

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



SUNDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2001

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Christian hope overcomes the fear of lasting death. God is faithful: not only does he strengthen us against evil in this life, but he will give eternal life to all who try to imitate his faithfulness.

TRAVELS IN AOTEAROA THE LAND OF THE LONG WHITE CLOUD

On a dark and wet evening recently, while seated behind the wheel at a very congested junction, I listened to a radio commentator mention the time and date. What a jolt to the memory! Exactly twelve months to the day I was in a situation and place that contrasted totally with the present one.

I was on the open road, driving contentedly in the Land of the Long White Cloud (It's Maori name), or New Zealand, it's more modern name. I was heading for the town of Cromwell but more precisely the local Catholic Church with it's unique title, the Irish Martyrs. I was intrigued: How did it happen? Who was responsible for this little piece of Irish Church history in this rather remote part of New Zealand's South Island? I was hoping to find some answers to these questions that were beginning to perplex.

I was aware of Irish place names, in particular county names. While driving through Alexandra, a large and pleasant town, I had noted Killarney St., Galway St., and Limerick St. Certainly some Irish settlers had put down roots in this area but it was the Scottish settlers who had moved into & established themselves in great numbers in this district of Central Otago.

For its modest size, New Zealand has an astonishing diversity of landscapes and natural attractions, ranging from geysers to glaciers, rugged peaks to rushing rivers and endless beaches to ancient beech forests. In this beautiful and unspoilt country, it is impossible to resist the call of nature.

This was my sixth visit to New Zealand and my impressions were still of the warmth and friendliness of the people, many of whom went out of their way to be helpful and hospitable during my travels while on my sabbatical year.

Like our own country, New Zealand is heavily dependant on agriculture. It is sometimes referred to as 'the world's biggest farm'. The old adage on counting sheep certainly comes to mind with over 24,000 sheep farms stocked with over 50 million sheep - yes, impossible to count. So easy to count the two cars that I had passed on the open road after one hour of driving.

Back to the reality of the Cork Suburban Traffic Jam, no longer a burden. The bright and vivid memories of the Land of the Long White Cloud had raised the Maori Spirits and I was touched by them again.

John O'Donovan

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

PRIEST:

Let us bring our needs to God, who pays heed to all our cries.

READER:

For those who are persecuted for their faith, that our prayers may support them.

Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For all who still suffer as a result of all kinds of disasters this past year, that they may experience continuing support.

Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For people in mourning after the death of a loved one, that God may send comfort and healing.

Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For all who minister to the bereaved, that the gifts of patience and perseverance may be theirs.

Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For all who have died and for those who have lost through war or violence, that all may share in the resurrection and have eternal life.

Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For our own needs and for those who have asked for our prayers.

Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

PRIEST:

Lord our God, you watch over and protect your people:
Turn your ear to us, we pray,
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

THEY CAN NO LONGER DIE (GOSPEL)

The Sadducees could only think of heaven as a continuation of this life (Gospel). We will indeed be raised; we will indeed be reunited, but, those who filled with the vision of God will find their relationships with God and each other enriched and transformed in ways we cannot imagine.

I shall be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory, O Lord

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Sunday 11th November 2001

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER**BAPTISMS**

WE WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY
ALL THOSE WHO WERE BAPTISED RECENTLY :
Molly Michelle Butler, 128, Pine Walk, Muskerry Est.
Dara Ellen Caplice, 25, Daffodil Fields
Emily Kate McNerney, 6, Innishmore Drive

MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:
Morgan David O'Donovan, Oakfield Drive,
Glanmire & Breda Ellen O'Brien, Carriganarra
Alan Woods, 45, Willow Grove
& Martina Hanrahan, 56, Westcourt

**IN SYMPATHY**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:
Kathleen O'Keeffe, Aylsbury
Sheila Crowley, Crossbarry
Donie McCarthy, Coachford

