

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



SUNDAY 13TH JANUARY 2002



## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

*At his baptism Jesus was revealed as the son of God and began his work of bringing the vision of God, his justice and his liberation to people.*

*At our baptism each of us is given a mission, so we become children of God.*

### **THE EURO IS GOOD NEWS FOR THE PARISH**

Last Sunday's offertory collection was up on last year's corresponding Sunday by £1,000. Two thirds of the collection was given in the new currency. One third was in punts.

It was quite surprising that the euro came into circulation so rapidly. In Church circles it was thought that the offertory collection would be one of the last places in which the new money would appear because people might still be getting rid of their old change in this manner. In the event, on last Sunday - the first in which the new money appeared - the euro was already dominant.

As mentioned in a pre-Christmas article in the Parishioner, there was a danger that Mass-goers might give the same amount in euro as they had been giving in punts. One-for-one would have resulted in a drop in church income of some 20%.

However, once again the people of Ballincollig have proved that when it comes to supporting their parish they give with a generosity that is unsurpassed. This is a Ballincollig tradition that has ensured that the parish has excellent schools, a fine Community Centre and adequate church accommodation where parishioners can gather for Mass and all other church services in a comfortable heated environment.

Needless to say, Offertory contributions are entirely voluntary. Each person decides for themselves what they should give and what they can afford to give. The decision to contribute two euro instead of one euro should not really make a whole lot of difference to one's life style. But that small margin at individual level becomes a huge bonus when spread over the whole Mass-going population.

For many years now the parish has always been in debt. As long as the weekly income is sufficient to meet the weekly repayments (€1,260 per week) and meet the running costs of the parish this situation is quite healthy economically. We will keep things this way by continuing to improve the standards of comfort in the church properties. The heating system in the church of Christ our Light is not satisfactory. We are investigating ways and means of improving it. We also hope to improve the appearance of the parish cemetery to the rear of the parish church by removing the unsightly fence and perhaps having a shrine erected there. Other suggestions will, no doubt, come from the parish council. These will be acted upon within the credit limits of the parish.

Sincerest thanks, then, for your great generosity last Sunday. With such willing support the parish should continue to pay its way and go on to maintain the constant pattern of improvement established many years ago.

*Leonard O'Brien*

### **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

#### **PRIEST:**

Let us bring our prayers to God, who is full of power and majesty and splendour.

#### **READER:**

For all the baptised, that they may take their Christian commitment seriously.

Lord, Hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For newborn babies, and all who will soon be baptised, that they may be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Lord, Hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those preparing for confirmation this year, that they may be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Lord, Hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the elderly and all who are lonely, that they may know our support these winter days.

Lord, Hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For our friends and relatives who have died that they may enter the presence of the Lord.

Lord, Hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

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

Lord, Hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

#### **PRIEST:**

O God, you rule the earth with justice, help us all according to our needs, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### THOUGHT FOR TODAY

THE SPIRIT OF GOD DESCENDED LIKE A DOVE(GOSPEL)

At the beginning of creation the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters(Gen 1:2). Now the spirit hovers over the waters of the Jordan because a new creation is beginning. God the Father points to Jesus as his Beloved Son(Gospel) who is the light of nations(First Reading)

***The Lord will bless his people with peace***

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**MARRIAGES**

CONGRATULATIONS TO:  
Kevin McCarthy, 148, Rosewood  
Shirley Murphy, 5, Rosewood



**IN SYMPATHY**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:  
Sonny Cummins, Kinsale

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

Maureen Buckley, Cloughduv  
Patrick Barry, Ardarostig  
David Barry, Mulgrave Rd.  
Hannah Moore, Cork & Causeway, Kerry  
Mona Hourigan, Co. Limerick  
Grace O'Connell  
John Hogan, Co. Tipperary  
Liam Walsh, England  
Thomas Reid, Curraheen & Bishopstown  
Bernard Lingwood, Curraheen & Bishopstown  
Tim Maverley, Quaker Rd.  
Patrick Kenneally, Curraheen  
May Lyons, Knock, Coachford  
Paddy O' Donoghue, Halldene, Bishopstown  
Alison Murphy, Wyndham Downs  
Dermot Cronin, Pouladuff  
John Barry Murphy, Farran  
Michael Carroll, Coolroe Height  
John Bubenick, Florida (Anniv)  
William & Ellen Cronin

**SAINTS THIS WEEK**

**15th - Saint Ita** founded a monastery in Killeedy, Co. Limerick, which attracted a great variety of young people, some of whom became nuns. It became a place for prayer and work, penance and poverty. Boys seem to have attended her school also, whence her title "foster-mother of the saints of Ireland". She died in 570.

