

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 23-November-2003



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road



Solemnity of Christ The King

The kingship of Christ, is not to be seen in terms of any kind of political control or domination. It is not of this world. His rule comes from obedience to the Father and total service of people, unto death. It is the power of God over death and evil, promised to all who commit themselves in faith to him.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Christ Our King - Thy Kingdom Come

St. John Cantius was born in Poland in 1390. As a boy he was bright and good. As a priest he taught sacred scripture at the University of Crakow and also served as a Parish Priest for several years. He is remembered for his learning and his devotion to the poor.

During his life he made four pilgrimages to Rome, on foot, carrying his luggage on his back. On one of these trips, a gang of robbers took his purse and then asked if he had any more money. The Saint said that was all he had. They sent him on his way.

He had not gone very far, when he remembered that he had several pieces of gold sewn in his clothes. He hurried back and gave the gold to the robbers, begging them to forgive him for telling a lie. The thieves were so surprised and pleased that they returned to the Saint all the money they had taken from him.

Today we honour Christ as our King. We hear Jesus telling Pilate, "My Kingship is not of this world." Jesus admitted that He was a King, but not the kind of King this world knows. He was not a political or military leader. He was not a king of wealth or glamour or power.

What kind of King is He then? Where is His Kingdom? What is His Kingdom? The preface prayer in today's mass answers these questions ... "That offering himself on the cross ... He might present to Your Majesty, a Kingdom of truth and life, of holiness and grace, a Kingdom of justice, love and peace."

Every time we work for these precious things – truth, life, holiness, grace, justice, love, peace – we are working for Christ, we make Christ Our King.

Like St. John Cantius, tell the truth, no matter what it costs, and you serve Christ, the King of all truth. Whatever we do to increase God's life in us, for example, participating in this mass today, is a service to Christ, the source of all holiness.

When we try to be honest in our dealings with God, our neighbour, and ourselves, we are casting a vote for Christ as our Leader, our King.

"Thy Kingdom come," we pray in the Our Father. On this Feast of Christ, our King, let us all strive to promote in our personal lives and in our parish community here in Ballincollig, these inner, spiritual qualities that really make Christ Our King.

John O'Donovan

Thought for Today

The values of God's Kingdom help us explain to our children what kind of king Jesus is when we claim him to be "Christ the King." Everywhere in our world and private lives, we can find examples of Christ the King of peace, the King of justice, hope, goodness and love. Jesus said he came into the world to give evidence of his father's love. Consider how much your love for your child gives evidence of God's love, and how your life is an example to your children of the many different kinds of "kingship" claimed by Jesus.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us bring our prayers to the Lord, our great king.

Reader

For all who follow Christ, that they may work to make the Kingdom of God a reality.

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

For those who lead nations, that people in positions of power may seek truth and justice.

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

For the people of all the countries on earth, that we may work together for an end to hunger and want.

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

For ourselves, that our lives may show that Christ rules our hearts.

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

For the sick and sorrowful, that our friendship may bring them God's healing.

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

For our dead, those who died recently, and all those whose anniversaries occur, that they may share the glory of Christ.

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

Priest

O God, you rule your people with love and compassion: listen to our prayers and give us the help we need, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.

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BAPTISMS

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

Cian Michael Goggin, 55 Glendower Court.

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

John O'Sullivan, Poulavone.
 Anne Twomey, Main Road.
 Jeffrey McCarthy, Kilcoe.
 Hannah Connolly, High Street.
 Liam O'Connor, Magazine Road.
 Ethel Ryan, Ballinlough.

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

Tommy Daly, Leemount.
 Timothy O'Callaghan, Carrigrohane.
 Dec. members O'Mahony family, Barrack St.
 Michael & Johanna Hennigan, Woodbine Lawn.
 Maria Barry.
 Geoffrey McCarthy.
 Mary Sweeney.
 Ellen & Eugene Mohally, Lough Road.
 Eileen & Frank O'Donovan, Raheen.
 John & Hannah Cronin, Drimoleague.
 Jim Campbell, Galway.
 The Forde Family, Station Road.
 Con & Kate Murphy, Leemount.
 Catherine & William O'Mahony, Tudor Grove.
 Ned Fitton, Beech Park.
 Deceased members of the Ring Family, Blarney Road.
 Frank McCarthy, Poulavone.
 Teresa Devane, Annascaul, Co. Kerry.
 Thomas Farrell, 61 Beech Park, Ballincollig.
 Deceased member of the Nagle family.
 Deceased member of the Coleman family.

