THE BALLINCOLLIG **PARISHIONER**







SUNDAY 21ST APRIL 2002

Fourth Sunday of Easter - Vocations Sunday

Sometimes we can lose our sense of direction, we become the prey of empty fears and false pleasures. Today we are reminded that in Jesus we have someone who will always guide us right and protect us. If we listen to him and follow him we will have the fullest possible life.

THE CHAIN OF COMMAND

At the height of all the trouble over the abuse in the Diocese of Ferns and the resignation of Bishop Brendan Comisky, I heard many other calls for other resignations. These calls were similar to the ones I heard when Bishop Casey got into trouble. I remember talk of his son becoming a 'ward of the Church"! And where is the Cardinal in all of this, should he resign too? At that time I was being taught Canon Law (the law of the church) by a rather colourful character by the name of Fr. Maurice Dooley in Thurles. He was interviewed by Pat Kenny on radio at the time on the subject and needless to mention Dooley was well able for him. Referring to the two issues mentioned above, "canonical nonsense" he called them, figment of the imagination of someone in the media.

In all large organisations there has to be a code of conduct of sorts, a means by which standards are judged and a sense of universality of the way things are done and by whom and who is responsible for them. I am no expert in these matters but in the course of my job I have to have a working knowledge of what is called The Code Of Canon Law, that is I have to know what I can't do! As I said earlier it is the Law of the Church. This Code comes from an older Code which was in use since 1917. The present code is in use since 1983. Part II of the code covers the "Hierarchical Constitution Of The Church. This section deals with the Pope, the Bishops and Priests. Cn 331 states; "Just as, by the decree of the Lord, Saint Peter and the rest of the Apostles form one College, so for a like reason the Roman Pontiff, the successor of Peter, and the Bishops, the successors of the Apostles are united in one." The point made here that it is the individual Bishops who share responsibility with the Pope for the faithful. It is the Diosesan Bishops who take responsibility for what goes on in their Dioseses and it is they who report the matter to Rome. Some people like to think that the Cardinal is some sort of canonical Taoiseach to whom the bishops are responsible, canonical nonsense as our friend Dooley might say. Cn 381 section 1 states "In the diocese entrusted to his care, the diosesan Bishop has all the ordinary, proper and immediate power required for the exercise of his pastoral office, except in those matters which the law or a decree of the Supreme Pontiff reserves to some other ecclestical authority". In other words it is the bishop who looks after his own dioceses in accordance with the law as laid down by Rome.

Next week I intend to cover a bit more on Arch dioceses and the college of Cardinals and their role. Pat O'Donovan

PRAYERS OF THE **FAITHFUL**

PRIEST:

Confident that God's care is boundless, let us bring forward our

READER:

For the pastors of the Church, that they may imitate Christ, the Good Shepherd. Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For young people, that they may be open to the call to serve God's people. Lord, Hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

For members of the caring professions, that the gentle love of Christ may inspire them. Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who work on the land, that their labour may bear fruit in a rich harvest.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For all who have died in Christ, that may dwell in God's house forever.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Loving God, like a caring shepherd you bring us along the right path: hear our prayers and grant us your

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Vocations Sunday

So that they may have life (Gospel)

Christians are called to serve each other, because Christ suffered for us to bring us life. The Good Shepherd knows and cares about each of us. Today we begin a pilgrimage of prayer, more urgent than in the past, that people may hear the call to follow him in religious life; we pray especially that those he calls to serve his people in the priestbood may respond willingly.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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BAPTISMS

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

Riaín Michael Brennan, Glincool Rise

Liam Charles Davis, 3 Cranford Grove

Paul Anthony Kent, 48 Church View

Conor Edward Faheny, 36 Alden Grove, Douglas

IN SYMPATHY

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:

Margaret O'Leary, Innishmore

Emmett Hourihan, Coppeen, Enniskeane

Donal O'Flynn, Castle Park

Gemma Fuellgraf

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

Lilly O'Sullivan, Hawthorn Ave

Pauline, Paddy & Gerry Sheehan, Curraheen

John & Ellen O'Sullivan, Glanmire

Marcella Callanan, Muskerry Est.,

Mamie Quinn, Powdermills

Donors Intentions

Maura Kelly, Beech Park

Tommy Carroll, Kilmichael

Mary Linehan, Inniscarra View Est.,

Maureen Cuddihy, Coolroe

Liam Manning, Innishannon

Clare McSweeney, Cloghroe

John Lucey, Coolroe

John Thompson

Patrick Dunne, Galway & Wales

Nora Tyrell

Liam Barrett, Lr Killeens

John Lucey, Coolroe

John McGroarty, Cobh

SKATEBOARDING

The Parish Council has received complaints from Churchgoers, that the grounds surrounding St Mary & St John's Church are being used by skateboarders. It should be bourn in mind that skateboarding can be dangerous, particularly to elderly people. As this is sacred ground, with several graves and headstones, respect and devotion should be observed at all times.

SKATEBOARDERS ARE THERFORE REQUESTED TO REFRAIN FROM USING THE CHURCH GROUNDS.

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FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER

21 Sunday Acts 2:14, 36-41. Ps. 22. 1 Pet. 2:20-25. Jn. 10:1-10. Lect I: 487

Certainly, a generous commitment is needed - above all through insistent prayer to the Lord of the harvest (cf. Mt 9:38) - in promoting vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. This is a question of great relevance for the life of the Church in every part of the world. There is a pressing need to implement an extensive plan or vocational promotion based on personal contact and involving parishes, schools and families in the effort to foster a more attentive reflection on life's essential values. These reach their fulfilment in the response which each person is invited to give to God's call, particularly when the call implies a total giving of self and of one's

energies to the cause of the Kingdom.

22 Monday Acts 11:1-18. Ps. 41. Jn. 10:1-10. Lect I: 496 The Church is led by Christ himself, the Good Shepherd, Prince of Shepherds, who gave his life for his sheep.

23 Tuesday Acts 11:19-26. Ps. 86. Jn. 10:22-3 Lect I: 499 At Antioch the Good News is first preached to the pagans and the disciples are first called "Christians". Those who receive Jesus as their shepherd receive his protection and the gift of eternal life.

24 Wednesday Acts 12:24-13:5. Ps. 66. Jn. 12:44-50. Lect I: 501 Barnabas and Soul start their work together as they travel to Cyprus. Jesus in his last public message teaches that those who believe in him will be freed from darkness and liberated from sin, unbelief and separation from God.

25 Thursday 1 Pet. 5:5-14. Ps. 88. Mk 16:15-20. *Lect I: 452* Acts 13:26-33. Ps. 2. Jn. 14:1 Lect 1: 505 26 Friday

"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life". Jesus encourages peace in our hearts in

time of trouble. There remains for us a place of rest in his Father's house. Following him who is the way we come to the Father. 27 Saturday Acts 13:44-52. Ps. 97. Jn. 14:7-14. Lect I: 508 Prayer in the name of Jesus, animated by the Spirit, will lead us to think and desire as he does.

SAINTS THIS WEEK

23 Tuesday - St George was venerated as a soldier saint at Lydda in the Holy Land where he was probably martyred around AD 300. His cult may have been popularised in England and Ireland by returning crusaders. He is patron saint of England, Portugal, of soldiers, and of the Scout Movement.

- St Adalbert of Prague was born in Bohemia (Czech Republic) around

956. In 981 he returned to Prague and around the age of twenty-six was consecrated the first native bishop of the city. He met much opposition and was then released from his episcopal responsibilities and devoted himself to missionary work among the Prussians on the Polish coast, where he was martyred. He is remembered for prayerfulness, his concern for the poor, and his courage in the face of opposition 24 Wednesday - St Fidelis of Sigmaringen 1578-1622, a Capuchin who preached to the Calvinists in Switzerland, where he was killed by a group of extremists.

25 Thursday - St Mark was closely connected with the preaching of Sts Peter, Paul and Barnabas. His Gospel was probably writted at Rome when he was with Paul, and is traditionally viewed as representing St Peter's approach to the preaching of the good news. Later tradition has him as an interpreter for St. Peter. His symbol is winted liep.

the good news. Later tradition has him as an interpreter for St. Peter. Fils symbol i a winged lion. 27 Saturday - St Asicus was St Patrick's expert craftsman in metal work and accor panied him on his journeys. He was left in charge of the church in Elphin which Partrick is said to have founded.