**16th - Saint Fursa** was born in Ireland and became one of the great monastic missionaries abroad. He went first with his brothers Foillan and Ultan to live the monastic life in East Anglia. But as great numbers continued to visit him there he left his brother Foillan as abbot and sought refuge in France around 644. A patron gave him a hermitage at Lagny on the Marne. He died around 650 at Mézarolles while on a journey. His body was buried in Péronne, which became a great centre of devotion to him.

**17th - Saint Anthony** died 356, "Father of Christian monks", lived a life of solitude but also guided others.

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**JANUARY 2002**

**13 Sunday**

**Is. 42:1-4, 6-7. Ps. 28. Acts. 10:34-38. Mt. 3:13-17.**

*Lect I:179 or 639*

The Baptism of the Lord. Jesus is anointed with the Spirit and his power. He is proclaimed Messiah. He now goes about doing good, working the signs that make him known as the Servant of God. He is the one who brings good news to the poor and tells of salvation. Through our baptism each one of us is ordered to the life of Christ - Priest, Prophet and King - and the Father looks on us with favour.

**FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**

**14 Monday**

**1 Sam. 1:1-8. Ps. 115. Mk. 1:14-20.**

*Lect II:457*

Today we begin new books in the Bible. We see the new beginnings in several people's lives, and the mysterious hand of God's providing love. "The time has come" for all these people to meet God's demands and to recognise his love. They will in time recognise the plan of God. But at these points of the story, how much courage and faith was needed to see through the tears and pain and come to recognise the Good News.

**15 Tuesday**

**1 Sam. 1:9-20. Ps. 1 Sam. 2. Mk. 1:21-28.**

*Lect II:459*

We praise the god of the unexpected, the one who upsets our human order of things. Against all expectation Hannah gives birth to a boy child, Samuel. Jesus in his native Galilee surprises all by the authority with which he acts

**16 Wednesday**

**1 Sam. 3:1-10, 19-20. Ps. 39. Mk. 1:29-39.**

*Lect II:461*

The Gospel according to mark is concerned with the manifestation of the crucified Messiah. Jesus is seen in the full activity of his mission. His destiny, his mission, is that given by the Father.

**17 Thursday**

**1 Sam. 4:1-11. Ps. 43. Mk. 1:40-45**

*Lect II:464*

A lesson for Israel. They are to recognise the power of God and their dependence upon him. There was little hope left for the leper who came to Jesus but he understood he reliance on a God who would not reject him. It is in total weakness that we learn the power of God alone.

**18 Friday**

**1 Sam. 8:4-7, 10-22. Ps. 88. Mk. 2:1-12.**

*Lect II:466*

The people desiring a king will learn in a sad and painful way. Jesus came that we might have a greater vision, that we might make the better judgement.

*Christian Unity Week begins.*

**19 Saturday**

**1 Sam. 9:1-4, 17-19. Ps. 20. Mk. 2:13-17.**

*Lect II:469*

Jesus uses the occasion of sitting at table for dinner to show who are the people of his kingdom. The Eucharistic table gathers Christians in their weaknesses and strengths and binds them together in fellowship.



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<p><b>Masses</b></p> <p><b>Sunday:</b> 8.30, 10.00, 12.00</p> <p><b>Mon-Fri:</b> 9.30am</p> <p><b>Saturday:</b> 10.00am, 6pm (Vigil)</p>	<p>ROSARY RECITED AT BOTH CHURCHES EACH SUNDAY 3.00P.M. <i>Everyone most welcome</i></p>	<p><b>Masses</b></p> <p><b>Sunday:</b> 11.00, 12.30, 5.30pm</p> <p><b>Mon-Fri:</b> 8.30am.</p> <p><b>Saturday:</b> 10.00am, 8.00pm (Vigil)</p>
<p><b>Confessions</b></p> <p><b>Saturday:</b> after 10am Mass before 6pm Mass</p>	<p><b>SACRISTY SERVICES</b> <i>Before and after all Masses Sundays &amp; Weekdays</i> <u>CHURCH OF ST. MARY &amp; ST. JOHN</u></p> <p>- Mass Card Signing - Requests for Baptism/Marriage Certs, etc. <u>CHRIST OUR LIGHT</u></p> <p>- Mass Card Signing -</p>	<p><b>Confessions</b></p> <p><b>Saturday:</b> after 10am Mass</p>
<p><b>Baptisms</b></p> <p><b>Saturday:</b> 5.00pm</p> <p><b>Sunday:</b> 12.45pm</p>		<p><b>Baptisms</b></p> <p><b>Saturday:</b> 7.15pm</p>
<p><b>PARISH CLERGY</b></p> <p>CHURCH NO. ☎ 087-2479140</p> <p>Fr. L.O'Brien P.P. ☎ 021-4871206</p> <p>Fr. P. O'Donovan C.C. ☎ 021-4872808 Fax: 021-4872808</p> <p>Fr. Paul O'Donoghue ☎ 021-4876055</p> <p>Fr. John O'Donovan ☎ 021-4870434</p>		

