

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 15-June-2003



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road



The Most Holy Trinity
What a pity that for many the Trinity is just an intellectual puzzle! For the believer it is a sign of how close God has come to us by revealing (but not reducing) the mystery of his Being. He draws us into the mystery making us his children by the gift of the Spirit.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

ELEVEN HAPPY YEARS

This past week, Bishop Buckley has appointed a new parish priest to Ballincollig. Fr. George O'Mahony takes up duty this weekend. He comes into a parish that has always offered a welcome to its new priests and ongoing generous support in every area of church life ranging from assistance at the celebration of Mass to fund raising to clear parish debts. He will also be welcomed by his three priest colleagues who work together in peace, harmony and unselfish cooperation.

The ever-growing town of Ballincollig is a model of the new style suburban communities typical of present day Ireland. The drift from agriculture and the severity of planning laws has meant that soon most Irish people will live in commuter belts around the cities. Tallaght, Carrigaline, Dublin Hill are typical of such developing communities. It is a new life style, far different from the county town, the inner city and the rural village; less personal, perhaps, but more exciting in the new social challenges offered to parents, educators and religious leaders. Unfortunately such suburban communities in some Irish cities have proved disastrous for the youth with drugs, violence and murder causing untold suffering to unfortunate families.

The Ballincollig community has gone a different and better road. In every family education is a priority. John F. Kennedy once remarked that civilization is a race between education and disaster. Few communities are as blessed with schools of the size and quality of the primary and secondary schools found here. This situation has not come about by accident but rather as a result of the enthusiasm and sacrifice of parents, teachers and, especially, the parish community that has contributed enormously to the cost of building and maintaining parochial schools. The religious ethos found in all our schools reflects that of the home. Newspapers so frequently headline "falling Mass attendance" these days. In Ballincollig there has been no evidence of such a drop. What could be more encouraging for the priests of the parish than to look down at the crowded churches that characterise week-end Masses such as the 6 o'clock and 12 o'clock in St. Mary and St. John's and the 5.30 in Christ our Light!

On leaving Ballincollig after eleven happy years for a new position in Clonakilty, I should like to thank every one who has been so kind over those years, which sped by so rapidly. May God bless you all and especially your new parish priest who will no doubt enjoy as happy a time with you as I have had.

Leonard O'Brien

Thought for Today

Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God? (First Reading)

The Spirit makes it possible for us to call God "Abba" (Second Reading) – a familiar term used by a child addressing a beloved father. Yet God speaks a word so majestic that nothing like it has ever been heard or imagined (First Reading). This extraordinary familiarity with the infinite God is founded on the fact that the Eternal Son of God has become our brother.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

The Lord is our help and our shield, so we present our intentions with confidence.

Reader

For all who preach the Good News, at home or abroad, that they may experience Christ's presence with them.

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

For those who have accepted the Gospel and been baptised, that they may grow to full maturity in their faith.

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

For ourselves in our struggle between doubt and faith, that we may know God's closeness in moments of difficulty.

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

For all who are sick in mind or body, and those who care for them, that they may know that God will be with them always.

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

For our fathers on this Father's Day, and for all who take a father's role that they may be blessed with good health - and those who have died may have eternal life.

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

For all who have preceded us in death that having shared Christ's sufferings they may also share his glory.

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

Priest

Our hope is all in you, Lord God: we believe in your saving power. Listen to our prayer, and let your love grow in our hearts each day, through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Happy the people the Lord had chosen as his own.

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BAPTISMS

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

Abi Louise Noonan Hegarty, 96 Rosewood Estate.
 Davin Eoin Moloney O’Keeffe, 12 City West Mews.
 Liam Boernicke, 123 Pine Walk, Muskerry Estate.

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

Frances Murphy.
 Sean Harrington, Adrigole.

