, everything else pales into insignificance. As young people in our parish, I compliment you for coming here this morning to pray for those who have lost their lives, those who are injured and for all those who suffer the loss of loved ones. We are not just gathered as people from Ballincollig, we are gathered with people all over the globe and join our prayers of love, hope and support to theirs.

How can we quantify the loss of a son, daughter, wife, mother, father or friend. How can we quantify the psychological traumas that will for years obstruct the normality that is so precious in everyday lives.

Only God knows where the fall out from this terrible act of violence will end. Only God knows where the ripples running out from the epicentre of this tragedy will reach. Only God knows because in God's truth we certainly don't know. We can't see that how anyone could possibly believe that such an act could achieve any benefit anytime anywhere. We can't see at any level anything in this mountain of pain and suffering that so many innocent people have so needlessly been asked to endure and because we can't see we cannot find the words to make sense of it all. So all we can do is to acknowledge what has happened and to offer our support in love and prayer as we are doing this morning.

All this has been done out of a tortured belief that death, destruction, violence and mayhem are acceptable and necessary strategies on the long road of human history. The cross of Calvary is being carried throughout our world day by day on the streets of Belfast, here at home, on the streets of Manhattan, as I speak and throughout our troubled world mans inhumanity to man.

But we must never lose hope and our gathering here today is a real sign of hope. So in hope let us pray for those who have died, those who have been injured, those whose lives have been marred, disjointed or laid desolate. We ask God to give words to those leaders that even in the depths of despair and distress that they may find the

We ask God to deepen our faith, just as the darkness of Calvary awaited the dawn of Easter morning, that the darkness of these days may lead to a new and lasting peace. May God be with those who are caught in the slip stream of this violence. May they experience God and healing in their lives and that the longing of peace in our world may become a reality for all people, religious and political traditions.

We live in a world of restless people. People driven by fear and by greed, caught up in a web of tension and of speed, driving themselves and our world as well into a future that none of us can foretell.

Oh God instead of vain driven people, fill our hearts and minds with true drive, inspired by faith in you and help us to build a world of true and lasting love.

#### **PRAYERS OF** THE FAITHFUL

#### PRIEST:

Brothers and sisters, St. Paul advises that we pray for everyone, as this will please God our saviour. We bring forward our needs with confidence.

#### **READER:**

For all who minister in the Church. Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For religious tolerance, and an end to persecution. Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For our leaders and for everyone in authority over us. Lord, Hear us,

#### Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who have been treated unjustly in any way.

Lord, Hear us,

#### Lord, graciously hear us.

For people in difficulty, particularly those in need in this parish. Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For all those who died (especially all those in our thoughts today. Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

#### PRIEST:

God of glory and majesty, you stoop from the heights to lift up the poor: hear the prayers of all who praise you, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### THOUGHT FOR TODAY

THE MASTER PRAISED THE DISHONEST STEWARD (GOSPEL)

Jesus does not approve the dishonesty of the unjust steward. He points to how the man focussed all his attention on responding to a crisis in his life. The steward's determination contrasts with the children of light who fail to show a similar urgency in responding to the far more crucial challenge. Jesus puts to them to turn to God with all their heart and soul and might.

Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

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#### Sunday 23rd September 2001

#### **BAPTISMS**

WE WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY ALL THOSE WHO WERE BAPTISED RECENTLY Liam Michael Sugrue, 5, Glincool Rise Jerry Tadg O'Sullivan, Carrig, Ministers Cross

## IN SYMPATHY

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF: Michael Horne, Longsland

#### **MARRIAGES**

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Oliver Finbarr Burke, Carrigfouka, Macroom & Amanda Mary Ryan, 80, Castlepark. John Francis O'Driscoll, Mallow Rd., Cork & Grace Healy, 14, Carrigdene, Ballincollig.

Alan Alfred Mansfield, Finchley, London & Parmindar Dulay, Finchley, London.

Ian Minehane, 123, Rosewood Est., Ballincollig & Helen Clarson, Broadford, Co. Limerick

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

Thomas & Mary O'Mahony, Ballydehob Josephine Murphy, Castle Avenue Margaret Sheehan, Kilmurray Eddy O'Dwyer, Limerick Nuala Delaney, Inniscarra View Estate James & Elizabeth Flynn, Durrus Tom & Joe Heaton, Pearse Place Maureen Cuddihy, Coolroe Julia & Jerome Collins, Station House John O'Sullivan, Carriganarra Jack O'Flynn, Turners Cross Fr. Sean Murphy, Station Road Dan McAuliffe Jim O'Reilly, 13, Whitethorn Drive Hans Wolf

#### **SAINTS THIS WEEK**

25 Tuesday - St. Finbarr, came to Loch Irce (Gougane Barra) and probably lived there as a hermit. When disciples gathered round him he moved to Cork at the mouth of the Lee, where he founded a monastery which became a famous centre of learning.

26 Wednesday - Sts Cosmas and Damian, early martyrs in Syria, patrons of physicians, They are known as the Anargyri in the East, since they never took money for their medical services.