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**EIST - BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT AND COUNSELLING SERVICES**

The above services will be organising an eight week course on Bereavement Support for people who are suffering from bereavement of any kind.

**Date:** 29th January to 19th March 2002 at 134, Castle Park, Ballincollig.

**Time:** 7.30p.m. to 9.30p.m. **Fee:** 32 Euro

**WHAT IS EIST BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT & COUNSELLING SERVICES?**

It is a support service for those who are suffering grief and pain due to loss in their lives. Feelings of confusion, isolation, loneliness, guilt, disbelief, numbness, shock, depression and anger are all part of grieving.

**WHO IS IT FOR?**

All who have suffered loss through death or separation of a spouse, death of a child, brother, sister, mother, father or any other significant person in their lives. Many other losses e.g. loss of health, emigration, unemployment are also bereavements. Each one of us need support at this time in our lives so as to be able to find healing and growth through the pain that bereavement brings.

**WHO ARE THE TEAM?**

The EIST Bereavement Support and Counselling Services Team Members are people who have experienced and processed grief and loss in their own lives and are trained to facilitate others who are grieving. The service involves qualified counsellors and trained facilitators.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Dervil Dunne, Director Westgate Counselling Services. Tel - 4873648

*Make all the friends you can.  
Keep all the friends you make.  
And when you meet a stranger,  
give his hand a hearty shake.  
For all the countless treasures  
which in time may come your way,  
there'll be nothing quite as precious  
as the friends you make today.  
- Ernest Sidwell -*

*Prayer is not a burden, but a gift;  
it is not a constraint, but a freedom;  
it is not a millstone round our neck,  
but a source of joy.  
- Pope John Paul II -*

**NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS:**

Is.8:23-9: 3. Ps. 26. 1 Cor. 1:10-13, 17. Mt. 4:12-23. Lect 1:644  
Jesus by the Sea of Galilee

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD JAN. 19TH/20TH**

**ST. MARY & ST. JOHN**

**CHRIST OUR LIGHT**

6.00p.m.(Vigil) - Jennifer Murphy	8.00p.m.(Vigil) - Jacinta Jeffers
8.30a.m. - Martha Barry	11.00a.m. - Jack Dorgan
10.00a.m. - Declan Chalmers	12.30p.m. - Margaret Healy
12 Noon - Oliver O'Donovan	5.30p.m. - Michelle Beamish

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

**19th /20th January 2002**

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



**SATURDAY 19TH**  
6p.m.  
Patsy Murphy  
Breda Foley  
Geraldine Graham  
Jim Healy  
Geraldine Hegarty  
Cathy Horgan

**SUNDAY 20TH**  
8.30a.m.  
Theresa Lucey  
Rita Murphy

10a.m.  
Karina O'Mahony  
Rose Doyle  
Tadhg Murphy  
Mary Murphy  
Joan Tobin

12.00 Noon  
Michael Crowley  
Breda Linehan  
Noel Hennessy  
Marie O'Callaghan  
Rena O'Connor  
Angela Roche

**CHRIST OUR LIGHT CHURCH**

**SATURDAY 19TH**  
8p.m.  
Jim Cahill  
Kit Cahill  
Sheila O'Connor

**SUNDAY 20TH**  
11a.m.  
Maura McNamara  
Angela Cunningham  
Laurence Cunningham  
Anne O'Connell  
Marie Mullins

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

5.30p.m.  
Neil O'Donoghue  
Patricia O'Donoghue  
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## SUICIDE HELPLINE

### 1800 742 745



The Southern Health Board Suicide Helpline is part of a comprehensive response by the Board to the growing problem of suicide. Helpline staff will provide advice, support and assistance to individuals who are feeling suicidal and to family members, friends, professionals and others who know someone who is showing symptoms of depression, anxiety, or who is threatening suicide or self-harm.

