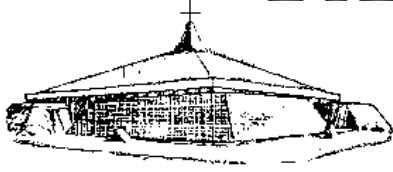


THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



- ST PATRICK'S DAY - SUNDAY 17TH MARCH 2002

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

St. Patrick was set apart by God to bring his word to the end of the earth. He brought faith in Christ to our land and the message of peace for those who accept that faith. Today we thank God for Patrick who was true to his vocation and so made it possible for our names to be written in heaven.

ST PATRICK

In the 1990's, Brian Keenan and John McCarthy spent years in captivity after they were taken hostage in the Middle East. When they returned after undergoing an appalling and prolonged ordeal they were like two young men who had returned from the dead. They had lost some of the best years of their youth. They had been deprived of the company of their friends and had lived under the shadow of violent death during those long bitter years. No one would have been surprised if they returned as angry embittered men calling for a crusade of vengeance against their captors and the movements they supported.

In fact both men returned as crusaders for peace and international understanding. Far from hating the men who inflicted so much suffering on them they had developed a respect for them and the points of view they held. The years of captivity had brought a new spiritual dimension to their lives.

Today we think of another man in another age yet similar in his experience of captivity. Patrick, in his autobiography, tells us that as a young man he had no interest in religious matters. He was too busy enjoying the good life of a young man in the comfortable and wealthy Roman world. All that ended when an Irish raiding party invaded his village and carried him off to slavery. In the cold and loneliness of his captivity he found the one from whom life takes its meaning. He wrote: "When I came to Ireland I was tending herds every day and I used to pray many times during the day. In the course of a single day I would say as many as a hundred prayers and almost as many in the night. Before dawn I used to be roused up to pray in snow or frost or rain. I never felt the worst for it."

Patrick suffered greatly at the hands of the Irish, yet he held not the slightest trace of bitterness towards them. This ability to forgive enabled him to be open to God's call to go back to the Irish to bring them the true Faith. The flowering of that Faith is still to be seen today in sophisticated works of art like the Ardagh chalice, the cross of Cong and the Book of Kells.

Leonard O'Brien

Happy St Patrick's Day to all our readers

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

PRIEST:

Let us bring our needs before the God of all nations.

READER:

That reconciliation may take root in our land, through the preaching of the leaders of the Church.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

That peace may soon be an irreversible reality in Ireland, because of the actions of committed peacemakers.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

That Irish people in every land, our brothers and sisters, may have health and strength, and the support of a deep faith in God.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

That all of us who still live in the land of Patrick may model our lives on Christ, as he did.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

That our loved ones who have gone on the way of truth may be welcomed by the saints of Ireland to their heavenly homeland.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

PRIEST:

God of truth and beauty, you mind us through the prayer of our friends, the saints: keep all your Irish flock in your care, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

The Lord prays at the grave of Lazarus

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me. But I speak for the sake of all those who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

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IN SYMPATHY

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:

- Fr Dan McCarthy, Timoleague
- Owen Ludden, Carriganarra
- Catherine McCarthy, Dunmanway
- Mary Lucey, Coolroe
- Larry & Rose Broderick, USA

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

- Francis O'Sullivan, Station Rd.,
- Josephine Scannell, Poulavone
- Eoin Dwyer, Ballinshoneen
- Allen O'Callaghan, Rathard, Aherla
- Denis & Helena Connelly, Bantry
- Eileen Bradley, Leemount, Carrigrohane
- Hugie O'Callaghan, Rossa Ave, Bishopstown
- Joe & Margaret O'Regan, Waterford
- Maureen & Aidan Burke, Cork & Dublin
- Bridie O'Sullivan, Ballingearry
- Michael & Mary Daly, Currans, Faranfoe
- Gerry O'Sullivan, Mallow & Beara
- Leo Ryan, Main St.
- Mary & Denis Nolan
- Gerard Ryan, Blarney St., & late of Ballincollig
- Jack & Essa Lane, Blarney St.,
- Andrew & Julie Walsh, Glanmire
- Patrick & Billy Coomey, Carriganarra
- The Twohig Family, Kilcrea Park
- Jack & Kate Thompson, Dunmanway
- Tim Bolger, Bagnalstown
- Padraig Kehoe, Gorey
- Jimmy Langan, Donegal
- Tim and Eileen Murphy, Bishopstown
- Nora Molloy, Tullamore
- Eily Houlihan, Roman St.,
- Joseph Dynan, Roman St.,
- Dan O'Sullivan, The Village
- Jimmy Coleman, The Village
- Carly O'Donovan, Drimoleague
- Julie Jenkins, Ballincollig & Macroom
- Nora Barry, Redemption Rd.,
- Michael A. O'Leary, Silverdale Grove
- Kieran & Lee Families, RIP
- Edward Fouhy, Model Farm Rd.,
- Jerry & Kitty Hallahan, Kilmichael
- George O'Connor, Glenville
- Denis & Ellen O'Leary
- Jack & Kate Thompson
- Ann Linehan
- Bessy & Gerard Higgins
- Lenis Lehane, Millstreet
- Christina Carroll, Dripsey
- Neil Mc Groarty, Cobh

