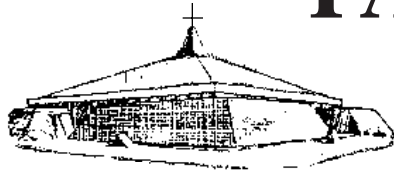


THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



CHRIST OUR LIGHT
INNISHMORE



SUNDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2002

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

God cares for his people with great love, he gives them many blessings.

*We belong to His people, but we must remember that we cannot presume upon God's love and patience -
we are expected to produce the fruit of what we have received.*



ST. MARY & ST. JOHN
STATION ROAD

THE TRIBUNAL HAS LESSONS FOR EDUCATION

On the face of it the findings of the Flood Tribunal have little to do with education. This Tribunal revealed that the Planning Act of the 1960's could be used as a basis for personal enrichment by corrupt individuals. The Planning Act set out to control building so that the country's visual beauty could be maintained. Forty years on, few beautiful buildings or photogenic suburbs have materialised. On the contrary, hideous hotels were built on our most cherished resorts while Connemara farmers' sons cannot even build a cottage even though it might be as picturesque as a Paul Henry painting. By coincidence, the hotels were usually owned by the "well connected" while the farmer's son would be a recipient of small farmer's dole.

When it came to University education the wealthy had it all their own way up to the 1960's. It was the preserve of those with enough money to pay for secondary education, university fees and, in the case of those who lived outside the university cities, for 'digs' while studying for a degree. The intellectual demands for admission were not too daunting. One year after the Intermediate Cert, (Junior Cert. today), students sat an examination called "the Matric". If they passed they then could enter University without even doing the Leaving Cert. If they failed the Matric. they could sit it again the following year the week after the Leaving Cert. ended. If they failed it again but received a pass in the Leaving they could buy the Matric. for £5 and then enter university.

In the 1960's, maintenance grants for children of families with limited means were introduced provided the student got two honours in the Leaving Cert. The late Senator Sheehy-Skeffington wittily expressed this by way of a formula: 2 honours - money = a pass + money. The free secondary education plus university grants system ushered in a golden age for Irish education in which brains meant more than family money. But money always fights back and the 'grind school' was born whereby the ability to pay high fees would give a candidate for Leaving Cert. the advantage in gaining points. The fact that these pupils could later survive in University is a sad comment on the standards of our University colleges.

The system of marking the Leaving Cert. papers has proved to be completely fair. What is fundamental to the clever student's chances is the anonymity of the Leaving Cert. No one could 'get to' the examiners. No brown envelopes could help. No examiner knew whose paper he was correcting. No pupil knew who his examiner was. A clever child from a small day school in the wilds of the West of Ireland could take on and beat the pupils of the classiest and most expensive boarding schools in the country.

But what is being mooted now? Nothing less than school-based on-going assessment. A 'look' is being taken at changing the system. Can you imagine the pressure on teachers as they allocate marks, to "take care" of certain pupils? Imagine how the school could be 'endowed' by some generous parents! What opportunities for corruption!

The lessons of Flood should be obligatory home work for everyone.

Leonard O'Brien.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest:
Let us make our prayers known to
God our creator

Reader:
For those called to witness to Christ
in today's world, that the Spirit may
be powerfully with them
Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For all those filled with the Spirit at
Baptism and Confirmation
that the same Spirit may sustain
them in difficult moments
Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For people who want so much to
believe, but find it hard, that the gift
of a strong faith may be given them
Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For our emigrants and all who are
away from home,
that our support may remind them of
God's care for them
Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For all who have died in Christ,
that they may be part of God's flock
forever
Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For our own needs, for those who
have asked our prayers, whom we
remember in silence
Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest:
O God you are our rock, you made
us and know all our needs, listen to
our prayers,
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

HE EXPECTED JUSTICE BUT FOUND BLOODSHED (FIRST READING)

The Bible repeatedly tells of God's disappointment with his people. God's vineyard is not cared for (First Reading); God's Son is rejected (Gospel). At the Last Supper, Jesus said to Philip, 'still you do not know me' (Jn 14:9). There is a painful distance between us and the peace to which God calls us (Second Reading). We are still far from our true home in heaven and should live as exiles in reverent awe .