ANNUAL CEMETERY MASSES

St. Mary & St. John's (adjoining cemetery)
 Will take place this Saturday 22nd November 2003 at 2 pm

The Annual Diocesan Envelope Collection for the Cork Marriage Counselling Centre will take place at all Masses this weekend November 22nd & 23rd

Feast of Christ the King

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in both churches on Sunday afternoon

CHURCH OF ST. MARY & ST. JOHN

After 12 noon Mass until 6.30 pm.

CHURCH OF CHRIST OUR LIGHT

After 12.30 pm Mass until 5.15 pm (before 5.30 Mass)

All are welcome to go along to spend some time with the Lord

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

LAST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

23 Sunday Dn. 7:13-14. Ps. 92. Rv. I :5-8. In. 18:33-37. Lect I:829
 24 Monday Dan. 1:1-6,8-20. Ps. Dan. 3:52-56. Lk. 21:1-4. Lect II:439
 25 Tuesday Dan. 2:31-45. Ps. Dan. 3:57-61. Lk. 21:5-11. Lect II:442
 26 Wednesday Dan. 5: 1-6, 13-17, 23-28. Ps. Dan. 3. Lk. 21: 12- 19. Lect II:444
 27 Thursday Dan. 6:12-28. Ps. Dan. 3:68-74. Lk. 21 :20-28. Lect II:447
 28 Friday Dan. 7:2-14. Ps. Dan. 3. Lk. 21 :29-33. Lect II:449
 29 Saturday Dan. 7: 15-27. Ps. Dan. 3. Lk. 21 :34-36. Lect II:452

Christmas Food Fair In Innishannon

On Sunday 7th December from 12 noon in the Innishannon Parish Hall a Christmas Food Fair will be held. All the food at the fair will be home made. There will be Christmas cakes (light, heavy, iced and un-iced). Porter cakes, Madeira cakes, Seed cakes, in fact all kinds of cakes. Christmas puddings, Mince pies, mince meat, chutneys, jams, preserves, brown bread, apple tarts, and much more. So come to Innishannon on Sunday 7th December and we will put a homemade flavour into your Christmas! All proceeds to Church Fund.

THE 31st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
 of
BALLINCOLLIG CREDIT UNION LTD.

WILL BE HELD AT THE G.A.A. PAVILION
 on
WEDNESDAY 26th NOVEMBER 2003 AT 8.00 pm

EACH MEMBER IS INVITED TO ATTEND.

THERE WILL BE DRAWS FOR TURKEYS & HAMS FOR THOSE ATTENDING THE MEETING.

FIRST DRAW FOR A LARGE CHRISTMAS HAMPER WILL TAKE PLACE AT 8 pm SHARP

NOMINATIONS FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICES OF **BALLINCOLLIG CREDIT UNION LTD.**

NOMINATIONS FOR THE POSITIONS OF FIVE (5) DIRECTORS ONE (1) SUPERVISOR AND AUDITOR SHALL BE IN WRITING SIGNED BY A PROPOSER AND SECONDER WHO SHALL BE MEMBERS OF THE CREDIT UNION AND ALSO BY THE NOMINEE SO AS TO INDICATE HIS/HER CONSENT. COMPLETED NOMINATION FORMS SHALL REACH THE REGISTERED OFFICE OF THE CREDIT UNION AT LEAST 3 DAYS BEFORE THE DATE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO BRING THEIR PASS BOOKS WITH THEM ON THE NIGHT

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Dan. 7:13-14
 In today's Scripture reading, the prophet Daniel looks ahead in time and sees the coming of Christ on the clouds of heaven. We look forward to that coming. It will be a day of great rejoicing.

Second Reading: Rv. 1:5-8
 Jesus Christ is king today, in a special sense. He is a reliable witness to truth; he is the first to rise to new life; he is the King of Kings. To the glory of God, Jesus makes us a new people, a royal nation, a holy priesthood.

