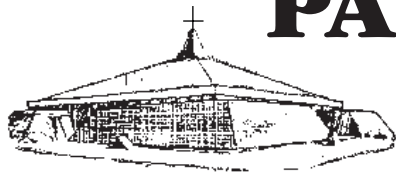


THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



SUNDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2001

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Christ was born into the world to be the light of all people on their way through life.

*Today we renew our dedication to live as He has shown us,
so that when He comes again we will be ready to receive him.*

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL AND CHURCH COLLECTION AT ALL
MASSES ON SATURDAY 8TH & SUNDAY 9TH DECEMBER.

Once again your local conference asks for extra help at this time of
peace and reconciliation on behalf of the needy in our parish.

Within the Ballincollig area, there are many homes where the
financial strain is intolerable. During the past year we have visited
many such homes. These families are in fear of Christmas - they have
nothing extra with which to buy presents for their children, nothing
extra to buy a special Christmas dinner, nothing extra with which to
celebrate, indeed, nothing to celebrate.

There are many families in our midst with only one parent, others
where one parent drinks or gambles the family income, others again
where the financial pressure of schoolgoing children often doesn't
leave enough money for day to day food.

We have been in homes where the income isn't adequate to cope
with the caring of the sick or elderly relative, homes where age and
often lack of skills doesn't allow a bread winner to take up a job.

These are our families and the families for
whom we make this appeal.

We wish to thank you for your generous support and look forward
to it continuing. We would also like to especially thank our parish
priest, Fr. Leonard O' Brien and the other Priests of the Parish for
allowing the indoor collection this Saturday and Sunday and also for
their quiet and unstinting support during another year.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

PRIEST:

Knowing that God is listening, let us
make our prayers known.

READER:

For Christians everywhere, who await
the Lord's return in glory, that they may
be ready to meet him.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the people in our world for whom
there is no peace, that war may soon be
a distant memory.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those for whom this time of year
brings anxiety, not happiness, that the
peace of Christ may be theirs.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For people who are sick in mind or
body, that the healing power of our god
may touch them.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For all who have died, that eternal peace
may be theirs.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

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

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

PRIEST:

Loving God, you want what is best for
your people, Hear our prayers and help
us in our needs, through Christ our
Lord. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

LET US GO UP TO THE MOUNTAIN OF THE LORD (FIRST READING)

Advent reminds us that life is a journey. For each of us the journey will end in death. It may end unexpectedly - as with those who 'suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away' (Gospel). We need to make ourselves ready for our journey's end so that we can enter into eternal joy when God welcomes those who have lived in the light (Second Reading).

I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'

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BAPTISMS



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

- Lauree Bonnie Josephene Hegarty, 24 Carraiganarra.
- Bethany Alexandra Hegarty, 24 Carraiganarra
- Taylor Ciara O' Callaghan, "Shella", Coolyduff, Inniscarra
- Sean Anthony Manley, 47 Leeview, Ballincollig
- Niamh Mary Barry, 7 The Crescent, Ballincollig.



IN SYMPATHY

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:
Eileen Cronin, Skibbereen
Michael Murray, Clash Road

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

- John Lucey, Station Rd.
- Br. Angelus
- Agnes Kavanagh, Fr. Sexton Park.
- Mary O' Regan, Poulavone.
- The Aherne Family, Fr. Sexton Park.
- Jane Callanan, Poulavone.
- Laurence & Catherine O' Sullivan.
- Stephen Spitre, Glasheen.
- The Finn Family.
- Thomas Drew, Dunamore.
- Mary Lucey, Carraiganarra
- The McCarthy Family.
- Patrick & Kathleen Fitzgerald, Connelly Road.
- Ellen Healy, Tralee.
- John Kelleher, Mayfield.
- Brendan whelan, Muskerry Est.
- Molly O' Connell, Maglin
- Timothy Crowley, Coachford.
- John & Hannah O' Shea, Beaufort, Co, Kerry.
- Dick Russell, St. Lukes
- Patrick Brickley, Waterfall
- Nora & Eugene O' Toole, Dillons Cross.
- Francis Cunningham, late Crookstown & Ballincollig
- The O'Sullivan Family.
- Ellen Buckley, Baker's Road.
- Agnes Kavanagh, Fr. Sexton Park.
- Catherine Dineen, Rooves
- Joe Fitzpatrick
- Billy O'Regan
- Paddy & Mary Brennan
- Martin de Nogla, Wyndham Downs
- Jermiah & Mary Keohane, Rossmore
- John Cremin, Inniscarra
- Denis Clifford, Congress Rd.
- James & Catherine O'Sullivan, Kilmichael
- The Coughlan Family, Dripsey