The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

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BAPTISMS

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



Bryon Stephen Smith, 36, Carriganarra
David Dylan Hume, 15 Coolroe Heights

MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:



Alfred Williams, Knocknaheeny &
Catherine O'Donovan, City West Mews

Liam Slattery, Cashel &
Eileen McSweeney, Church Hill, Carrigrohane

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IN SYMPATHY

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:

Denis Kelleher, Aisling Close

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

Richard & Joan Murphy, Clash
Kathleen O'Sullivan
Michael Barry-Murphy, Glengariff
Forde Family, Crotamore Square
Paddy Kelly
Alice & Mick Bolger, Wexford
Leena & John Gaffrey, Carrigrohane
Bridget O'Regan, Carriganarra
Con Nagle, Coachford
Deceased Noonan family, Cathedral Ave
Mary O'Mahoney, Clash Rd
Joe Le Blanc, Main St
Nora Healy, Madonna House
Noreen McGroarty, Cobh
Jeremiah Healy, Tralee
Christy Buckley, Bakers Rd
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

6 Sunday 1s. 5:1 -7. Ps. 79. Phil. 4:6 9. Mt. 21 :33-43. Lect 1: 708

May the shining example of the many witnesses to the faith whom we have remembered during the Jubilee sustain and guide us. For the Church, the martyrs have always been a seed of life. Sanguis martyrum semen christianorum: this famous law formulated by Tertullian has proved true in all the trials of history. Will this not also be the case of the century and millennium now beginning

Novo Millennio Ineunte. Pope John Paul II. 2001

7 Monday Gal. 1 :6-12. Ps. 110.Lk. 10:25-37. Lect II:801

The letter of Paul to the Galatians is about Christian freedom; freedom from the restraints of the Law and from selfishness - exterior and interior freedoms. It also talks about the Cross of Christ and the importance of unity.

Our Lady of the Rosary Acts 1:12- 14. Ps. Lk. 1 :46-55.1Jc. 1 :26-38.

Lect II 1217

8 Tuesday Gal. 1:13-24. Ps. 138. Lk. 10:38-42. Lect II:804

"Freedom is the power, rooted in reason and will, to act or not to act, to do this or that, and so to perform deliberate actions on one's own responsibility. By free will one shapes one's own life. Human freedom is a force for growth and maturity in truth and goodness it attains its perfection when directed toward God, our beatitude." CCC, 1731

9 Wednesday Gal. 2:1 -2 7-14. Ps.116.Lk.11:1 -4. Lect II:806

The observance of Jewish food Laws could divide communities so that Jewish and Gentile Christians could not sit at the same table. This would make the celebration of the Eucharist impossible. Paul cannot allow this to happen.

Sts Donis, Rusheus and Ebutherius were beheaded and thrown into the Seine in 258 and later buried at Montmartre. Denis, the first Bishop of Paris, is one of the patrons of France.

St John Leonardi, 1541-1609, supported the reforms of Trent, published a catechism, helped to found the Propagation of the Faith in Rome.

10 Thursday Gal. 3:1 -5. Ps. Lk.1. Lk. 11 :5- 13. Lect II:808

The more one does what is good, the freer one becomes. There is no true freedom except in the service of what is good and just. The choice to disobey and do evil is an abuse of freedom and leads to 'the slavery of sin' CCC, 1733.

11 Friday Gal. 3:7 14. Ps. 110. Lk. 11:15-26. Lect II:810

Progress in virtue, knowledge of the good, and asceticism enhance the mastery of the will over its acts. Imputability and responsibility for an action can be diminished or even nullified by ignorance, inadvertence, duress, fear, habit inordinate attachments and other psychological or social factors" CCC, 1734-35.

St Canice was born in County Derry around 527 and died in 603. Though his people were poor he studied at Clonard under Finnian and at Glasnevin under Mobhi. A deep friendship developed between himself and Colum Cille, with whom he worked for a time in Scotland, where he set up a number of churches.

