

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 06-April-2003



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus' Hour was approaching, the Hour which He would have to face alone, the Hour of his final act of obedience to the Father. Because of that Hour Jesus is no longer alone, He draws all to himself. If we can die with him we too will not be alone for ever.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

STARTING AFRESH

The ship on which he had booked his passage was lying in the blue harbour ready to sail. On board were the missionary's books and possessions. Only Raimon Lull himself was not there. He was facing the hardest moment of his life. Though he knew the ship was waiting for him he could not leave his room in the town. For suddenly he had felt terribly afraid. He sat there alone, thinking of the unknown country to which he was going, of the fierce Saracens who had just triumphed over the Crusaders in Palestine and were bitterly angry because their brother Moors had been slain in Spain by Crusaders like Raimon's father. For the moment he forgot the real reason why he was sailing to meet these fierce and cruel men; he thought only of what they might do to him. Perhaps they would torture him or keep him imprisoned for life in a dark dungeon. No, he simply could not go. So his belongings were brought ashore again. The boat sailed without him.

Feeling that he had failed his Master, Raimon Lull's shame and sorrow were so great that he became very ill with a high fever. But his courage was beginning to come back. When his friends brought him news that another ship was ready in the harbour and loaded to sail for the port of Tunis, he begged them to put his books on board and to carry him down to the ship. They did as he asked, but seeing how ill he was they carried him ashore again, in spite of all his pleading, just before the hour of sailing.

Soon came the news of a third ship that was making ready to sail, and Raimon Lull made up his mind that at all costs he would be put on board and would sail this time. As the ship sailed out of the harbour into the open sea, Lull felt the courage of Christ take hold of him in place of the old fears. "From this moment," he wrote, "I was a new man. All fever left me almost before we were out of sight of land." So the ship sailed southward to the great Muslim city of Tunis.

John O'Donovan

Thought for Today Unless a wheat grain falls (Gospel)

On Good Friday we will face the great mystery – the Son of God, mocked, scourged, crucified, calling out 'My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?' That final cry was not one of despair. At that moment Jesus, who is our Way, was abandoning himself into his Father's hands. It is in giving ourselves without reserve to his Father that we share his death and resurrection.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us bring our prayers to God, the source of mercy and compassion.

Reader

For all who are preparing to celebrate baptism at Easter time.

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

For obedience to the will of God among the followers of Christ.

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

For the continuing fidelity to God's word of our brothers and sisters of the Jewish faith.

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

For those who hunger and thirst, in many nations, today.

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

For the people in need in this community, particularly our sick.

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

For all who have gone before us in faith, especially those in our thoughts today.

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

Priest

God of mercy and compassion, you give new heart to your people: Hear the prayers we make in faith, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen..

A pure heart create for me, O God.

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BAPTISMS

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

Emma Catherine Holson, 12 Oldcourt, Greenfields

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

Michelle Hogan, Maglin Vale
Jane Murphy, Lackareigh, Lissarda
Bridget O'Mahony, Fr. Sexton Park

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

Sean Murphy, Kilnamartyra
Henry & Nora O'Brien, Shears St.
Rose O'Shea, Scotch Farm
Eugene & Margaret Teahan, Killarney
Tadgh & Ellen O'Donovan, Killarney
Ina O'Shea
Pat Buckley
Timothy Buckley
Helena O'Shea
John Kelleher
Dessie & Gerard Higgins
Mary & Finbarr Murphy
Kathleen Nolan, England
Pat Burns, Leemount
Dan Cronin, Coolroe Heights
Mary Kelly
O'Brien Family, Castle Farm
Eugene O'Sullivan, Leesdale
Con O'Regan, Carriganarra
Patrick O'Riordan, Castle Park
Denis & Margaret Murphy, Currabeg
Noel Murphy, Model Farm Road
Fr. Dan O'Connell, Ballincollig
Maureen Cremin, Glasheen Road
Eily Murphy, Church View
Patrick Kirstein, Iniscarra View Est.
Margaret Sheehan, Maglin
John O'Mahony
Deceased members of O'Mahony Family, Carriganarra
Vincent McLoughlin, Sligo
Edmund Rae, Ballinlough
Frank Manning, Clondrohid
Kathleen Kelleher, Dooneens
Jeremiah O'Regan, Poulavone
Francis O'Sullivan, Station Road
Dan O'Sullivan, The Village
Jimmy Coleman, The Village
Jerry Murphy, Leeview
Jerry & Hannah Goulding, Inniscarra
Kitty & Eugene O'Callaghan
John O'Mahony, Carriganarra

