

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



**SUNDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2002**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

*In its desire to be self-sufficient, and to do without God, mankind loses itself. The journey back to true humanity was begun with Abraham, who relied only on God's promise. This journey ends with the coming of Christ — in him is revealed the perfection of a humanity in union with God.*

### **THE DOOR TO HOPE**

There are quite a few people today who are deeply dissatisfied with their own private lives. They have closed the door on life. God is kept outside. They have lost hope. Are you one of them?

In the confusion of the twenty years or so, people have drifted away from the practice of their religion. Now they find themselves in apparently hopeless situations, addicted to drink or drugs, or caught up in a way of life that they know is dishonest and unjust. But they see no way out. Imprisoned by their own wrong choices, they are unhappy with what they have, yet are unable or unwilling to make any change. Some vent their dissatisfaction by continuous criticism of everything and everyone. Others live life mechanically without energy or hope.

Jesus never accepted a state of sin or misery as a permanent condition. He offered hope and new life to every person he met. No evil, weakness or sin is beyond the power of his healing touch. There is no life so twisted that he cannot straighten, no heart so broken that he cannot make it beat once more with love.

The gospels show Jesus going about doing good. Hope flowed from him, the sick were healed, the bereaved consoled and the poor comforted. Sinners had a special place in his heart. What a comfort this is to all of us in this time of Lent.

Do we realise that the same Jesus is knocking at the door of our lives. Do we ever stop to listen? How often do we turn a deaf ear when we hear his knock? We are now in the season of Lent, a time of great hope although we sometimes lose hope when we look around at our imperfect world. Let us pray in this lenten season that we will open the door to Jesus and to hope.

*John O'Donovan*

### **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

**PRIEST:**

Let us bring our prayers to God, who loves justice and right.

**READER:**

For all the members of the Church, as they continue on their lenten journey, we pray.

Lord, Hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For children and adults preparing to become members of the Church at Easter time, we pray.

Lord, Hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the Jewish people, the sons and daughters of Abraham, we pray.

Lord, Hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who are starving in a world of plenty, we pray.

Lord, Hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For this community, and particularly for those who are lonely or fearful, we pray

Lord, Hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who have gone before us in faith and whose anniversaries occur we pray.

Lord, Hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

**PRIEST:**

O Lord, you look with kindness on those who revere you:

give us your help, for all our hope is in you. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **THOUGHT FOR TODAY LISTEN TO HIM (GOSPEL)**

*Listening to the Son is not just learning facts and rules. It is above all a prayerful listening to come to personal knowledge of Jesus and the Father who sent him. If we really listen, we are changed, because God's word does not return empty; it accomplishes God's purpose (Is 55:11).*

**May your love be upon us, o Lord, as we place all our hope in you.**

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**IN SYMPATHY**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:  
Julie Jennings, Macroom & Ballincollig  
George O'Connell, Glanworth

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

Mary O'Donovan, Ballinspittle  
Matthew Murphy, Ovens  
Margaret & Jeremiah Carroll, Macroom  
Daniel & Theresa Scully, The Lough  
Sadie Murphy, Dublin  
Lil O'Mahony, Bandon  
Jim Deasey, Aherla  
Margaret Kearney, Macroom  
The deceased members of the Reilly Family  
John O'Sullivan, Glanmire  
Lily Lucey, Prosperity Square  
Jack Lucey, Station Rd.  
Joe Kearney, Beech Park  
Timothy Cronin, Limerick  
Patrick O'Donoghue, The Crescent  
Eily O'Connor, Carriganarra  
Michael Murray, Quaker Road  
Tim & Elizabeth Murphy, Carriganarra Rd.  
The Keane & Huff Families, Blackrock  
Margaret Sexton, Bweeng  
James & Kathleen Whooley  
Rose Moylan, Earlwood Est.,  
Thomas & Marie Cotter, Passage West  
Patrick & Catherine Casey, Oola  
Nora Barrett  
Maura Coakley, Douglas  
William & Margaret McNamara  
Timothy Cagney, Gardiners Hill  
John & Mary Kelly, Dunmanway  
Denis Mannix, Doneraile  
Deceased members of Country Markets Ltd.,