12 Saturday Gal. 3:22-29. Ps. 104. Lk. 11:27-28. Lect II:812

The right to the exercise of freedom, especially in religious and moral matters, is an inalienable requirement of human dignity. But the exercise of freedom does not entail the putative right to say or do anything. By deviating from the moral law people violate their own freedom, become imprisoned within themselves, disrupt neighbourly fellowship, and rebel against divine truth. cf. CCC, 1740, 1747.



Ardfallen on the Douglas Road in Cork will be the venue for an exhibition of artwork, paintings and flower craft on October 26th next. All proceeds will go to people in great need, including street children in Calcutta who are cared for by the HOPE Foundation.

Rene Merrick and Elma Moore are co-ordinating the event and they are looking for paintings, artwork and flower craft to sell - collection can be arranged.

Please contact either Rene on 021 4358273 or Elma on 021 4357708 if you wish to contribute.

**Donations always welcome at the HOPE Foundation office
phone 021 4292990**

***Exhibition and Sale at Ardfallen, Douglas Road on October 26th
- viewing from 3.30 with auction commencing at 7.30***

EMIGRANT SUNDAY

On this Emigrant Sunday, let us send greetings to all the natives of Ballincollig who live abroad. We hope that they are happy in their new lives and that they keep in contact with a family and friends at home. They are always welcome back to their native parish to arrange weddings or baptisms or even Confirmation for their children if they are living in a country where it may be difficult to arrange these sacraments.

For many years the Irish Bishops' Commission for Emigrants and the Irish Commission for Prisoners Overseas have been working for Irish emigrants abroad. In Britain there is a network of Chaplaincy centres, immigrant counseling, Alcohol recovery projects, hostels, marriage preparation, etc. Similiar services are provided in the United States with centres in Boston, Washington, New York, San Francisco, Atlanta, Los Angeles and San Diego. On continental Europe there are Irish priests based in Paris, Belgium, Copenhagen, Lisbon, Munich and Rome. For those who are planning to live abroad for some time there is an Emigrant Service located at 34, Paul St., Cork where information is offered as well as advice and counselling for emigrants and their families. The staff there will help with visa applications. An easy way for our emigrants to keep in touch with their native parish is to bring up the parish website: www.ballincolligparish.ie.

Each week "The Parishioner" is carried on the website.

ST. MARY & ST. JOHN	EACH SUNDAY	CHRIST OUR LIGHT
<p style="text-align: center;">Masses</p> <p>Sunday: 8.30, 10.00, 12.00</p> <p>Mon- Fri: 9.30am,</p> <p>Saturday: 10.00am, 6pm (Vigil)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ROSARY RECITED AT BOTH CHURCHES EACH SUNDAY 3.00P.M. Everyone most welcome</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Masses</p> <p>Sunday: 11.00, 12.30, 5.30pm</p> <p>Mon-Fri: 8.30am.,</p> <p>Saturday: 10.00am, 8.00pm (Vigil)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Confessions</p> <p><i>Saturday: after 10am Mass before 6pm Mass</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRISTY SERVICES Before and after all Masses Sundays & Weekdays CHURCH OF ST. MARY & ST. JOHN</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- Mass Card Signing - Requests for Baptism/Marriage Certs, etc. CHRIST OUR LIGHT - Mass Card Signing -</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Confessions</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Saturday: after 10am Mass</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Baptisms</p> <p>Saturday: 5.00pm Sunday: 12.45pm</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Confessions</p> <p>Saturday: 7.15pm</p>
<p>PARISH CLERGY CHURCH NO. 087-2479140 Fr. Leonard. O'Brien P.P 021-4871206 Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C. 021-4877161 Fr. Paul O'Donoghue 021-4876055 Fr. John O'Donovan C.C. 021-4870434</p>		

**WHAT IS THE WEIGHT
OF ONE MASS?**

A cousin of mine told the following true story during my recent holidays. One day many years ago in a little town in Luxembourg, a Captain of the Forest Guards was in deep conversation with the local butcher when an elderly little woman entered the shop. The butcher asked the little old lady what she wanted. 'Only a little meat,' she replied - and added - 'I'm sorry, I have no money, but I'll hear Mass for you.' 'Alright then,' said the butcher, 'you go and hear Mass for me, and when you come back I'll give you as much as the Mass is worth.' She left, and the two men, who were both very indifferent about religion began to scoff at the old lady's answer.