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

17 Sunday ST PATRICK Principal Patron of Ireland Solemnity
 The Readings are of the Fifth Sunday of Lent
 Ez. 37:12-14, Ps. 129, Rom. 8:8-11, Jn. 11:1-45 *Lect I: 305*
 St Patrick's work in Ireland produced many converts to Christianity. His instructions on the Trinity and Redemption brought them to the waters of Baptism. The account of Lazarus' resurrection is a figure and type of Jesus' resurrection, and of our resurrection, first to divine life in Baptism and to our definitive resurrection at the end of time. The gospel is a call to a deeper faith in the Spirit living in us, giving life to our mortal bodies. St Paul reminds us that we are to be interested only in things spiritual. We give thanks for the faith and life brought to our ancestors by St Patrick.

18 Monday Dan. 13:1-62, ed. Ps. 22, Jn. 8:1-11, *Lect I: 319*
 Both women in today's readings suffered in their experience of condemnation, whether guilty or innocent. They were led to the tribunals of judgement and felt defenceless. Their liberation was an act of God's mercy and providing help.

19 Tuesday 2 Sam. 7:4-5, 12-14, 16, Ps. 88, Rom. 4:13, 16-18, 22, *Lect I: 970*

20 Wednesday Dan. 3:14-20, 24-25, 28, Ps. Dan. 3:52-56, Jn. 8:31-42, *Lect I: 328*
 The three young men refused to obey an unjust law - a higher moral law was at stake. God rewarded their faithfulness to the truth and their courage in making a stand for conscience's sake.

21 Thursday Gen. 17:3-9, Ps. 104, Jn. 8:51 -59, *Lect I: 331*
 The God of Abraham and Jesus is beyond and outside of time. He is before the Father now to remember for us the past goodness of God so that now in our present time it may continue. In the Eucharist when we make anamnesis, remembering his passion, death and resurrection, we are in a position to join with him and through him to make intercession for the whole world.

22 Friday Jer. 20:10-13, Ps. 17, Jn. 10:31 -42, *Lect I: 333*
 To God we must turn in time of trial. It is God who will be the final judge of the rightness of the cause. Both Jesus and Jeremiah suffered from lack of belief but were supported by the knowledge that the Lord was on their side.

23 Saturday Ez. 37:21-28, Ps. Jer. 31:10-13, Jn. 11:45-56, *Lect I: 336*
 In order to gather together scattered humanity. God called Abraham, a wandering Aramean shepherd, to be the Father of a multitude of nations. To the people descended from him would be entrusted the promise that one day God would gather all his children into the unity of the Church.

SAINTS THIS WEEK

18 Monday - St. Cyril of Jerusalem, 315-86, Bishop of Jerusalem. He excelled as a catechist and administrator, and suffered exile in his fight against Arianism.

19 Tuesday - St. Joseph, is seen as the natural protector of Christian families and of those whose daily bread is uncertain. His is the ordinary man's holiness. Patron of the Church, Canada, carpenters, manual workers.

21 Thursday - St. Enda, is considered to be one of the three great late vocations (athlaech) of Ireland. His sister, Faenche, a nun, set his thoughts on a religious vocation. On Faenche's urging he went to Aran. He died probably in 520 and is considered as one of the early models of ascetic monasticism in Ireland.