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

Anna Maher, Moyne, Co. Tipperary
John & Lena Gaffney, Carrigrohane
Twohig Family, late of Farranree
Mick Gaffney, Limerick & Ballincollig
Michael Keating, Co. Kerry
Nora Keating, Co. Kerry
Cornelius Dennehy, Knockanemore, Ovens
Paddy Hanley, Castletownbere
Francis Bogue, Carrigrohane
Chris Murphy, Powdermills
Laurence O'Brien
Ellen Reid, Curraheen
The Ring Family, Blarney Road
Thomas Finnegan, Bishopstown
Ellen & Eugene Mohally, Lough Road
Paul Falvey
Tom Durcan, Co. Mayo
David & Nora Brown
The Forde Family, Station Road
Gerry Sheehan, Clash Road
Michael Gilleran
Donal O'Connor, Coolroe
Dan McSweeney, Inniscarra
Laurence O'Brien, Durham
Jack Shanahan, Fr. Sexton Park
Deceased members of M.C. O'Sullivan's
Maria Coughlan
Mary Emperor, Rockchapel
Michael & Jerry Keohane
Deceased members of the Legion of Mary
Jim Butler, Inniscarra
Johnny Good, Ringaskiddy
Denis Cronin, Gneeveguilla
Anthony Healy, Cloughduv
Donal McCarthy, Coachford
John & Hannah O'Connor, Dingle

THIRTY-SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

11 Sunday 2 Mac 7:1-2, 9-14. Ps. 16. 2 Thess. 2:16-3:5.
Lk. 20:27-38. *Lect I:930*

These final Sundays of the year highlight the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

12 Monday Wis. 1:1-7. Ps. 138. Lk. 17:1-6. *Lect II:412*
The Book of Wisdom was written in the second century BC for large Jewish community in Alexandria. It encourages fidelity to traditional teachings, but is influenced by some Greek thought. It begins by teaching that religious faith and virtuous living are the basis of true wisdom, and lead to immortal life.

13 Tuesday Wis. 2:23-3:9. Ps. 33. Lk. 17:7-10. *Lect II:414*
"God did not bring death, and he does not delight in the death of the living....It was through the devil's envy that death entered the world." CCC, 413.

14 Wednesday Wis. 6:1-11. Ps. 81. Lk. 17:11-19. *Lect II:416*
Rulers who acquire true wisdom will show concern for the poor and weak, the oppressed and alienated.

15 Thursday Wis. 7:22-8:1. Ps. 118. Lk. 17:20-25. *Lect II:418*
In praise of Wisdom, its nature and origin. This Wisdom, close to God, with his power and creating with him, anticipates the theology of the Spirit of New Testament times. A perfect number of 21 attributes are given to describe Wisdom.

16 Friday Wis. 13:1-9. Ps. 18. Lk. 17:26-37. *Lect II:420*
Idolatry in whatever form is to be condemned. The study of nature should lead us to acknowledge the transcendent God, universal Creator. The beauty of the world is a work of art reflecting the beauty of its creator.

17 Saturday Wis. 18:14-16. 19:6-9. Ps. 104. Lk. 18:1-8.
Lect II:422

On the night of the Exodus the Word of God is seen as the agent of God's power in the deaths of the first-born and the journey across the Red Sea. At his Second Coming the Word will again stand in judgement.

SAINTS THIS WEEK

12 Monday - St. Josaphat, 1580-1623, Bishop of Polotz, worked for reunion of Ukrainian Catholics; but his murder by those who opposed it brought about many conversions.

14 Wednesday - St. Laurence O'Toole, became a monk and abbot of Glendalough. He was made Archbishop of Dublin in 1162. He returned to Ireland after the Third Lateran Council as papal legate in 1179. He died at Eu in Normandy in 1180, where he was seeking to make peace between Henry II and the Irish rulers.

15 Thursday - St. Albert the Great, 1206-1280, Dominican theologian who taught in Cologne, was called the "Universal Teacher" for the vast range of his interests. Patron of scientists.

16 Friday - St. Margaret, 1045-1093, wife of Malcolm III, King of Scotland, helped by her example and influence, the work of reform in the Church.

St. Gertrude, 1256-1302, a Benedictine nun from the age of five, she cultivated devotion to the Sacred Heart, and advocated frequent Communion.