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PILGRIMAGE

"Very prayerful, very peaceful and truly uplifting". - The Wrenne Family To:

'OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE HOUSE OF PRAYER'

Achill, Co Mayo. On Sat 1st June 2002

Staying Overnight,
SATURDAY 1st June Bus Departs Kinsale 6.15am
6.30am Stop at BELGOOLY, for passengers.
6.35am Stop at RIVERSTICK, for passengers.
6.40am Stop at FIVE MILE BRIDGE, for passengers.
6.45am Stop at PARNELL PLACE, for passengers.
6.55am Stop at COMMONS ROAD, The Commons Inn, for passengers.
7.00am Stop at BALLINCOLLIG, The White Horse Inn, for passengers.

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

EPISCOPAL COMMISSIONS

The Second Vatican Council, recommended to different Church hierarchies, with a jurisdiction on the same territory, to exchange their opinions in periodic meetings and promulgate an infrastructure with a common interest.

Consequently, in 1967, the Catholic Patriarchs and Bishops in Lebanon, established the Assembly for Catholic Patriarchs and Bishops In Lebanon (APECL).

The Statutes of the Assembly were adopted In February 1968 and on the 18th of November 1990, the Holy See promulgated the Cannon for the Oriental Churches. Thus confirming its previous recommendations and inviting the church authorities in their country to constitute this type of assembly in order to unify their policies in view of their common interest and to unify their efforts in order to develop common activities for the benefit of the church and reinforce policies to include beneficial common interests.

The Episcopal Commissions of the APECL are bodies delegated by the Assembly to exercise their pastoral responsibility in a certain domain. They are composed of a:

There are 18 Episcopal Commissions of the APECL. There are 2 Ad Hoc Commissions.

The goals of the Episcopal Commissions:

- To achieve and pursue objectives of the Assembly each in its domain.
- *To safeguard the doctrine of the church.*
- To carry out studies and propositions related to daily problems.
- To execute affairs that are brought directly to them or that the Assembly will have adopted concerning the sector of which every commission is in charge.
- To coordinate with the General Secretariat.

THE ANNUAL ENVELOPE COLLECTION TO HELP FUND THE EPISCOPAL COMMISIONS WILL BE TAKEN UP AT ALL MASSES NEXT WEEKEND 27TH/28TH APRIL 2002.

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| ST. MARY & ST. JOHN | EACH SUNDAY | CHRIST OUR LIGHT |
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| Masses | ROSARY RECITED | Masses |
| Sunday: 8.30, 10.00, 12.00 | AT BOTH CHURCHES | Sunday: 11.00, 12.30, 5.30pm |
| Mon-Fri: 9.30am, | EACH SUNDAY | Mon-Fri: 8.30am., |
| Saturday: 10.00am, 6pm (Vigil) | 3.00P.M. Everyone most welcome | Saturday: 10.00am, 8.00pm (Vigil) |
| Confessions | SACRISTY SERVICES | Confessions |
| | Before and after all Masses | Saturday: |
| Saturday: after 10am Mass before 6pm Mass | Sundays & Weekdays CHURCH OF ST. MARY | after 10am Mass |
| _ | & ST. JOHN | |
| Baptisms | - Mass Card Signing - Requests for | Baptisms |
| Saturday: 5.00pm Sunday: 12.45pm | Baptism/Marriage Certs, etc. CHRIST OUR LIGHT | Saturday: 7.15pm |
| | - Mass Card Signing - | |

PARISH CLERGY

CHURCH NO. £087-2479140 Fr. Leonard. O'Brien P. 021-4871206 Fr. Pat. O'Donovan C.C 021-4872808 Fax: 021-4872808 Fr. Paul O'Donoghue **2** 021-4876055 Fr. John O'Donovan **2** 021-4870434

EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

This year's Eucharistic Procession will take place on Saturday 25th May 2002, following 6.00pm Mass at St. Mary & St. John's Church. The procession will be from the Church to East Gate followed by Benediction in Car Park.

