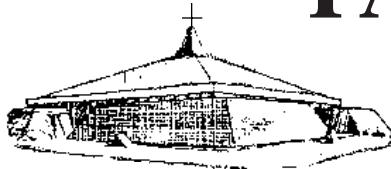


THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



CHRIST OUR LIGHT
INNISHMORE



SUNDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2003



ST. MARY & ST. JOHN
STATION ROAD

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

In the person of Jesus, God enters his Temple, unrecognised by most but welcomed by Simeon and Anna, both people of prayer. As Mary stood on Calvary, she is now present when the Lamb of sacrifice is presented in the Temple. Darkness seeks to reject the True Light, so already the shadow of the Cross is to be seen.

SEARCHING FOR GOD

*I sought my soul, but my soul I could not see,
I sought my God, but my God eluded me,
I sought my brother/sister and I found all three.*

In one of his many plays, Pdraig Pearse tells the story of Sean of Mac Dara, the singer who returns home and tells his old school teacher Maoilsheachlainn about his loss of faith. "Once, as I knelt by the cross of Kilgobbin, it became clear to me with an awful clearness, that there was no God. Why pray after that? I burst into a fit of laughter at the foolishness of men in thinking that there is a God. I felt inclined to run through the villages and cry aloud, "People, it is all a mistake. There is no God..." Then I said, "Why take away their illusion? If they find out that there is no God, their hearts will be as lonely as mine", so I walked the roads with my secret." To which Maoilsheachlainn replied, "Mac Dara, I am sorry for this. You must pray. You must pray. You will find God again. He has only hidden his face from you."

"No" said Mac Dara, "He has revealed his face to me....the people, Maoilsheachlainn, the dumb, suffering people..... In them I saw or seemed to see again, the face of God."

In the people and his concern that his unbelief might disturb their simple faith, Mac Dara rediscovered the face of God.

Today, many people are looking, looking for a God whom they can touch and see and feel, in other words an experience of God. May the Lord help all who are searching at this time.

Fr. John O'Donovan

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest:

The King of Glory has appeared among us, so we bring forward our needs with confidence:

Reader:

That all Christians may stand for the Light and reject the ways of darkness.
Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

That all who worship God - in churches, temples and mosques - may grow in love and respect for each other.
Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

That prophets today may challenge those without faith to discover the light of Truth.
Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

That those who serve God in convents and monasteries may be rewarded for their good work among us.
Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

That older people may be cherished and their wisdom honoured in our community.
Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

That perpetual light may shine on all our dead.
Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest:

God of power, we acknowledge Jesus as the light of the world! Accept the prayers we make in his name and grant them, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

A LIGHT TO ENLIGHTEN THE PAGANS (GOSPEL)

During the Jubilee Year, and since, we have often sung, "Christ be our light, shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness." In the Temple, Simeon recognises him as the light; Anna speaks of him to all that will listen. The light of Christ has shone for us; others should be able to see it shining in our lives.

Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord.

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BAPTISMS

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



Ciara Marie Hendrick, 37 Carriganarra
Alan Harvey Cronin, 14 Rosewood
Dylan Charles Lane, 9 Castle Ave
Amy Louise Foley, 15 Innishannon Heights
Emma Marie O’Herlihy, 58 Westcourt Heights



IN SYMPATHY

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:

Elizabeth Cleary, Castle Ave & Madonna House
Delia Kinnane, Trabeg Tce, Douglas
Michelle Hogan, 3 Maglin Villa
Mrs Langan, Donegal

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

Frank Collins, Ballingully
Martin Murphy, Hodders Villas
Sheila O’Donovan, Rochestown
Julie Barry, Freemount
Eily O’Connor, Carriganarra
Joe & Mary Kate Campbell, Galway
Pat Cronin, Skibbereen & Donegal
Noel Buckley, Carrigidene
Rita Fouhy, East Gate
Timothy Dineen, Curraheen
Frank Bogue, Carrigrohane
Christopher Bogue, Kinsale
Mary Knight, Muskerry Estate
Mary O’Keefe, Church View
Con & Nellie O’Mahony, Clash Rd
Sheila Murray, Carrigrohane
Joe O’Leary, Ovens
John McCarthy, Ballintemple
Ellen Murphy
Maguire & Twomey Families
Josephine Boylan, Muskerry Est
Michael Buckley
Ellen Collins, Dunmanway