27 Thursday - St. Vincent de Paul, 1580-1660, founded the Congregation of the Mission (the Vincentians) and the Daughters of Charity (1633) the first sisters to work outside their convents in active service. He is the patron of all charitable works.

28 Friday - St. Wenceslaus, 905-925, Prince of Bohemia, killed by his brother. Patron of brewers.

St. Lawrence Ruiz and his companions, During the period 1633-1637, sixteen martyrs, namely St. Lawrence Ruiz and his companions, shed their blood for Christ in the city of Nagasaki, Japan. This group of martyrs, members or associates of the Order of Preachers, includes nine priests, two religious and five lay people, one of whom is the Filipino husband and father, Lawrence Ruiz. They spread the Christian faith in the Phillipine Islands, Formosa and Japan sowing abundant seeds for the future of Christianity.

#### THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

TWENTY-FIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME 23 Sunday Am. 8:4-7. Ps. 112. 1 Tim. 2:1-8. Lk. 16:1-13. Lect I :906

Christ does not approve of the dishonesty of the steward but notes how attentive to profit-making so many are, while Christians are apathetic about true values.

**24 Monday** Ezra 1:1-6. Ps. 125. Lk. 8:16-18. Lect II:325 Jerusalem and the temple were destroyed by the Babylonian armies and the real exile began in 587-86BC. Jeremiah had prophesied throughout the exile that there would be a return to a glorious future. Cyrus, king of Persia, conquered Babylon in 539 and encouraged the exiles to return home and rebuild the temple.

25 Tuesday Ezra 6:7-8. 12. 14-20. Ps. 121. Lk. 8:19-21. Lect II:327

'Semitic languages in Jesus' time did not have a precise vocabulary for a wide range of family relationships. Rather they reflected a tribal background, where members of the same tribe, clan or family, were considered brothers and sisters, no matter what their precise relationship." The Greek terms used in the Gospel may have been influenced by early Christian references phrased in Aramaic or Hebrew. cf. R.E. Brown, SS 101 Questions on the Bible. Chapman 1991.

26 Wednesday Ezra 9:5-9. Ps. Tob. 13:2-8. Lk. 9:1-6. Lect II:329

The joy of the return from Exile and the building of the Second Temple are memories of God's favour for his people.

**27 Thursday** Hag. 1:1-8. Ps. 149. Lk. 9:7-9. Lect II:331 The age of salvation, with the coming of the Lord and the setting up of his kingdom, is conditional on the rebuilding of the Temple.

28 Friday Hag. 1:15-2:9. Ps. 42. Lk. 9:18-22. Lect II:333 The Temple signals the fulfilment of Israel's hopes.

29 Saturday Dan. 7:9-10, 13-14. or Apoc. 12:7-12. Ps. 137. **Jn. 1:47-51.** Lect II:1205

Gabriel brought the message to Mary at the Annunciation. (Patron of telecommunications, radio and TV workers). Raphael guide to Tobias. (Patron of nurses, physicians, the blind). Michael has been venerated as protector of Christians in general and soldiers in particular. (Patron of radiologists, the sick, paratroopers).

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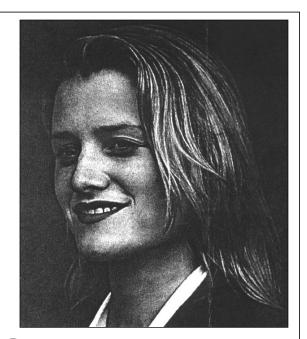
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#### "CIRCLES OF LIVING ROSARY"

A meeting of the above prayer group will be held on Tuesday October 2nd 2001 at 7.30p.m. in Old Library Room, **Community Centre Present Members** and New Members are all welcome to attend "OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY"

## **FATIMA** APOSTOLATE GROUP **BALLINCOLLIG**

The Monthly Meeting of the Apostolate will be held on Monday October 1st, 2001 at 7pm in the Youth House, Station Road, Ballincollig

Present Members and New Members are all welcome to attend

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

#### **PARISH CLERGY**

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#### **NOVENA PRAYER**

Mother of Perpetual Help, with the greatest confidence we come before your holy picture, to be inspired by the example of your life. We think of you at that moment when, full of faith and trust, you accepted God's call to be the mother of his Son. Help us, your children, to accept with joy our own calling in life. When you learned that your cousin Elizabeth was in need you immediately went to serve her and offer your help. Help us, like you, to be concerned with other. We think of you, Mother, at the foot of the cross. Your heart must have bled to see your Son in agony; but your joy was great when he rose from the dead, victorious over the powers of evil. Mother of Sorrows, help us to realise that we must expect trials and disappointments; help us not to lose heart; may we share with you and your Son the joy of having courageously faced up to all the challenges of life.

Amen.



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#### **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, Dislike me, oppose 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 'May enemies have never been able to finish me off.