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

2 Sunday Is.2:1-5. Ps. 121. Rom. 13:11-14. Mt. 24:37-44. *Lect 1:3*
The Liturgy of the day directs our minds to the Last Day, to the second Coming of Christ, to the Day of Judgment. We look at this not as individuals, but as a great gathering of all peoples. the suddenness of the coming of the Lord may make us fear, but we should look forward in joy. Rejoice when we hear them say "Let us go to God's house". St. Paul tells us how to live in the meantime; be fully awake and cast off the works of darkness.

3 Monday Is.2:1-5. Ps. 121. Mt 8:5-11. *Lect 1:10*
On these first days of Advent the Gospel passage is chosen in consideration of the selected texts from Isaiah. "For this reason the Church, especially during Advent and Lent and above all at Easter Vigil, re-reads and re-lives the great events of salvation history in the "today" of her liturgy. But this also demands that catechesis help the faithful to open themselves to this spiritual understanding of the economy of salvation as the Church's liturgy reveals it and enables us to live it".CCC1095

4 Tuesday Is.11:1-10. Ps. 71. Lk 10:21-24. *Lect 1:13*
The prophet speaks of the one on whom the spirit rests. Integrity and faithfulness shall characterise him. And in those days there shall be peace.

5 Wednesday Is.25:6-10. Ps. 22. Mt 15:29-37. *Lect 1:15*
Isaiah prophecies the banquet on the heavenly mount when all tears will be wiped away. Christ on the hillside provides bread for the people who are astonished at the Massianic signs. In the Eucharist we have a foretaste of the heavenly banquet.

6 Thursday Is.26:1-6. Ps. 117. Mt 7:21,24-27. *Lect 1:18*
It is the upright nation, the faithful people, that will enter the kingdom. To be part of that people, each one must hear the word of God and do God's will.

7 Friday Is.29:17-24. Ps. 26. Mt 9:27-31. *Lect 1:20*
One of the signs of the Day of the Lord is that the eyes of the blind will see. Jesus cures the two blind men because of their faith in him. In Christ, the true light, we can truly see, have vision, discern with wisdom.

8 Saturday Gen.3:9-15,20. Ps. 97. Eph. 1:3-6,11-12. Lk.1:26-38. *Lect 1:20*
God will permit a period of distress for a limited time, but after that will come a time of relief for his faithful people. Jesus warns us to hold fast during the days of trial and be ready for his coming to receive the sovereignty.

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We celebrate Mary who from the first instant of her existence in the womb of her mother Anne was "by singular grace and privilege of almighty God, and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved free from all stain of original sin".

SAINTS THIS WEEK

3 Monday - St. Francis Xavier, 1506-1552, one of the first seven Jesuits, was sent to India by St. Ignatius. He converted many in Goa. He had greater difficulty in Japan, and died as he attempted to enter China. A patron of the missions.

4 Tuesday - St. John Damascene, c. 675-749, was a Syrian Christian theologian. He became a priest in the monastery of Saint Sabas near Jerusalem and was a leading figure in the defence of icons in the iconastic controversy.

6 Thursday - St. Nicholas of Myra, a fourth-century bishop in Turkey, of whom little is known. He is patron of Russia, of sailors, of pawnbrokers and of children.

7 Friday - St. Ambrose, 339-397, became governor of the Roman Province, whose seat was in Milan. In 374, the laity insisted on his becoming bishop though he was still not baptised. He defended orthodoxy in brilliant preaching. Patron of Milan, beekeepers, domestic animals, French Commissariat.

