

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 02-November-2003

All Souls Day

The Commemoration of all the faithful departed.



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road



God is full of mercy: he waits patiently for our conversion. No matter how much we may have failed him, he still calls us and encourages us towards goodness.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

ALL SAINTS

Many people have a false idea of what a Saint is. For them, Saints are people who:

- ? Never committed a sin in their lives;
- ? Were always shining with virtue;
- ? Strong willed, humble, pure, who never lost their patience;
- ? Who never thought of themselves, but always of God and others.

This is a mistaken idea. It implies that the Saints were not born. They became Saints, undergoing a conversion – a change of heart that resulted in a change of life. This change did not happen overnight, but was the result of a long and painful struggle.

The change of heart that we call conversion (which every Saint underwent) is very clearly seen in the lives of some of the greatest names in the Church's register of Saints: Francis of Assisi; Augustine of Hippo; Paul of Tarsus; Joan of Arc; each of these at a certain moment in their lives heard the words of Christ:

"Repent and believe the Good News".

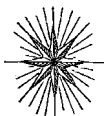
This is why the lives of the Saints, the "little ones" as well as the "big ones", are such a great challenge to us. We cannot read about them without experiencing a great call to conversion – a call to rethink our basic attitudes to life, to redefine our goals, to confront our sinfulness and to throw ourselves open to God's mercy and love.

To become a Saint is to become real. It means that the real me, which is often hidden under layers of foolishness and absurd pretence, finally emerges. All the hidden goodness and beauty that God has placed within me comes out. It all starts with the realisation that God loves me as I am. The Saints were people who believed the Good News of God's unconditional love and who began to return his love, and found their lives changed, not overnight, but through a gradual process of growth which did not rule out further falls.

In some cases (e.g. St. Peter) it took a long time. A lot of corners had to be knocked off before they became real. We all want something for nothing, quickly and without working for it. But it cannot be. As this was happening to them, the Saints discovered a tremendous joy and freedom. May we all be inspired by the example of the Saints and be helped, by their prayers, as we strive for Holiness in our lives.

John O'Donovan

Feast of All Saints



Today we remember all the saints who share the happiness of heaven. We are called to be saints by becoming more like our Father. This is our greatest possible fulfilment. It begins already, if we allow ourselves be moulded by the Beatitudes.

Thought for Today

We often hear this reading and take comfort in it when we attend a funeral mass or memorial service. There are so many mysteries and ideas in scripture that we don't understand. But the hope of this Gospel is very clear for us. We know that we, and those we love, will find ourselves with Jesus on the last day because we know him and follow his ways.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Brothers and sisters, the Lord is our light and our help, so let us bring our prayers to God.

Reader

For all who follow Christ, that their faith in eternal life after death may be strong.

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

For men and women who have been lost because of war or violence, that the tragedy of their deaths may spur humanity to build a world of peace and tolerance.

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

For those who have died before their time, in accidents or through suicide, that their loss may remind all of the sacredness of life, God's great gift to the world.

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

For people overcome by grief, that the power of Christ's love may lift them up and renew their hope.

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

For all our relatives and friends who have gone before us in faith, whom we remember now, for the priests and people who worshipped here through the ages.

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

For those who died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time that they may behold the Lord's temple in the new and eternal Jerusalem.

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

Priest

God of light, to live in your house is the desire of all your children: hear our prayers and help us in all our needs, through Christ our Lord.

Amen

The Lord is my light and my help.

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BAPTISMS

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

Ryan Kevin McCarthy, 40 The Green, Coolroe Meadows.
 Jake Daniel Ahern-Courtney, 19 Innishmore Court.
 Conor Alan Dodd, 38 The Green, Coolroe Meadows.
 Conor Desmond McNally, 101 Shamrock Drive.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :

Nora McCarthy, Pouladuff Road.
 Ciss O'Donovan, Bandon.

