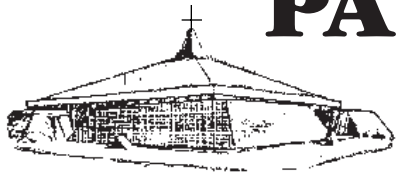


THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



SUNDAY 27TH JANUARY 2002

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



God has given to each of us a potential to be developed. There is a promise in us yet to be fulfilled. Jesus came to bring this fulfilment to everyone and it will be ours when we follow like Peter and the others who lived in Galilee.

TAKING EVERYTHING FOR GRANTED?

The other night I was watching a feature on "Would you Believe" on RTE Television about a young Italian who was viciously assaulted in a park in Dublin some time ago. As the credits rolled I momentarily dozed off asleep waking a short time later to the sound of the phone ringing, finding myself in total darkness and disorientated by the absence of light.

Taken by surprise I wondered what had happened. Becoming aware of my surroundings I realised that the electricity had gone off. Searching for a flashlight fumbling in the darkness and lighting the recently put away Christmas Candle, I thought, its a long time since we had one of these. Looking outside, what I could see of Ballincollig was in darkness, yet the weather wasn't too bad. Time was when I was growing up not long ago they were a regular occurrence, causing one commentator to remark that "If a crow on an electricity line we'd be out of power!!!!" Thankfully such events are rare today. Electricity, Telecommunications, Water and many other essential services rarely fail, giving great credit to those in whose power it is to run them and those who work to provide these essential services.

This put me thinking about taking things for granted. How much do we take things for granted. Isn't it wonderful to have all these things in life, yet a few short years ago we couldn't. We do not have to travel far across the world to places that do not have them for various reasons, such as underdevelopment and war. I notice that in my own job that people demand everything like you'd throw a switch. Instant. It must be there and if not why not? "Why don't you have" is an often asked question. Yes, it leads to the development of more and more good ideas and these take time to put in place. When a service is taken away there is an outcry. Why? Putting it back in place and like the electricity improving on it is what must happen next. Be grateful for what we have, praise it while we have it, because you never miss the water 'till the well runs dry or the electricity goes off!

Fr. Pat

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

PRIEST:

The Lord is our light and our help, so let us bring all our needs to God.

READER:

For the gift of powerful courage and fresh enthusiasm among all who follow Christ, we pray.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For harmony among nations and the defeat of violence, we pray.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the gift of hope and light in all who feel lost, we pray.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the healing and strength of those who suffer, we pray.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For eternal life for the dead, we pray.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For our own needs, we pray.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

PRIEST:

Lord of light and hope,
grant our prayers,
we pray,
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

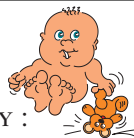
FOLLOW ME (GOSPEL)

Peter and Andrew hear the call of Jesus to join his chosen group of apostles. But God's call comes not to a group but personally to each individual. Everyone called to ministry, and every Christian, receives a personal call to follow him in their own role and in their own life.

The Lord is my light and my help.

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WE WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY
 ALL THOSE WHO WERE BAPTISED RECENTLY :
 Dara Brian Dorgan, 6 Westbury Heights
 Cian Vincent Twomey-Galvin, 2 Elm Lawn
 Chloe Danielle McCarthy, 50 Wyndham Downs
 Megan Therese O'Leary, 2 Daffodil Fields

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IN SYMPATHY

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:
 Timothy Murphy, Madonna House & The Lough

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

John Desmond, Garryheata
 Nora Hegarty, Whitechurch
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 James O'Dwyer, Co. Limerick
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JANUARY 2002

THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

27 Sunday Is.8;23-9: 3. Ps. 26.1 Cor. 1:10-13,17. Mt. 4:12-23. *Lect 1:644*
 The semi-continuous reading of St Matthew's Gospel on each Sunday begins today. "We celebrate Sunday because of the venerable resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, and we do so not only at Easter but also at each turning of the week": so wrote Pope Innocent I at the beginning of the 5th century, testifying to an already well established practice which had evolved from the early years after the Lord's resurrection. St Basil speaks of "Holy Sunday, honoured by the Lord's resurrection, the first fruits of all the other days; and St Augustine calls Sunday "a sacrament of Easter". Dies Domini, Pope John Paul II, 31 May 1998, n. 19.

28 Monday 2 Sam. 1-7, 10. Ps 88. Mk. 3:22-30. Lect II: 484
 The shepherd-king David foreshadows Christ the Good Shepherd, who brings unity and peace to the flock. It is within the role of Satan to create division.

29 Tuesday 2 Sam. 6; 12-15, T 7-19. Ps 23. Mk. 3:31-35. Lect II: 486
 In the story of God's relationship with his people there is an often repeated warning about sacrifices that are purely external. In Christ we have the supreme expression of conformity to God's will in a sacrificial life.

