

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 11-May-2003



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(Day of Prayer for Vocations)

Sometimes we can lose our sense of direction, we become the prey of empty fears and false pleasures. Today we are reminded that in Jesus we have someone who will always guide us right and protect us. If we listen to him and follow him we will have the fullest possible life.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Religious Education Senior Cycle

Teaching religion was not a road, which was planned, but having journeyed so far, I will most definitely continue.

When describing the mind of an ordinary senior cycle student I arrive at the two words, 'Spirituality' and 'Faith', however, in two extremes. Many people tend to condemn the youth and their attitude toward Church and God. From my experience working with students, it is quite apparent that they have a very deep spirituality, but not a healthy faith.

Being faithful to church doesn't seem an important option to the average teenager. This is not always their fault. Faith needs to be disciplined and nurtured, by parents especially, and by teachers and church. When it comes to faith I feel obliged to educate the students I work with. They have a huge appetite but are not always fed. It would be an act of 'betrayal' on anyone's behalf not to nurture faith, and it is always an act of love to encourage it.

We are presently preparing for our Leaving Cert 'Mass' celebration. Mass marks the first, and the final event of their school days in Coláiste Choilm - First year and Leaving Cert Mass.

Giving a 'good liturgical experience' is something, which can only encourage these students. Teaching religion has not become easier, it is not just a subject for school, but also for when they have left us. If they do not receive it, they will encounter more struggles when it comes to living. Religion is a huge subject as it embraces and challenges all areas of life. The current RE programme for Senior Cycle students is 'The Challenge of God' by Niall Boyle, and we also use the 'Waze Magazine', 'Life Waze', 'Prayers Waze' and 'Just Waze' and the monthly Redemptionist magazine 'Face Up'.

Issues arising through newspaper articles, TV, etc. are always addressed. It is the role of all teachers, but especially RE teachers, to help students as they examine their attitudes towards important matters and to assist them in their development of a more mature appreciation of their Christian faith.

Sean Lehane & Fr. Paul, Colaiste Choilm

Thought for Today I am the Good Shepherd (Gospel)

Christians are called to serve each other, because Christ suffered for us to bring us life. The Good Shepherd knows and cares about each of us. Today we begin a pilgrimage of prayer, more urgent than in the past, that people may hear the call to follow him in religious life; we pray especially that those he calls to serve his people in the priesthood may respond willingly.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us give thanks to the Lord, whose love for us has no end! We bring forward our needs and the needs of the world.

Reader

For those who serve and lead in the Church, that they may follow the example of Christ, the good shepherd.

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

For all the members of the caring professions, that the Lord's compassion may fill them.

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

For young people deciding how they will spend their lives, that they may consider serving God's people.

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

For farmers, shepherds and those who work on the land, that they may have respect for all of God's creation.

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

For people who call on the name of the Lord Jesus in their sufferings, that they may experience God's healing power.

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

For all who have gone before us in faith, that they may see God, face to face.

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

Priest

God of beauty and compassion, you love us as a shepherd loves all the flock: Continue to support your people with your grace, we pray, through Christ our Lord.

Amen

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

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BAPTISMS

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

Christopher John Long, 2 Park Rd., Muskerry Est.
 Stephen Christopher Murray, 127 The Willows
 Kian Sean Buckley, 49 Glendower Court
 Lee Ikechukwn Kerry-Obi, 204 The Willows

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

John Cronin, College Rd.
 Arthur Wilson, Fermoy
 Kevin O'Regan, Castlepark

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

Robert Cuthbert, Douglas
 Denis McDonnell, Coolroe
 Arthur & Johanna Allen, Blarney Rd.
 Donal O'Flynn, Fr. Sexton Park
 Jeremiah & Annie Henchy
 Mary O'Sullivan
 John Shanahan, Fr. Sexton Park
 William Kavanagh, East Gate
 Con Cremin, Glasheen Rd.
 The Harrington Family, The Square
 John Bowen, Shandon St.
 Eileen Foulkes, Ballyphehane
 William & Mary Frances Crowley
 Dermot & Joan Crowley
 Clare McSwiney, Cloghroe
 Jeremiah & Catherine Cunningham, Dillons Cross
 Denis McDonnell, Coolroe
 Patrick. & Margaret O'Mahony
 Jerry O'Sullivan
 M.C.Hayes, Clonmult
 Kitty & Jerry Hallahan, Kilmichael & Wales
 Mary Lee, Kilfinane
 Mary Ellen Harrington, Farranree
 Fr. Tim Greaney
 Paul Dillon, Sunday's Well
 Kathleen McSweeney, Castle Park.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER

