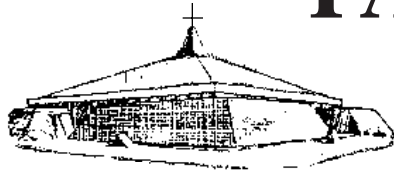


THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



CHRIST OUR LIGHT
INNISHMORE



ST. MARY & ST. JOHN
STATION ROAD

SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2002

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

*The wisdom of God is given to us if we are open to seek it.
Having received it, it teaches us to be always open, alert for the approach and presence of God.
With this wisdom God's coming will not catch us unprepared to receive Him*

PURGATORY

Q. What kind of place is purgatory?

A. Don't think of purgatory as a place but as a process. Don't think of purgatory as a punishment but as a journey towards perfect contemplation of God's glory.

'All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.' (Catechism # 1030).

It stands to reason that a lukewarm person is not as fully prepared for the light of God as the genuinely holy person. Thank God for this opportunity of purification which we call 'purgatory'.

Q. What happens in purgatory?

A. Saint Catherine of Genoa compared purgatory to getting the rust or dross off a precious metal before it can perfectly reflect the rays of the sun.

God's forgiveness is never less than total. However, years of living in a less than perfect manner will have left deficiencies of character, which, like rust, need to be purified. Like making jam, the scum has to be cleaned off to achieve the pure, fruity colour.

Scripture uses the image of cleansing fire. You need not understand this as physical fire but as an expression of purification.

Q. Are the souls in purgatory in terrible pain?

A. They are intensely happy! Why shouldn't they be? As the Catechism says, they are indeed assured of their eternal salvation. Not for one moment would they come back to this life, if given the choice.

And yet, they are suffering: suffering the pain of knowing how much they are loved by God while the residue of imperfection is still resisting this love to some extent. Saint Catherine of Genoa calls it the resistance they feel in themselves against the will of God. It's like the experience of laughing and crying at the same time.

Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest:

My sisters and brothers in Christ,
God's love is better than life, so we
present our prayers to the Lord:

Reader:

For all who follow the Christian way,
that they may receive the gift of
wisdom.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For people looking forward to their
marriage, that they may prepare
wisely and well.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For prisoners, and their families, that
they may put their trust in God, who
never forgets them.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For all who grieve over the loss of a
loved one, that they may be consoled
by our loving support.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For all our own particular needs,
which we remember now...

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest:

O God of endless love, in the shadow
of your wings we find refuge:
Hear the prayers we humbly make,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE WEEK

YOU DO NOT KNOW EITHER THE DAY OR THE HOUR (GOSPEL)

Life is uncertain. We do not know when our lives will end; we do not know what opportunities or challenges may arise. All of us fail to be vigilant; all of us fail to respond as we should (Gospel). Our task is to help one another, whatever our past failures, to understand that we are waiting for the Lord to come and to take us to stay with him forever (Second Reading).

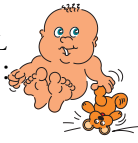
For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

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BAPTISMS

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

Nichola Teresa O'Shea, 33 Carriganarra



MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Michael Joseph Barry, Carrigaline & Mary Ann O'Connor, Sunningdale, Ballincollig



IN SYMPATHY

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:

Eileen Walsh, Cathedral Road
Vincent O'Sullivan, London & Late of Station Rd.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

Agnes Handley, Dublin
Michael Murray, Clash Rd.
Dan & Ellen Cadohan, Classis
Jack Shanahan, Fr. Sexton Park
William O'Dwyer, Kilmichael
Ellen Reid, Curraheen
Thomas & Ellen Reid, Curraheen
The Dec. members of Bowen & Kellegher Families
John Hosford, Wolfstone Sq.
Thomas Finnegan, Bishopstown
Derry Hourihan
Tom Drinan, Waterfall
Nora & Hannah O'Connor, Dingle
Nora & Micahel Keating, Kerry
Mary Murphy, Hazel Grove & Kilmichael
Francis Bogue, Carrigrohane
Laurence O'Brien, Durham
John Lucey, Station Rd
Michael Hallahan, Greenfield
Marie Deasy, Bandon
John Brennan, London
Dan McSweeney, Inniscarra
David & Margaret Rea, Lr. Glanmire Rd
Dec. Members of the Legion
David & Nora Browne
Ml. & Agnes O'Connor, Limerick
Bridget & Anthony Walsh
Jim Butler, Inniscarra

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

10 Sunday Wis. 6:12-16. Ps. 62. 1 Thess. 4:13-18. Mt. 25:1-13

11 Monday Tit. 1:1-9. Ps. 23. Lk. 17:1-6. *Lect II:862*

St Martin of Tours, 335-397, Bishop of Tours, apostle of rural Gaul, founder of monasteries. Patron of France, soldiers, beggars and inn-keepers.