*If I climb the heavens, you are there
If I lie in the grave, you are there.
If I take the wings of dawn
and dwell at thesea's furthest end,
Even there your hand would lead me
Your right hand would hold me fast.*

Psalm 139

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To: 'Our Lady Queen of Peace
House of Prayer'
Achill, Co. Mayo
on Saturday 8th December 2001

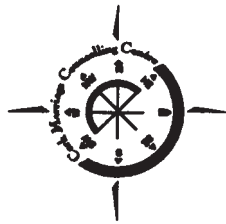


STAYING OVERNIGHT

Saturday 8th December *Bus departs Kinsale 6.15a.m.*

- 6.15a.m. Stop at BELGOOLY, for passengers
- 6.35a.m. Stop at RIVERSTICK, for passengers
- 6.40a.m. Stop at FIVE MILE BRIDGE, for passengers
- 6.45a.m. Stop at PARNELL PLACE, for passengers
- 6.55a.m. Stop at COMMONS ROAD, The Commons Inn, for passengers

Phone: Margaret Murphy at 021-4771606 or 087- 7806435



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PARENTS OF MARITAL BREAKDOWN

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Monday 3rd December from 6.15pm to 10pm

*Early Booking is advisable as there are a
limited number of places available*

FOR FURTHER BOOKING OR INFORMATION, PLEASE RING 021-4275678



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Sunday 9th December 2001

at 11.00a.m.

in Christ Our Light Church

Do you have any new or nearly new toys you could
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Sunday 2nd December 2001

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ST. MARY & ST. JOHN	EACH SUNDAY	CHRIST OUR LIGHT
<p>Masses Sunday: 8.30, 10.00, 12.00 Mon-Thurs: 9.30am Friday: 9.30am & 6pm vigil Saturday: 8.30, 10.00, 12.00 & 6pm vigil</p>	<p>ROSARY RECITED AT BOTH CHURCHES EACH SUNDAY 3.00P.M. <i>Everyone most welcome</i></p>	<p>Masses Sunday: 1.00, 12.30, 5.30pm Mon-Thurs: 8.30am Friday: 8.30am & 8pm vigil Saturday: 11.00, 12.30 & 8pm vigil</p>
<p>Confessions Saturday: after 10am Mass before 6pm Mass</p>	<p>8TH DECEMBER 2001 THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION <i>From the very beginning of her existence Mary was "full of grace" God's 'highly favoured daughter'. This was God's gift as he chose her to be human mother of his Incarnate Son. In perfect obedience to his will, according to his word, she accepted and followed the vocation that God had planned for her.</i></p>	<p>Confessions Saturday: after 10am Mass</p>
<p>Baptisms Saturday: 5.00pm Sunday: 12.45pm</p>		<p>Baptisms Saturday: 7.15pm</p>
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Champagne Cork (Ladies Barber Shop Chorus)

Siobhan Ni Ghriofa (Violin)

Owenabue Valley Traditional Group

Aisling Beecher (Flute)

Admission £7 Concessions £5

BALLINCOLLIG PARISH COUNCIL
PRAYER GROUPS TEAM

The above team have been asked to promote partici-
 pation in Prayer Groups. To help us to compile a
 directory of prayer groups within Ballincollig.

We invite you to write to us giving details of your
 group, i.e type of group, when and where you meet,
 and if you are open to new members.

Replies should be made to:

Prayer Groups Team,
 C/o Ballincollig Parishioner,
 Sacristy, St. Mary & St. John,
 Station Road, Ballincollig.

Or e-mail: parish@ballincolligparish.ie

NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS:

Is. 11:1-10 Ps. 71. Rom. 15:4-9. Mt. 3:1-12. Lect 1:24
 Repent for the Kingdom of God is at hand.