- 11 Sunday Acts 4:8-12. Ps. 117. 1 Jn. 3: 1-2. Jn. 10: 11-1 8. Lect I: 490
- 12 Monday Acts 11 :1-18. Ps. 41. Jn. 10:1-10. Lect 1:496
- 13 Tuesday Acts 11: 19-26. Ps. 86. Jn. 10:22-30. Lect 1:499
- 14 Wednesday Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26. Ps. 112. Jn. 15:9-17. Lect 1: 1023
- 15 Thursday Acts 13: 13-25. Ps. 88. Jn. 13: 16-20. Lect 1:503
- 16 Friday Acts 13:26-33. Ps. 2. Jn. 14: 1-6. Lect 1:505
- 17 Saturday Acts 13:44-52. Ps. 97. Jn. 14:7 -14. Lect 1:508

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THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

It is a wonderful practise just to sit or kneel in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, and in a marvellous way a kind of 'presence' begins to reveal itself to us - just being in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, mind open, heart open, trying to experience something which is unique and which lies beyond our capacity to explain or understand. It requires us to admit our own deficiencies and limitations, to be able to say in the presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament: 'I do believe. Help thou my unbelief.' It does work

Cardinal Basil Hume.

**Ballincollig Parish Council
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THE SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING: Acts 4: 8-12

Peter, who had once trembled before a servant maid is now fearless before the High Priest through the grace of the Holy Spirit as Jesus had promised. Instead of defending himself he preaches the new Faith. Salvation comes through the person of Christ, not through the rigorous observation of the Law, as the Jews believed.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3: 1-2

Because God has adopted the faithful into his family the world hates them. But the adoption entitles them to a future state of glory, like that of God himself. The true nature of this glorification is not yet clear; but after this life faith will give way to the vision of God.

GOSPEL: John 10: 11-18

The image of the shepherd and the sheep is taken from many passages in the Old Testament. The single sentence "I am the good shepherd" would have called up much of sacred scripture for those listening to Jesus. In this lovely poetic passage, Jesus speaks of the affection that unites him with his followers. He looks beyond the Jewish nation to the whole gentile world where "the other sheep" await the call of the good shepherd. So much does the Good Shepherd love his sheep that he is prepared to lay down his life for them.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Brendan 16-May-2003

Saint Brendan was a Kerryman who was born in 486. He studied at Clonard under Finnian. His name is connected with many places in Kerry such as Ardfert and Mount Brandon. He visited Scotland and reached the Hebrides and possibly America. He founded a monastery in Clonfert in 568 and died there in 578.

War is always a defeat for humanity

Pope John Paul II

UNISLIM

Meets every Monday night in Colaiste Choilm
7 pm to 8 pm
New members welcome

**BALLINCOLLIG PARISH
CONFIRMATIONS 2003**

Gaelscoil Uí Ríordáin - Wednesday 21st May 2003

Legion of Mary

Annual Pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday 25th May
Bus leaving village at 7 am sharp.
Fare €18.00 Deposit €10.00
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8 Sydney Place
Wellington Road, Cork
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**Sponsored 5K Run/Walk will take place this
Sunday 11th of May, 2003 .**

Family Ministry

Family Ministry in conjunction with CRSS (Cork and Ross Social Services) invites applications for a one year temporary, part-time position as **Administrator/Resource Co-ordinator** at Family Ministry, 34 Paul Street, Cork. Commencing employment in September 2003 the successful candidate will assist the Directors in their work of providing support, education and leadership skills training in the areas of Bereavement, Parenting and Family Studies.

Experience in counseling, networking with caring agencies and sourcing grant funding desirable.

The successful candidate must be a good team person with good communication skills and be able to work on their own initiative. Ongoing training in the work of Family Ministry will be provided on site.

For application form and full job description contact: Family Ministry, 34 Paul Street, Cork or telephone (021) 4275136. All application forms and CV's to be returned by 21st May 2003.

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Years Ago

Jesus Called Men And Women

He is still calling today.

Ever think he might be calling you?

