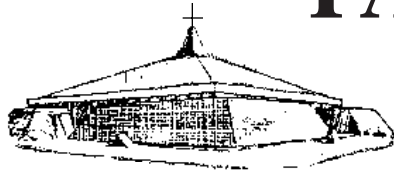


THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



CHRIST OUR LIGHT
INNISHMORE



ST. MARY & ST. JOHN
STATION ROAD

SUNDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2002

THIRTY -THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

How often fear and anxiety prevent people from producing their best, from using their God-given talents to the full.

In today's parable Jesus shows that a God who inspires fear may inspire little else.

His image of God as a loving father inspires confidence and so enables us to develop what he has given us.

INDULGENCES

Indulgences are a special heavenly treasure which the Church grants us, to repay the debt we owe God for our sins and heal the damage done to our souls by sin.

God has allowed the Church to attach indulgences to certain actions or prayers, so that when we perform these actions or prayers, we can receive the indulgence.

There are two kinds of indulgences: partial indulgences, and plenary indulgences.

Plenary indulgences: The word "plenary" means "full," so a plenary indulgence takes away all the punishment due to our sins. If someone received a plenary indulgence, and died immediately afterwards, that person would not even have to go to Purgatory. The grace available in an indulgence is infinite (it comes from the merits of Christ), but our own sorrow for our sins is a large factor in receiving these graces. One of the conditions for gaining a plenary indulgence is that you have to have no attachment to sin. You have to be perfectly sorry for your sins, and never want to commit them again. This true repentance opens your soul wide to God's grace, so you can receive the full effect of the indulgence. However, if you perform an action or prayer which is attached to a plenary indulgence, but you are still attached in some way to your sins, you receive a partial indulgence.

Partial indulgences: A partial indulgence takes away part of the punishment due to our sins. The Church attaches a partial indulgence to less important prayers and actions. A long time ago, indulgences used to be measured in "days" or "years," which were equivalent to an equal length of time spent doing severe penance (i.e. if you said a certain prayer, you could get an indulgence of "forty years.") However, this led to people simply adding up the days and years of indulgence they had gained instead of concentrating on true sorrow for sin, so the Church abolished these indulgences in 1969 in favour of the term "partial indulgence." A partial indulgence is not measured in definite time lengths, because its efficacy depends on our own openness to God and our rejection of sin. Even partial indulgences are very valuable to us - would you complain if you owed a debt of 620,000, and someone paid 66,000 for you?!

Note: A partial indulgence may be gained several times a day.

A plenary indulgence can only be gained once a day.

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PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest:

Brothers and sisters, let us make our prayers known to the Lord, who blesses those who learn to trust:

Reader:

For all the members of the Christian community, that we may use our talents well, putting them at the service of all.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For an increase in the number of those who volunteer their services, that charities and other organisations may not lack good help.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For wives and husbands, that they may value each other's gifts, and be generous to the needy.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For people who are sick, in mind, body or spirit, that our prayers and practical concern may support them.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who have died that they may receive the crown of life.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the people we love—particularly those in need of support at this time, whom we remember quietly...

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest:

Eternal God, you bless those who trust in you, hear the prayers we make, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

HE ENTRUSTED HIS PROPERTY TO THEM (GOSPEL)

This week priests and people from all over the diocese gather to look at some elements of the question: How can we know the way? (Jn 14:5). During the coming months we will try to address issues about how we use God's gifts (Gospel): how to hear and speak the word of God in the new century, plan for the future, and reach out to others ecumenically, through missions, through social concern etc. They are questions for all of us.