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

2 Sunday Mal 3:1-4. Ps. 23. Heb. 2:14-18. Lk. 2:22-40. *Lect II:940*
23 Monday Mal. 3:1-4, 4:5-6. Ps. 24. Lk. 1 :57-66. *Lect I:90*
The Presentation of the Lord. This feast is a combined remembrance of the Son and the Mother.” Ceremonial of Bishops, N. 241 “On this day Christ’s faithful people, with candles in their hands, go out to meet the Lord and to acclaim him with Simeon, who recognised Christ as ‘a light to reveal God to the nations’. They should therefore be taught to walk as children of the light in their entire way of life, because they have a duty to show the light of Christ to all by acting in the works that they do as lighted lamps.
3 Monday Heb.11 :32-40. Ps. 30. Mk. 5:1 -20. *Lect: II:40*
St Ansgar a Frenchman who became Archbishop of Hamburg in the 9th cent., and preached to the Danes. Apostle of Scandinavia. Patron of Denmark.
St Blaise (see page 3)
4 Tuesday Heb.12:1 -4. Ps. 21. Mk. 5:21 -43. *Lect: II:42*
5 Wednesday Heb. 12:4-7,11 - 15. Ps.102. Mk. 6:1 -6. *Lect: II:45*
6 Thursday Heb. 12:18- 19 21 -24. Ps. 47. Mk. 6:7-13. *Lect II:47*
Sts Paul Miki & Companions martyred at Nagasaki, Japan, in 1597. The 6 franciscans,17 Franciscan Tertiaries, and 3 Jesuits died suspended on crosses.
7 Friday Heb.13:1 -8. Ps. 26. Mk. 6:14-29. *Lect II: 49*
St Mel is said to have been a Briton who came to Ireland with St Patrick and with whom he worked until he was ordained in Ardagh,488.
8 Saturday Heb. 13:15-17. Ps. 22. Mk. 6:30-34. *Lect II:51*
St Jerome Emiliani, d. 1537, converted in later life after a military career he founded the Clerks Regular of Somascha for the care of orphans and the poor. Patron saint of orphans.
Saint JOSEPHINE BAKHITA
Born in 1868 to a wealthy Sudanese family, she was kidnapped by slave-traders at age 9, and given the name Bakhita (which means Lucky One) by them. Sold and resold in the markets at El Obeid and Khartoum, and enduring much ill-treatment finally purchased in 1883 by Callisto Legnani, Italian consul, who planned to free her. She accompanied Legnani to Italy in 1885, and worked for the family of Augusto Michieli as nanny. She was treated well in Italy, and grew to love the country. She became a Christian on 9 January 1890 and took the name of Josephine as a symbol of her new life. I received the Sacrament of Baptism with such joy that only angels could describe." She entered the Institute of Canossian Daughters of Charity in Venice 1893, and served as a Canossian Sister for the next fifty years. Her gentle presence, her warm, amiable voice, and her willingness to help with any menial task were a comfort to the poor and suffering people who came to the door of the Institute. After a biography of her was published in 1930, she became a noted and sought after speaker, raising funds to support missions. Died 8 February 1947 of natural causes in Italy Canonised 1 October 2000

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MINISTERS OF THE WORD FEB 8TH/9TH
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. - Margot Twomey	12.30p.m. - Marie Groarke
12.00noon. - Miriam Maunsell	5.30p.m. - Brian o'Donoghue



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST



8th/9th February 2003

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
8.30am: Mary Buckley Theresa Lucey	11.00am: Marie Ui Chrualaof Neil Jeffers 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' Mahony Christine O'Mahony Tom Murray Maura Lombard
12.00 noon: Joan Barrett Sheila Carroll Marsie Curling Will Casey	5.30pm: Patsy Galvin Bridie O'Donnell Phil O'Donnell

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AVENUE TO EDUCATION

Have you ever thought of returning to education?

Would you like to experience different subjects in a relaxed atmosphere?

Such as:-
Computers,
Communication,
Garden Design,
Woodcraft,
Heritage,
Art,
Graphic Design.

