# THE BALLINCOLLIG **PARISHIONER**









### SUNDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2002

St. Mary & St. John STATION ROAD

#### TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Day for Life

God promised his people a future of great blessings where death and mourning would be no more. Christ came to issue God's final invitation to this future. Some rejected it, others accepted it but then made light of it. what have we done with our invitation?

#### **BLIND OBEDIENCE**

I have always been interested in caves and in exploring cave systems. There are dangers involved since it is easy to lose one's way in the darkness of the caves. The air is clean and pure, devoid of all dust or pollen particles. The air temperature is constant all year round. The atmosphere is strangely silent apart from the gushing of underground streams.

Several years ago when I was living in Austrailia, I had several opportunities of pursuing this interest in the subterranean sphere. On one such occasion I was invited by Aussie friends to join them in exploring a cave system which had been discovered some years before then in a remote part of the New South Wales outback. Due to their recent discovery, the caves had not been mapped out, so we had to rely entirely on the expertise of a guide. His name was Meriwa. He was an elderly aborigine who had lived all his life in the area. He had an intimate knowledge of that cave system.

However, before we entered the caves, Meriwa insisted that we would obey him, that we would do exactly as he asked of us. We followed Meriwa in blind obedience for many hours through the dark caves until he led us back again to the now blinding, bright light of day. our obedience to Meriwa was not blind, but rather it was enlightened. we had faith in him and confidence in his ability to guide us to safety.

God too, asks us to obey him. Do we submit blindly to God? No, our response to God is illuminated by our faith and by our trust in him.

We obey god by keeping his rules and regulations. These we find in the Ten Commandments. In one of these commandments, God tells us that we must obey our Father & Mother. God is our Father and we are his children. Thus our response to God must be one of obedience.

As one of my friends & I were led through the darkness of the caves by Meriwa, so also God will lead us, his

#### PRAYERS OF THE **FAITHFUL**

**Priest:** Brothers and sisters, let us make our prayers to God, who gently shepherds all the flock.

#### Reader:

For Christians,

that their belief in life after death may sustain them in difficult times. Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who are hungry, that they may experience kindness and compassion from people of faith.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For alcoholics, and all who suffer because of addiction, that the power of God may release them.

Lord. Hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

For couples preparing for marriage, that the gentle shepherd may show them the right path to follow. Lord. Hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those we have lost to death. that a place at the eternal banquet may be theirs.

Lord. Hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those we love, particularly all who are in need of prayer at this time Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

God our shepherd, you invite us to your table in heaven: give us the grace we need on our journey there, we pray, through Christ our Lord.

#### THOUGHT FOR TODAY - DAY FOR LIFE

A BANQUET OF RICH FOOD (FIRST READING)

God offers fullness of life - a rich banquet, exultation and rejoicing, the destruction of death and sorrow (First Reading). That fullness gathers up our lives on earth. All that is good in human life is transfigured by the creative power of God 'as lavishly as only God can' (Second Reading). Every human life, called to that fullness, is to be respected at each moment of its existence. Deliberate destruction of that extraordinary gift is a great wrong.

In the lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

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#### **BAPTISMS**

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



Leah Mary Kenny, 82 Castle Park Glen Allen Buckley, 6 Fernwalk, Greenfields Michael O'Keeffe, 50 Spring Lane, Blackpool

#### **MARRIAGES**

CONGRATULATIONS TO:



Patrick Joseph O'Mahony, 34 Willowgrove & Ann-Marie Costelle, 34 Willowgrove, Ballincollig

#### + IN SYMPATHY

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:

Ivan Patrick, 13 O'Donovan Crescent Paddy Kelly, Glasheen Clare O'Mullane, Ballinlough Rd Joe McDonnell, Waterfall