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

Anne Manning, Farranree.
 Tom & Catherine Daly, Cathedral Road.
 Kate & Fred Nash, Powdermills.
 Dan Lucey, The Crescent.
 Pat & Johanna Lucey, Inchigeela.
 Pat McGrath, Glasheen Road.
 Noreen & Eddy Da-Silva, Beech Park.
 The Deceased members of the Kavanagh Family.
 Elsie Henley
 Conor Ronan, Oaklands.
 Frederick Strahan, Dublin.
 Kathleen Hallahan, Greenfields.
 Máire McCarthy, Bishopstown.
 Jeremiah & Johanna Coughlan, Blarney.
 Sheila Hegarty, Caheragh.
 Nora Henley.
 John Thompson, Ovens.
 Maura Healy, Turners Cross.
 Kevin Crowley, Maglin.
 Jerry O’Connor.
 Jim Spencer, West Village.

Cork Mended Hearts
 (Surgical Heart Patients Association)

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

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EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION

This year’s Eucharistic Procession will take place on Saturday 21st June 2003, following 6.00 pm Mass at St. Mary & St. John’s Church. The procession will be from the Church to East Gate Followed by Benediction in Car Park.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

ELEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

- 15 Sunday Deut. 4:32-34.39-40. Ps. 32. Rom. 8:14-17. Mt. 28: 16-20. Lect I:673
- 16 Monday 2 Cor. 6:1-10. Ps.97. Mt. 5:38-42. Lect II:736
- 17 Tuesday Cor. 8:1-9. Ps. 145. Mt. 5:43-48. Lect II:138
- 18 Wednesday 2 Cor. 9:6-11 Ps. 111. Mt. 6: 1-6, 16-18. Lect II: 740
- 19 Thursday 2 Cor. 11: 1-11. Ps. 110. Mt. 6:7-15. Lect II: 742
- 20 Friday 2 Cor. 11:18,21-30. Ps. 33. Mt. 6:19-23. LectII: 744
- 21 Saturday 2 Cor. 12:1-10. Ps. 33. Mt. 6:24-34. Lect II: 746

A HOLIDAY PRAYER

O God, who after completing the wonders of creation, rested on the seventh day, I thank you for the opportunity you have given me to get away from my usual surroundings, to spend this holiday, this time, apart from daily work and worry. I ask of you dear Lord, to let my time of rest be a time of closer union with you, and help me not to lose sight of you in my pursuit of pleasure. Let me recognise you in my joy and let me see on this holiday, Lord, the beauty, power, majesty and wonder of your creation.
 Let me see you in the sun and sea, snow and stars, and above all in my fellow pilgrims through life. Grant me Lord to lay down my cross awhile, and gather strength to take it up more willingly, when I resume my usual path through life. Let me see clearly in the fleetness of this holiday my Lord, the shortness of time and the length of eternity. Finally, O Lord grant me the grace of a safe journey through life to my eternal home in the glory of your kingdom.
 Amen.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Ballincollig Parishioner & Mass Missalette

An **EXIT COLLECTION** will be taken up

after all Masses Saturday 21st &

Sunday 22nd June 2003

Your Contribution will help towards the printing costs

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading Deuteronomy 4: 32-34. 39-40
Moses questions the people, 'Has anything as great as this ever happened before?' in order to help them see the awesome greatness of their God.

Second Reading Letter from St. Paul to the Romans 8: 14-17
We are children of God: created by our Abba, heirs with Christ, and led by the Spirit. We have been chosen because of great love.

Gospel Reading Matthew 28: 16-20
From a great mountaintop, Jesus commissions the disciples to go forth and baptize in the name of God as Trinity.

THE THREE READINGS IN SUMMARY:
Great things happen on mountaintops, and all three readings revolve around the greatness of God and God's love. Moses calls the Israelites to consider the great things done by God, and Paul challenges the Romans to consider the greatness of our Christian heritage. Finally, the conclusion of Matthew's Gospel has Jesus on top of a mountain, sending forth the eleven chosen ones to do great things-to baptize and to teach, and to know that he will be with them until the end of the world.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Romuald 19-June-2003
St. Romuald was born at Ravenna about the year 956. In spite of an infinite desire for virtue and sanctity, his early life was wasted in the service of the world and its pleasures. Then one day, obliged by his father, Sergius, to be present at a duel fought by him, he beheld him slay his adversary. The crime made such an impression upon him that he determined to expiate it for forty days, as though it were entirely his own. For this purpose he retired to a Benedictine monastery of St. Apollinare, near Ravenna, where he became Abbot. After founding several monasteries, he laid the foundations of the austere Order of Camaldoli in Tuscany. Like all the saints, he fought a lifelong battle against the assaults of devils and men. In the beginning of his spiritual life he was strongly assailed by numerous temptations, which he conquered by vigilance and prayer. More than one attempt was made on his life, but Divine Providence enabled him to escape from the danger. Like many servants of God, he also became the victim of calumny, which he bore in patience and silence. In his old age, he increased his austerities instead of diminishing them. After a long life of merit, he died in the monastery of Castro, which he founded in Marquisate of Ancona. His death occurred on June 19, about the year 1027.