23 Saturday - St. Turibius, 1538-1606, appointed Archbishop of Lima, Peru as a layman in Spain by King Philip II. He combatted all the abuses of the conquerors in Peru, and built up the Church there. Patron of Peru and Latin American bishops.

STUDENT MASS FOR LENT

COLAISTE CHOILM

EACH SCHOOLDAY AT 8.35A.M.

MASS BOOKINGS

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Ballincollig Basketball Club Notes

Once again our un13 boys were unable to get the better of their old rivals Neptune, when they met last Thursday for the third time in as many weeks. Ballincollig as ever, played with great enthusiasm, but Neptune's experience and skill proved too much for our boys.

Friday saw them in far better form in their game with Carrigaline, which they won.

Ballincollig's excellent defensive work denied Carrigaline some crucial baskets and let the way open for our boys to win by 9pts. Our un 11 boy's won their game against Bantry B team in good style and again the whole squad got a chance to be involved in the win. The

boys un 15 team were also successful in their match with Carrigaline. On the day Ballincollig really dominated the game from the start and Carrigaline's defenses were no match for our boys. This un 15 Ballincollig team will be playing a very important game next Saturday 16th in Parochial Hall, when they face Blue Demons in the Juvenile Championship Finals. Demons and Ballincollig are the joint leaders at the top of the table and this should make for an excellent game. We wish the team the Best of Luck.

Ladies:

The Junior ladies were unlucky to lose to the Nets last Thurs in what was a very tough, physical game. Ballincollig were just unable to make their last baskets count and the Nets took advantage of this. Our un 12 girls had a good win over a very strong Crosshaven team but Ballincollig's determination won out even against some very tough opposition. The un 16 girls were not as fortunate in their game and really never looked as if they were in their best form against Carrigaline. The un 18 ladies had no problem finding form in their game against Colaiste Mhuire last Saturday here in B.C.S. Ballincollig took control of the game from the start and looked the stronger team the whole way through the game. The Senior ladies did not play well in their Championship game with Skibbereen, putting in a poor first half performance. In the second half however, Ballincollig began to make a great comeback and really looked as if they might level the score and then pull ahead, but unfortunately they left it just too late and Skibb hung onto their lead for the victory. Our Junior ladies made up for their previous week's loss, when they had a decisive win over the Celts in Ballyphehane Community Centre. It was a tough, hard game, but Ballincollig kept their concentration and went on to a well-deserved win. The Club's A.G.M will take place on

Weds 20th March in Colaiste Cholim at 8.pm and players, coaches and parents are invited to attend.

After the success of last years Easter Basketball Camp, the Ballincollig Basketball Club has decided to run a camp again this year. It will take place on Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4 of April, in Ballincollig Community School Gym and Colaiste Choilm and is open to Boys and Girls between the ages of 9yrs to14yrs.

The numbers will be limited, so early booking is advised.

All schools will be notified shortly.

BALLINCOLLIG BASKETBALL CLUB FIXTURES

Men's Fixtures

Friday 15th - B.C.S. Ballincollig
 6.00pm Ballincollig v Carrigaline Un 15
 6.45pm Ballincollig v Crescent Limerick Un17

Saturday 16th - Parochial Hall - Juvenile Championship
 2.30pm Ballincollig v Blue Demons Un 15

Friday 22nd - B.C.S. Ballincollig
 6.00pm Ballincollig v Mallow Y.C. Un 11
 6.45pm Ballincollig v Midleton Coaster

Ladies Fixtures

Saturday 16th - Carrigaline
 1.15pm Carrigaline v Ballincollig Un 12

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- Fri: 9.30am, 8.00p.m. Saturday: 10.00am, 6pm (Vigil)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ROSARY RECITED AT BOTH CHURCHES EACH SUNDAY 3.00P.M. <i>Everyone most welcome</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Masses</p> <p>Sunday: 11.00, 12.30, 5.30pm Mon-Fri: 8.30am., 6.30pm 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</i> <i>Sundays & Weekdays</i> <u>CHURCH OF ST. MARY</u> <u>& ST. JOHN</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">- Mass Card Signing - Requests for Baptism/Marriage Certs, etc. <u>CHRIST OUR LIGHT</u> - Mass Card Signing -</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;">Baptisms</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday: 7.15pm</p>
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**ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG
PRIESTS SOCIETY**