If you are feeling suicidal, or you are concerned about someone,  
call our **Suicide Helpline 1800 742 745.**

The Helpline is staffed by experienced health professionals seven days a week between the hours of **6.00pm and 10.00pm.**

### SUICIDE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT TEAM

A number of professional staff have been trained by the Southern Health Board to respond to requests for support in relation to suicide/tragedy in the community.

These staff are available to offer confidential, practical support and advice to individuals or families who have experienced death by suicide. This service is available in all areas of Cork and Kerry.

Access to this service will be through Mental Health Resource Officer who will link up with the key staff in each area who will respond to the request for support.

Contact the Mental Health Resource Officer on 087 7986944

### CRISIS NURSES IN A&E DEPARTMENTS CORK CITY

The Southern Health Board has introduced a new service by the appointing of Crisis Nurses to the A&E Departments of the Cork City hospitals. The main objective of this initiative is to improve the quality of care delivered to clients attending A&E Departments who have attempted suicide.

The nurses will be on call for the three City hospitals, seven days a week. Following assessment, the nurse will be involved in providing an efficient and effective response to deal with the crisis situation. Follow up support will be an important part of this service.



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**BALLINCOLLIG BASKETBALL CLUB NOTES AND FIXTURES.**

Men's Results: The post Christmas games started last Saturday here in Ballincollig.

First up were the Un-11 boy's who yet again put on a good display in a close game against Neptune. While Ballincollig started a little slowly, they began to pull ahead into the second quarter and continued to hold onto the lead to give them the win.

The Un-13 boy's had a runaway success against Neptune B team.

Ballincollig blocked every attempt Neptune made to score with good defensive work and our boys went on to win the game by a very considerable margin.

The Mens Un-17 team also played Neptune but unfortunately Ballincollig were not as fit as their opponents on the day and Neptune won that game. Our Un-15 boys played in Parochial Hall in the un 15 Tournament last Saturday and did extremely well. Starting their first game at 9am in the morning, the boys sailed through their opening games, making it into the semi-finals in the afternoon, where they played Neptune.

This was a tough and close game but Ballincollig held out and got their well deserved win in the end. This win placed them in the final against Blue Demons in what turned out to be a thriller of a game. With each team scoring basket for basket, the game could have gone either way, but unfortunately for Ballincollig in the last 10 seconds of the game they missed that vital basket and lost the game by only 3 pts. Needless to say the boys were very disappointed with the loss, but great credit is due to the team for their fantastic performances through out a very long day.

**MENS FIXTURES - JANUARY 2002**

Saturday 12th - Parochial Hall		
11 a.m.	Blue Demons v Ballincollig	Un-13
Saturday 12th - Midleton Community Centre		
6.30 p.m.	Midleton v Ballincollig	Un-13
7.30 p.m.	Midleton v Ballincollig	Un-15
Tuesday 15th - Parochial Hall		
6.45p.m.	Blue Demons v Ballincollig	Un-17
Friday 18th - Parochial Hall		
6.30p.m.	Glanmire v Ballincollig	Un-11
Saturday 19th - B.C.S.		
2.00 p.m.	Ballincollig v Carrigaline	Un-11
3.00 p.m.	Ballincollig v Midleton	Un-13
4.00 p.m.	Ballincollig v Iona	Un-15
5.00 p.m.	Ballincollig v Carrigaline	Un-17
6.00 p.m.	Ballincollig v Shamrocks	Div 2

**LADIES FIXTURES - JANUARY 2002**

Saturday 12th - B.C.S. Ballincollig		
3.00 p.m.	Ballincollig v Sparrows	Un-12
4.00 p.m.	Ballincollig v Starlings	Un-14
5.00 p.m.	Ballincollig v Swifts	Un-15
6.00 p.m.	Ballincollig v Nets	Jun I
Thursday 17th - Parochial Hall		
6.30p.m.	Glanmire v Ballincollig	Un-12
6.30p.m.	Glanmire v Ballincollig	Un-16
7.30p.m.	Glanmire v Ballincollig	Un-14
Friday 18th - Convent, Crosshaven		
6.30p.m.	Crosshaven v Ballincollig	Un-12
6.30p.m.	Crosshaven v Ballincollig	Un-18

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