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

Kathleen O'Keeffe, Aylsbury.
 Maureen Callanan, West Village.
 O'Mahony & Greene families.
 Agnes & John Handley, Dublin & Mayo.
 Denis J. Callanan, Innishmore Court.
 Peter Murphy, Windsor.
 Con & Joan Donovan, Turners Cross.
 Timothy Sheehan.
 The Lucey Family, Inchigeela.
 Tadhg O'Mahony, Turners Cross.
 Michael & Sheila Duggan, Dunmanway.
 Deceased members of the Kavanagh family.
 Anthony Healy, Cloughduv.
 Elizabeth Hetherington.
 Donie McCarthy.
 Tom Staunton, London.
 David Spillane, Magazine Road.
 Jim Butler, Inniscarra.
 Vincent O'Sullivan, Station Road.
 Nora O'Callaghan, Carrigrohane.
 Ellen, Eugene & Catherine Lee, Dripsey.
 Mary O'Callaghan, Yorkshire.

FATIMA APOSTOLATE GROUP

The monthly meeting of the Apostolate will be held on Monday 3rd November 2003 at 7 pm in the Youth House, Station Road.
Present members and new members are all welcome to attend

HOLY SOULS NOVENA

November 2nd to 10th

Christ Our Light, **8.30 am and 6.30 pm.**
 St. Mary and St John's, **9.30 am and 8 00 pm.**

All Saints Saturday 1st November (holy day of obligation) until midnight tomorrow, a plenary indulgence can be gained by visiting a church and praying the Our Father and Creed. Until Saturday 8th November, a plenary indulgence can be gained each day by visiting a cemetery.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

THIRTY FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

- 02 Sunday Readings are chosen from the Lectionary for the Dead. Lect I:1002
- 03 Monday Rom. 11 : 19-36. Ps. 68. Lk. 14: 12-14. Lect II :400
- 04 Tuesday Rom. 12:5-16. Ps.130. Lk. 14: 15-24. Lect II :400
- 05 Wednesday Rom. 13:8-10. Ps. 111. Lk. 14:25-33. Lect II:404
- 06 Thursday Sir. 44:1-15. Ps. 14. Lk. 6:17-23. Lect. II:1367
- 07 Friday Rom. 15: 14-21. Ps. 97. Lk. 16: 1-8. Lect II:408
- 08 Saturday Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27. Ps. 144. Lk. 16:9-15. Lect II:410

Sick Or House Bound?

If you have a friend or relative who is sick, house bound or in hospital, please let the Priests of the Parish know, so they may visit.

Cork Craft Network

and
ISPCC
 Presents

Craft and Healing Fair

At

**Ballincollig GAA Club
 Sunday 2nd November 2003**

12 am to 6 pm

Free Craft Workshops, Trade Stands,
 Organic Café, Decorating Advice,

Tarot, Healers, Face Painting

Entrance Adults €2 Children €1

Proceeds to ISPCC

Details Helen Stone 021 7437940

DID YOU EVER WONDER?

How the Readings are chosen?

Why were they originally written?

What historical facts lie behind them?

Is there a connection between the Old and New Testaments?

Fr. E. Gould P.P. will give an overview of the Readings

Fixed for Advent on November 11th

Community Centre at 8 pm

Everyone welcome.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9
Even in the time of the Old Testament, Scripture spoke of life after death. Indeed, we understand suffering as a means of purification. We who believe know that in heaven there is no pain, no torment, and no tribulation.

Second Reading: Rom 5:5-11
Paul teaches that Christ has given us a victory; sin and death are conquered. That's the connection. Anyone who turns away from sin has the key to eternal life.

Gospel: Mark 15:33-339; 16:1-6
Jesus explained to the crowds that God had sent him. He said it was God's will that those who believed in Jesus should not be turned away in the final days. Those who have come to Jesus will be given eternal life. They will be raised up on the last day.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Charles Borromeo 04-November-2003

