

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 23-March-2003



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
*Jesus came on earth as the complete
embodiment of God's presence among men. We
are all called to become one with him in the
image of God by keeping his commandments.*



**Christ Our Light
Innishmore**

THE MORALITY OF WAR

Modern warfare unleashes such a fury of destruction and suffering that many people are of the opinion that war can never be justified. Is this true?

If war can be justified at all it must always be a defensive war, that is a war in defence of a right that has been unjustly violated by another state. Experts in ethics have listed the conditions essential to the justification of war. Firstly, the declaration of war must be for a good reason such as the defence of a right that has been violated. Secondly, the intention of the state waging war must be to defend its sovereign rights against an unjust attack. Thirdly, all peaceful means of an amicable settlement must be exhausted. Violence is both irrational and irresponsible; the proper manner to resolve differences is through reason - discussion, negotiation and arbitration. War must be the last resort to prevent injustice and establish justice.

The question of morality arises not only in the instigation of war but also in the manner in which it is waged. If force has ever to be employed it must be done rationally and responsibly. Catholic teaching will not accept that those waging a just war are exempt from all moral judgement in the actions they carry out. This teaching has been re-asserted in modern thinking by the U. N. The use of force must be restricted in every possible way throughout the whole period of a war. The distinction must be made between the civil population and military forces.

This distinction was clearly drawn in ancient and mediaeval battles where two armies met in a battlefield far from any centre of population and engaged in battle, soldier against soldier. Naval battles continued this tradition as did the desert battle between Montgomery and Rommel in North Africa. Trench warfare in World War I ensured that all casualties were military personnel.

In the Second World War, this aspect of morality was virtually ignored: firstly by the German bombing of London, subsequently by the Allied saturation bombing of cities like Dresden and eventually by the nuclear destruction of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The German High Command paid with their lives for their war crimes. The Allied High Command as victors evaded any legal challenge to the morality of their prosecution of war.

The modern world is fortunate in having a higher tribunal to which disputes between nations can be referred. The doctrine of peace and war enshrined in the U.N. Charter approximates quite closely to Catholic traditional teaching. The U.N. remains the world's one hope of a future with justice and peace."

Leonard O'Brien

Thought for Today

Out of the house of slavery (First Reading)

The commandments begin with God's reminder that he saved us from slavery. They reveal to us the divine plan to lead us into his perfect freedom and life. They show us how to live in harmony with that plan. God alone can set us fully free; nothing in our lives must take the place that belongs to God.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Sisters and brothers let us bring our prayers to the Lord.

Reader

For the baptised, as they continue on their journey to renewal at Easter.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For adults and children preparing to join the Church through baptism.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For an end to racism in our country and in our world.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For people who need our care: the starving, the homeless, and the lonely.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For this community, and particularly for those who are sick in mind or body.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For all our people who have died, especially all those mentioned in our Mass today.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us..**

Priest

O God our strength, you have the message of eternal life and you sustain us on our journey to our eternal home. Hear the prayers we make in faith, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen..

You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

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BAPTISMS

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

Shea David Butler, 16 Fern Walk
James Karl O'Connell, 17 Innishmore Grove

† **IN SYMPATHY** †
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :

Michael Kearney, Macroom
Bill Dwanne, Douglas
Nora Vaughan, Kilnamartryra
Joe Butler, Inniscarra View Est
Michael Mackey, Grenagh

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS:

Mamie Quinn, Powdermills
Molly & Eily O'Leary, Barrack St.
Patrick McNamara, 10 Sweet Briar Lane
Pat & Billy Coomey, Carriganarra
Twohig Family, Kilcrea Park
Tom McAuliffe
John Emperor, Rockchapel
Mary Herlihy, Rosscarbery
Jim O'Donovan, Union Hall
Josephine Scannell, Poulavone
Mary O'Donovan, Union Hall
Matthew Murphy, Ovens
Anne Hogan, Co. Tipperary
Geraldine O'Sullivan-O'Brien, Timoleague
Bridie O'Sullivan, Ballingearry
Daniel O'Sullivan
Bridie Gaynor
Cornelius & Eileen Bradley, Leemount
John O'Donovan
Jim Spencer
Michael Hennigan, Inniscarra View
Julie Slattery, Thurles
John & Lena Gaffney, Carrigrohane
Elizabeth O'Sullivan, The Lough
Daniel Hallahan, Greenfield
Eileen O'Donovan, Rosewood