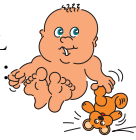
O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

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BAPTISMS

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

Daniel Lucey, Ballyshoneen, Waterfall
Tara Mae Kirby, 158, Rosewood
Luke Robbie O'Sullivan, Kilnaglory
Sarah Cunningham, 11, Westcourt Heights



MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Terry Donovan, Raheen &
Mary Halligan, 182, Rosewood



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IN SYMPATHY

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:
Richard V. Hourigan

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

Ellen & Eugene Mohally, Lough Road
Michael Hallahan, Greenfield
The Ring Family, Blarney Road
Mary Emperor, Rockchapel
Paddy O'Callaghan, Paperman
Timothy & Maureen O'Connell, Ballingullig
Theresa Brown, Douglas
Gerard Spillane, Castleknock
Kevin Shields, Castleknock
Ciaran Brennan, 113, Shamrock Drive
Margaret Reilly
Bridget Henney
The deceased members of the Barry Family (Fr. Matthew Road)
Patrick & Annie Murray, Curraheen
Tom Durcan, Charlestown, Co. Mayo
Donal, Paddy & Pat O'Flynn, Fr. Sexton Park
Dan & Ellen Cadogan, Bandon
Donal Twomey, St. Luke's Cross
William Carroll, Dripsey
Tommy Daly, Leemount
Pauline O'Callaghan, Main Road
Deceased members of O'Mahony & Greene families
John & Hannah Corkery, Aherla
Mary Carroll, Millstreet
Con O'Mahony, Tower
Hugh Collins, Innishmore
Fr. Gerard Kelleher
Timothy O'Callaghan, Inchigaggin
Johanna & Michael Hennighan, Woodbine Lawn

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

17 Sunday Prov. 31:10- 13, 19-20, 30-31. Ps. 127. 1 Thess. 5:1-6. Mt. 25:14-30.
Lect I: 725

18 Monday Rv.1:1 -4.2:1 -5. Ps.1. Lk.18:35-43. Lect II:875

19 Tuesday Rv.3:1-6 14-22. Ps.14. Lk. 19:1-10. Lect II:877

20 Wednesday Rv.4:1 -11. Ps.150. Lk. 19:11 -28 Lect II:880

21 Thursday Rv. 5:1-10 Psl49. Lk 19:41-44 Lect II:883
Presentation of the BVM Zech. 2:14-17. Ps. Lk. 1:46-55. Mt. 12:4650. Lect II: 1271

22 Friday Rv.10:8- 11. Ps.118 Lk.19:45-48. Lect II:885
St Cecilia, the patroness of music and musicians, was a second or third-century Roman Christian martyr.

23 Saturday Is. 52:7-10. Ps. 95. Lk. 9:57-62. Lect II:1277
St Columban (see page 3)

An evening with Cara

AT ST. FRANCIS CHURCH,
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SUNDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER 8 P.M.



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NARRATOR: DR. KEVIN GOGGIN

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**Sunday November 24th
is the Feast of Christ the King**

There will be Exposition
of the Blessed Sacrament in
both churches on Sunday afternoon
CHURCH OF ST. MARY & ST. JOHN:-
After 12 noon Mass until 6.30p.m.
CHURCH OF CHRIST OUR LIGHT:-
After 12.30pm Mass until 5.15pm (before 5.30 Mass)
*All are welcome to go along
to spend some time with the Lord*

THE SUNDAY READINGS

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Proverbs, 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31

The Book of Proverbs was written to enable the reader, especially the young, to live rightly. It endeavours by earnest warnings and by stressing the importance of virtue to shape the reader's life in accordance with the will of God. The final section of the book which is read today is one of the most beautiful poems in the Bible, written in praise of a worthy wife. Economical in running the household she still finds something to help the poor. Peace reigns in her home. Things like beauty that are much prized in women pass away; wisdom remains.

SECOND READING: Thessalonians, 5: 1-6

St. Paul deals with the question: "Is the end of the world near at hand?". Neither the time in general nor the particular date can be known. It will be as catastrophic as the great flood and as unexpected; as sudden as the visit of a thief in the night. But it is possible to be ready for it whenever it comes and to live in a state of watchfulness.

GOSPEL: Matt. 25: 14-30

The parable of the Talents illustrates the faithfulness required of each Christian in the administration of the goods committed to him by the Master. The central figure is the lazy man who, even though he received a talent, made no use of it. He has many excuses even throwing responsibility on the Master who was "an exacting man". The parable teaches that God's gifts are held in stewardship and must not be allowed to lie idle. It is a day on which to reflect on the gifts and opportunities God has given us and to survey how we are using them now and in the coming year.