**Make the Wild Rose Bloom!**

*It was the season of ice-cold  
wind when Our Lady  
appeared. When the Parish  
Priest said: "Tell the Lady to  
make the wild rose at her feet  
burst into bloom and then I'll  
believe," he was asking for a  
miracle. The rose on the face of  
the rock remained the same,  
But the Wild Rose of Love and  
devotion blossomed beyond all  
expectation.*

**SECOND WEEK OF LENT**

**24 Sunday** Gen. 12:1-4. Ps. 32. 2 Tim. 1:8-10. Mt. 17:1-9. *Lect I: 223*  
Through his Cross, Christ entered into his glory. We are already at this point in Lent at the heart of the Paschal mystery. The catechumens, having been shown the struggle needed, are pointed towards their own exodus. The disciples on the mountaintop, seeing Jesus transfigured, are encouraged for the days when they meet the cross. We are all called to holiness. If we respond as did Abraham and Jesus, then we will come to a glorious transfiguration.

**25 Monday** Dan. 9:4-10. Ps. 78. Lk. 6:36-38. *Lect I: 231*  
Daniel sees the goodness and generous love of God and contrasts the wickedness and betrayal of the people. He recognises the community aspect of that sin that has brought punishment on all the people high and low. And only God can heal them for to him alone mercy and pardon belong.

**26 Tuesday** Is. 1:10,16-20. Ps. 49. Mt. 23:1-12. *Lect I: 232*  
Isaiah doesn't call for repentance for sin and rebellion; he calls for a complete turnabout. Christian example must eschew pride and arrogance.

**27 Wednesday** Jer. 18:18-20. Ps. 30. Mt. 20:17-28. *Lect I: 234*  
"Save me in your love, O Lord." This prayer to be saved reminds us that salvation comes from God alone.

**28 Thursday** Jer. 17:5-10. Ps. 1. Lk. 16:19-31. *Lect I: 236*  
The Gospel story of the poor man Lazarus is about the choice that each one has to make of life or death. It is a responsible choice because we have Moses and the prophets, and Jesus himself, to show us the alternatives.

**MARCH 2002**

**1 Friday** Gen. 37:3-4,12-13, 17-28. Ps. 104. Mt. 21:33-43, 45-46. *Lect I: 239*  
The Bible could be described as a book of memories of God's wonderful works in the history of the chosen people. To remember is in some way to make present, to involve the hearer in the action. So Jesus' listeners "realised that he was speaking about them".

**2 Saturday** Micah 7:14-15,18-20, Ps. 102. Lk 15:1-3,11\_32 *Lect I:241.*  
The Lord who throws down our faults to the bottom of the sea is seen in the parable of the Prodigal Son.

**SAINTS THIS WEEK**

**St David** is the patron saint of Wales, where he was an abbot and bishop in the sixth century. He is reputed to have founded a number of monasteries, of strict regime. Several Irish saints were his pupils, and he seems to have influenced monastic development in Ireland.

**STUDENT MASS  
FOR LENT**

**COLAISTE CHOILM**

**EACH SCHOOLDAY  
AT 8.35A.M.**

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## BALLINCOLLIG BASKETBALL CLUB NOTES

The boys un 11 team did not seem to be able to find form last week in either of their games against Blue Demons. Their first game was on Friday night and Ballincollig were unable to make any impact on the Demons defense, while on the following day here in B.C.S, our boys put in a better performance but they again were unable to make their efforts count. The boys un 13 team suffered the same fate in their game against a very classy Neptune A side. Ballincollig were out run by Neptune whose very accurate scoring and excellent defensive work made it very difficult for Ballincollig to really get into the game. The boys un 15 team had a good win over Neptune in their home game. Ballincollig were by far the better team on the day and held onto their lead through out the game. The un 17 men's team were unlucky in their game against Blue Demons, as they fought hard the whole way and played very well on the day, however Demons experience won out on the day. The Div 2 men's team once again put on an excellent display in their match with Fr. Matthews. Ballincollig dominated the game from the start, notching up a substantial lead in the first two quarters, which left Fr. Matthews with little chance of pulling back the score. The Girls un 12 team had a very comfortable win over their Carrigaline opponents and definitely seem to have found good form again. They played very determinedly in the first half and this paid off in the second half when they pulled well away from Carrigaline for a good win. Our un 14 girls were unlucky to lose their game narrowly to a strong Carrigaline side. Up to the final minutes the game could have swung either way but in the end Carrigaline just managed to make their final baskets count.