12 Tuesday Tit. 2:1-8,11-14. Ps. 36. Lk. 17:7-10. *Lect II:864*

St Josaphat, 1580-1623, Bishop of Polotz, worked for reunion of Ukranian Catholics: but his murder by those who opposed it brought about many conversions.

13 Wednesday Tit. 3:1-7. Ps. 22. Lk. 17:11-19. *Lect II:866*

14 Thursday Philem. 7-20. Ps. 145. Lk. 17:20-25. *Lect II:869*

St Laurence O'Toole, (see page 3)

15 Friday 2 Jn. 4-9. Ps. 118. Lk. 17:26-37. *Lect II:871*

St Albert the Great, 1206-1280, Dominican theologian who taught in Cologne was called the "Universal Teacher" for the vast range of his interests. Patron of scientists.

16 Saturday 3 Jn. 5-8. Ps. 111. Lk. 18:1-8. *Lect II:873*

St Margaret, 1045-1093, wife of Malcom 111, King of Scotland, helped by her example and influence the work of reform in the Church.

St Gertrude, 1256-1302, a Benedictine nun from the age of five, she cultivated devotion to the Sacred Heart, and advocated frequent Communion.

EMMAUS MENS CHARISMATIC FELLOWSHIP

Invites all to a great gathering of God's people at

S.M.A. Hall, Wilton, Cork

Friday 15th November
8pm to 10pm

Saturday 16th November
10am to 6pm

Sunday 17th November
11am to 6pm

The Gathering will be opened by
Most Rev. John Buckley,
Bishop of Cork & Ross

Main Speakers:

Most Rev. Robert Rivas O.P.

Bishop of Kingstown, St. Vincent and the Grenadines

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MARIE KEATING FOUNDATION

The Marie Keating Foundation Mobile Cancer Information and Awareness Unit will visit Ballincollig Public Car Park on Thursday November 14th between 11am and 3pm.

Please note that this is not a Breast Screening service

THE SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING: Wisdom: 6: 12 -16

The proverb is the standard form of folk wisdom. Every people has its own collection and the proverbial style is popular among Orientals. The Book of Wisdom is full of such proverbs and the writer frequently personifies Wisdom. In today's extract Wisdom is presented as a beautiful woman who will guide our lives in the right path.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4: 13 - 18

The Thessalonians believed that their dead would rise again but feared they would not be in Christ's company when he comes back at the end of the world. Paul assures them that their dead will indeed be there. When that day dawns obviously there will be people still alive. The question put is: "Will those people still alive on the Last Day have any advantage over those who have died?". Paul assures them that there is no need for anxiety because Christ will bring his dead followers with him when he returns.

GOSPEL. Matt. 25:1 -13

The Gospel extract pulls together the wisdom described in the first reading and the Second Coming mentioned in the second. The wise will make prudent preparation for their first meeting with Christ whether it be at death or at the Second Coming. All the waiting virgins grew drowsy and slept. Because this is understandable no one is reproved. The guilt does not lie in this but in the carelessness that had made no provision for all eventualities. The wise, though asleep, are prepared.

SAINT OF THE WEEK 14th - NOVEMBER - 02

ST. LAURENCE O'TOOLE

For many centuries, until the canonisation of Oliver Plunkett, Laurence O'Toole was the only Irish Saint who had been officially canonised. Descended from two ancient Irish families, the O'Tooles and O'Byrnes, Laurence was born in Co. Kildare about 1128, A.D. As a boy he entered the monastic school of Glendalough where he studied for thirteen years in that beautiful lake-side sanctuary. So great was his reputation for holiness and learning that he was unanimously chosen as Abbot of Glendalough. Six years later he was chosen as Archbishop of Dublin.

Up to then Dublin was a Scandinavian city with an Archbishop chosen from among the settlers and under obedience to the See of Canterbury. The appointment of a native born Irishman who was consecrated by the Archbishop of Armagh marked the emancipation of the Dublin Catholics from foreign rule.

The new archbishop soon set himself to numerous reforms of the Church and the foundation of monasteries. He negotiated the Treaty of Windsor with King Henry II of England securing good terms for the Irish from the new Lord of Ireland.

In his personal life St. Laurence followed the strictest observance of rules and wore a hair shirt beneath his episcopal dress. Seeking better terms for the Irish he went to England to meet the King and followed him to Normandy. Here he was taken ill at the Abbey of Eu where he died on November 14, 1180.

Scoil Phobail Bhaile an Chollaigh

BALLINCOLLIG COMMUNITY SCHOOL



STATEMENT FROM THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF BALLINCOLLIG COMMUNITY SCHOOL RE THE EXISTING GYMNASIUM BUILDING. (No 2).

At the bidding stage for the PPP project at Ballincollig Community School in the autumn of 2000, the 3 final bidders were asked by the Board to consider the retention and refurbishment of the existing gymnasium as part of the project. However, the Dept. of Education & Science made it clear that, if the existing gym were to be retained and refurbished, there would be no need for a gymnasium in the new school.