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"Blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting"

**Novena to the Sacred Heart
19th – 27th June**

**Sacred Heart Church
Western Road**



**10:00am and 8:00pm daily
All-Night Vigil 27th
Ms. Gina Menzies
Fr. David Smith, MSC
Sr. Colette Stevenson, PVBM**

'I have come that you may have life, life to the full'

**Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Saturday 28th June 2003**

A Rosary Procession will be held at 1.00 pm in the grounds of The Cathedral, Killarney, Co. Kerry followed by Holy Mass at 2.00 pm. Healing Service afterwards.
Bus leaving Ballincollig Village and White Horse Inn at 10.00 am. Pick-up along the way.
Enquiries please to Tony at Tel.: (021) 4501667

**MISSION COLLECTION
CORK & ROSS MISSION TO
SOUTH AMERICA**

*The Collection amounted to €7000
May God Reward your generosity.*

FATHERS DAY

We wish all families a very happy day today.

Often we stand at life's crossroads, and view what we think is the end, but God has a much bigger vision and He tells us its only a bend.

**Summer Craft Fair
Cork Craft Network in association with ISPCC
This Sunday 15th June 12.00am – 6.00pm
Ballincollig GAA Hall**

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Fun For All The Family!

Details Helen Stone (021) 7437940

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Jun-21 & Jun-22-2003

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Muireann Nelligan
8:30 am
Elizabeth Daly
10:00 am
Declan Chalmers
12:00 Noon
Tony Hegarty

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	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

Jun-21 & Jun-22-2003

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Mary O'Donoghue
Steve Wills
Margaret O'Sullivan
Rita Aherne
Betty Sheehan
Jim Walsh

8:00 pm Anne O'Regan
Marion O'Sullivan
Finbarr Murray

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Rita Murphy

11:00 am Seamus O'Connell
Mary O'Connell
Pat Manning
Alan O'Riordan
Geraldine Keohane

10:00 am Maureen Roche
Christina Walsh
Peter Reilly
Mary Collins
Christy Roche

12:30 pm Maura Lombard
Jackie Sheehan
Mary Green
Michael O'Leary
Lelia O'Brien

12 Noon Oliver O'Donovan
Barbara Kelly
John Jeffers
Mary McLean
Ellen Seymour
Ita Walshe

5:30 pm Catherine Green
Mary Breen
Siobhan Burke

PARISH CLERGY

Priest on Duty 087-2479140

Fr. George O'Mahony 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

Mass Book

The Book for reserving Masses for July, August and September is now open in both Churches.

Scoil Barra Confirmation Class 2003

Our thanks to the confirmation class pupils for their musical contribution at the 11 am Mass last Sunday in Christ Our Light..

Apostolate of Our Lady of Fatima

All-Night Vigil at Knock

Feasts' of The Sacred Heart of Jesus and The Immaculate Heart of Mary
27th June 2003

Cost €20.00

Bus will leave at 3.45pm at St. Mary and St. John Church

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Mass Leaflets

Following the 12.00 noon Mass in St. Mary & St. John and the 5.30 pm. Mass in Christ our Light, we would appreciate your help in the collection of the leaflets by placing them at the end of your row.
Thank you in anticipation.

Parking at St. Mary & St. John

Parking around the church for weekend Masses is reserved for the disabled and the elderly of our community.

Please refrain from parking on the semi-circular pavement in front of church