BEGINNERS YOGA

Ballincollig Community Centre

Next Course begins Wed. April 24th, Time: 6 weeks, 8.00pm to 9.30pm, Cost: 60 Euro,

To reserve place contact Michael 021 7336407







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PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE **Ballincollig Lions Club Spring Bazaar**

Community Hall, 12th May @ 2.30pm

Big Wheel, Tambola, Stalls, Novelties, Cakes, Flowers, Toys, Books, Electrical Goods etc.

P.S. We are looking for unwanted/surplus Quality Goods for our Bazaar. Please check your Garage/Attic.

Drop to COMMUNITY CENTRE or **CONTACT**

Statia @ 4870204 Elizabeth @ 4870354 Chris, 70 Beech Park, 4873614

Thank You for Your Support.

Catecheses for adults continue every Monday and Thursday night at 8pm in Church of Christ Our Light (crying room)

TOPS OF THE PARISH 2002

The year's event promises to be bigger and better than ever with about ten groups performing.

- COMMUNITY HALL, BALLINCOLLIG.
- FOUR NIGHTS THURSDAY 25th TO SUNDAY 28th APRIL.
- 8.00 P.M. SHARP.
- ?4.00 per Adult ?2.00 per O.A.P. & Children

This must surely be the best value in entertainment to be found.

So come along and bring a friend or two on any of the nights.

Proceeds in aid of the Community Hall Refurbishing.

MORE PRECIOUS THAN GOLD

See how the skies make known the glory of God! How the vault of heaven declares His craftsmanship! Wherever I am, wherever I travel, I can perceive something Of the majesty of our God The magnificence of the mountains, The immensity of the oceans, The fascination of outer space All announce the power of God. Even amid the bustle of our teeming cities. Are reflections of the work of his hands; He makes his presence known throughout the universe. The Lord has made his eternal truths known From his word, and his law Printed on the heart of humankind. These precepts which direct us on the paths of peace. He has given substance to my life, Placed before me the goal of this creation. Fulfilling humanity's greatest needs, He has answered our deepest yearnings. All these are more precious than gold, Sweeter than honey dripping from its comb. My pilgrim way on this planet Presents no smooth path. Plagued by lapses and hidden faults, I stumble daily. Yet your love and your grace sustains me. 'May the spoken words of my mouth, The thoughts of my heart, Win favour in your sight, 0 Lord, My rescuer, my rock! Psalm 19:14

NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS:

Acts 6:1-7. Ps. 32. 1 Pet. 2:4-9. Jn. 14:1-12.

Lect I: 511. I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD 27TH/28TH APR ST. MARY & ST. JOHN **CHRIST OUR LIGHT**



8.00p.m.(Vigil) Fiona Feely 11.00a.m. -Jack Dorgan 12.30p.m. -Marie Groarke 5.30p.m. -Tom Peck



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST 27th/28th April 2002 ST. MARY'S & ST. JOHN'S CHURCH



SATURDAY 27TH 6p.m. Mary O'Donoghue Cait O'Grady Margaret o'Sullivan Rita Aherne Betty Sheehan

lim Walsh

SUNDAY 28TH 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

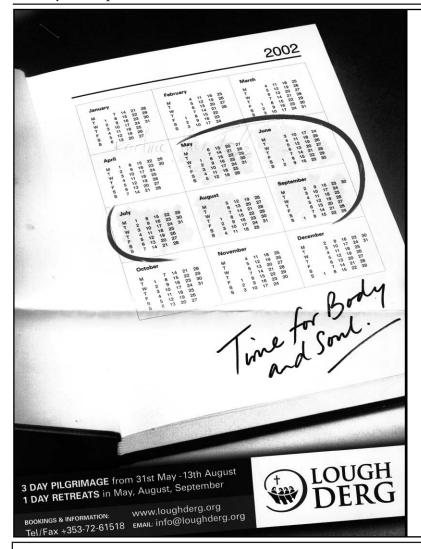
CHRIST OUR LIGHT CHURCH

SATURDAY 27TH Anne O'Regan Marion O'Sullivan Maura O'Driscoll

SUNDAY 28TH 11a.m. Seamus O'Connell Mary O' Connell Finbarr Murray Alan O'Riordan Geraldine Keohane