After the Protestant Reformation which, inspired by Martin Luther and others, had divided the Church in the sixteenth century the Catholic Church in a sense turned in on itself in order to carry out a complete reformation which came to be known as the Counter Reformation. The Bishop of Milan, Charles Borromeo became one of the leading figures in this movement. Descended from powerful Families such as the Medici's he spent the first part of his life involved in Vatican and Italian politics being especially involved in the Council of Trent. It was the experience of Trent that changed his life. He was ordained priest and later Bishop. He helped produce the catechism embodying the teachings of Trent which became the basis for religion teaching down to our own day. Charles began a major reform of the clergy of Milan, an undertaking that called for skill and tact. The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine was organised which is still functioning in many countries such as the U.S.A. where it is known as "Sunday School". Suffering great physical hardship he travelled around Switzerland on a mule trying to inspire both clergy and laity to reform their lives where scandal and corruption had replaced religious fervour. Back in Italy he was met by violent opposition to his reforms; on one occasion he was injured by an assassin's gunshot. In 1576 the plague struck Milan. With great courage Charles devoted himself to the care of the sick and dying. Just eight years later death took the Saint himself. For a Church in so much difficulty in our time, St. Charles Borromeo is both a model and an inspiration.

ANNUAL CEMETERY MASSES

St. Oliver's

Will take place on Saturday 15th November 2003 at 2 pm

St. Mary & St. John's (adjoining cemetery)

Will take place on Saturday 22nd November 2003 at 2 pm

**The Ten Commandments
You Shall Not Kill**

Have I ever struck anyone in anger, intending to injure the person? Have I ever advocated abortion, either through my opinions in conversation or by actively assisting someone in procuring one? Have I ever endangered myself or the life of another person through the taking of drugs or the abuse of alcohol?

(Next week a reflection on the sixth commandment)

**Ballincollig Twinning Group
An invite to you**

An information evening will be held at Colaiste Choilm on Thursday 6th November at 8 p.m. Chairman of The Twinning Group, John Donegan will outline the workings of the Twinning Group; its purposes and aims. John issues an invite to one and all from Ballincollig and Surrounding areas to attend this informal gathering and says it will be an ideal opportunity for residents of Ballincollig to familiarise themselves with the twinning concept, get an update on what has been happening and see what is planned for the coming years. The twinning concept is not all about officialdom and organised exchanges. While these official functions are a must to demonstrate the seriousness of the occasion, non-the less the objective of bringing the Community's citizens closer together involves ordinary people and organisations. The success of a twinning with other towns depends very much on the input of the community and the organisations themselves getting involved and creating links with similar organisations in the exchange towns. Likewise the interaction between citizens of themselves is very important and the exchange between teenagers/ students or indeed families, on private exchanges between homes is a must.

Accordingly the committee would like to issue a welcome to Clubs/ Organisations/ Groups. In the past, Ballincollig Rugby Club, Soccer Club, Basketball Club, Senior Citizens, G.A.A Scouts and Teachers have all formed links with our French twinning partner, Saclay. It is hoped that through this meeting that links will be rekindled and new links established. With our intention to twin with Mechtstadt in Germany next year, there are endless possibilities for links with the wide range of Groups/ clubs /organisations.

On an individual front, several students have exchanged trips on either work experience or social and this is an area that the twinning group is anxious to expand. Also many families have established contact with families in the twinning towns with many exchange visits taking place. So. Either representing a club/organisation/group or simply yourself, why not take one hour out from your busy schedule to attend this gathering on Thursday 6th Nov. at Colaiste Choilm. As already stated the success of a twinning with other towns depends very much on the input of the community. Further information from 4873098

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
MONTHLY COLLECTION**

This Weekend
1st & 2nd November 2003
PLEASE SUPPORT

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Nov-08 & Nov-09-2003

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

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

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Joy O'Driscoll
11:00 am
Maura McNamara
12:30 pm
Marie Groarke
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

Nov-08 & Nov-09-2003

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Mary O'Donoghue
Steve Wills
Margaret O'Sullivan
Rita Aherne
Rose Doyle
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

PARISH CLERGY

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Fr. Paul O'Donoghue

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Fr. John O'Donovan C.C.

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**Friday 7th November 2003
(First Friday & November Novena)**

Church of St. Mary & St. John

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACREMENT

Following 9:30 am Mass, concluding with Rosary, Benediction at 7:45 pm and Mass 8:00 pm.

The transition from seed to flower is a slow, silent growth.



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