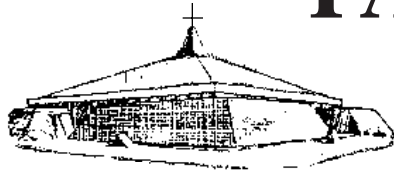


# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



CHRIST OUR LIGHT  
INNISHMORE



ST. MARY & ST. JOHN  
STATION ROAD

**SUNDAY**  
**20TH OCTOBER 2002**  
TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
MASS FOR THE SPREAD OF THE GOSPEL  
MISSION SUNDAY

*Theme: Launch out into the deep*

*By its nature, the Church is missionary. Christ sent her to let her light shine to the whole human race. We cannot leave this task to the professionals. The prophets and the apostles were ordinary lay people when chosen to speak and act in God's name. As the result of our baptism, each of us has a duty to work for the missions in our own special way and in our own particular place.*

## CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE

(INCORPORATING THE CATHOLIC PRESS & INFORMATION OFFICE)

### *Living with Dying*

*A Letter from the Irish Bishops*

*to mark the*

*Day for Life*

### *Dying is Woven into Life*

As a nation, we Irish probably go to more funerals than most people. In that sense, death is familiar to us; it is woven into the very pattern of our daily lives. But when we are faced with the death of a family member, or indeed our own death, it is a radically different experience. It brings with it a strange mixture of feelings: fear and hope, sadness and surprise, intimacy and isolation. It can also bring about a radical change in the lives of those who are left behind.

God is the giver of life, and he alone has the right to decide when that life should end. A summary of this important letter is given on page 5.

*Apologies to Fr. John for the inadvertant shortening of his article last week.*

## THOUGHTS ON TREES

For many years now I have been drawn to trees. As a youth, when I looked at trees they would sometimes hold my gaze for a long time, and they still do. Beyond their strength and beauty was a mystery that drew me and touched me deeply. I wanted to learn. Now my interest has greatly grown over the years.

To gardening friends especially Joe D. whose trees I have admired these past months I share with you now these sentiments of Canon Ellacome, many decades since deceased: "A garden without trees scarcely deserves to be called a garden, and if I had to build a house for myself, with of course, a garden attached, I have often thought that it would be very delightful to build the house in an old wood and gradually form the garden by cutting it out of the wood." May you too, enjoy your trees.

*Fr. John O'Donovan*

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

### **Priest:**

As we go forward in hope, we ask God to hear the prayers the Holy Spirit inspires us to make.

### **Reader:**

That, with renewed confidence, the Church may bring the Good News to all nations.

Lord, Hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

That relations with non-Christians may always be marked by mutual understanding and respect.

Lord, Hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

That many may generously answer the call to be missionaries.

Lord, Hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

That those working on the missions may be supported by our prayers and sacrifices.

Lord, Hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

That people amongst us from other countries may experience true Christian kindness.

Lord, Hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

### **Priest:**

God of love, you want all people to be saved. As we thank you for the gift of knowing you as Father, we ask you to hear these prayers we make in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

## THOUGHT FOR TODAY - DAY FOR LIFE PUT OUT INTO THE DEEP (GOSPEL)

Pope John Paul said in Knock that each new generation is like a new continent. We are all called to bring the Gospel into a new continent. There are great challenges but we are sent so that the people of this new century may know that, apart from God, all is nothing (First Reading).

*Give the Lord glory and power.*

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



Joshua Adam O'Sullivan, 12 Berryfield, Classis Lake  
William Patrick Bouchand, 68 Fonden, Oriel House  
Ronan Francis Foley, 183 Willow Court

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Senan Power, Ovens &  
Diane Canny, 31 Leesdale Drive married 28th Sept 02

**+**  
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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:

Tom McNamara, Powdermills  
May Dwyer, Leo Murphy Tce

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REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF**

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Maureen Burke, Southern Rd  
Philip Moynihan, Kilnaglory  
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Martin, Paddy & Tommy Stanton, London  
The Murphy Family, Ballyhaunis, Co. Mayo  
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John O'Callaghan, Sexton Park  
Paddy Lucey, Inchigeelagh  
Peg Bransfield, Youghal  
John Sexton,  
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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**20 Sunday 1s. 45:1:4-6. Ps. 95. 1 Thess. 1:1-5. Lk. 5:1-11.**