## BALLINCOLLIG BASKETBALL CLUB FIXTURES

### Men's Fixtures

Sat 23rd - Parochial Hall - Championship Game  
10.30am Neptune A/Nep B v Ballincollig U-13

Sat 23rd - Coláiste Mhuire, Cobh  
8.15pm Cobh v Ballincollig Div 2

Tuesday 26th - Parochial Hall- Championship Game  
6.45pm Ballincollig/Cobh v Blue Demons A Div. 2

### Ladies Fixtures

Sat 23rd - Carrigaline Com. Centre  
3.15pm Carrigaline v Ballincollig Un-15  
5.15pm Carrigaline v Ballincollig Un-12

Sunday 24th - B.C.S. Ballincollig  
11.00am Ballincollig v Brunell Un-16  
12.00pm Ballincollig v Col. Mhuire Un-15  
1.00pm Ballincollig v Glanmire Un-18

Sunday 24th - Carrigaline Com. Centre  
4.00pm Carrigaline v Ballincollig Un-12

Thursday 28th - Parochial Hall  
6.30pm Glanmire 2 v Ballincollig Un-18  
8.30pm Nets v Ballincollig Junior

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<b>ST. MARY &amp; ST. JOHN</b>	<b>EACH SUNDAY</b>	<b>CHRIST OUR LIGHT</b>
<p><b>Masses</b></p> <p><b>Sunday:</b> 8.30, 10.00, 12.00</p> <p><b>Mon- Fri:</b> 9.30am, 8.00p.m.</p> <p><b>Saturday:</b> 10.00am, 6pm (Vigil)</p>	<p><b>ROSARY RECITED AT BOTH CHURCHES EACH SUNDAY 3.00P.M.</b></p> <p><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., 6.30pm</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>FRIDAY 1ST MARCH 2002 (First Friday)</b></p> <p><b>EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</b></p> <p><i>Church of St. Mary &amp; St. John</i></p> <p><i>Following 9.30a.m. Mass</i></p> <p>Concluding with Rosary &amp; Benediction at 7.30p.m. <b>&amp; Mass 8.00p.m.</b></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>		

## COMMUNITY GAMES

Now that spring has arrived the Ballincollig Community Games Committee comes back to active service once again. Over the past twelve years a very large number of young girls and boys were introduced to a variety of sporting and cultural activities through the Community Games Movement. Indeed as a direct result of Community Games, the Ballincollig Athletic Club was founded in 1995 and has gone from strength to strength to become one of the strongest clubs in Cork County. Community Games provides many of the youth of the area with the opportunity to represent Ballincollig that they would otherwise never get. It's a strictly *Non-Sectarian, Non Political Body*, that crosses all sporting and cultural boundaries, and is represented in all thirty-two counties in the island of Ireland. Through adhering to its motto of *A Healthy Mind in a Healthy Body*, it encourages the youth of the country to sample a wide variety of sport and cultural activities, with the emphasis on participation rather than winning, and to take responsibility for their actions. In this way it is creating the leaders of the future. Like every other Association and Organisation funding is a major headache. The people of Ballincollig have over the past twelve years been consistently most generous in its support, and the local committee appeals for its continued generosity at the Annual Church Gate Collection, which will be taken up this weekend February 23rd and 24th.

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Voice-mail in Heaven?