Following inspections by their engineers and architects, no bidder included retention of the gym in their plans because:

- The roof covering is made from asbestos. The Board has been given a copy of the laboratory test results on the roof which state that it is made from chrysotile which will have to be removed and disposed of under controlled conditions. Part of the roof is currently held down with a wooden batten.
- The upright pillars are shrinking and it has been necessary to insert mastic filling between these pillars and the blockwork.
- There is general dampness in the east and south walls.
- The existing shower and dressing-room areas need major works done.

Instead, a new "state of the art" gymnasium, with sprung Floor and fitness area is nearly completed in the new school building. The Board are delighted that the existing gymnasium facilities in the Ballincollig area are in fact being improved and not downgraded as is suggested by Ballincollig Basketball Club.

6 outdoor basketball / tennis courts will be built on the site of the present gymnasium and this hard area will also be used as an auxiliary car park for the large numbers of adults using the facilities in the evenings.

The Board of management (on behalf of the Trustees) sought planning permission for the demolition of the existing buildings (including the gymnasium) and the building of a new school. Permission was granted by Cork County Council on 28th June 2001. No objections to the granting of permission were lodged .

Following confirmation in writing from the Dept. of Education & Science, the Board wishes to state, in the clearest possible terms, that it is simply not possible to alter any of the terms of the PPP contract or the planning application.

The Board is fully supportive of clubs and primary schools in Ballincollig seeking top class facilities for their members and pupils. But this should not be at the expense of the pupils of Ballincollig Community School who would be deprived of outdoor basketball and tennis courts and of BCS night students who would be deprived of car-parking if the old gym is not removed.

The facilities in the new school (including the gymnasium) will remain in the ownership of the Minister for Education & Science and will be operated under licence (inside and outside of school hours) by Jarvis on behalf of the Minister for 25 years. There will be a seamless transfer of the existing hirers to the new gym (which includes Ballincollig Basketball Club for 10 hours per week) at exactly the same rates as they are paying currently.

The Board, in consultation with Jarvis ,will fix these rates from time to time in accordance with the principles of openness and equality. The PPP contract guarantees the school a fixed income each year from this third party income and any further profit accruing from such hire will be shared between Jarvis and the Board.

Sean Slowey,
Principal /
Secretary to the Board of Management.

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

6.00p.m.(Vigil) - Muireann Nelligan	8.00p.m.(Vigil) - Jacinta Jeffers
8.30a.m. - Martha Barry	11.00a.m. - Maura McNamara
10.00a.m. - Declan Chalmers	12.30p.m. - Margaret Healy
12.00noon. - Miriam Maunsell	5.30p.m. - Tom Reck



MINISTERS OF THE
EUCHARIST
16th/17th November 2002



St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00pm: Vera Allen Ber Bell Oliver Delaney Betty Casey Frank Riordan Siobhan Riordan	8.00pm: Geraldine Lynch Charlie Vaughan Joan Stephenson
8.30pm: Mary Buckley Theresa Lucy	11.00am: Máire Ui Chrualaoui Neil Jeffries Eileen O'Donoghue Mary Coleman Dan Coleman
10.00am: Anne Cahill Pat Lee May Delaney Seamus O'Shea John O'Donovan	12.30pm: Con O'Connell Denis O'Mahoney Christine O'Mahoney Tom Murray Maura Lombard
12.00 noon: Fran Barrett Sheila Carroll Marie Carling Pat Keenan Will Casey	5.30pm: Patsy Galvin Bridie O'Donnell Phil O'Connell

BALLINCOLLIG SECULAR
FRANCISCAN ORDER

The Monthly Meeting & Mass of the
Secular Franciscan Order will be held in
St. Mary & St. John's Church on
Thursday, 14th November, at 11.00a.m.
The Rosary will be recited at 10.40a.m. (Sharp)

S.F.O. Christmas Cards will be available
at €3 a pack at this meeting.

Please support!

WESTGATE ANNUAL BAZAAR

Westgate Foundation Annual Bazaar will be held
at Westgate Foundation Centre on Sunday the
10th November 2002 at 2.30pm

Bric A Brac, Plants, Cakes, Books, Toys

All items donated will be gratefully received

Refreshments will be available on the premises.

MASS TIMES

ST. MARY & ST. JOHN Sunday: 8.30, 10.00, 12.00 Mon-Fri: 9.30am Saturday: 10.00am, 6pm (Vigil)	CHRIST OUR LIGHT Sunday: 11.00, 12.30, 5.30pm Mon-Fri: 8.30am Saturday: 10.00am, 8.00pm (Vigil)
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CONFESSIONS

ST. MARY & ST. JOHN Saturday: after 10am Mass before 6pm Mass	CHRIST OUR LIGHT Saturday: after 10am Mass
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BAPTISMS

ST. MARY & ST. JOHN Saturday: 5.00pm Sunday: 12.45pm	CHRIST OUR LIGHT Saturday: 7.15pm
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