The Mission Sunday Theme is "launch out into the deep" The readings are taken from this current Sunday Lect 1: 714 except for the Gospel which is from Lect 1: 852. "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Mt 28:19). The missionary mandate accompanies us into the Third Millennium and urges us to share the enthusiasm of the very first Christians: we can count on the power of the same Spirit who was poured out at Pentecost and who impels us still today to start out anew, sustained by the hope "which does not disappoint" (Rom 5:5)  
*Novo Millennio Ineunte. Pope John Paul II. 2001*

**21 Monday Eph. 2:1 - 10. Ps. 99. Lk. 12:13-21.. Lect II:826**

The very same power that God exercised on Christ, he has also put to work on the faithful. We are God's work of art. Let us indeed make ourselves rich in the sight of God.

**22 Tuesday Eph. 2:12-22. Ps. 84. Lk. 12:35-38. Lect II:828**

Christ is our peace, making Jew and Gentile one. Christ is the temple into which we all are built "This temple, symbolised in places of worship built out of stone, is praised by the Fathers and, not without reason, is compared in the liturgy to the Holy City, the New Jerusalem" CCC, 756.

**23 Wednesday Eph. 3:2- 12. Ps. 112. Lk. 12:39-48. Lect II:830**

The mystery explained: the Gentiles have received the inheritance, are members of Christ's body, and participate in the promise.

**John of Capistrano**, 1386-1456 studied civil and canon law and joined the Franciscan Order. In a battle at Belgrade he contracted fever and died there. Patron saint of jurists and military chaplains.

**24 Thursday Eph. 3:14-21. Ps. 32. Lk. 12:49-53. Lect II:832**

Paul's prayer continues that his readers should become what they are already through the Christ event, filled with all the fullness of God, planted and built on love. **St Anthony Mary Claret**, 1807-1870, founded the Claretians in Spain for missionary work; Archbishop of Santiago, Cuba; returned as chaplain to the Queen of Spain, and built schools and museums, before being exiled with the monarchy.

**25 Friday Eph. 4:1-6. Ps. 23. Lk. 12:54-59. Lect II:834**

The Ephesians are to preserve the bond of unity in Christ. This will remedy the dangers of internal arguments, of the differences in vocations, and of new fashioned teachings.

**BI Thaddeus McCarthy** was born in 1455. His appointment as Bishop of Ross was opposed and Innocent VIII then appointed him bishop of Cork and Cloyne. He set out as a humble pilgrim to Rome where he was confirmed as bishop of Cork and Cloyne. On his return journey in 1492 he died at Ivrea in Italy

**26 Saturday Eph. 4:7-16'. Ps 121 Lk. 13:1-9. Lect II:836**

By sharing our gifts and talents under Christ our Head, Christians are able to withstand the shifting fashions of beliefs and doctrines.

**Next Sunday's Readings:**

Ex. 22:20-26. Ps. 17. 1 Thess. 1:5-10. Mt 22:34-40 Lect.1:717  
*The Law of love of God and neighbour.*

# THE VOICE OF THE LEGION OF MARY

## ASIA

### TAIWAN

Efforts were made to set up the Legion in the Catholic university and among migrant workers. Non-Christian families are visited at times of bereavement.

### HONG KONG

Catechism is taught, contacts with people are made on streets, in trains, parks and at book fairs. Gatherings are arranged for the newly Baptised to encourage them in their faith.

### SINGAPORE

Young people are meeting other young people by arranging Masses for them including in the lead-up to examinations. There are 12 Patricians (discussion) groups organised monthly discussing items of religious interest.

### JAPAN

Osaka: Legion groups reporting had memberships of 23 and 26 visiting the sick, the aged and those lapsed from the faith.

### KOREA

Re-organisation of dioceses in the Seoul area may also necessitate reorganisation of the Legion structure there. Meetings for young people in the 20-30 age group are being organised with expected attendances of 1,000. Because the Legion is so strong numerically there is a widespread apostolate undertaken resulting in many thousands of people being brought into the Church. In one area, 2,591 were received into the Church and 1,760 returned to the sacraments. In the Kwangju area, 500 were baptised and 800 were enrolled as catechumens. In another area, 1,000 baptisms took place at one ceremony.