Diocesan Priesthood

Fr. Aidan O'Driscoll, St. Finbarr's College, Farranferris, Cork.
Tel.: (021) 4303015

Religious Life – Women

Sr. Breda McCarthy, IBVM,
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Religious Life – Men

Fr. Jim Stanley, CSSR,
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VOCATIONS SUNDAY

*"There is an urgent need, especially nowadays, for a more widespread and deeply-felt conviction that all members of the Church, without exception, have the grace and responsibility to look after vocations".
(Pastores Dabo Vobis).*

What a priest does:

Visitation to homes, schools, hospitals

Accompanies people in sickness, death, bereavement, family-personal difficulties

Helps others to pray

Shares happy times weddings, First Holy Communions, Confirmations - local success (in sport etc.)

He is there for deeper moments of searching, of conversion (Sacrament of Reconciliation), of tragedy.

" May those You are calling to lifelong service in the Church be supported by the faith of the community and the power of the Holy Spirit".

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

May-17 & May-18-2003

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Karen Sheehan
8:30 am
Elizabeth Daly
10:00 am
Elaine Murphy
12:00 Noon
Miriam Maunsell

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Tadhg Murphy
11:00 am
Phil O'Connell
12:30 pm
Marlyn O'Connor
5:30 pm
Michelle Beamish

MASS TIMES

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

8:30am, 10am & 12 noon	Sunday	11am, 12:30pm & 5:30pm
9:30 am	Monday	8:30 am
9:30 am	Tuesday	8:30 am
9:30 am	Wednesday	8:30 am
9:30 am	Thursday	8:30 am
9:30 am	Friday	8:30 am
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

May-17 & May-18-2003



St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Aisling Kelly
 Tony O'Leary
 Eileen Murphy
 Ted Nelligan
 Angela Murphy
 Ann O'Connell

8:30 am Helen Kelly
 Roddy Martin

10:00 am Miriam Maunsell
 Mary Buckley
 Breda Ring
 Jerry O'Connor
 Mary O'Regan

12 Noon Louie O'Leary
 John Walshe
 Pat Kelleher
 Irene O'Brien
 Ellen O'Sullivan
 Imogen Ryan

8:00 pm John O'Donoghue
 Eleanor O'Donoghue
 Kathleen Daly

11:00 am Mary O'Mahony
 Margaret Brown
 Rose Cotter
 Billy Barry
 Nell Cantillon Murphy

12:30 pm Mary Twomey
 Terry O'Driscoll
 Bernie O'Driscoll
 Maura O'Driscoll

5:30 pm Garreth Irish
 Shelia Curran
 Bridie O'Donnell

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Priest on Duty 087-2479140

Fr. Leonard. O'Brien P.P. 021-4871206
Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C. 021-4877161
Fr. Paul O'Donoghue 021-4876055
Fr. John O'Donovan C.C. 021-4870434

If I Had My Child To Raise Over Again

If I had my child to raise over again,
I'd finger-paint more and point the finger less,
I'd do less correcting and more connecting,
I'd take my eyes off my watch, and watch with my eyes.
I'd take more hikes and fly more kites,
I'd stop playing serious, and seriously play,
I'd run through more fields and gaze at more stars,
I'd do more hugging and less tugging,
I'd be firm less often and affirm much more,
I'd build self esteem first, and the house later,
I'd teach less about the love of power and more about the power of love.

Diane Loomans

BALLINCOLLIG TIDY TOWNS

The Cork County Council Inter Town Litter Challenge is now underway and judging in the following areas commenced on Thursday 1st May

The Town Centre is judged every week and includes the following Areas
Main Street from the Westpark Hotel to the Western Roundabout near The White Horse Inn. Time Square, The Car Park, The Commercial Area Around Aldi's & Hollywood, The Car Parks Beside The Reel Cinema, Chapel Lane, Station Road, Church Of St Mary & St John, Scoil Eoin, The Scout Hall, The Cemetery.

The other area to be judged is **AREA 5**
This area includes Westcourt, Westcourt Heights, Wyndham Downs, Westgrove, Gaelscoil Uí Riordáin, Aylsbury, Coolroe Meadows & The Main Road from The Western Roundabout to Westphalia.

The following areas will be judged next so please start preparing.
Leesdale, Glendower Court, Powdermills, Long And Short Ranges, O'Donovan Crescent, Fr Sexton Park, Daffodil Fields, Bridgewater, Manor Hill, Westpark Hotel & the GAA Club.
We ask everyone in these areas to play their part for the Community and spend a few minutes cleaning up around their own area.



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