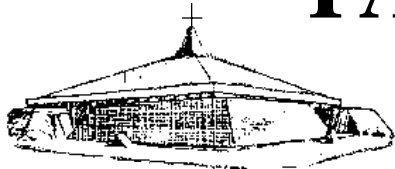


# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



CHRIST OUR LIGHT  
INNISHMORE



ST. MARY & ST. JOHN  
STATION ROAD

**SUNDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2003**

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*A leper was an outcast, an untouchable. The love of Christ brought such people back into the community. We who follow Christ are called never to ostracise another, never to isolate those who don't fit into our ways. Our task is to help them along.*

## FORTY YEARS OF LITURGICAL RENEWAL

Forty years ago in 1963 the Second Vatican Council published a document on the Sacred Liturgy which affected the lives of every Catholic throughout the world. Many still remember what Mass was like before that year. All of the Mass was said in Latin. Even the Altar servers had to learn the responses in Latin and many men today can still recall the response "Ad deum qui laetificat juventutem meum". Lay people usually brought an English missal to Mass in order to follow the prayers. Even the Gospel was read in Latin. On Sundays the priest read it again in English for the people.

The eucharistic fast, i.e. the fast in preparation for receiving Holy Communion extended from midnight to the moment when one received the Sacred Host. A result of that was that no one received Holy Communion at the later Masses. There were no evening Masses. All weddings were celebrated early in the morning. Afternoon funerals were conducted without a Mass. These are only some examples of what Catholic life was like before the great reforms of Vatican II.

Looking back now we can appreciate how beneficial the changes in Liturgy were for Christian living. Take funerals alone as an example. Prior to 1963 afternoon funerals were preceded by a short prayer recited in Latin in the church mortuary or rear porch. There was no requiem Mass. Contrast that today with the packed church, the funeral Mass in which relatives and friends participate in the liturgy by doing the readings, reciting prayers of the Faithful, bring up gifts, singing hymns etc. The whole spirit of the occasion is captured by the priest in his homily and the Mass becomes a prayerful celebration of the life of the deceased.

Wedding Masses capture in a similar way the spirit of an occasion characterised by joy and hope and love. Other sacraments such as Baptism and Confirmation touch the hearts of participants in a memorable manner.

Time was when only four people attended a Baptism, when First Communion and Confirmation were little different from school functions. How different all that was from the vibrant celebrations that today mark these occasions. Baptisms are attended by twenty or thirty family members; First Communion Day is a festival for the whole extended family and attendance at Confirmation is so large that three or four days have to be set aside in this parish for Confirmations because the church would not hold the crowds if all schools had the Confirmation on the same day.

With the wisdom of hindsight we can see how the Holy Spirit works in the Church inspiring it to move with the times.

*Leonard O'Brien*

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

**Priest:**  
My friends, let us rejoice in God's faithfulness, as we bring forward our intentions.

**Reader:**  
For all who gather here to worship this Sunday, that their lives may be lived for God's glory throughout the week.  
Lord, Hear us,  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For people of all religions, especially Christians, Jews and Muslims, that they may learn to live in tolerance and mutual respect.  
Lord, Hear us,  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who suffer from leprosy, that medical advances may soon rid the world of this terrible disease.  
Lord, Hear us,  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For outcasts, for people who are shunned by their neighbours, that they may experience compassion from the followers of Christ.  
Lord, Hear us,  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who have died, that they may share the salvation won by Christ.  
Lord, Hear us,  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For a moment, we remember in silence our own particular needs  
Lord, Hear us,  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

**Priest:**  
Faithful God, we rejoice in the mercy you show your people:  
Hear our prayers, that we may always give you glory,  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## THOUGHT FOR TODAY

WHATEVER YOU DO AT ALL, DO IT FOR THE GLORY OF GOD (SECOND READING)

Everything we do is to be done for God's glory. God is not just one item among many but the purpose and meaning of our existence. In everything we do we are seeking for the happiness and healing that only God can give. "Only they who fly home to God have flown at all" (Patrick Kavanagh)

*You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.*

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## BAPTISMS

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



Laura Rose Quinn, 33 Berryfield, Classis Lake  
David Gerard Delaney, 55 Carriganarra  
Nathan Patrick Murphy, 127, Castle Park  
Roisin Mary Gleeson, 49 The Green, Coolroe Meadows



## IN SYMPATHY

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:

Peter Sherry, Bath, England

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF:

David & Catherine O'Carroll, Barrack St.  
Patrick Murphy, Inniscarra  
Patrick Kelly, Inchigeelagh  
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Francis & Margaret O'Farrell, Station Rd.  
Jack Lucey, Station Cross  
Daniel O'Sullivan, Inniscarra  
Mattie & Johanna Twomey, Coolea  
Margaret & John Carroll, Macroom  
Molly Murray, Quaker Rd.,  
Patrick & Bridget O'Brien, Cashel  
Michael O'Donovan, Kinsale  
Jeremiah & Mary O'Leary, Bantry  
Cornelius Lucey, Kilmichael  
Ellen O'Sullivan  
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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

16 Sunday Lev. 13:1-2, 44-46. Ps. 31. 1 Cor. 10:31-1 1:1. Mk.1:40-45, *Lect I:750*

17 Monday Gen. 4: 1-15, 25. Ps. 49. Mk. 8:11-13. *Lect II:69*  
**St Fintan** was born in Co Laois between 525 and 530. He made his own foundation in Clonenagh (Cluain Eidnech), Co. Laois. His Rule was noted for its severity. When Cainnech, at the request of other abbots, asked him to moderate his rule he did so for his monks but not for himself. He died in 603.