She returned later and the butcher wrote on a slip of paper, 'I heard Mass for you', placed it on the scales with a tiny bone on the other side. Nothing happened. Then he placed a fair-sized piece of meat, but the slip of paper still outweighed it. Both men were beginning to feel a little ashamed of their mockery. The butcher placed a large piece of meat on the scales, but the slip of paper still outweighed it. Exasperated, the butcher examined the scales, but found nothing wrong. Then and there he promised to give the little lady a daily ration of meat.

The Captain left the shop a changed man and became an ardent lover of daily Mass. Two of his sons became priests, one a Jesuit, the other a Father of the Sacred Heart - Fr. Stanislaus, SS.CC. Fr. Stanislaus, who had originally told this story, finished by saying: "I am the religious of the Sacred Heart, and the Captain was my father."



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URUGUAY

All groups in the country undertook a novena to the servant of God Alphonsus Lambe from 13-21 January.

CHILE

1,000 were present in the Cathedral to mark the 50th anniversary of the start of the Legion in the country. A new parish priest attended one of the meetings to learn about the Legion prior to establishing it in his own area.

COLOMBIA

The Archdiocese of Medellin has a 3-year plan of Faith, Hope and Charity and has asked all lay organisations for their plans. A group for married couples teaches catechism, visits prisoners and prepares couples for marriage.

WEST INDIES

TRINIDAD

Trinidad has under its care the areas of St. Lucia, Grenada, Martinique as well as Tobago. A variety of work is done in prisons, homes and hospitals resulting in many conversions to the Catholic church, numerous returns to the sacraments, and teaching religion in state schools is also undertaken.

HAITI

Haiti have many hundreds of young people active in Legion membership. A number of missions were organised including a camp mission for youth.

SOLAS DE JUNIOR CHOIR

Practice every Wednesday 3-4pm
Christ Our Light Church

New members welcome!!

THE ROSARY FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

The Rosary will be recited each evening,
Monday to Friday, in the Church
of St. Mary & St. John at 6.30pm
All are welcome
Come and pray the Rosary with us.

Fatima Apostolate, Ballincollig

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING: Is. 5: 1 - 7.

The prophet compares God's people to a chosen vineyard. But they have ill repaid the solicitude of God on their behalf. Consequently they will be abandoned to their enemies. Today we, Christians, are the people chosen by God to bring salvation to the rest of mankind. Like the vineyard we are expected to produce fruit.

SECOND READING: Phil. 4: 6 - 9.

In this chapter of the epistle Paul is sad that some of his followers are squabbling. He encourages them to fill their minds with more uplifting thoughts than the silly things we are all inclined to fight over. This is a marvellous list of the thoughts that should engage us: everything that is noble, good, pure, everything that we love and honour, that is virtuous and worthy of praise.

GOSPEL: Matt. 21: 33 - 43.

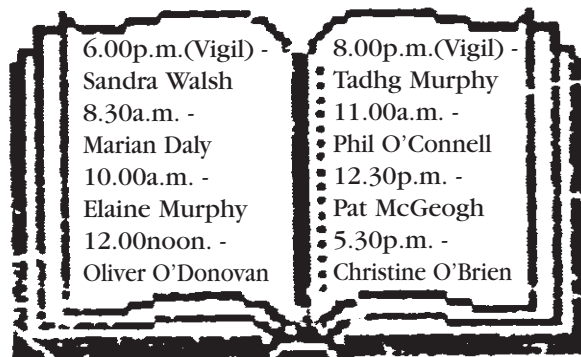
The listeners to this parable would have been well aware of the reference to Isaiah who compared God's people to a fruitless vineyard, (Today's First Reading). God gave his vineyard to farmers who neglected it so that it produced nothing. They then maltreat the master's servants who came for the produce - the fate of the prophets. But the Master has supreme patience. He sends more servants with the same result. He even sends his son. The sight of the son only stimulates their hate. When they maltreat him it is obvious what the Master will do when the time of reckoning comes but Jesus by asking his hearers what the Master will do implicitly invites them to pronounce their own sentence.