Most of us have now learned to live with voice-mail as a necessary part of our daily lives. But, have you ever wondered what it would be like if God decided to install voice-mail?



Imagine praying and hearing the following:  
 Thank you for calling Heaven.  
 For English press 1.  
 For Spanish press 2.  
 For all other languages and tongues, press 0.

Please select one of the following options:  
 Press 1 for Requests.  
 Press 2 for Thanksgiving.  
 Press 3 for Complaints.  
 Press 4 for all other inquiries.

I am sorry; all of our angels and saints are busy helping other sinners right now. However, your prayer is important to us, and we will answer it in the order it was received.....

Please stay on the line.....

If you would like to hear King David sing a Psalm while you are holding, press 4.

To find a loved one that has been assigned to Heaven, press 5, then enter his or her social security number, followed by the pound sign.

Note: If you receive a negative response, please hang up and try area code 666. If you get a busy signal at area code 666, try again, their lines have been extremely busy lately. If you are unable to get through, try on Sunday at 11 am, they have the least traffic at that time.

For reservations at Heaven, please enter J-O-H-N, followed by the numbers 316.

For answers to nagging questions about dinosaurs, the age of the earth, life on other planets, and where Noah's Ark is, please wait until you arrive.

Our computers show that you have already prayed today.

Please hang up and try again tomorrow.

The office is now closed for the weekend to observe a religious holiday.

Please pray again on Monday after 9:30am.

If you are calling after hours and need emergency assistance, please contact your local pastor.

Thank you, and have a heavenly day.

*Author Unknown.*

**SOCIETY OF  
 ST. VINCENT DE PAUL  
 Monthly Collection**

This Weekend  
 2nd & 3rd March

**PLEASE SUPPORT**

**NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS:**

Ex. 17:3-7. Ps. 94. Rom. 5:1-2, 5-8. Jn. 4:5-42.

*Lect I: 245 The Samaritan Woman at the well*

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD 2ND/3RD MAR**

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

6.00p.m.(Vigil) - Sandra Walsh	8.00p.m.(Vigil) - Jacinta Jeffers
8.30a.m. - Marian Daly	11.00a.m. - Jack Dorgan
10.00a.m. - Declan Chalmers	12.30p.m. - Liam Hayes
12 Noon - Miriam Maunsell	5.30p.m. - Mary O'Sullivan

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

**2nd / 3rd March 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

## BALLINCOLLIG BYPASS PROJECT

Construction work has now begun on the Ballincollig Bypass Project.

The route will extend from Bandon Road roundabout at the eastern end to Ovens Bridge on the existing N22 Cork/Killarney Road at the western end.

The scheme will involve the construction of more than 11 km of dual carriageway, some 10 km of single carriageway, 4 interchanges, 9 overbridges and a number of large culverts and farm underpasses. Site clearance works are now underway adjoining the Killumney Road at Greenfield and fencing works are on-going over the entire site. The Bypass is due to open to traffic in December 2004.

Preliminary design for the Bypass was carried out in the National Roads Regional Design Office in Richmond, Glanmire. Statutory procedures required to bring the scheme to land acquisition stage were also carried out in the Regional Design Office.

Detailed design was completed by MCO'Sullivan and Co. Ltd., Consulting Engineers who will also oversee the construction phase to completion. MCO'Sullivans are one of Irelands leading road design / project management consultants employing in excess of 300 people in offices located in Cork, Dublin and Galway.

Construction of the Bypass will be carried out by GAMA-Tubin construction Ltd. The joint venture company is a subsidiary of two major construction companies, GAMA and Tubin.

GAMA is a Turkish based multi-national company with nearly 10,000 employees worldwide specialising in power plants, refineries, petrochemical projects, industrial and civil structures etc. Tubin is also a well established construction company specialising in highway construction. They have recently completed three major projects totalling over 200km of motorway.

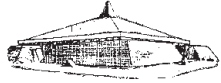
GAMA Construction has had a base in Ireland since 1998. They are currently undertaking four different contracts in the Dublin area and employ over 300 people two thirds of whom are Irish nationals.