12.30p.m. Maura Lombard Jackie Sheehan Mary Green Michael O'Leary Lelia O'Brien

5.30p.m. Catherine Green Mary Breen Siobhan Burke



ONE DAY RETREATS

Wednesday 1 May to Tuesday 28 May incl. except Thursdays and Fridays

August 20/21/24/25/26/27/28/ 31

September 1/2/3/7/9/10/14/15/ 16/17/21/22

Cost: E20.00 Reservation Essential

THREE DAY PILGRIMAGES

Any day from Friday 31 May until Tuesday 13 August

Cost: E35.00 No Reservation Required

Are you a North Pres Girl?

Are you interested in meeting friends from your schooldays?

If you are - then come along to a meeting in the School Library of North Pres, Farranree on Thursday 25th April at 8.00pm

All past pupils are welcome!!

BALLINCOLLIG BASKETBALL CLUB

We appreciate the support of the people who contacted us after reading last week notes questioning the wisdom of demolishing Ballincollig Community School Gym. The advantages of keeping the gym outweighs any reason so far expressed for replacing it with tarmacadam. The provision of facilities for our youth is one of the most important function of any community.

In recent years our club has hosted teams from all over Ireland and Scalay in France for games. The Community School Gym made it possible for us to play these matches in Ballincollig, as it is the only one in the village large enough for games. The new school building will have a new gym run by a private company which we believe will betoo expensive for us to hire over the course of a season.

We believe the present hall could be retained without interfering with the profitibilty of the new hall. This is an opportunity to provide extra indoor sport facility for local clubs and the children of the nearby Primary Schools without any major cost to the local community. Ballincollig needs more indoor sport and leisure facilities, but it looks like we are not going to get any in the future;

- (1) No all purpose sport hall in Murphy Barracks army land.
 - (2) Army Barracks Gym to be demolished.
 - (3) Ballincollig Community School Gym to be demolished.

INNISHANNON CHURCH RESTORATION.

A Victorian weekend and Antique Road Show

in Brides Cottage, Killumney,

home of D.J. Murphy of Bandon Garden Centre,

this May Bank Holiday weekend 4th, 5th and 6th May from 2pm to 8pm.

Here you will have afternoon tea served by ladies in Victorian finery.

Do you have a family heirloom, a piece of jewellery, delph or any other little bits

and pieces. Have you ever wondered about their value?

Well bring them along between 3pm and 5pm on Sunday

and discuss it with two experts.

There is a poetry reading and talk with Alice Taylor at 3pm on Monday and each day the paintings of Jerry Larkin will be on view.

This week end is being organised by the Castlelack I.C.A. and Community in aid of Innishannon/Knockavilla Church Fund and is sponsored by Bandon Credit Union.

Admission ?5.

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KNOCK

Legion of Mary Annual Pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday 26th May

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ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK OUR LADY QUEEN OF ALL NATIONS SATURDAY 27th APRIL 2002.

A FREE bus provided by anonymous donor (as last year).

The Bus will stop at the White Horse Inn and the Westpark Hotel at 6.30 a.m.and the Opera House at 7.00 a.m.

Anyone wishing to travel should contact: TONY O'NEILL at 021-4501667.

Ballincollig Tidy Towns

National Spring Clean 2002 in association with An Taisce is being held from 1st-30th April.

This is Irelands biggest Anti Litter Campaign and encourages local communities to organise clean-ups in their areas.

Cork County Council in association with An Taisce aims to provide a number of once off skips to organisations to facilitate these clean ups. You are asked to contact your local council office to check availability

of same. The Ballincollig office number is 4870541

These clean ups will give our community an opportunity to prepare for this years Cork County Council Inter Town Litter Challenge which begins on Thursday 9th May.

We would appeal to each and every resident and trader to make an extra special effort this year. You could start by organising a clean up in your estate or area.

We will circulate the fixture list for the Inter Town Litter Challenge as soon as possible.

We are organising Community Clean Ups every Wednesday night starting at 7.30pm from L & N Car Park and the Community Hall starting next Wednesday.

We hope people will come out and lend a hand.

We all have a part to play. Please play your part.