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

06 Sunday Jer. 31 :31-34. Ps. 50. Heb. 5:7 -9. In. 12:20-30. Lect 1:310
07 Monday Dan. 13:1-62. ed. Ps. 22. In. 8:12-20. Alt. Lect 1:319
08 Tuesday Num. 21:4-9. Ps. 101. In. 8:21-30. Lect 1:326
09 Wednesday Dan. 3: 14-20, 24-25, 28. Ps. Dan. 3:52-56. In. 8:31-42. Lect 1:328
10 Thursday Gen. 17:3-9. Ps. 104. In. 8:51-59. Lect 1:331
11 Friday Jer 20: 10-13. Ps. 17. In. 10:31-42. Lect 1:333
12 Saturday Ez. 37:21-28. Ps. Jer. 31:10-13. In. 11:45-56. Lect 1:336

The Cork Simon Community Overseas Trek

The Cork Simon Community's most exciting fundraising event of the year, a trip to Mozambique takes place from the 7th to the 18th of September. The Mozambique Work Project involves trekking between villages where we will undertake work with the local community such as painting schools and clearing playing fields. Participants must raise a minimum of €4,000 to cover all costs of the event and provide much-needed funds for Cork Simon. If you would like more information, please contact Rachel or Mairéad on 021 4321166 or e-mail fundraising@corksmoncommunity.ie.

BALLINCOLLIG LIONS CLUB

EASTER BAZAAR

Sunday 27th April 2003

We are looking for unwanted /surplus Quality Goods
Check your garage/attic.

Drop to Community Hall or contact for collection:
Statia @ 4870204 / Elizabeth @ 4870354 /
Chris @ 70 Beech Park

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**THE ALZHEIMER
SOCIETY of IRELAND**

THE ALZHEIMER SOCIETY OF IRELAND (CORK BRANCH)

CARERS SUPPORT MEETING

MONDAY, 14th APRIL 2003, IN JURY'S HOTEL AT 8P.M.

THE SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31: 31-34

The prophet foretells the day when a new covenant will be made between God and man. Christ will be the new High Priest. Before him all men will be equal and the different religious beliefs will one day disappear, as all men will come to know the one true God.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 5: 7-9

Gethsemane rather than Calvary is the scene here. Christ is presented in his weakness. Nowhere was Jesus more evidently one of our weak human selves than in the garden of Gethsemane where he suffered his agony of anticipation. Being innocent he could not offer sacrifice for his own sins like the High Priests in the Old Testament but he could pray out of the anguish of mortal weakness which he took on for our salvation.

GOSPEL: John 12: 20-30

The grain of wheat has life in it but that does not germinate into the production of other living grains unless it is subject to death and burial in the ground. Martyrdom is the highest act of self-denial. The cross frightens us, but it also frightened Jesus. The vivid image of a cruel death brought to Jesus a tremor of fear. Crucified, he will draw all people, without distinction of race, to himself.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. John Baptist De La Salle 07-April-2003

The De La Salle Brothers are well known in schools in Ireland where they have taught for many years. Macroom, Skibbereen and Dungarvan are towns where this Religious Order has made an enormous contribution in the last century. As members of a French Order, the De La Salle Brothers brought a European outlook to an Ireland that was culturally boxed in by America on one side and Britain on the other.

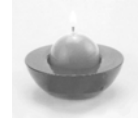
The teaching order was founded by St. John Baptist De La Salle, himself a French nobleman. He revolutionized the system of elementary education in his day: substituting the vernacular for Latin, grouping the boys in classes, insisting on silence during lessons. Having inherited a large fortune, he gave it all away to the poor. "It is not a sin to have money, but it is a sin to fix our hearts upon money."

FATIMA APOSTOLATE GROUP

The monthly meeting of the Apostolate will be held on Monday 7th April 2003 at 7pm in the Youth House, Station Road. Present members and new members are all welcome to attend Our Lady of Fatima, Pray for us.

May the Lord support us all the day long, till the shades lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in His mercy may He give us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last, Amen.