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

Tony & Judie O'Sullivan, The Crescent Denis & Mary Nolan, Knocknagoshel Marjorie O'Mahony, Bandon Tom Murphy, Lee Rd Ned & Nellie O'Leary, Kilmichael Frances Mitchenson, Bermingham Catty Foley, Waterfall Nora Maverley, Quaker Rd Jerh & Mary Buttimer, Kilmichael Connie Murphy, Healy's Bridge Leena & John Gaffney, Carrigrohane Eileen Lucey, Station Rd Danny Carlton, Church View Denis & Margaret Linehan, Inniscarra Henry & Nora O'Brien, Sheare St., Gerry & Hannah Goulding, Inniscarra Mary O'Mahony, Clash Rd Tony McMahon, Dublin Hill Kevin Finn, Galway Mary Teresa Kelleher, Inniscarra Denis & Kitty Calnan, Rosscarbery Edmond Dorney, Rita Culligan, Killarney Gordon Dentona-Mayor Donal O'Connor, Coolroe Nora Healy, Madonna Hse John & Pat Sheehan, Coachford John Hogan, Ballinlough Mary O'Sullivan, Carriganarra Daniel Burke, Whitechurch

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#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

13 Sunday Is. 25:6-10. Phil.4:12-14,19 20. Mt.22:1-14. Lect 1: 711 A special commitment is needed with regard to certain aspects of the Gospel's radical message that are often less well understood, even to the point of making the Church's presence unpopular, but which nevertheless must be a part of her mission of charity. I am speaking of the duty to be committed to respect for the life of every human being, from conception until natural death. For Christian witness to be effective, especially in these delicate and controversial areas, it is important that special efforts be made to explain properly the reasons for the Church's position; stressing that it is not a case of imposing on nonbelievers a vision based on faith, but of interpreting and defending the values rooted in the very nature of the human person.

Novo Millennio Ineunte. Pope John Paul II. 2001

14 Monday Gal. 4:22-24, 26 27, 31, 5:1. Ps.112. Lk.11 :29-32. Lect II:814 Freedom is the central thealogical concept which sums up the Christian's situation before God as well as in this world. St Callistus I, became Pope in 217, opposed by Hippolyius. He died at the hands of a mob in 222.

**15 Tuesday Gal. 5:1 6. Ps. 118. Lk. 11:37-41.** *Lect II:816* 'For freedom Christ has set us free'. In him we have communion with the 'truth that sets us and, 'where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom' *CCC*, *1741*.

St Teresa of Avila, 1515-1582, deeply contemplative, highly active and practical, established Carmelite convents under a reformed rule, and wrote much on prayer and the spiritual life. Patron of lace-makers, and headache sufferers.

16 Wednesday Eph. 5:18 25. Ps. 1. Lk.11:42 46. Lect II:817 Paul prays that the Faithful may come to full knowledge of the saving plan, to know in their minds and hearts the hope held out to them.

**St Hedwig**, 11741243, wife of the Duke of Silesia, mother of seven children, some of whom caused her trouble, devoted herself to charitable works.

St Margaret Mary,1647-1690, visionary and ascetic, revived devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, exemplary in her patience and trust

St. Gall was a monk of Bangor who set out with Columbanus for the Continent. When Columbanus was exiled from France, Gall accompanied him to Bregenz on Lake Constance. When Columbanus crossed into Italy, Gall remained in Switzerland. He lived in a hermitage, which later became the monastery of St. Gallen. He died around 630.

**17 Thursday Eph. 1:1 10. Ps. 97. Lk. 11:47 54.** *Lect II:819* The letter to the Ephesians is an amalgam of prayers, homilies and exhortations, begins with a statement of our vocation, the call of God's chosen to eternal happiness.

St Ignatius, bishop of Antioch, died a martyr at Rome c. 107.

18 Friday 2 Tim. 4:10 17. Ps. 144. Lk.10:1 -9. Lect II:1233 St Luke was a physician from a Gentile Christian milieu. He was with St Paul on his second missionary journey and during his imprisonment in Rome. Represented in art by an ox. Patron of butchers, book-binders, doctors and surgeons, artists, glassworkers

19 Saturday Eph. 1:15-23. Ps. 8. Lk. 12:8 12. Lect II:824
Paul prays that the faithful may come to full knowledge of the saving plan, to know in their minds and hearts the hope held out to them, to recognise the Body which has Christ as the Head.

**St Paul of the Cross**,1694-1775, founded the Passionists in Rome, preaching on the Passion of Christ and tending the sick, the dying and the lapsed.

**Sts John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues,** with their six Jesuit companions, were slain by Huron and Iroquois Indians in 1647/8.