The estimated cost of the Bypass Project is € 135 million and the Project is funded under the National Development Plan (2000-2006) and is co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund.

Members of the public interested in viewing plans and photographs of the scheme should contact the site office on (021) 4878115

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**Ballincollig Parish Council**  
**CHURCH FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE**



*presents*

**HOUSES & GARDENS IN IRELAND**

*Lecture by Mr. Richard Wood*

*Illustrated with slides*

**Rugby Club**

**Thursday March 21st at 8.00pm**

**Light Refreshments Raffles**

**Admission €7**

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**Public Meeting**

- Speakers:
- Caroline Robinson: on the Health, Environmental and Economic Effects
  - Derry Chambers: on the Planning Laws
  - Grace Waldman: on Alternative Waste Disposal Methods

**Ballincollig Rugby Club on Tuesday 26th February at 8.15pm**

Caroline (021) 7330178

**The Apostolate of Our Lady of Fatima, Cork.**

**MONTHLY DEVOTIONS MASS AND HOLY HOUR**



In Reparation to



The Sacred Heart of Jesus and The Immaculate Heart of Mary

**St. Maries of the Isle**

Date: 25th February 2002

Time: 7.30pm

Conducted by: Rev. Dan Crowley P.P., Grange

*All Welcome*

*'In the end my immaculate Heart will triumph' - Our Lady of Fatima*

**STATEMENT OF THE IRISH EPISCOPAL CONFERENCE  
ON THE PROPOSED ABORTION REFERENDUM  
- PART 2 -**

10. The issues raised and addressed by the proposed referendum are crucial and merit the serious attention of all voters. In recognising the proposed legislation as a significant anti-abortion measure rather than a comprehensive pro-life amendment, we see the proposed referendum as an opportunity to ensure that more secure protection is offered to the unborn. We believe that this is an opportunity that should not be lost, as a rejection of this measure would effectively leave the X-Case judgement as the authoritative legal interpretation of Article 40.3.3.

11. We share the concern of many groups and individuals that the new proposal strengthens legal protection for the unborn only after implantation in the womb. We understand the reluctance of many who are opposed to abortion to vote for a measure which does not seem to vindicate the right to life of the unborn from the moment of conception. However, it is our conviction that the new proposal represents a considerable improvement on the existing situation, and that it does not in itself deny or devalue the worth and dignity of the human embryo prior to implantation.

12. In dealing with what appears to be a limited or imperfect measure, we believe that, in the context of The Gospel of Life (#73), Catholic voters should feel free in conscience to support this measure, even if it is viewed as less than might have been desired.

13. We are of the view that a clear legal prohibition on procured abortion, as set out in this proposal, represents an important step towards ensuring adequate protection for the life of the unborn. However we are aware that legal measures alone will never suffice, and that ultimately we must always be guided by the moral law, which forbids deliberate abortion and demands that we do everything in our power to cherish and support life at every moment of its existence.

14. Abortion, in the moral sense, "is the deliberate and direct killing, by whatever means it is carried out, of a human being in the initial phase of his or her existence, extending from conception to birth" (The Gospel of Life #58). Any intentional destruction of human life once begun, whether by experimentation, so-called therapeutic cloning, chemical means, such as the morning-after pill, or by medical intervention is contrary to the moral law.

15. We wish to express our continuing commitment to supporting any woman faced with an unwanted pregnancy. In particular, we want to express our pastoral concern for those women who feel that abortion is the only option available to them. We warmly endorse the work of CURA which was set up to ensure that any woman unhappily pregnant has easy access to the help she needs.

16. At the same time we are reminded by Pope John Paul II that "often the woman is the victim of male selfishness, in the sense that the man, who has contributed to the conception of the new life, does not want to be burdened with it and leaves the responsibility to the woman" (Crossing the Threshold of Hope p.206).

17. In conclusion, we encourage all our people to vote in the forthcoming referendum, and we ask that these coming weeks be a time of special prayer for God's guidance.