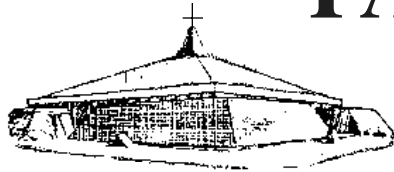


# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



CHRIST OUR LIGHT  
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ST. MARY & ST. JOHN  
STATION ROAD

**SUNDAY 19th JANUARY 2003**

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**

*The call of God comes in different ways. To Samuel it came by night, mysterious, uncertain. To Andrew it came as an invitation from Jesus 'Come and see'. Whatever our vocation (and we all have one) our response must always be 'Speak Lord. Your servant is listening'.*

## CHRISTIAN UNITY

Normally at Mass we pray not only for Catholics in Ireland but for those throughout the world, in particular those in Mission countries. On this weekend we are asked to pray for non-Catholics that there will be unity between ourselves and our non-Catholic brothers and sisters.

Let no one ever doubt the commitment of the Catholic Church to the pursuit of the unity of Christians. In the past I have spoken of the intolerable scandal of division between Christians. I have said that the movement towards unity must not stop until it reaches its goal. These words were spoken by Pope John Paul II at the ecumenical meeting in Dublin during his Irish visit back in 1979. How far have we, in Ireland, travelled on the road to unity in the past 23 years?

Though we rejoice today, there is a reason for sorrow too, two reasons in fact. Firstly the great number of non-Christians throughout the world who have not pledged loyalty to Christ in any way whatever. The proportion of non-Christians in the world has been growing steadily larger in recent decades. Secondly, in a sense a cause for even greater sorrow is the fact that there is disunity among the followers of Jesus Christ. There is separation between millions of Catholic, Protestant & Orthodox peoples.

Disunity is a scandal, a disgrace which damages the credibility and the spreading of belief in Christ to many parts of the world. If there seems to be a Catholic Christ and a protestant Christ of some 3000 varieties, which one should the pagan believe in?

In St. John's gospel, we are told that Jesus prayed for unity among his disciples 'so that the world may believe'.

Thank God, however, the picture is not one of total gloom and sadness. These past few years have witnessed a remarkable hungering for a return to unity. A strong movement towards unity among Christians exists among Protestants. A strong ecumenical spirit has been stirring within the Catholic Church in recent years. Gradually Catholics and Protestants are realising that we have much more in common than we thought. In fact, we are finding that the things which we have in common are much more important than anything historical which divides us. The most important unifying fact is that we have all been saved by Christ.

So this weekend in a spirit of Christian Unity, we pray for the day, when in God's good time, Christ's prayer for unity among his followers will be answered.

*John O'Donovan*

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

### Priest:

Brothers and sisters, let us put words on our needs and bring them to God.

### Reader:

For all Christians, that they may work together for unity in God's Church.

Lord, Hear us,

### Lord, graciously hear us.

For people who seek God but can't seem to find, that they may hear the Lord's voice and experience the God's deep love.

Lord, Hear us,

### Lord, graciously hear us.

For parents and teachers, that by their words and actions, they may point out the Lamb of God.

Lord, Hear us,

### Lord, graciously hear us.

For the elderly and all who feel isolated, that they may know our support throughout this winter.

Lord, Hear us,

### Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who have died recently, that God, who raised Jesus from death, may raise them too.

Lord, Hear us,

### Lord, graciously hear us.

For our own needs, for those who have asked for prayers, whom we remember in silence:

Lord, Hear us,

### Lord, graciously hear us.

### Priest:

God our creator, you stoop down to hear our cry, grant our petitions, we pray you, through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

## Thought for Today

*Your servant is listening( First Reading)*

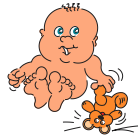
Three times God spoke to Samuel, who failed to recognise that it was God who spoke(First Reading). The first step in listening to is to know that we need to hear God's word, to long to hear the word, to spend time listening to the word like the disciples who spent the day with Jesus in his house(Gospel).

***Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.***

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**BAPTISMS**

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



Killian Rozemeijer, Holland



**IN SYMPATHY**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:

Anne Teresa O'Callaghan - Nee Kelleghan,  
Balbriggan & Macroom  
Sylvia O'Leary, Castle Park  
Josephine O'Leary, Kilnaglory

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

John Deegan, Kilnaglory  
Michael McNulty, Fr Sexton Pk  
Michael O'Regan, Carriganarra  
The Perrett & Quinn Families  
Dan & Eileen Burke, Whitechurch  
Tim Maverley, Quaker Rd.  
Martin Murphy, Rockchapel  
Jim Isaac  
Tim O'Connell, Main Street  
Con Sheehan, Maglin  
Eugene O'Sullivan, Ballingleary  
Mary & Daniel Cullinane, Greenfields  
Sean O'Riordan, Beech Road  
Frances O'Neill, 5 Leo Murphy Tee  
Elizabeth Cronin, 5 Leo Murphy Tee  
Nancy & William Murphy, Kilmurry  
John McCarthy, Ballintemple  
Jack Kelly, Model Farm Road  
Pat O'Donoghue, The Crescent  
Peter Murphy, Deshure, Tarelton  
Jack Lynch, Kilmurry

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK  
SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**