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# THE VOICE OF THE LEGION OF MARY

#### **AFRICA**

#### **KENYA**

The work of legionaries has resulted in patients receiving the last Sacraments before death, couples having their marriages validated in church, 560 people taking instruction in the faith and 71 people encouraged to quit the habit of abuse of alcoholic drink.



#### **TANZANIA**

Street giris are contacted, the sick and elderly are visited and teaching of catechism is undertaken.

#### **ZAMRIA**

Twenty-three conversions are reported in the Chipata area where a three day retreat was also organised.

#### THE SUDAN

After a long silence, word was received from the Tombura-Yambio diocese to say that there are, 2,338 active members in the Legion there as well as 430 members in a refugee camp. The poor, sick, orphans and prisoners are visited, despite much hardship.

#### NIGERIA

Enugu report 1,784 conversions, 12 legion groups started, 680 families had their homes consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Ten legionaries were ordained priests and ten others deacons. In the areas of Ikot Ekpene, Benin Gty, Ibadan and Kaduna reports were received of many returns to the sacraments, conversions to the Church and marriages.

#### UGANDA

In order to counteract the efforts of Pentecostals in Kampala young legionaries organise Scripture study classes to good effect. In Luzira prison there are now three Legion groups established among the prisoners resulting in a much-improved situation between prisoners and staff. Fourteen legionaries were ordained priests and 17 deacons.

### 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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#### BALLINCOLLIG BASKETBALL CLUB

Our younger members were very busy during the past week and they produced some wonderful performances. U I 3 boys team were definitely team of the week with some outstanding results in league and tournaments games and proved thats it hard to keep a good team down. On Thursday night they travelled to Neptune Stadium to play the highly rated homeside and never really settled into the game Neptune won by 10 points despite a good effort by our boys in their first outing this season. The team were disappointed that they did not make the most of the scoring chances that came their way . On Saturday they faced Neptune in the first game of a County Board Tournament and were determined to avenge their league defeat . Both teams played some great basketball with the lead changing hands on several occasions. Ballincollig showed that they had learned from their previous meeting and with a great team effort scored a narrow but deserved victory. This win did wonders for the players confidence and they continued to impress with victories over St. Brendans Tralee, Glanmire and Mallow .Ballincollig were top of their section and qualified for the semi-finals against Carrigaline. In a one sided match Ballincollig proved too strong and as a result gained a final place against old rivals Neptune who had a narrow win over Blue Demons in the other semi-final This was the sixth match of the day for both teams and great credit to the young players who served up a marvellous display at the end of a long day. This game was as close as their early morning encounter and there was little or nothing between them during the first half. The second half was as fast and furious but with the Ballincollig squad lasting the pace better than Neptune. A great team effort with greater scoring spread saw Ballincollig gain their first trophy of the season. Congratulations to the entire squad who played and their coach who can look forward to a great season.

- U 11 boys had a great victory over Neptune in their league and are very excited about the season ahead that look like its going to be good .
- U 15 boys lost to Neptune but can be pleased with their efforts against a vastly more experience team .
- U 17 boys were disappointing in their game against Neptune and lost this match without ever reaching their potential. Div. 1 men continue to improve and a convincing win over Glanmire. The performance of some of the younger squad members was great to see and this victory sees them move up the league table.
- Girls U 19 and U 14 played Blue Demons with both teams winning convincingly against teams that are new to girls basketball.

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17/10	PAR HALL INTER	8.30PM	V	SK1BBEREEN
19/10	DONOUGHMORE U16	6.00PM	V	DONOUGHMORE
20/10	BANTRY U12	11.00AM	V	BANTRY
24/10	PAR.HALL U18	8.30PM	V	WILDCATS
BOYS FI	IXTURES			
11/10	PAR.HALL U11A	6.30PM	V	SKIBBEREEN
	U11B	7.30PM	V	NEPTUNE
	U13	7.30PM	V	SKIBEREEN
15/10	PAR.HALL U15	6.30PM	V	MIDLETON
16/10	PAR.HALL U11	6.30PM	V	BLUE DEMONS B
	U13	7.30PM	V	BLUE DEMONS
	U15	8.30PM	V	CARRIGALINE A
	U17	8.30PM	V	GLANMIRE

