

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 25-January-2004



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road



**Third Sunday In Ordinary Time**  
*We come together on Sunday to listen to the scriptures and to have them explained. Here it is God who speaks to us through his Son. His Spirit continues to work on us to inspire us with his message of freedom and encouragement for all in need.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

## Week of Prayer For Christian Unity

This week is called a "Week of Prayer For Christian Unity", this week dedicated to prayer in the Christian Churches is an effort to highlight the importance of the various Christian communities praying together and working together to build the kingdom of God. We have a responsibility as Catholics to get to know and respect the beliefs and traditions of the Christian denominations in the community. It calls for courage and goodwill to reach out the hand of friendship to our Christian neighbours.

The theme for this years Christian Unity week is; "My Peace I give to you". The Christian Churches of the city of Aleppo in Syria chose this text for 2004. They chose this text because of the desire for peace in their fragile situation in the turbulent area of the Middle East, a place of conflict and tribulation. In doing so they are expressing a longing for peace, which is more than an absence of war.

Church groups and local Christians are urged to pray and work for peace not only during the week of Prayer for Christian Unity, but throughout the whole year. As Christians pray for peace we should also pray and work for the unity of the Church. We cannot honestly pray for peace in the world and rest content with all the divisions and dissensions in our own lives as Christians. As the rainbow is sign of God's peace so it is also a sign of the Christian unity for which we all pray.

The second reading this Sunday from St Paul reminds us "Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts is a single unit because all these parts though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one spirit we are all baptised. What is more, it is precisely the parts of the body that seem the weakest which are the indispensable ones; If one part is hurt, all parts are hurt with it. If one part is given a special honour, all parts enjoy it. Now you together are Christ's body." Matt 25 when it speaks of the coming of the Son of man very clearly states that one of the dividers between the sheep and goats is "I was a stranger - did you welcome me".

During the recent Young Scientist exhibition one of the displays from Ballincollig dealt with our efforts to welcome the immigrants from all over the world in our midst. The most charitable comment about our efforts to date is that we are failing miserably and in some areas we received an NG. In our midst at present there are many from different cultures and with different languages; there are also many different faiths, I have met Orthodox Catholics; Russian Orthodox; Orthodox Jews and Muslims and some others who have come to make their home here so hopefully we will make the effort to make them welcome and give each person due respect.

*George O'Mahony*

## Reflection for Parents

Our children are really all the things listed in what Jesus read from Isaiah. They are poor because they really depend on us for their every material need. They are not free because they are too young and inexperienced to live on their own. While they're not completely blind, much of what they do see has been shaped by our own vision. When we think of all we do for our children, it becomes clearer all that Jesus is for us.

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

### Priest

My dear friends; in Christ, let us present our prayers with confidence to the Lord.

### Reader

For all who listen with respect to God's word, that they may put it into practice each day.

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

For those who read God's word in the Liturgy, that their ministry may be marked by reverence and love.

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

For all who gather to worship God today in many communities, that the spirit may unite all Christians into one Church, a living sacrifice of praise.

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

For the sick and suffering, especially those we have been asked to pray for, that healing and new strength may be given them.

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

For all Christians who have died especially our loved ones, that God's promises to them may be fulfilled.

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

For our own needs, which, we remember in a moment's quiet prayer.

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

### Priest

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life we rely on your help all our days: let your grace continue to sustain us, we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.*

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**BAPTISMS**

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

James Alexander O’Sullivan, Limerick.  
 Rian Timothy Foley, Currahilly, Farran.  
 David John Meagher, 6 The Brambles, Classis Lake.  
 Shauna O’Flynn, 150 Rosewood.  
 Lize Rea, 83 Rosewood.

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

Maureen Hanley, Sunday’s Well & Ballincollig.  
 Eleanor O’Mahony, East Gate & Castletownbere.  
 Helen Kingston, Clonakilty.  
 Mary McKenna, Hettyfield, Douglas.  
 Pauline Gleeson, Madonna House.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNI-VERSARY OCCURS:**

Tim Maverley, Quaker Road.  
 Denis & Mary Desmond, French’s Villas.  
 Sheila O’Donovan, Rochestown.  
 Dan & Anne Kenny, The Lough.  
 Sheila Walsh, Castle Park.  
 Peg MacDowall.  
 Nellie Langan, Co. Donegal.  
 James O’Dwyer, Co. Limerick.  
 Denis & Margaret Linehan, Inniscarra.  
 David Barry, Mulgrave Road.  
 Deceased members of the Reilly Family.  
 Deceased members of the Henney Family.  
 John Desmond, Garryhesta.  
 Nora Hegarty, Whitechurch.  
 Cian Nangle, Model Farm Road & South Africa.  
 Peter Murphy, Deshure, Terelton.  
 Mary Nagle, Coachford.  
 Sonny & Sheila O’Mahony, Dunmanway.  
 William & Ellen Cronin.  
 Jim Spencer, West Village.  
 Michael O’Leary, Castlemore, Crookstown.  
 Denis, James, & Breda O’Donoghue.  
 Ellen Buckley, Bakers Road.  
 Joe Donovan.  
 Cornelius & Mary Keane, Friars Street.  
 Margaret O’Keeffe, Killeens.  
 Larry Murphy.  
 Mary Whelan, Rosewood.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**