17 Saturday - St. Elizabeth, 1207-1231, queen at 14, widowed and exiled at 20, Franciscan tertiary until her death at 24. A woman of prayer and service of the poor.

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THE SPLENDOUR OF TRUTH

“What is the strongest thing in the world?” asked a king of his wise men long ago. “Pleasure” answered some. “Royal power” declared others, flattering him. Then one stood up and said: “No. The strongest thing in the world is Truth and it shall have the victory.” It is not always easy to see that. There are times when Truth seems to be the weakest thing in all the world. It seemed like that when Our Lord was crucified. Yet He rose from the dead.

To love the Truth is what is asked of us before all things and it includes all things, it leads to supreme strength and nobility of character - it brings us straight to God.

To love the Truth means in the first place that I want, at all costs, to see things straight, as they really are. Then it could be said of me, as it was of Abraham Lincoln: “His thoughts were roots that gripped the granite truth.”

To love the Truth means secondly that no lie ever passes my lips. My words, like my thoughts, will always correspond to things as they really are. To seek some advantage by deceiving others is to deceive myself still more, because nothing can stand that is not built upon the granite Truth. In the end falsehood destroys itself and the one who uses it.

To love the Truth means not only knowing it and speaking it but building my life on it. I must have truth of life. That means my life must be exactly what God wants it to be. A metal is true gold when it corresponds exactly to God's idea of what gold should be. So too with myself and my life. I will be truly myself if I correspond perfectly to the particular idea which God has for me personally. How can I do that? By seeking nothing but God's will, moment by moment, in the little things that make up my day. Thus, brick by brick, I shall be building the house of my life on the rock of Truth.

To KNOW the Truth, to SPEAK the Truth, to LIVE the Truth - to make that one's programme is to walk in the way of greatness and of holiness.

Anselm Moynihan OP

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at SMA Hall, Wilton, Cork

Friday 16th Nov. from 8 to 10pm

Saturday 17th Nov. from 10.30am to 8pm

THEME: “Taste and See that the Lord is Good”

Speaker: Fr. Jack McArdle SSCC

COFFEE AND TEA PROVIDED

**HOLY SOULS
NOVENA**

concludes on

Monday November 12th

with Mass at 6.30p.m.

in Christ Our Light and

Candle Mass at 8p.m.

in St. Mary & St. John.

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ST. MARY & ST. JOHN	EACH SUNDAY	CHRIST OUR LIGHT
<p style="text-align: center;">Masses</p> <p>Sunday: 8.30, 10.00, 12.00 Mon-: 9.30am, 8.00pm Tues-Fri: 9.30am Saturday: 10.00, 6pm (Vigil)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ROSARY RECITED AT BOTH CHURCHES EACH SUNDAY 3.00P.M.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Everyone most welcome</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Masses</p> <p>Sunday: 11.00, 12.30, 5.30pm Mon: 8.30am, 6.30pm Tues-Fri: 8.30am Saturday: 10.00am, 8.00pm (Vigil)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Confessions</p> <p>Saturday: after 10am Mass before 6pm Mass</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRISTY SERVICES <i>Before and after all Masses Sundays & Weekdays</i> CHURCH OF ST. MARY & ST. JOHN</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Confessions</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday: after 10am Mass</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Baptisms</p> <p>Saturday: 5.00pm Sunday: 12.45pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">- Mass Card Signing - Requests for Baptism/Marriage Certs, etc. CHRIST OUR LIGHT - Mass Card Signing -</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Baptisms</p> <p>Saturday: 7.15pm</p>

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**BALLINCOLLIG
 COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

PARENT'S ASSOCIATION
 are pleased to announce that

Dr. Tony Humphreys,
 Consultant Clinical Psychologist
 and well-known author,
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in Ballincollig Community School

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THIRST FOR GOD

Like the deer that pants for running streams,
 So my soul is yearning for you my God.
 I thirst for God the living God.
 Where can I find him to come and stand before him?
 Now I long for a deeper sense of your presence.
 To meet you in prayer, in the stillness of my heart,
 To relish once more those treasured moments,
 Anticipating heaven on earth.
 I recall so well, that lively faith of my youth,
 How I sang so vibrantly those hymns of praise,
 How I listened intently to your word
 Ever eager to join family and friends
 In the house of the Lord.
 But now, my heart feels empty.
 Doubt like a wave floods my soul.
 I try to pray, but there's a dryness within.
 Even the very thought of heaven seems hollow,=
 I hear voices around me say;
 "Where is your God?"
 O Lord, send forth your light and your truth
 Let them lead me to your Holy Place.
 There I will go to the altar of God.
 I will go with great joy.
 'He will make me smile again. For he is my God.