TRAINING FOR BOYS 8/9/10 YEARS OLD FRIDAY 6PM-7PM COMMUNITY SCHOOL GYM TRAINING FOR GIRLS 8/9/10/11 YEARS OLD FRIDAY 7pm-8pm COMMUNITY SCHOOL GYM

#### ROAD BUILDING COMPANY HELPS PARISH

The Ballincollig bypass is being constructed by GAMMA CONSTRUCTION IRE-LAND LTD. Recently the Managing Director of the Company, M. Hakan Karaalioglu, Civil Eng. MSc. visited the parish priest and offered to help the parish community in some suitable manner. As a result the Company has removed the unsightly stone fence to the rear of the parish cemetery bearing the full cost of the operation. The parish is deeply grateful to GAMMA for this generous and unexpected gesture of good will.

The Management of Westside Retail Park have given the Parish Council permission to go on their ground west of the pallisade fencing to clean it up. As this newly cleared land is not the property of the parish it cannot be used as a jemetery extension. However the clearing will enhance the appearance of the

arish cemetery and will allow room for the erection of some form of central memorial to the Dead such as a Cross or statue.

We wish both GAMMA and Westside Retail Park every success in the future.

### SAINT OF THE WEEK 15 - OCTOBER - 02

#### ST. TERESA OF AVILA

In every age women of extraordinary holiness appear in the Church. The saint of our time is undoubtedly Mother Theresa of Calcutta renowned for her humility, service of the poor, personal poverty, kindness and holiness.

St. Teresa of Avila was such a woman in her time which spanned the middle of the sixteenth century. Born in 1515, she died in 1558 at the age of sixty seven. The city of Avila is located in central Spain, not far from the capital Madrid.

As a young person, Teresa wasn't all that interested in religion. She preferred romantic novels and beautiful clothes. When she entered the convent, it was like a club for young women filled with gossip, games and good food. After twenty years of this easy going convent life she wanted more. She yearned for a place where the real Carmelite life would be lived - with prayer, silence and fasting. She set about creating such a place for herself. She founded such a convent at Avila at the age of forty seven. Further foundations followed all across Spain.

There was no shortage of vocations to this life of austerity.

St. Teresa is remembered not only for her work in reforming convent life but also for her writings which related her personal mystical experiences.

She was the first woman to be known as a doctor of the Church.

## **Questions**

# Q. What is the position of the Church regarding cremation?

A. The Church teaches us to show deep respect for the body of the dead, regarding it as a consecrated temple of the Holy Spirit, destined for sharing in the splendour of the final resurrection. Traditionally, the burial of the body has been regarded as one of the corporal works of mercy. Our Canon Law recommends that the pious custom of burial be retained; but it does not forbid cremation, provided that this does not demonstrate a denial of faith in the resurrection of the body.

# Q. What does the title 'pope' mean? Is it true that there were very sinful popes?

A. The word 'pope' comes from papa, meaning father or authority figure in the family. The first was Simon Peter, to whom Jesus promised the keys of authority. Jesus chose the name, Peter, meaning a rock, the foundation rock of his Church.

There have been 268 popes to date. Perhaps three were notoriously sinful. One bad pope is one too many, yet it's not a bad record. Jesus promised that the powers of hell would never conquer his Church. Trust his word rather than the prophets of doom.

Fr Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap

#### ST. ALOYSIUS' SCHOOL, ST. MARIES OF THE ISLE, CORK.

The Principal, Mrs. FitzGerald-Smith invites 4th, 5th, and 6th class Primary School Pupils and the parents to the annual Open Night on 16th October at 7.30 pm, to view the school facilities and to meet staff and students.

#### A PRAYER FOR LIFE

"... a great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world."[EV 100]

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world
Mother of the living,
to you do we entrust the cause of life:
Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers
of babies not allowed to be born. [EV1O5]

Grant that we may
listen with open and generous hearts
to every word which proceeds
from the mouth of God.