Reflection from Psalm No. 129

## 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 29TH/30TH

ST. MARY & ST. JOHN **CHRIST OUR LIGHT** 

> 8.00p.m.(Vigil) Tadg Murphy

11.00a.m. Maura McNamara

12.30p.m. -Pat McGeough

5.30p.m. -Margaret Murphy

Oliver O'Donovan

**Declan Chalmers** 

6.00p.m.(Vigil) -

Elizabeth Daly

8.30a.m. -

10.00a.m. -

12 Noon -

Muireann Nelligan



#### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST **29th /30th September 2001** ST. MARY'S & ST. JOHN'S CHURCH



SATURDAY 29TH 6p.m.

Patsy Murphy Breda Folev Geraldine Graham Jim Healy Geraldine Hegarty Cathy Horgan

SUNDAY 30TH

8.30a.m. Theresa Lucey Rita Murphy

10a.m. Karina O'Mahoney Nancy Hogan Tadhg Murphy Mary Murphy

12.00 Noon Michael Crowley John Walshe **Noel Hennessy** Breda Linehan Rena O'Connor Eavan O'Donoghue

#### **CHRIST OUR LIGHT CHURCH**

SATURDAY 29TH 8p.m.

John O'Donoghue Eleanor O'Donoghue Kathleen Daly

SUNDAY 30TH 11a.m. Robert Wade Mary O'Mahony Margaret Brown Rose Cotter

12.30p.m. Brid Dolan Peggy Sheehan Pat Manning Terry O'Driscoll Bernie O'Driscoll

5.30p.m. Garreth Irish Shelia Curran Statia O'Callaghan

## **Cork Association for Autism**

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Voluntary collectors urgently required for the Flag Day in aid of the Cork Association for Autism on Thursday 25th October next.

Anyone interested in helping, please contact Liz Kiely at 021-4271808 or at 021-4371041 (evenings)

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## CHANGE IN DEADLINE

Please note that with IMMEDIATE EFFECT, all articles for Publication in the Ballincollig Parishioner should be submitted to the Sacristy by 8.30pm on Tuesday night

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#### BALLINCOLLIG BASKETBALL CLUB

The Ballincollig Basketball Club would like to express it's thanks to everyone for their generous support of the club, during our Annual Church Gate Collection on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th September 2001. The club appreciates the response of the Ballincollig people to contribute to all their local sports clubs. The club also wishes to express it's sincere sympathy to all those bereaved by the recent tragedy in America. Many members of the club have close ties with the States through basketball and also many have family, who have been working and holidaying there over the past months.

> ATTENTION - PLEASE NOTE - THERE WILL NOT BE ANY TRAINING ON FRIDAY 21ST, SATURDAY 22ND AND SUNDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER, AS THE GYM WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE DUE TO A PRIOR BOOKING

A Coaching Course, Level 1, will be held from Sunday 30th September until October 21st in Ballincollig Community School Gym, each Sunday between 2p.m. and 6p.m. The course will greatly benefit those wishing to coach under age level. A suitable knowledge of basketball is desirable for those wishing to take part. Enquiries can be made to 4875221/4872461

#### LADIES RESULTS

Thursday 13th. Our Intermediate Ladies had two good wins in their matches in Parochial Hall in the Ladies Inter/Junior Tournament. The first game against Cobh was a good season opener for Ballincollig, in which they played well and had a comfortable win. Their second game against Blackpool Credit Union was slightly tougher, but, despite being down 7pts at half time, Ballincollig came back well and went on to win by 5pts. On the same night our Junior 1 team had a great win over a considerably more mature Crosshaven team, proving that youth and enthusiasm pay off. Well Done.

#### **MENS RESULTS**

Our Un-19 Men's team were unlucky in their game against Blue Demons last Saturday. Ballincollig had a very small squad and unfortunately were dominated by a strong Demons side. The Div. 2 Men's team were very unlucky not to make it into the finals in their pre-season Tournament last Saturday. Having won their first three games against Fr. Mathews, Shamrocks and Banteer, Ballincollig went on to play St. Brendans in an excellent semi-final game which went to overtime. Unfortunately for Ballincollig, St. Brendans just managed to get that vital basket and they won by just that one point.

MENS FIXTURES		LADIES FIXTURES		
Thursday 20th - Neptune Stadium 7p.m. Neptune v Ballincollig	Un-19	Saturday 22nd - Little Island		
		10a.m.	Ballincollig v Carrigaline 1	Un-12
		11.10a.m.	Ballincollig v Carrigaline 3	Un-12
		12.30p.m.	Ballincollig v Glanmire 2	Un-12
Saturday 22nd - Parochial Hall Div. 1 Pre-Season Tournament		Saturday 22nd - Little Island		
		11.50a.m.	Ballincollig v St. Colms	Un-18
		Saturday 22nd - Parochial Hall		
Tuesday 25th - Parochial Hall 6.30p.m. Shamrocks v Ballincollig	Div. 2	6.30p.m.	Ballincollig v Skibb	Inter
		8.30p.m.	Ballincollig v Glanmire	Junior
		Thursday 27th - Parochial Hall		
		8p.m.	Ballincollig v Glanmire	Inter

#### BALLINCOLLIG BASKETBALL CLUB COMMITTEE 2001-02

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