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12th/13th October 2002

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



SATURDAY 12TH

6p.m.
Mary O'Donoghue
Steve Wills
Margaret O'Sullivan
Rita Aherne
Betty Sheehan
Jim Walsh

SUNDAY 13TH

8.30a.m.
Mary Buckley
Rita Murphy

10a.m.
Maureen Roche
Christina Walshe
Peter Reilly
Mary Collins
Christy Roche

12.00 Noon
Oliver O'Donovan
Barbara Kelly
John Jeffers
Mary McLean
Ellen Seymour
Ita Walshe

CHRIST OUR LIGHT CHURCH

SATURDAY 12TH

8p.m.
Anne O'Regan
Marion O'Sullivan
Maura O'Driscoll

SUNDAY 13TH

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

SAINT OF THE WEEK

07 - OCTOBER - 02

FEAST OF THE HOLY ROSARY

At the end of the fifteenth century Islam was the great threat to Christian Europe. (Thinking of September eleventh one might ask: "Does anything ever change?") In 1498 the Turks occupied the Greek city of Lepanto directly East of the toe of Italy. This Islamic presence just across a narrow sea from Southern Italy remained in place until 1571 when a combined Papal, Spanish, Venetian and Genoese fleet under Don John of Austria set out to defend Italy and the rest of Western Europe.

On the first Sunday of October, 1571, huge Rosary processions took place in Rome asking Our Lady's protection for Christianity. On that very day, October 7th., the Christian forces gained a spectacular victory over the Turkish fleet. Fifteen Turkish ships were sunk and 177 taken. 15,000 Christian rowers, slaves on the Turkish galleys, were liberated. It was the first great defeat of Islam at sea.

Pope St. Pius V ordered that a commemoration of the Rosary should be made on that day and some 200 years later after another victory over the Turks in Hungary the Pope extended the Feast of the Holy Rosary to the universal Church. Pope Leo XIII added to the Litany of Loreto the invocation "Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for us."

There was nothing new about the Rosary on the day of the Battle of Lepanto. A century before that the Dominican Order had been organizing the Confraternity of the Holy Rosary all over Europe. Catholics both in England and Ireland made the Rosary their particular devotion always turning to the Mother of God at times of special need. For those who love the Rosary in life it becomes a symbol of their Faith entwined in their dead fingers at the end of life.

Questions

Q. Why do Catholics baptise infants who cannot make a personal act of faith?

A. Baptism welcomes a child into the Church, the body of Christ, the people of the new covenant. Jesus was himself circumcised as a new member of the people of the Covenant, in accordance with Jewish law, when he was eight days old. St. Paul baptised whole families and households (Acts 16).

The life of baptism is a seed planted, destined to grow into the mighty plant of eternal life. But the growth has to be nurtured. The high point of the Church's liturgy is when we renew our baptismal promises at Easter.

Q. What is the point of going to confession when I always confess the same sins?

A. Well at least you are not getting any worse! Which might happen if you neglect the sacrament. People don't stop going to the doctor just because they have the same pains as the last time. A good suggestion is to pay special attention to one particular fault or weakness. Through your use of the sacrament make a determined resolution to improve in that one matter, humbly imploring God's healing grace to help you.

Fr Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap

Afternoon of Prayer For Ireland



in honour of
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in Community Hall,
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(The day of the miracle of the sun)

2.15p.m. to 6.00p.m.

Introduction, Opening Prayers & Hymns.
Talk-Fatima Hope of the World by Fr. J. Power, O.S.A.
Recitation of Holy Rosary.
Talk-The Lady of all Nations by Fr. J Keane, C.C.
Music & Hymns. Short Break.
Talk - The Final Marian Dogma by Fr. J Keane, C.C.
Talk - Young Persons View of Fatima. Enrolment in Brown Scapular.
Eucharistic Blessing & Healing Prayers.
Healing Session Conducted by Fr. J Keane, C.C.

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Tomorrow's new world is their dream.
Their faces are turned to the sun
Our day is drawing to its setting.
Theirs has only begun.

Give them hands ever open to people
Hearts ready to forgive and to share,
To listen, to praise and to love,
And even the courage to fail.

Lord, for tomorrow's young leaders
we pray,
Call them to follow You the Truth, the
Life, the Way