25 Sunday Neh. 8:2-6, 8-10. Ps. 18. 1 Cor. 12: 12-30. Lk. 1: 1-4, 4:14-21. Lect I: 841  
 26 Monday 2 Tim. 1: 1-8 or Tit. 1: 1-5. Ps. 95. Lk. 10: 1-9. Lect II: 931  
 27 Tuesday 2 Sam. 6:12-15,17-19. Ps. 23. Mk. 3:31-35. Lect II: 486  
 28 Wednesday 2 Sam. 7:4-17. Ps. 88. Mk. 4:1-20. Lect II: 488  
 29 Thursday Sam. 7:18-19,24-29. Ps. 131. Mk. 4:21-25. Lect II: 490  
 30 Friday 2 Sam. 11:1-10,13-17. Ps. 50. Mk. 4:26-34. Lect II: 493  
 31 Saturday 2 Sam. 12:1-7,10-17. Ps. 50. Mk. 4:35-41. Lect II: 495

Next Sunday’s Readings 01-February-2004  
 Jer. 1:4-5,17-19. Ps. 70.1 Cor. 12:31-13:13. Lk. 4:21-30. Lect I: 845

**“I call you friends” (Jn. 15: 9 – 17)**

Bishopstown Lay Dominican Chapter

Invites you to join them in

***A Day Of Reflection And Prayer***

On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2004 from 10.00am to 6.00pm

In St. Dominic’s Retreat House, Ennismore, Montenotte

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Offering (including light lunch) €20 Payable on arrival.

For booking, contact Mrs. Jean McKeown,

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Tel.: 086 1647944 or any Council member.

***Parking Arrangements***

Churches of St. Mary & St. John and Christ our Light  
 Please note that all vehicles should drive in a clockwise  
 direction around both churches.

***Mass Missalettes***

To assist in the collection following the last Masses (12  
 noon St. Mary & St. John & 5.30 pm - Christ our Light),  
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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-4,5-6,8-10
We become witnesses to a Sabbath service at which Ezra preaches on the law and reminds the congregation to rejoice and celebrate the Lord's Day.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30
Paul tells the people of Corinth that Jesus came to unite the entire world into one family of faith. He wants them to understand the special part given to each in the Body of Christ.

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21.
The first part of today's Gospel introduces Luke's Gospel and Acts. Luke recalled for his readers that stories had been handed down by eyewitnesses and written down by others. He intended, however, to improve on the order of these earlier accounts. The lectionary moves us to another beginning and that is the beginning of Jesus' ministry. He had travelled throughout Galilee teaching in the synagogue. This day, he was in his home town of Nazareth where he unrolled a scroll and proclaimed the words of Isaiah. The Spirit of the Lord will come upon one who will free captives, favour the poor, and give sight to the blind. After Jesus rolled up the scroll, he told his listeners that those words had been fulfilled in him.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Brigid 01-February-2004

St. Brigid was born at Faughart near Dundalk around 450A.D. Refusing many good offers of marriage, she became a nun and settled with seven other nuns at Croghan Hill. Soon they moved to Kildare where she founded her famous convent of Cill Dara. This small oratory became the centre of religion and learning and developed into a cathedral city. Not only was St. Brigid a patroness of students but she also founded a school of art, including metal work and illumination. From this school came a wondrous book of the Gospels much praised by ancient writers. Unfortunately this illuminated text disappeared around the time of the Reformation.

Her friendship with St. Patrick is attested by the following paragraph from the Book of Armagh, the authenticity of which is beyond question: "Between St. Patrick and St. Brigid, the columns of the Irish, there was a great friendship of charity that had but one heart and one mind. Through him and through her Christ performed many miracles".

This time of year Leaving Cert. pupils are busy completing their CAO forms. This is a particularly stressful time for students. Perhaps we could all make an effort to keep these young people in mind and in our prayers this week and indeed in the weeks ahead also.

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MONASTIC EXPERIENCE

Weekend for Women

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Friday 6th - Sunday 8th February 2004

Single women interested in finding out more
about monastic life are invited to join in our life
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Spirituality of everyday life one day retreat
(based on writings of St. Thérèse)

A unique one day retreat will be held in St. Dominic's,
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of meditation, reflection and guided inputs to aid peace
and healing to enter our hearts and lives.

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'Shower of Roses'). Bookings 4502520.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
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Next Weekend

31st January & 1st February 2004

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**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Jan-31 & Feb-01-2004

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

6:00 pm (Vigil)  
Sandra Walsh  
8:30 am  
Annette Collins  
10:00 am  
Marian Daly  
12:00 Noon  
Tony Lynch

8:00 pm (Vigil)  
Jacinta Jeffers  
11:00 am  
Joseph Manning  
12:30 pm  
Marlyn O'Connor  
5:30 pm  
Phil O'Connell

**MASS TIMES**

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon

**Sunday**

11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm

9:30 am

**Monday**

8:30 am

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**Tuesday**

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**Thursday**

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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**

Jan-31 & Feb-01-2004

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

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

8:00 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

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