Gospel: John 18:33-37
 Generally, we do not find the title "Christ the King" in any of the Gospels, but here in John, Jesus accepted the title even though it was given to him with misunderstanding. Pilate mistook the title as political. Jesus corrected him by saying that his kingdom was not of this world. Through the title of "King," Jesus pointed beyond himself to God, explaining that his mission was to tell the people about God and testify to the truth God wanted revealed through Jesus.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Colman 25-November-2003

St. Colman was born around 530, probably in West Cork. A bard by profession, he was endowed with extraordinary poetic powers' being styled by his contemporaries "Royal Bard of Munster". He is reputed to have been influenced by St. Brendan to become a priest. He built his cathedral abbey in what is now the East Cork village of Cloyne where he laboured for forty years in the large diocese of Cloyne of which he is Patron. Many place names, such as Kilcolman, commemorate him. Several of Colman's Irish poems are still extant, notably a metrical panegyric on St. Brendan.

**THE APOSTOLATE OF OUR
 LADY OF FATIMA, CORK
 MONTHLY DEVOTIONS, MASS AND
 HOLY HOUR
 IN REPARATION TO**

*The Sacred Heart of Jesus and
 The Immaculate Heart of Mary*

ST. MARIES OF THE ISLE CHAPEL

Date: Monday 24th November 2003

Time: 7.30 p.m.

Conducted by:

Rev. D McCarthy C.C. Fermoy

All Welcome

“IN THE END MY IMMACULATE HEART
 WILL TRIUMPH”

[OUR LADY OF FATIMA]

It is better that scandals arise than that truth be silenced.

**The Ten Commandments
 You Shall Not Bear False Witness Against Your
 Neighbour**

Have I defamed the good name of another person by taking part in gossip or slander? Have I injured the reputation of another person by speaking about their failures and sins with little desire or intention to help them? Have I condoned prejudice and hatred toward people of another nationality, race, or religion?

(Next week a reflection on the ninth commandment)

Bookshop – Christ Our Light

Now in stock 'Witness To Hope' video – Pope John Paul II Volume 9, 10, 11, 12; Fr. Tom Brown's CD's; selection of Christmas cards, Christmas candles and cribs, rosary beads, crucifixes and a variety of religious objects.

**Why not give a religious gift this Christmas!
 Shop open weekends before and after all masses.**

Cork Craft Network

and
ISPC
 Presents

Craft and Healing Fair

At

**Ballincollig GAA Club
 Sunday 30th November 2003**

12 am to 6 pm

Free Craft Workshops, Trade Stands,
 Organic Café, Decorating Advice,
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Entrance Adults €2 Children €1

Proceeds to ISPC

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Child Protection Issues in Our Parish

On Wednesday November 12th 2003 Pat Crowley who worked in this parish as a priest from September 1988 to September 1990 pleaded guilty to three counts of indecent or sexual assault on an altar boy while serving in this parish; he was sentenced to eight months in prison. Pat Crowley pleaded guilty to a similar charge in Ballincollig district court in 1991. Pat Crowley is not ministering and is laicised.

The parish council discussed this abuse case at its meeting on Monday 17th November 2003. The main concern was the victim and his family and the pain and hurt inflicted on them by this sexual abuse. The parish council and the priests of the parish wish to express their sincere concern to the victim for the abuse he suffered and the calamity and distress he has endured. The victim's parents and family are also in our thoughts and prayers.

The abuse of children and our duty of care to children will be further discussed at the next meeting of the parish council; procedures and child protection policies for parish workers will be reviewed, updated and published

*Fr. George O'Mahony
 20-November-2003*

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Nov-29 & Nov-30-2003

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
Tony Hegarty

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Michael Greene
11:00 am
Liam Hayes
12:30 pm
Bernard Vallely
5:30 pm
Phil O'Connell

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

Nov-29 & Nov-30-2003

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

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

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

8:30 am Helen Kelly
Roddy Martin

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

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

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

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

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

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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

Christmas Open House

There will be a Christmas Open House to support The Motor Neuron Association Hyperbaric Unit in Bandon at D.J. Murphy's Bride Park Cottages, Killumney, Ovens.

Thursday 27th November	6 pm to 10 pm
Friday 28th November	6 pm to 10 pm
Saturday 29th November	12 noon to 10 pm.
Sunday 30th November	12 noon to 10 pm.



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