## WOMEN & HEART DISEASE

*The Irish Heart Foundation is organising a public lecture entitled  
"Women & Heart Disease",  
at the Imperial Hotel on Thursday November 7th at 8.00pm.*

The lecture will be given by **Dr. WI. Fennell**,  
*Consultant Cardiologist, Cork University Hospital.*

Admission is free of charge.

*All are welcome.*

## BALLINCOLLIG COMMUNITY SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION

The Parents Association of Ballincollig Community School are pleased to announce that **Dr. Vincent Moloney**, psychologist and co-author of "*Parents Under Pressure*" and "*Coping with Adolescence*", will speak on the topic "**Coping with Adolescence**"

**at Ballincollig Community School**

**Monday 21st October at 8.00pm**

**"DAY FOR LIFE" 2002****"End of Life Care - Ethical and Pastoral Issues"****Irish Bishops' Committee for Bioethics****SUMMARY****Palliative Care avoids two extremes**

Advances in medicine and in technology mean that the taking of decisions about appropriate care for people who have advanced and progressive illness have become more complex. The document says that, in caring for people who are dying, there are two extremes to be avoided:

- a. Trying to keep people alive at all costs, even when it is clear that death is imminent
- b. Deciding to end the life of a person on the basis that his or her life no longer worth living. (pp. 5-6)

Palliative care avoids both of these extremes "in that it upholds absolute respect for human life, and acknowledges human mortality and the dominion we have over life" It is about "maximising the quality of life remaining, while enabling patients to 'live until they die.'" (p. 7)

**Euthanasia is not acceptable**

Euthanasia is any action or omission, which is deliberately calculated to end the life of another human being, with or without that person's consent, on so-called health grounds. (pp 7-8). Euthanasia is morally unacceptable not only because it "would mean the introduction of a qualitative judgement on what is determined to be a worthwhile life or existence," but also because it "would have an enormous effect on the ethos of healthcare provision." (p. 12)

"The Catholic Church absolutely rejects Euthanasia as a response to chronic or serious illness. This rejection is rooted in an understanding of the human person as someone who is called into life by God, and the ultimate meaning of whose life is to be found in relationship with God." (p. 19)

**The Rights and Responsibilities of Healthcare Professionals**

The document points out that healthcare professionals, although they act on behalf of the patient, are not just functionaries who are required to do whatever they are asked to do. They have a right and a duty to choose what is good, and to reject any course of action which conflicts with an informed judgement of conscience, even if this is requested by the patient or by the family." (p. 13)

**Appropriate Pain Relief is not Euthanasia**

The document uses the traditional Principle of Double Effect to explain that necessary pain relief, even if it sometimes results in an unintended and unavoidable reduction in the length of life is not euthanasia. The degree to which life is shortened must not be out of proportionate to the benefits which come to the patient through pain relief.(p. 9)

**Euthanasia is not Necessary**

The document points out that requests for euthanasia frequently coincide with a bad period of symptom control, even a clinically treatable depression.(p 10) The solution, in part, is to improve pain control. In the vast majority of cases unbearable pain can be avoided.

Some distress is not directly related to physical pain, but has its roots in issues such as "fear, anxiety, loss of control and loss of independence. " Good counselling, which is an integral part of palliative care "allows the patient, the family, and others who are closely involved to discuss these fears. " (p. 15) Sedation may sometimes be required to deal with high levels of anxiety, but it should not be a first resort. While it can certainly help to reduce the experience of emotional stress, it also reduces the capacity of the patient to respond freely and deliberately to what is happening in his/her life." (p. 15)

(Sedation is not the same as physical pain-relief; sedation deals with emotional distress).

**The Provision of Resources**

The document makes a very strong case for the provision of adequate resources for palliative care, not only in hospices, but in general hospitals and in the community.