**19 Sunday 1 Sam. 3:3-10,19. Ps. 39. 1 Cor. 6:13-20. Jn. 1:35**  
*Lect I:740*  
**20 Monday Heb. 5:1-10. Ps. 109. Mk. 2:18-22. Lect II:15**  
**St Fabian** died 250 had been Pope for 14 years when martyred under Decius.  
**St Sebastian**, born in Narbonne, became a Roman soldier in 283. He secretly helped Christians in the persecution of Diocletian. Was eventually betrayed and sentenced to be shot to death by arrows. When this failed, he was clubbed to death. Patron of archers, athletes, soldiers and police.  
**21 Tuesday Heb. 6:10-20. Ps. 1 10. Mk. 2:23-28. Lect: II:17**  
**St Agnes (see page 3)**  
**22 Wednesday Heb. 7:1-3 15-17. Ps. 109. Mk. 3:1-6 Lect II:19**  
**St Vincent**, died 304, deacon of the church of Saragossa, Spain. Martyred in Valencia after prolonged torture.  
**23 Thursday Heb. 7:25-8:6. Ps. 39. Mk. 3:7-12. Lect II:21**  
**24 Friday Heb. 8:6-13. Ps. 84. Mk. 3:13-19. Lect II:23**  
**St Francis de Sales**,1567-1622, bishop of Geneva, founder of the Visitation Sisters. He worked with gentleness and love to rebuild the Catholic faith after the Reformation. Patron saint of writers, editors and journalists.  
**25 Saturday Acts. 22:3-16. or Acts. 9: 1-22. Ps. 1 16. Mk. 16: 15-18. Lect II:928**  
St Paul preached the power of God at work in the lives of each one of us. His own conversion shows that power in his life. Out of a persecutor God made a preacher and teacher of the peoples.

**STEP COURSE**

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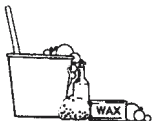
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**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3: 3-10,19

Like John the Baptist, Samuel was born when his mother thought she would never have a child. She dedicated him to the service of God in the Temple where he received his special calling from God. This extract recounts the moment of that calling and states that the Lord remained with him in a special way all his life.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians, 6: 13-15, 17-20

St. Paul explains the foundations of Christian chastity. The human body made for God must not be debased for present pleasure. The body is eternal and should be respected. The popular modern sentiment: "my body is my own" is contradicted by Paul who says: "You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for." Jesus bought and paid for us with his own blood shed on Calvary.

GOSPEL: John 1: 35-42

This is the moment when the Church began to find its Saviour. The solemnity and grace of the simple narrative are equal to the occasion: John the Baptist standing, two disciples nearby. The disciples follow Jesus.

The heavenly attraction had begun to exercise its power. Jesus turned and gazed on the two men following him and spoke the first words from the lips of the Saviour reported by St. John: a "What do you want?". That same question is asked of all of us who follow Jesus: "Why do we follow him? What is it that we seek?"

**SAINT OF THE WEEK**

ST. AGNES - JANUARY 21

During the first century Christianity was, in the eyes of the Romans, confused with Judaism which was a legally permitted religion. Because of that there were few persecutions. When Christianity was better understood as a belief incompatible with pagan ideas charges were brought against Christians. They were seen as dangerous to the Emperor and the State.

Trajan ordered that those who refused to offer sacrifice to the pagan gods should be executed. From then until the Edict of Milan in 313 A.D. there were ten major persecutions of Christians in which many faced terrible torture and martyrdom.

St. Agnes died in one of these. St. Agnes was only thirteen or fourteen years of age when an Imperial Edict was promulgated against Christians. She immediately voluntarily declared herself a Christian and suffered torture by fire before being decapitated by the sword.

Around her tomb grew up a large catacomb that bore her name. The original slab that covered her remains is now in the museum at Naples.

On the feast of St. Agnes two lambs are solemnly blessed and from their wool are made the "palliums" or white stoles that are sent by the Pope to Archbishops throughout the world on their appointment to that high office.

***Have you ever considered a career in Psychiatric Nursing?***

**INFORMATION EVENING**

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6.00p.m.(Vigil) - Geraldine Murphy	8.00p.m.(Vigil) - Joy O'Driscoll
8.30a.m. - Annette Collins	11.00a.m. - Dick Beamish
10.00a.m. - Declan Chalmers	12.30p.m. - Margaret Healy
12.00noon. - Tony Lynch	5.30p.m. - Tom Reck



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<b>6.00pm:</b> Aisling Kelly Tony O'Leary Eileen Murphy Ted Nelligan Angela Murphy Ann O'Connell	<b>8.00pm:</b> John O'Donoghue Eleanor O'Donoghue Kathleen Daly
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<b>10.00am:</b> Miriam Maunsell Mary Buckley Breda Ring Jerry O'Connor Mary O'Regan	<b>12.30pm:</b> Nell Cantillon Murphy Mary Twomey Terry O'Driscoll Bernie O'Driscoll Maura O'Driscoll
<b>12.00 noon:</b> Louie O'Leary John Walshe Pat Kelleher Irene O'Brien Ellen O'Sullivan Imogen Ryan	<b>5.30pm:</b> Garreth Irish Shelia Curran Statia O'Callaghan

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

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Saturday: 5.00pm	Saturday: 7.15pm
Sunday: 12.45pm	

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IF GOD HAS YOUR HEART

St. Therese of Lisieux used to say  
"If God has your heart he has everything;  
If he hasn't got your heart, he has nothing."

Parents may give their children many things but if they don't give them love they are deprived. The same is true of children towards their parents when the parents are old. They can put them into fine nursing homes and see that they are materially well looked after but if they don't give them love the most important thing is missing. It is the same with Jesus. He wants our friendship, our company, more than anything else.

Come, Holy Spirit.  
Come in love and power  
and bring us life.





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