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MINISTERS OF THE WORD DEC. 8TH/9TH

ST. MARY & ST. JOHN

CHRIST OUR LIGHT

6.00p.m.(Vigil) - Muireann Nelligan	8.00p.m.(Vigil) - Jacinta Jeffers
8.30a.m. - Elizabeth Daly	11.00a.m. - Jack Dorgan
10.00a.m. - Rebecca Lynch	12.30p.m. - Liam Hayes
12 Noon - Tony Lynch	5.30p.m. - Billy O'Sullivan



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

8th /9th December 2001

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



SATURDAY 8TH
6p.m.

Mary O'Donoghue
 Cait O'Grady
 Margaret o'Sullivan
 Rita Aherne
 Betty Sheehan
 Jim Walsh

SUNDAY 9TH
8.30a.m.

Mary Buckley
 Rita Murphy

10a.m.

Maureen Roche
 Christina Walshe
 Peter Reilly
 Mary Collins

12.00 Noon

Oliver O'Donovan
 Barbara Kelly
 John Jeffers
 Mary McLean
 Ellen Seymour
 Ita Walshe

CHRIST OUR LIGHT CHURCH

SATURDAY 8TH
8p.m.

John O'Donoghue
 Eleanor O'Donoghue
 Kathleen Daly

SUNDAY 9TH
11a.m.

Robert Wade
 Mary O'Mahony
 Margaret Brown
 Rose Cotter

12.30p.m.

Mary Twomey
 Peggy Sheehan
 Pat Manning
 Terry O'Driscoll
 Bernie O'Driscoll

5.30p.m.

Garreth Irish
 Shelia Curran
 Statia O'Callaghan

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE ADVENT WREATH

The circle of evergreen leaves stands for God
Who is without beginning and without end.
The purple ribbon and three purple candles
stand for penance and sorrow for sin.
The red candle stands for joy of living
in God's way of love.
Today the first purple candle is lit
as we begin our preparation
for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ

WAITING FOR THE LIGHT

Like a candle long ago
Your promise, Lord, burned true.
You keep all your promises,
Keep us true to You.

REFLECTION

O Lord, You search me and You know me
Give me a quiet heart so that I may enter
as fully as possible into this time of preparation
for Your coming at Christmas
Amen



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*Present Members and New
Members are all welcome to
attend.*



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Afternoon of Prayer

(1.30 pm to 6.00 pm)

CORK

Sunday 9th December 2001

Theme:

“Celebrating Advent with Mary”

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JUST ANOTHER STORY!

(or Turkey and Ham)

At first it may seem another of those stories produced to wrench your heart, jerk a tear or more likely make you fish into your wallet for some change. The usual Christmas fare, as predictable as turkey and ham, but what this is all about is human dignity and lots and lots of courage, dedication, care and love right in the city of Cork.

For instance it takes courage to face life after eighteen years confined in a mental institution, or to believe in your abilities after being knocked down by all those who are supposed to foster your growth and well being.

It is tough to be tagged by society as mentally handicapped if not worse! Our story is about such people, people who have found hope and are coping with their lives trying to find healing by sharing their lives with others in communities and homes, trying to live and work like everybody else.

The L'Arche (French for Ark) community was founded back in 1964 by Jean Vanier a Canadian philosopher who believes in the healing power of love and the dignity of the human person. This philosophy is translated into practice by welcoming people with mental handicaps and giving them a home and scope for living. Not just an institution but a home where all are treated equally and their potential respected. In Cork, the L'Arche community was opened back in 1985 and there are now, sixteen years later, five L'Arche houses and a workshop/daycare Center.

At the workshop more than twenty people with learning difficulties work along with assistants or helpers, some of whom are funded through community employment (F.A.S.). Apart from therapy and life skills, various crafts are taught, and it is amazing to see the dignity with which these people work despite their problems, challenges and difficulties. The amount of first class manufactured products has to be seen to be believed.

Weaving artifacts, colourful candles, beautiful batik cards and paintings, dried flowers and carpentry items like wooden clocks, cassette racks and a variety of furniture. To experience all this for yourself and perhaps lessen the stress of Christmas shopping you are warmly invited to a Christmas Fair to be held on

**SUNDAY 9TH, DECEMBER FROM 10.00AM TO 5.00PM
in THE L'ARCHE COMMUNITY**

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No this is not just another one of those stories!!



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