Reflection from Psalm No. 42-43

**ANOTHER
'MIRACLE' PRAYER**

Dear Jesus, I desire to give my life to you,
 my mind, my heart, my soul, my very being.
 I desire to become as open to You as is
 humanly possible, and to be cleansed
 of every tendency to sin.
 Help me to PRAY as You would.
 Help me to LOVE as You would.
 Help me to HEAR as You would.
 Help me to SPEAK as You would.
 Help me to SEE as You would.
 Help me to HEAL as You would.
 Help me to TOUCH as You would.
 Help me to FORGIVE as You would.
 Help me to ANSWER as You would.
 I love you Jesus. I invite You to
 live within me and to fill my inner
 being with your love.

*You are writing a Gospel,
 A chapter each day,
 By the deeds that you do
 And the words that you say.*

A NIGHT PRAYER

"I will bless the Lord who gives
 me counsel, who even at night
 directs my heart."
Psalm 15

MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL

O Virgin Mother, Lady of Good Counsel
 Sweetest patron mortal ever knew,
 In all my doubts I fly to thee for guidance,
 O Mother tell me what am I to do.

NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS:

Mal. 3:19-20. Ps. 97. 2 Thess. 3:7-12. Lk. 21:5-19.
 Your endurance will win you your lives.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD NOV. 17TH/18TH

ST. MARY & ST. JOHN CHRIST OUR LIGHT

6.00p.m.(Vigil) - Jennifer Murphy	8.00p.m.(Vigil) - Michael Greene
8.30a.m. - Elaine Murphy	11.00a.m. - Fiona O'Connor
10.00a.m. - Rebecca Lynch	12.30p.m. - Pat McGeough
12 Noon - Tony Lynch	5.30p.m. - Mary O'Sullivan

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

17th /18th November 2001

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



SATURDAY 17TH

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

SUNDAY 18TH

8.30a.m.
 Mary Buckley
 Theresa Lucey

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

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

CHRIST OUR LIGHT CHURCH

SATURDAY 17TH

8p.m.
 Geraldine Lynch
 Jim Cahill
 Kit Cahill

SUNDAY 18TH

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

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

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

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BALLINCOLLIG BASKETBALL CLUB

Ladies Results

Our ladies section put in some very encouraging performances last Saturday in Carrigaline, when they came up against tough opposition. First up were the Un-12 Girls who had a terrific win. Ballincollig started off the scoring with some very decisive baskets and by half time were well in the lead. In the second half, Carrigaline tried to make a comeback but Ballincollig proved too strong and stayed well ahead to win the game.

The UN 14 game was a very tough, physical affair with neither team giving anything away. Both Ballincollig and Carrigaline fought hard for every ball and the score see-sawed between them point for point. Unfortunately for our girls, Carrigaline just managed to inch ahead in the last minutes of the game and win by only seven points. The UN 15 Girls also gave a fine performance despite their losing the game. The girls play off a very small panel but despite this they gave Carrigaline a run for their money, and more than made up for the lack of players with great determination and staying power.

The UN 12's Monday night match against Donoughmore did not start out well for Ballincollig as they struggled to find the basket in the first half. However the second half more than made up for this as it turned into a real nail biter with Donoughmore missing some vital shots. Ballincollig took full advantage of this, and when it came down to the wire, with only 6 seconds to go, Ballincollig pulled through and snatched the game by 1 point. Well done!