A Prayer For Guidance

Lord show me clearly what you want me to do with the gifts you have given me.
Grant me the strength that I need to answer your call with courage and love.
Make me a generous person so that others may experience your love through me.
Help me always to look to You as the One who will show me the way,
to live my life. Amen..

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

THIRD WEEK OF LENT

23 Sunday Ex. 20: 1-17. Ps. 18. 1 Cor. 1 :22-25. In. 2: 13-25. Lect 1:251
24 Monday 2 K. 5: 1-15. Ps. 41. Lk. 4:24-30.
25 Tuesday Is. 7:10-14: 8:10. Ps. 39. Heb. 10:4-10. Lk. 1:26-38. Lect II:985
26 Wednesday Deut. 4:1,5-9. Ps. 147. Mt. 5:17-19. Lect 1:267
27 Thursday Jer. 7:23-28. Ps. 94. Lk. 11: 14-23. Lect 1:268
28 Friday Hos. 14:2-10. Ps. 80. Mk. 12:28-34. Lect 1:271
29 Saturday Hos. 5: 15-6:6. Ps. 50. Lk. 18:9-14. Lect 1:273

SPRING DUES

Envelopes have now been distributed to each household. Please return it by placing it in the Basket at Mass. Spare envelopes are available from the back of the Church.



Sadly, the lives of millions of children especially those in poorer countries are absolute hell. Children in poverty are often weak and vulnerable. Many governments, armies, corrupt war lords, ruthless businessmen and corporations see children not as a treasure to be nourished, but as a commodity to be cruelly exploited. This Lent, Trocaire is highlighting the obscenity of child exploitation and child labour. We need your help.

BALLINCOLLIG LIONS CLUB

EASTER BAZAAR Sunday 27th April 2003

We are looking for unwanted /surplus Quality Goods
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Statia @ 4870204 / Elizabeth @ 4870354 /
Chris @ 70 Beech Park

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING: Exodus 20: 1-3, 7-8, 12-17
 The Ten Commandments expound briefly and clearly the fundamental principles of all religious and moral obligation. The first three prescribe man's duty to God, the last seven his duty to his neighbour. In the second list the fourth commandment comes first because the family comes before the state and parents have the first and strongest claim to their children's regard. The decalogue is in no way nationalistic but universal in its outlook. What it commands is necessary if people are to live in community in a civilized manner.

SECOND READING: 1Cor. 1: 22-25
 The Jews wanted chiefly superhuman power in the Messiah, power proved by stupendous miracles. They wanted an emperor mightier than the Roman emperor. A suffering and dying Messiah was a stumbling block to them, i.e. they would not accept him. But the Greeks wanted a teaching which completely satisfied the intellect. They were impatient of anything unexplained or mysterious. They hated to accept any great truth on anyone else's authority. Faith was not in their line. The idea that suffering could do more than wisdom would appear nonsense to them.

GOSPEL: John 2: 13-25
 This is one of the most dramatic actions of Jesus in his public life. With it he declared his opposition to the Jewish interests vested in making money out of the faith of believers. Jesus then takes the imagination of the onlookers a step further by making mention of his resurrection from the dead. This prophesy must have stuck in their minds because they turned it to sarcasm on Calvary.