"The inadequacy of such resources impinges directly on the quality of care that can be provided to those who are dying, and may be a contributory factor in the level of demand for euthanasia. (p. 16)

**Spiritual and Sacramental Ministry**

The document points out that "a comprehensive approach to healthcare must take account of the spiritual needs of the patient. " (p 20) All the key moments of life, including sickness and death, have the capacity to bring our relationship with God into sharper focus. Poor communication is an obstacle to spiritual care, because patients are often discouraged from even mentioning the possibility of death. By contrast, the ethos of sensitive but honest communication that is part of palliative care greatly facilitates the spiritual and sacramental care of those who are dying; the patient's questions are welcomed and answered appropriately. Talk of death and dying is not taboo. This means that if people pray with the patient, they can pray more honestly too." (p.21)



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

25 - OCTOBER - 02

### BLESSED THADDEUS McCARTHY

Thaddeus McCarthy was appointed Bishop of Cork & Cloyne in 1490. He was opposed by a rival claimant. Thaddeus made the long journey to Rome to appeal for justice. The Pope gave him a document ordering his restoration as Bishop. He then set off home travelling incognito as a pilgrim.

Worn out by his travels and sufferings, he died in a pilgrim hospice at Ivrea in Piedmont on October 24th in circumstances which at once established his reputation for sanctity. As he lay dying his bed 'appeared all aflame and on fire without being consumed in any way'. The Bishop of Piedmont discovered the identity of the pilgrim from the Papal document and the bishop's ring he had hidden among his poor belongings. The body was vested in episcopal robes and buried in the Cathedral church of Ivrea.

He was beatified in 1896 and one of his bones is preserved in the beautiful ossuary in Cork's newly renovated Cathedral.

## Questions

**Q. What is so special about devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus? Where did the devotion come from?**

A. The heart is the centre of love, so this devotion is a way to focus on the love of God shown in Jesus Christ. The devotion was popularised by Saint Margaret Mary Alcoque in the 17th century. It counteracted the very severe idea of God then being spread by Calvinism. Margaret Mary was asked to draw people back to the love in Christ's heart: his love for the Father, his mercy to sinners and his compassion to the sick.

'Behold this heart which has so loved people and is so little loved in return.'

**Q. Publicans today are people who own pubs, but who were the publicans in the Gospel?**

A. Publicans were people who collected public taxes and excise duty. These minor officials didn't set the tax rates; their job was to collect the revenues. It was never a popular job, especially when the revenue went to an occupying power, the Romans. Sometimes they got a bad name for extortion and lining their own pockets, hence the link between publicans and sinners. Yet Jesus went made a point of befriending them and honoured their profession by calling Matthew to be an apostle.

*Fr Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap*

2002

## Arthritis Foundation of Ireland

Lecture Series

“Osteoporosis”

Speaker: Dr. Mark Phelan  
Consultant Rheumatologist

Date: **Tuesday**  
**5th November 2002**

Venue: **The Kingsley Hotel,**  
**Victoria Cross, Cork**

Time: **8.00pm**

Admission Free

## CARE & SHARE CHARITABLE TRUST, INDIA

Rev. Fr. Raja Reddy M.S. M.B.A. from India is visiting Ballincollig on Monday next 21st October, the feast of St. Ursula, the Martyr.

His Holy Mission is to rescue poor children from the streets of India giving them safety, shelter, food and a better more hopeful future. The education and care of the poor and destitute children is the top priority of the trust, which seeks to facilitate a "person - to - person" programme, linking a family or a individual to sponsor a child in a spirit of caring and sharing for the integral growth of the child.

You can help, by sponsoring a street child or giving a donation for a child, as much as your heart and financial situation will allow.

You can donate by:

- Sending a cheque payable to Fr. Raja Care & Share, posted to:  
**Mrs. Nellie Cotter, National Coordinator, Care & Share, Main St. Schull, Co. Cork.**
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(please give your name & address while sending your donation.)
- Bring your cheque along to one of the Masses being celebrated in Ballincollig by Fr. Raja on Monday next.

**The Wrenne Family of 37 Parknamore Heights, Ballincollig whose daughter, Noelle, is sponsoring a street child will have Mass celebrated in their home by Fr. Raja on Monday next 21st Oct. at 1.00 pm.**  
**The Rosary will be recited at 12.30 pm.**  
**(Please bring along a small stool/seat for yourself.)**

*Everyone welcome.*

**Aidan & Catherine Breen, 102 Rosewood, Ballincollig will also have Mass celebrated by Fr. Raja in their home that evening, (Monday 21st Oct.) at 8.00pm.**  
**The Rosary will be recited at 7.30 pm.**

*Everyone welcome.*

## **ROAD BUILDING COMPANY HELPS PARISH**

The Ballincollig bypass is being constructed by  
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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 palisade fencing to clean it up. As this newly cleared land is not the property of the parish it cannot be used as a cemetery extension.