Thus we shall learn not only to obey the
commandment not to kill human life,
but also to revere life, to love it,
and to foster it. [EV 51]

Amen

Pope John Paul 11

#### **GOUGANE BARRA VISIT**

This past weekend, the Rosary Group from the parish made its annual pilgrimage to gougane Barra. This spiritual event, and indeed social too, established now for over 10 years, continues to grow in numbers. Its founding members, Angela Murphy, Elizabeth Staunton, Nell Healy, Peg Gilloran and Joan Davidson were there. Included also were Philippino staff working at local nursing homes. Their prayerful presence added to the joy of the special occasion. The international gathering of the group was added to by a contingent of male singers from Swansea, South Wales. Visitors from Austrailia and the USA were in attendance at the prayers. Our spiritual director, Fr. John O'Donovan led us in the prayers and celebration of Mass. A new monstrance, recently purchased by the Rosary Group was presented to Fr. Kieran Twomey, P.P by Angela Murphy, for use in the oratory at Gougane. We were blessed also in the glorious sunshine of that Autumn day, Rosary Sunday. The evening concluded with a meal at Creedon's Hotel, Inchigeela.

Will you join us next year on our Pilgrimage to Gougane?

You will be more than welcome!!

# Lough Church Restoration Project "Lovely is the Lough"

An Exhibition

of Pictures, photographs and Posters at the

Scout Hall, Church Grounds, Lough Road Sunday October 13th

10.30a.m. to 12 noon 3p.m. to 5p.m. 7p.m. to 9p.m.

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 14TH, 2002, IN JURY'S HOTEL AT 8P.M.

also

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If you have a few hours to spare, your help would be greatly appreciated in our Day Care Centre at Coffa House in Church Street.

If you can help us please give our Liaison Nurse Peggie Scriven a call on 021-4343225

## THE SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING: Is. 5: 1 - 7.

The prophet depicts the kingdom that the promised Messiah will institute as a rich banquet for all nations, united together on Mount Sion, as a kingdom of peace and happiness free from bloodshed and oppression.

All will form one united nation. a The removal of death probably means the cessation of wars and bloodshed, usually coupled with freedom from oppression.

SECOND READING: Phil. 4: 12-14, 19-20.

In this affectionate ending to his letter to the Christians of the Greek city of Philippi, St. Paul compliments them on their willingness to share his hardships. God will reward them for their kindness.

GOSPEL: Matt. 22: 1-4

This parable is addressed not to the Jewish leaders alone but to all and relates to the personnel of the Kingdom. The distinguished ones favoured with an invitation refuse, those of no distinction take their places. But even among these some are unworthy and so excluded. It was usual in the East to remind invited guests when the time drew near. With great forbearance the King overlooks the refusal and sends a second group of servants to say that the feast stands waiting, but the invited are more interested in their worldly cares. Not content with insulting the servants they actually murder them. This is a reference to prophets like John the Baptist who was not only ignored but murdered.

The king's patience is at last exhausted and his revenge terrible.

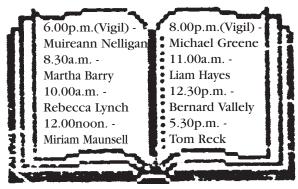
# Afternoon of Prayer For Ireland

in honour of Our Lady of Fatima & The Lady of all Nations

in Community Hall,
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(The day of the miracle of the sun) 2.15p.m. to 6.00p.m.

# MINISTERS OF THE WORD OCT 19TH/20TH ST. MARY & ST. JOHN CHRIST OUR LIGHT





Siobhan Riordan

### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST 19th/20th October 2002 ST. MARY'S & ST. JOHN'S CHURCH



SATURDAY 19TH	SUNDAY 20TH		
6р.т.	8.30a.m.	10a.m.	12.00 Noon
Vera Allen	Mary Buckley	Anne Cahill	Joan Barrett
Bernadette Bell	Theresa Lucey	Pat Lee	Sheila Carroll
Oliver Delaney		May Delaney	Marsie Curling
Betty Casey		Seamus O'Shea	Pat Keenan
Frank Riordan		John O Donovan	Will Casev

#### CHRIST OUR LIGHT CHURCH

SATURDAY 191H	SUNDAY 201H		
8p.m.	11a.m.	12.30p.m.	5.30p.m.
Geraldine Lynch	Maíre Uí Chrualaoí	Con O'Connell	Patsy Galvin
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Dan Coleman Maura Lombard

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

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(Surgical Heart Patients Association)



will hold a

# **Thanksgiving Mass**

at

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on

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