ST. DISMAS, THE GOOD THIEF. MARCH 25TH

Dismas is the traditional name of the good thief crucified with Our Lord. An early Arabic legend tells how during their flight into Egypt the Holy Family were waylaid by robbers, led by Dismas and a certain Gestas. Dismas, moved by pity, begged Gestas to let them pass in peace and when Gestas refused bribed him with forty drachmas, so that the Holy Family passed unharmed. "Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

**BALLINCOLLIG /SACLAY / MECHTERSTADT
 TWINNING PARTNERSHIP**

GERMAN STUDENT : Part of the twinning concept is student exchanges / work experience for students. This summer two students come to Ballincollig, one from our twinning partner, Saclay in France and one from Mechterstadt in Germany, a town we hope to twin with in the future. Both lads are at 3rd Level colleges and will be involved in work here relevant to their College degree. The French student will be with us for 9 weeks, However the German student will be in Ireland until December. To help with his expenses he is anxious to pick up extra pocket money over the weekends and evening by giving German language lessons. If you are interested in availing of this you may contact him direct at Robert.Specht@web.de or contacting Barry O'Mahony @ 4873098 (h) or 4902456 (w)

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 Starting: Wednesday 19th March, 10-12 noon and 7-9 pm

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 Starting: Tuesday 18th March, 10-12 noon and 7-9 pm

Flower Arranging for Beginners (6 week course)
 Starting: Thursday 20th March, 7-9 pm

**For further information:
 Contact Bernadette @ Crystal Computers
 021/4873487**

THE WIDENING GAP

Lenten Seminars at SMA Centre, Wilton
 (Organised by the Cork Alliance for
 Justice & Social Care)

Tues. 8th April at 8.00 pm

Margo Hayes (Community Development Worker) &
 Liam Fitzpatrick (Society of St. Vincent de Paul),
 on current Responses to Poverty & Exclusion.

THE ROSARY

During Lent the Rosary will be recited each evening
 (Monday to Friday) at 7.30 pm, before
 8.00 pm Mass at St. Mary & St. John Church.
*Come and Pray the Rosary with us
 Fatima Aposolate*

**BALLINCOLLIG PARISH
 CONFIRMATIONS 2003**

Scoil Eoin - Monday 7th April 2003

Scoil Mhuire - Tuesday 1st April 2003

Scoil Barra - Wednesday 7th May 2003

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Mar-29 & Mar-30-2003

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Karen Sheehan
8:30 am
Marion Daly
10:00 am
Elaine Murphy
12:00 Noon
Oliver O'Donovan

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Jacinta Jeffers
11:00 am
Jack Dorgan
12:30 pm
Bernard Valley
5:30 pm
Tom Reck

MASS TIMES

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

8:30am, 10am & 12 noon	Sunday	11am, 12:30pm & 5:30pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	Monday	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	Tuesday	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	Wednesday	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	Thursday	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	Friday	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)	Saturday	9:00 am & 8 pm (Vigil)

CONFESSIONS

After 10:00 am Mass & before 6:00 pm Mass **Saturday** After 9:00 am Mass

BAPTISMS

5:00 pm **Saturday** 7:15 pm
12:45 pm **Sunday**

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Mar-29 & Mar-30-2003

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Mary O'Donoghue
Steve Wills
Margaret O'Sullivan
Rita Aherne
Betty Sheehan
Jim Walsh
8:30 am Mary Buckley
Rita Murphy
10:00 am Maureen Roche
Christina Walsh
Peter Reilly
Mary Collins
Christy Roche
12 Noon Oliver O'Donovan
Barbara Kelly
John Jeffers
Mary McLean
Ellen Seymour
Ita Walshe

8:00 pm Anne O'Regan
Marion O'Sullivan
Finbarr Murray
11:00 am Seamus O'Connell
Mary O'Connell
Pat Manning
Alan O'Riordan
Geraldine Keohane
12:30 pm Maura Lombard
Jackie Sheehan
Mary Green
Michael O'Leary
Lelia O'Brien
5:30 pm Catherine Green
Mary Breen
Siobhan Burke

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LENT ON THE EDGE

LUNCH TIME TALKS

FR. Patrick McGrath

A.I.D.S Chaplin

Wednesday 26th March
1.10 to 1.30 p.m.

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Tricia Collins, Cobh YMCA, c/o Convent of Mercy, Cobh, Co. Cork
(021 4814060/ymcacobh@indigo.ie)
The closing date for applications is 5.00 pm Friday 28th March.



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