Next weekend the Ladies UN 19 National Cup Qualifiers take place in Little Island. Ballincollig will be up against some very tough opposition in their group when they face Glanmire, Donoughmore, Skibbereen and last year's winners, St. Mary's, Castleisland. It will be great experience for this Ballincollig team who are as yet quite young with many of the players only seventeen but with youth and enthusiasm on their side we are sure they will play well and enjoy themselves. The final of this competition takes place in Dublin on the 1st of December.

Ballincollig Basketball Club would like to extend its deepest sympathy to Ted O'Keeffe, former Club Committee Member, and his family, Eoin, who play with the UN 19 team and Brian and Clare on their recent bereavement and as mark of respect to the family, all home matches were cancelled last Saturday.

Mens Results

In the UN 15 Boys Intermediate Tournament, Saturday, Parochial Hall, Ballincollig were unbelievably unlucky not to go through to the finals, having played brilliantly all day in their games against Glanmire, Mallow, Crescent and Senans. Unfortunately by the time they went into the semi-final in which they played St. Brendans, the long day seemed to have taken its toll and the same levels of concentration were not there. Having got so far the boys were understandably disappointed not to win the game and make the final but were none the less pleased overall with their days performance.

Mens Fixtures

Saturday Nov. 10th - Parochial Hall
1.30pm Blue Demons v Ballincollig Un-11

Saturday Nov. 17th - Parochial Hall
UN-11 TOURNAMENT

11a.m. Blue Demons v Ballincollig Pool 'B'
1p.m. St. Brendans v Ballincollig Pool 'B'
3p.m. Neptune B v Ballincollig Pool 'B'

Saturday Nov. 17th - B.C.S. Ballincollig

3p.m. Ballincollig v Carrigaline B Un-13
4p.m. Ballincollig v Crescent Un-15
5p.m. Ballincollig v Crescent Un-17
6p.m. Ballincollig v Cobh Div 2

Ladies Fixtures

Saturday Nov. 10th - B.C.S. Ballincollig
3pm Ballincollig v Crosshaven Un-12
4pm Ballincollig v Col. Mhuire Un-14
5pm Ballincollig v Col. Mhuire Un-16
5pm Ballincollig v Col. Mhuire Un-15

Sat./Sun. Nov. 10th/11th - Little Island
UN 19 National Cup Qualifiers

10th-10am Ballincollig v Glanmire
10th-1.30pm Ballincollig v Donoughmore
11th-11.30am Ballincollig v Skibbereen
11th-4.30pm Ballincollig v St. Mary's-CasIsl

Thursday Nov. 15th - Mallow
8pm Mallow v Ballincollig Un-18

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THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER**INFLUENZA - ITS THAT TIME AGAIN****WHAT IS INFLUENZA?**

Influenza is an acute viral disease of the respiratory tract, affecting all age groups and characterised by the abrupt onset of fever, chills and headache. These symptoms are usually accompanied by a dry cough and sore throat.

COULD I CATCH IT?

Influenza is highly infectious and spreads rapidly. You are most likely to catch it during the cold months between October and March.

IS IT SERIOUS?

Influenza can be a serious illness in those with chronic underlying disease, especially if elderly. Persons considered to be most at risk of complications, should they develop influenza, are the elderly and adults and children with any of the following:

- Chronic lung disease
- Chronic heart disease
- Chronic kidney failure
- Diabetes
- Persons whose immune system is suppressed.

HOW CAN IT BE PREVENTED?

Immunisation (also known as vaccination) is a safe and effective way to help prevent infection. Influenza vaccine is prepared each year using virus strains similar to those most likely to be circulating in the forthcoming season. Protection lasts for about one year, and to provide continuing protection, annual vaccination is necessary.

**IMMUNISATION IS THEREFORE STRONGLY
RECOMMENDED FOR THOSE CONSIDERED TO BE 'AT RISK'**

Now is the time when vaccination for the winter should be undertaken. Immunisation of fit children and adults is not recommended as routine. The final decision as to who should be offered immunisation is a matter for that person's medical practitioner.

Further information concerning vaccination or the availability of vaccine should be made from your local G.P. or pharmacist.



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LECTURE: "OSTEOPOROSIS"

SPEAKER: DR. BRIAN MULCAHY
Consultant Physician - Rheumatologist

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