SAINT OF THE WEEK
23rd - NOVEMBER - 02

SAINT COLUMBAN

St. Columban, also widely known as Columbanus, was born around 543 and became a monk of Bangor on the coast of County Down. He later set out with twelve companions for Burgundy in France where he established a monastery in Annegray. Owing to the incursions of the barbarians and the laxity of the clergy, the Church in France was at that time in a weak state. Wherever Columban and his Irish monks went the people were struck by their modesty, patience and humility. So many joined them in their hard monastic life that two further monastic foundations followed at Luxeuil and Fontaine.

Because the life of Columban was a rebuke to the royal life style he and his Irish monks were ordered out of French territory. After many difficulties they journeyed to Italy where they founded the monastery at Bobbio between Milan and Genoa. There the saint died. In 1482 his body was placed in a new shrine and laid beneath the altar in the crypt where it is still venerated.

After Columbanus many Irish monks went to work on continental Europe where they are credited with keeping both Christianity and learning alive during the Dark Ages following the collapse of Roman power.

Ballincollig Entertainment Theatre
Present

this year's Pantomime

"Jack & the Beanstalk"

Ballincollig Community Hall Theatre
Saturday 28th December to Sunday 5th
January.

Shows are nightly at 8pm with matinees
at 3pm on 28th, 29th, 1st, 4th & 5th.

There will be no shows on New Years Eve
and no 8pm show on the 5th

Admission: Adults €5.00; Children & OAP'S €3.00

Family rates available.



THE ALZHEIMER
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VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

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



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Saturday 23rd November 2002

At 8.00 p.m. Sharp

Tickets € 10.00 Each

Tickets on Sale at the Lough Church after Mass -- The Lough Credit Union
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MINISTERS OF THE WORD NOV 23RD/24TH
ST. MARY & ST. JOHN CHRIST OUR LIGHT

6.00p.m.(Vigil) - Karen Sheehan	8.00p.m.(Vigil) - Tadgh Murphy
8.30a.m. - Elizabeth Daly	11.00a.m. - Jack Dorgan
10.00a.m. - Margot Twomey	12.30p.m. - Bernard Valelly
12.00noon. - Miriam Maunsell	5.30p.m. - Michelle Beamish



MINISTERS OF THE
EUCCHARIST
16th/17th November 2002



St. Mary & St. John	Christ Our Light
6.00pm: Patsy Murphy Breda Foley Ger Graham Sr. M. Carmody Ger Hegarty Cathy Horgan	8.00pm: Jim Cahill Kit Cahill Sheila O'Connor
8.30pm: Theresa Lucey Rita Murphy	11.00am: Maura McNamara Angela Cunningham Laurence Cunningham Margaret Mullins Margaret Murphy
10.00am: Karina O'Mahony Rose Doyle Tadgh Murphy Mary Murphy Joan Tobin	12.30pm: Anne O'Connell Eileen Garvey Sally Power Breda Callanan Marie O'Brien
12.00 noon: Michael Crowley Breda Lenihan Noel Hennessey Marie O'Callaghan Rena O'Connor Angela Roche	5.30pm: Neil O'Donoghue Patricia O'Donoghue Statia O'Callaghan

Envelope Offering for
St. Anne's Adoption Society
can be made at all Masses this
Weekend 23rd/24th November 2002

"INNISHANNON CREATES IT"

On Sat. 30th Nov. and Sun. 1st Dec. from 11am to 7pm an
Exhibition and Sale will be held in Innishannon House Hotel.
Lace, paintings, patchwork, beeswax candles, crochet, wood
carving, iron work, cross stitch and stain glass will be amongst
the many original creations available. All produced by the people
of the locality. All proceeds to the Church Restoration Fund



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HEART
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Irish Heart Foundation - Mulcahy Lecture

Professor Richard Mulcahy will give a public lecture
on "The importance of Exercise in Relation to
Coronary Heart Disease" at the Metropole Hotel, Cork
on Thursday November 28th at 8.00pm
Admission is free of charge & all are welcome

MASS TIMES

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

CONFESSIONS

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

BAPTISMS

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

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