30 Wednesday 2 Sam. 7:4-17. Ps. 88. Mk. 4:1-20. Lect II: 488
 The parable of sowing and harvest tells us that God's glorious kingdom is still to come. God's kingdom will surely come despite the various difficulties experienced by those who work for it. We are to prepare by an upright life.

31 Thursday 2 Sam. 17:18-19,24-29. Ps. 131. Mk. 4:21 -25. Lect II: 490
 David prays for God's blessing on his descendants. Our Lord calls for generosity in our lives.

FEBRUARY 2002

1 Friday Rom. 12:3-13. Ps. 148. Mk. 3:31 -35 or Lk. 11:27-28. Lect II: 1319

2 Saturday Mal. 3:1-4. Ps.23. Heb. 2:14-18. Lk. 2:22-40. Lect II: 940
 The Presentation of the Lord. "This feast is a combined remembrance of the Son and the Mother." Ceremonial of Bishops, n. 241. "On this day Christ's faithful people, with candles in their hands, go out to meet the Lord and to acclaim him with Simeon, who recognised Christ as 'a light to reveal God to the nations'. They should therefore be taught to walk as children of the light in their entire way of life, because they have a duty to show the light of Christ to all by acting in the works that they do as lighted lamps."

SAINTS THIS WEEK

28th - St Thomas Aquinas was born in Italy in 1224. Thomas taught that Christian revelation and human knowledge are aspects of a single truth and cannot be in conflict with one another. Patron of schools, universities, students and booksellers.

30th - Saint Aidan of Maedoc (Mogue, was born around 550, probably in County Cavan. He was baptised Aed but affection for the child developed his name into Mo AedOc. His father gave him as a hostage to Ainmire, king of Ireland, who was so pleased with him that he gave him and the other hostages their freedom. Aidan studied under David in Wales and on his return he founded a monastery at Ferns. He became bishop there and was renowned for his generosity and kindness. He died in 626 and his Lives testify to his popularity both in Cavan and in Ferns.

31st - St John Bosco, 1815-1888, born in Piedmont, he founded the Salesians to educate boys for life. He also became involved in publishing catechetical material for youth. He is a patron saint of youth and of Catholic publishers.

1st February - St Brigid is invoked as patron of scholars, poets, blacksmiths, healers, cattle, dairyworkers, newborn babies and fugitives.



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us cope with the increasing demand from hospitals
and patients in the region.*

ST. MARY & ST. JOHN	EACH SUNDAY	CHRIST OUR LIGHT
<p align="center">Masses</p> <p>Sunday: 8.30, 10.00, 12.00 Mon-Thurs: 9.30am Fri: 9.30am, 8pm Saturday: 10.00am, 6pm (Vigil)</p>	<p align="center">ROSARY RECITED AT BOTH CHURCHES EACH SUNDAY 3.00P.M. <i>Everyone most welcome</i></p>	<p align="center">Masses</p> <p>Sunday: 11.00, 12.30, 5.30pm Mon-Thurs: 8.30am Fri: 8.30am, 6.30pm Saturday: 10.00am, 8.00pm (Vigil)</p>
<p align="center">Confessions</p> <p>Saturday: after 10am Mass before 6pm Mass</p>	<p align="center">FRIDAY 1ST FEBRUARY 2001 (First Friday) EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT <i>Church of St. Mary & St. John</i> Following 9.30a.m. Mass Concluding with Rosary & Benediction at 7.40p.m. & Mass 8.00p.m.</p>	<p align="center">Confessions</p> <p>Saturday: after 10am Mass</p>
<p align="center">Baptisms</p> <p>Saturday: 5.00pm Sunday: 12.45pm</p>		<p align="center">Baptisms</p> <p>Saturday: 7.15pm</p>
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TRUST IN GOD UNDER STRESS

*Lord, the problems that beset me daily are many.
My dependence on you,
My simple faith in your loving way,
Is constantly under pressure.
And yet, Lord, you are the shield that protects me.
Encircled by your love,
You enfold me with concern,
Your strength supports me.
Past experience has assured me,
That as often as I cried out for help,
My prayer found audience.
Now, I reach out, once more,
You are close to me,
You hear and respond.
Awake or asleep,
I am not troubled by the disputes I encounter.
The conflicts in my life will never separate me from you.
For you are able to salvage
All that imperils my friendship with you.
In your own good time, Lord,
You will set me free.
Salvation is of the Lord;
Your blessing be upon your people!' Psalm 3:9*

NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS:

Zeph. 2:3. 3:12-13. Ps. 145. 1 Cor. 1:26-31. Mt. 5:1-12.
Lect I: 647 The Beatitudes

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Monthly Collection**

Next Weekend
2nd & 3rd February

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MINISTERS OF THE WORD JAN. 3RD/4TH FEB