However the clearing will enhance the appearance of the Parish 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.*

## THE SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING: Is. 45: 1.4 - 6

One of the lowest periods in the history of God's people was the Babylonian captivity. The Babylonians not only conquered the Holy Land but also took the people away as slaves to Babylon. However, this suffering brought them closer to God. They kept their faith. They met on the Sabbath day to praise God by the rivers of Babylon. Eventually God answered their prayers. The political scene changed when Cyrus, King of Persia, conquered Babylon and allowed the Jewish exiles to return to Palestine. Isaiah sees this political change as the hand of God working even through pagans.

SECOND READING: 1 Thess. 1: 1 - 5

Here begins another one of Paul's letters; this time to the converts to Christianity in Thessalonica, the modern Salonika and capital of Macedonia. During Paul's visit to that city he converted so many Greek pagans to the Faith that the Jews began a persecution of the new Christians. In the introduction to this letter, Paul praises them for their courage in the face of persecution.

GOSPEL: Lk. 5: 1 - 11

As in the capturing of fish, so in the capturing of men for God's Kingdom, God's way will be found at variance with human standards. This is a lesson that Peter and the other Apostles were very slow to learn. The wisdom of the fisherman, Peter, - "Master, we worked hard all night and caught nothing", is proved wrong by the greater wisdom of the Son of God - "Put out into deep water and pay out your nets". So often we tell ourselves today that the Church of Christ has a bleak future. So often these sentiments were expressed in the past only to be proved wrong by a miraculous religious revival.

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

6.00p.m. (Vigil) - Karen Sheehan	8.00p.m. (Vigil) - Pauline Collins
8.30a.m. - Elizabeth Daly	11.00a.m. - Noreen O'Riordan
10.00a.m. - Declan Chalmers	12.30p.m. - Marlyn O'Conno
12.00noon. - Tony Hegarty	5.30p.m. - Michelle Beamish

### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

**26th/27th October 2002**

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



**SATURDAY 26TH**

6p.m.  
Patsy Murphy  
Breda Foley  
Geraldine Graham  
Sr. M. Carmody  
Geraldine Hegarty  
Cathy Horgan

**SUNDAY 27TH**

8.30a.m.  
Theresa Lucey  
Rita Murphy

10a.m.  
Karina O'Mahony  
Rose Doyle  
Tadhg Murphy  
Mary Murphy  
Joan Tobin

12.00 Noon  
Michael Crowley  
Breda Linehan  
Noel Hennessy  
Marie O'Callaghan  
Rena O'Connor  
Angela Roche

### CHRIST OUR LIGHT CHURCH

**SATURDAY 26TH**

8p.m.  
Jim Cahill  
Kit Cahill  
Sheila O'Connor

**SUNDAY 27TH**

11a.m.  
Maura McNamara  
Angela Cunningham  
Laurence Cunningham  
Margaret Mullins  
Margaret Murphy

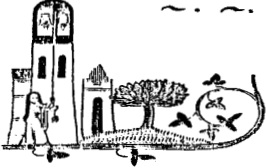
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Anne O'Connell  
Eileen Garvey  
Sally Power  
Breda Callanan  
Marie O'Brien

5.30p.m.  
Neil O'Donoghue  
Patricia O'Donoghue  
Statia O'Callaghan

ST. MARY & ST. JOHN	EACH SUNDAY	CHRIST OUR LIGHT
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Masses</b></p> <p>Sunday: 8.30, 10.00, 12.00                      Mon- Fri: 9.30am,                      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;"><b>Masses</b></p> <p>Sunday: 11.00, 12.30, 5.30pm                      Mon-Fri: 8.30am.,                      Saturday: 10.00am, 8.00pm                      (Vigil)</p>
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Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous. teach me  
 to serve you as you deserve - to give and not to  
 count the cost - to fight and not to heed the  
 wounds - to toil and not to seek for rest - to labour  
 and not to seek reward, save that of feeling that I  
 do your will.

*Sr. Ignatius*





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