DON'T WASTE TIME CURSING THE DARK



PRIESTHOOD IN CORK & ROSS

Talking, listening, discussing, praying and reflecting will help you explore whether you want to fan the flame. It is still your decision.

INFORMATION DAY

about becoming a priest in Cork and Ross

Date: Saturday April 12th, 2003

Venue: Ennismore Retreat Centre, Cork

Cost: Free Time: 11-5 (lunch provided)

Should you attend? What if you can't that day? Want to find out more?

In confidence, telephone Fr. Aidan O'Driscoll at (021) 4303015 or Fr. Bertie O'Mahony at (021) 4393815 or send an email to priesthood@corkandross.org

PILGRIMAGE

Our Lady Queen Of Peace House Of Prayer Achill, Co. Mayo on Sat 12th April 2003.

Coach Departs:

6.00am Kinsale; 6.15am Belgooly; 6.30am Riverstick; 6.40am Five Mile Bridge; 7.00am Parnell Place; Stop at Commons Inn & Mallow.

Phone: Margaret Murphy 087-7400163 / 021-4771606

THE WIDENING GAP

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

Tues. 8th April at 8.00pm

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

Donations of Flowers

for the Altar of Repose

gratefully received in both churches before Holy Thursday

BALLINCOLLIG PARISH CONFIRMATIONS 2003

Scoil Eoin - Monday 7th April 2003

Scoil Barra - Wednesday 7th May 2003

Gaelscoil Uí Riordáin - Wednesday 21st May 2003

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Apr-12 & Apr-13-2003

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Sandra Walsh / Muireann
Nelligan
8:30 am
Elizabeth Daly / Marian
Daly
10:00 am
Elaine Murphy / Margot
Twomey
12:00 Noon
Tony Hegarty / Tony Lynch

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Michael Greene
11:00 am
Liam Hayes
12:30 pm
Con O'Connell
5:30 pm
Brian O'Donoghue

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

Apr-12 & Apr-13-2003

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Patsy Murphy
Breda Foley
Mary Walsh
Sr. M. Carmody
Geraldine Hegarty
Cathy Horgan
8:30 am Theresa Lucey
Rita Murphy
10:00 am Tadgh Murphy
Mary Murphy
Joan Tobin
Betty Sheehan
12 Noon Michael Crowley
Breda Lenihan
Noel Hennessey
Marie O'Callaghan
Rena O'Connor
Angela Roche

8:00 pm Jim Cahill
Kit Cahill
Sheila O'Connor
11:00 am Maura McNamara
Angela Cunningham
Laurence Cunningham
Bridie O'Donnell
12:30 pm Anne O'Connell
Eileen Garvey
Sally Power
Breda Callanan
Marie O'Brien
5:30 pm Neil O'Donoghue
Patrica O'Donoghue
Statia O'Callaghan

PARISH CLERGY

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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

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MONTHLY COLLECTION

This Weekend
6th & 7th April 2003 PLEASE SUPPORT

Ballincollig Secular Franciscan Order

The monthly Mass and meeting will be held on Thursday 13th March at 11.00 am in St. Mary & St. John Church
Rosary will be recited at 10.40 am (Sharp)

Ballincollig Credit Union/G.A.A.

Ballincollig Credit Union in association with Ballincollig G.A.A. club is pleased to announce the establishment of four annual Third level Scholarships.

The scholarships will be awarded for a twelve-month period and to the value of €1,000 each.

The purpose of the scholarships is to promote and develop Gaelic Football and Hurling amongst the young people attending Scoil Eoin, Scoil Barra, Gaelscoil Ui Riordain, Scoil Mhuire and Ballincollig G.A.A. club (Juvenile section). The proposed recipients will be required to develop suitable coaching programmes for the above schools in conjunction with the relevant principles and to participate in coaching.

Application for a Scholarship is open to any student attending a full-time Third Level Education course, who is an active member of Ballincollig G.A.A. club and a member of Ballincollig Credit Union. The successful applicant will, have completed a foundation level G.A.A. coaching course or be willing to undertake such a course prior to commencement of the scholarship.

For the Third Level Year 2002-2003 each Scholarship will be awarded for the six-month period April to September at a pro-rata rate.

Any person wishing to apply for a Scholarship should forward a written application with current curriculum vitae to Ballincollig Credit Union/G.A.A. Third Level Scholarship Scheme, Balincollig G.A.A. Club, Powermills, Ballincollig before 14th April 2003.



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