ST. MARY & ST. JOHN

CHRIST OUR LIGHT

6.00p.m.(Vigil) - Sandra Walsh	8.00p.m.(Vigil) - Tadgh Murphy
8.30a.m. - Marian Daly	11.00a.m. - Maura McNamara
10.00a.m. - Declan Chalmers	12.30p.m. - Liam Hayes
12 Noon - Tony Hegarty	5.30p.m. - Margaret Murphy



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2nd / 3rd February 2002
ST. MARY'S & ST. JOHN'S CHURCH**



SATURDAY 2ND
6p.m.
Mary O'Donoghue
Cait O'Grady
Margaret o'Sullivan
Rita Aherne
Betty Sheehan
Jim Walsh

SUNDAY 3RD
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 2ND
8p.m.
Anne O'Regan
Marion O'Sullivan
Sheila Cahill

SUNDAY 3RD
11a.m.
Seamus O'Connell
Mary O'Connell
Finbarr Murray
Alan O'Riordan
Geraldine Keohane

12.30p.m.
Eileen O'Donoghue
Jackie Sheehan
Anne Burke
Mary Green
Michael O'Leary

5.30p.m.
Catherine Green
Mary Breen
Siobhan Burke

CORK AND ROSS PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

11th ~ 16th June 2002

(Under the Patronage of the Bishop of Cork & Ross)

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BALLINCOLLIG BASKETBALL CLUB NOTES AND FIXTURES.

Our ladies un 12,14 and 16 faced tough opposition last Thurs, when they played Glanmire in Parochial Hall. While the un 12 and 14 teams played well, they were unable to break through Glanmire's defence and we narrowly lost those games. Our un 16 ladies under-strength team, struggled the whole way through their game against a very strong Glanmire side, and unfortunately lost their game.

Friday night in Crosshaven, saw better fortunes for our un 12 team who put on a good display. Ballincollig took control of the game from the start and went on to win by a comfortable margin. Our un 18 ladies also played well in their match against Crosshaven. The Ballincollig ladies pulled well ahead in the second half, leaving Crosshaven with little chance of recovery.

Men's results

The un 14 boys tournament last Sat in Parochial Hall, proved to be a great learning experience for this new team. Many of the players had never played at this level before and, while they did not win their games, their overall performances were very encouraging for the future. All New Players are most welcome and the Training Time for this UN 14 Boys team is WEDNESDAY 6 p.m. in Ballincollig Community School gym. Our un 11 boys had a great win over Carrigaline A team last Sat in B.C.S.Ballincollig led from the opening quarter and really dominated the game the whole way through adding yet another victory to their list. Our boy's un 13 team had a real nail-biter of a game against Midleton. Having beaten Midleton last week, Ballincollig were hoping to repeat this success but in the dying seconds of an extremely fast and close game, Ballincollig's 2pt lead was snatched by a mighty 3 point shot by Midleton, who won by that single point. The un 17 team played well in their game against Carrigaline. Ballincollig looked the stronger team from the outset and maintained their lead the full way through the game. Our Div 2 men's team had yet another well deserved victory in their game against Shamrock. This very strong Ballincollig side have consistently played well and remain unbeaten at the top of their league. Well Done !

LADIES FIXTURES - JANUARY 2002

Saturday 26th Jan- B.C.S Ballincollig
 3.00 p.m. Ballincollig v Carrigaline Un-12
 4.00 p.m. Ballincollig v Carrigaline 2 Un-14
 5.00 p.m. Ballincollig v Crosshaven Un-16
 6.00 p.m. Ballincollig v Glanmire 1 Jun 1

Saturday 2nd Feb - Little Island Un.11 Tournament
 First game 10a.m.

MENS FIXTURES - JANUARY 2002

Saturday 26th Jan- New Hall, Skibbereen
 8.30 p.m. Skibbereen v Ballincollig Un-17

YOUR DAILY OFFERING

*Lord Jesus Christ,
 you were totally obedient
 to your Father,
 always ready to do his will,
 always open to his call,
 faithful to the end,
 Through the power
 of the Eucharist,
 inspire me this day
 with a heart like yours,
 ready, open and faithful.
 Like Mary, your mother,
 may I bring your love
 to those I meet.*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

The family of the late Mrs Hannah Dempsey of "Mayvielle" Model Farm Road, Carrigrohane, Co. Cork, wish to extend sincere thanks to Sr. Marcella, Doctors and all the staff of Marymount Hospice, the Doctors and staff of the South Infirmary-Victoria Hospital, Southern Health Board Nurses and Carer's, her special friend Ann, the Priests of the Parish and visiting Priests. Thanks also to those who attended her funeral services, the Choir and all those who sent floral tributes and Mass cards. The Holy Sacrifice of The Mass will be offered for your intentions.