*Monthly meeting of the
St. Joseph's Young Priests Society
will be held in the
Community Hall (upstairs) on
Tuesday 19th March at 8 o'clock.
(Note the change of date)*

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 MEMBERS OF THE LEGION OF MARY
All are welcome

Acknowledgement
Gerard Spillane
Castleknock
Ballincollig
Co Cork



Ann, Catriona, Padraigh, Delia, Sean, Ann-Marie, Seamus and family wish to thank most sincerely all who sympathised and supported them on the untimely death of Gerard RIP. We wish to thank all those who attended the rosary, removal, funeral Mass and burial, those who sent Mass Cards and floral Tributes, those who travelled long distances. Our thanks to all the Doctors, Nurses and Staff of St Josephs Ward, Bon Secours Hospital, for their devoted care of Gerard. Thanks to the Clergy, Choir and Sacristan, Ballincollig Gardai, Management and Staff Nevada Bobs, Michael and Patricia Crowley, Crowley Funeral Directors. A special thank you to our families, friends, colleagues, neighbours and the night nurse Breda who was a great support during Gerard's final hours. As a token of our deep and sincere appreciation, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.

**VOLUNTEERS
 REQUIRED**
 EXTERNAL
CLEAN-UP
 OF CHURCH OF CHRIST OUR LIGHT
 ON SATURDAY 23RD MARCH 2002
 AT 2P.M.
 PLEASE BRING ALONG CLEANING
 EQUIPMENT, GLOVES, ETC.

NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS:
 Is. 50:4-7. Ps. 21. Ph. 2:6-11. Mt. 26:14-27:66. *Lect 1: 346*

MINISTERS OF THE WORD 16TH/17TH MAR
ST. MARY & ST. JOHN CHRIST OUR LIGHT

6.00p.m.(Vigil) - Muireann Nelligan	8.00p.m.(Vigil) - Michael Greene
8.30a.m. - Elizabeth Daly	11.00a.m. - Fiona O'Connor
10.00a.m. - Declan Chalmers	12.30p.m. - Marlyn O'Connor
12 Noon - Oliver O'Donovan	5.30p.m. - Billy O'Sullivan

 MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST 23rd/24th March 2002 ST. MARY'S & ST. JOHN'S CHURCH 			
SATURDAY 23RD 6p.m. Aisling Kelly April Ryan Eileen Murphy Ted Nelligan Angela Murphy Ann O'Connell	SUNDAY 24TH 8.30a.m. Helen Kelly Roddy Martin	10a.m. Miriam Maunsell Mary Buckley Breda Ring Jerry O'Connor	12.00 Noon Louie O'Leary John Walshe Pat Kelleher Irene O'Brien Ellen O'Sullivan Imogen Ryan
CHRIST OUR LIGHT CHURCH			
SATURDAY 23RD 8p.m. John O'Donoghue Eleanor O'Donoghue Kathleen Daly	SUNDAY 24TH 11a.m. Mary O'Mahony Margaret Brown Rose Cotter Billy Barry Nell Cantillon Murphy	12.30p.m. Mary Twomey Peggy Sheehan Pat Manning Terry O'Driscoll Bernie O'Driscoll	5.30p.m. Garreth Irish Shelia Curran Bridie O'Donnell

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Sadly, the lives of millions of children - especially those in poorer countries - are absolute hell. Children in poverty are often weak and vulnerable. Many governments, armies, corrupt war lords, ruthless businessmen and corporations see children not as a treasure to be nourished, but as a commodity to be cruelly exploited. This Lent, Trocaire is highlighting the obscenity of child exploitation and child labour. We need your help.

5 SHAMEFUL FACTS ON CHILD LABOUR

- 1** About 250 million children between the ages of 5 and 14 work. Of these, around 80 million are estimated to work in the worst forms of child labour.

- 2** More than 300,000 children are forced to fight with armies and militia in over 40 countries. In Sierra Leone there are more than 6,000 child soldiers.

- 3** UNICEF estimates that 200,000 children from Western and Central Africa are sold into slavery each year to work at harvesting cocoa and other cash crops.

- 4** Basic education is the key to eliminating the worst forms of child labour. In 2000, 325 million children were not attending school at primary and secondary levels.

- 5** Up to 2 million women and girls world-wide are victims of a growing trade in forced labour within the sex industry.

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