18 Tuesday Gen. 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10. Ps. 28. Mk. 8:14-21 *Lect II:70*

19 Wednesday Gen. 8:6-13.20-22; Ps. 115. Mk 8:22-26. *Lect II:72*

20 Thursday Gen. 9:1-1 3. Ps. 101. Mk. 8:27-33. *Lect II:74*

21 Friday Gen. 11:1-9. Ps. 32. Mk. 8:34-9:1. *Lect II:76*  
**St Peter Damien** (see page 3)

22 Saturday 1 Peter 5:1-4 Ps 22 Mt 16:13-19 *Lect II:962*  
**The Chair of St Peter.** This ancient feast relates to early Roman custom at this time of year of remembering the ancestors of the family, those who presided over the family fortunes. The texts today celebrate Peter as Bishop of Rome. We recall Christ's choice of Peter for service to the whole Church.

*Next Sunday's Readings: Is. 43:18-25. Ps. 40. 2 Cor. 1:18-22. Mk.2:1-12. Lect I:752*



## PRAYER IN HONOUR OF THE SACRED WOUNDS

My Crucified Jesus!

I adore the Wounds in Thy Sacred Head  
With sorrow deep and true  
May every thought of mine today  
Be an act of Love for You.

I adore the Wounds in Thy Sacred Hands  
With sorrow deep and true  
May every work of my hands today  
Be an act of Love for You.

I adore the Wounds in Thy Sacred Feet  
With sorrow deep and true  
May every step I take today  
Be an act of Love for You.

I adore the Wounds in Thy Sacred Heart  
With sorrow deep and true  
May every beat of my heart today  
Be an act of Love for You.

Amen

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

6.00p.m.(Vigil) - Geraldine Murphy	8.00p.m.(Vigil) - Michael Greene
8.30a.m. - Annette Collins	11.00a.m. - Phil O'Connell
10.00a.m. - Elaine Murphy	12.30p.m. - Marlyn O'Connor
12.00noon. - Tony Lynch	5.30p.m. - Christine O'Brien



**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**



**22nd/23rd February 2003**

<b>St. Mary &amp; St. John</b>	<b>Christ Our Light</b>
<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
<b>8.30am:</b> Helen Kelly Roddy Martin	<b>11.00am:</b> Mary OMahony Margaret Brown Rose Cotter Billy Barry Nell Cantillon-Murphy
<b>10.00am:</b> Miriam Maunsell Mary Buckley Breda Ring Jerry O'Connor Mary O'Regan	<b>12.30pm:</b> 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 Sheila Curran Bridie O'Donnell

**MASS TIMES**

<b>ST. MARY &amp; ST. JOHN</b>	<b>CHRIST OUR LIGHT</b>
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: 9.00am, 8.00pm (Vigil)

**CONFESSIONS**

<b>ST. MARY &amp; ST. JOHN</b>	<b>CHRIST OUR LIGHT</b>
Saturday: after 10am Mass before 6pm Mass	Saturday: after 9am Mass

**BAPTISMS**

<b>ST. MARY &amp; ST. JOHN</b>	<b>CHRIST OUR LIGHT</b>
Saturday: 5.00pm	Saturday: 7.15pm
Sunday: 12.45pm	

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## THE SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING: Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46

The Hebrews always regarded leprosy as a contagious disease and perhaps as a punishment by God. This explains both the isolation of the diseased person and the necessity of ceremonial purification. In some societies AIDS is similarly regarded today.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10: 31- 11:1

This is a cry for tolerance at a time when Christians who had come from the Jewish tradition tried to impose their customs on converts from paganism. The scrupulous are not entitled to impose their scruples on others. Tolerance and kindness must be mutual.

GOSPEL: Mark 1: 40-45

Lepers were compelled to lead an isolated life, wearing a special garb, and giving notice of their approach by crying out: "Unclean", in order to prevent contagion. Jesus cured the man but spoke sternly to him because he had violated the prudent regulations by coming into contact with others who might receive the contagion.

## SAINT OF THE WEEK 21st - FEBRUARY - 03

ST. PETER DAMIEN

This saint lived in Italy in the eleventh century. It was a time of great problems in the Church because of the interference in the appointment of Popes, Cardinals and Bishops by lay people. Their motivation in interfering with appointments was greed for the income that went with such appointments in those days. High positions in the Church were openly bought and sold and many who held those positions were openly married. Peter Damien watched these disasters affect the Church from the monastery which he had entered as a young man. He published a terrible treatise on the vices of the clergy. It caused a great stir and much enmity against its author. In 1055 he attended the synod held at Florence where these abuses were strongly condemned. Against his will he was appointed a Cardinal-Bishop. Almost alone at the time, Damien stood up for true spiritual values in the Church, values that he lived by in his personal life.

### CHURCH GATE COLLECTION

As the local Ballincollig Community Games Committee begins preparations for another season they take the opportunity to express their gratitude to the Ballincollig community and commercial sectors for their continued financial support. Without such support it would not be possible to continue to provide the youth of the area with the opportunity to represent Ballincollig and Cork at national level.

With the start of a new season the local committee appeals for adult support in organising this year's programme. People interested in getting involved should contact the Chairman Rick O'Mahony at 087-2358347. The annual Church Gate Collection will be held next weekend, Saturday and Sunday 22nd and 23rd. Once again they appeal for the continued generous support of the community on behalf of the youth of the area.

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