If the answer to any of these is yes, why not attend a meeting at the college on Wednesday 5th February at 11.00am or contact Mary Scriven at 021 4961020

MASS TIMES

ST. MARY & ST. JOHN	CHRIST OUR LIGHT
Sunday: 8.30, 10.00, 12.00	Sunday: 11.00, 12.30, 5.30pm
Mon-Thurs: 9.30am	Mon-Thurs: 8.30am
Fri: 9.30am, 8pm	Fri: 8.30am, 6.30pm
Saturday: 10.00am, 6pm (Vigil)	Saturday: 9.00am, 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	

PARISH CLERGY

Priest on Duty 087-2479140
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Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C. ☎ 021-4877161
Fr. Paul O'Donoghue ☎ 021-4876055
Fr. John O'Donovan C.C. ☎ 021-4870434

Friday 7th February 2003 - (First Friday)
Church of St. Mary & St. John
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
 Following 9.30am Mass, concluding with Rosary, Benediction at 7.45pm and Mass at 8.00pm

Sunday 9th February 2003

Ballincollig Parish
ENVELOPE REMINDER

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING: Malachi 3: 1-4

God's people were complaining that their oppressors were prospering while they were left to suffer.

"If God is just", they asked. "Where is He?" God answers that he will come but that they are not fit to receive his coming. He will have to purify them like gold is purified in fire before they will be fit to serve the Lord.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 2: 14-18

Christ did not come to help immortal angels but mortal men. As helper of mortals he had to resemble them in every possible way so as to become merciful by partnership in misery. Experience of suffering and of trial is the best school of compassion. Knowing pain and trial, Christ is a competent helper of those who are being tried.

GOSPEL: Luke 2: 22- 40

As in the case of the birth of Jesus the narrative of Luke is marked with great simplicity. The precise prescriptions of the Law are followed. As the firstborn, Jesus is God's property, consecrated to God as in a sacrifice. Mary offers what was known as "the poor woman's sacrifice": two young pigeons. The future of the Child is foretold by the two old people, Simeon and Anna. Luke, in one brief sentence, passes over the first twelve years of the life of Jesus: "he grew to maturity and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him."

SAINT OF THE WEEK **3rd - FEBRUARY - 03**

ST BLAISE

According to legend St. Blaise was a physician at Sebaste, Armenia, before he became the Bishop of that See. Accounts of his life place his martyrdom in the year 316. At the time of the persecution he was taken prisoner at the command of the Governor, Agricolaus. The hunters of the Governor found him in the wilderness in a cave to which he had retired. While in prison he performed a wonderful cure on a boy who had a fishbone in his throat and who was in danger of choking to death. After suffering various forms of torture, St. Blaise was beheaded.

The veneration of the saint was brought into western Europe at an early date and he became one of the most popular saints of the Middle Ages. On the day of his feast a special blessing is given: two candles are held in a crossed position beneath the throat of the recipient and a special prayer for protection against diseases of the throat is said.

THE ROSARY FOR HOLY SOULS

During the Month of February, The Rosary will be recited Monday to Friday, at 6.30pm in the church of St. Mary & St. John, Station Rd., Ballincollig.

Intention for the Month:

For our Holy Father, Pope John Paul and for peace in the world.

Come and pray the Rosary with us.
Fatima Apostolate, Ballincollig

EVENING COURSE

Geraldine O'Mahony O.P

How can self-understanding help me to live the Christian Life? These evenings will look at the connection between psychology and spirituality with the main focus on Gospel values in our lives.

This faith formation course will be run over six Wednesday evenings from 7.30 - 9pm
12th, 19th, 26th February and the
12th, 19th, 26th of March 2003

Cost: €42.00

To book, please contact

St. Dominic's Retreat House, Phone: 021 4502520

SUNDAY AFTERNOON DANCING

Adult Dancing on Sunday afternoon, 2nd February, 3.30pm to 5.30pm, at St Finbarr's Hurling & Football Club. Music by Liam Clancy. Spot prizes.

Admission is €6 and funds are for the Lough Church Restoration Fund.

A CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR RELIGIOUS

SUNDAY, 2ND FEBRUARY 2003
SMA HALL, WILTON
3-5.30PM

**WITH LAITY AND RELIGIOUS
LISTENING AND SHARING
FACILITATOR: LINDA IRWIN**

COME AND CELEBRATE WITH US

FATIMA APOSTOLATE GROUP BALLINCOLLIG

The Monthly Meeting of the Apostolate will be held on Monday, February 3rd, 2003 at 7pm in the Youth House, Station Road, Ballincollig

Present members and new members are welcome to attend

SWIMMING

Next Session begins week of February 17th
Lessons for children, beginners & improvers
Lessons for adults, beginners & improvers
Morning & Afternoons

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