

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 19-September-2004



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road



## Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Jesus lamented the fact that the 'children of light' are not as astute at doing good as the wicked are at looking after themselves. It may be that some of our ineffectiveness in doing good arises from a lack of total commitment to God. We cannot have it both ways; self-concerned and love of God don't mix.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

### Parish Council 2004

This year several members of the parish council are up for re-election and some are stepping down. This provides an opportunity to me and all parishioners to reflect on the question "What is the purpose of a Parish Council? Why have a Parish Council? "

I believe it is important to have an active Parish Council. We believe that every baptised person is a full member of the people of God / The Church and that each member is guided by the Holy Spirit. It is very important that opportunities are presented to encourage members to become involved in their parish and to use their gifts and talents in building up the Christian community and a sense of belonging.

I think a big task facing the Christian community in 2004 is the effort to build an active, vibrant, reflective, prayerful and caring community. To do that we will need everyone's gifts and talents working together.

I am confident that this parish council will set goals for itself and the parish community. I wish to see the parish council providing leadership and encouragement to the Christian community in Ballincollig. Also, to acknowledge the abilities of all members of the Christian community and provide opportunities and encouragement for members and parishioners to be active in the work of Christ in 2004.

Building up the Christian community and a sense of belonging will entail identifying key groups, occasions, individuals and areas; developing a vision of parish among members of the Parish Council, and those involved in various ministries in the parish and striving to avail of opportunities to reach out and involve the wider Christian community.

"Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights. I have put my Spirit upon you; you will bring forth justice to the nations!" Isaiah 42; 1.

*George O'Mahony*

### Reflection for Parents

Children learn at a young age that "buying friends" is a possibility. Even we adults use our resources to entertain friends. How often do we do things with our friends that we think will build our relationships by spending money either on food, entertainment, or gifts? The point of this Gospel is to help us remember that the most important way we can use our resources is in the service of others. From time to time, as we see our children selecting elaborate birthday gifts for a friend, or wanting to include friends in an expensive form of entertainment, we may need to remind them and ourselves of the message in today's Gospel.

### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

#### Priest

Following the advice given to us in Paul's Letter to Timothy today, we pray for our brothers and sisters throughout the world.

#### Reader

For all who serve the church as pastors and leaders, that they may be guided by God's Spirit.

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

For all who are victims of injustice, for the very poor, the dispossessed, those without voice in society.

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

For our Holy Father, Pope John Paul, as we celebrate the 25th anniversary of his visit to Ireland, that he may be strengthened in body and spirit.

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

For our parish, our local community, and for our personal needs.

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

For a world plagued by hunger, war and destruction, that the Spirit may renew the face of the earth.

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

For all who have gone before us in faith, that they enjoy God's presence for ever more.

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

#### Priest

God of glory and majesty, you constantly care for your people. We present our petitions to you in Jesus' name.

Amen.

*Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.*

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Betty Le Blanc, Muskerry Estate.  
Margaret Barnett, Lowertown, Schull.  
Christy O'Sullivan, Lochan, Coolroe.  
Pauline Knight, Bishopstown & Dublin  
John Forde, Ballinora.  
Tim O'Mahony, Lower Road.  
Kathleen Shannon, Glincool.  
Michael Riordan, Glasheen.

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

William Kavanagh, Carrigrohane  
Timothy Twomey, Inniscarra  
Denis Callanan, Church View  
Tom Foley, Newcestown  
Margaret Sheehan, Kilmurry.  
Christine Coady, Rosewood.  
Michael Cosgrove, Galway.  
Nuala Delaney, Inniscarra View Est.  
Maria & Denis Kelleher, Knockavilla & Clash.  
Paddy Lucey, Inchigeela.  
Eddie O'Dwyer, Co. Limerick.  
Bridie Hurley, Turners Cross.  
Frank & Liz Matthews, Hawthorn Ave., Inniscarra View Est.  
Teresa Morton, Inniscarra View Est.  
Marie Daly, Muskerry Est.  
Rita Lynch, Beech Park.  
James O'Reilly, Inniscarra View & Clonakilty.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Twenty Fifth Week in Ordinary Time**

19 Sunday Am. 8:4-7. Ps. 112. 1 Tim. 2: 1-8. Lk. 16: 1-13. Lect I: 910  
20 Monday Prov. 3:27-34. Ps. 14. Lk. 8:16-18. Lect II: 776  
21 Tuesday Eph. 4:1-7. Ps. 18. Mt. 9:9-13. Lect II: 1198  
22 Wednesday Prov. 30:5-9. Ps. 118. Lk. 9:1-6. Lect II: 780  
23 Thursday Eccles (Qoh). 1 :2-11. Ps. 89. Lk. 9:7-9. Lect II: 782  
24 Friday Eccles (Qoh). 3: 1-11. Ps. 143. Lk. 9: 18-22. Lect II: 784  
25 Saturday Eccles (Qoh). 11 :9-12:8. Ps. 89. Lk. 9:43-45. Lect II: 786

**Next Sunday's Readings 26-September-2004**  
Am. 6:1, 4-7. Ps. 145. 1 Tim. 6:11-16. Lk. 16:19- 31. Lect I: 914

***Passover Group***

Next meeting  
Parochial House on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 8.00 pm

***Envelope Collection***

Education Fund  
(Students for the Priesthood)  
Next Weekend 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> September

***Bóthar Tractor Draw 2004***

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***St. Finbarre's Cathedral Concert***

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September  
at 8.00pm  
'Oslo Janitsjarkorps'  
Brass & Woodwind Band  
Conductor: Runar Jansen  
(Norwegian Armed Forces Staff Band Trumpeter)  
With  
Blarney Brass & Reed Band  
Conductor: Gerard Condon  
A Programme of Norwegian and Light Music  
Admission: €7  
Senior Citizens, Students, Children €5  
Family €20  
Proceeds in aid of Cathedral Restoration

***Mass Book - Christ Our Light***

Masses for October, November and December  
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*You can preach a better sermon with your life than with your lips*

*Oliver Goldsmith*

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***For Protection During The Night***

Visit, O Lord, this place, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy. May your holy angels dwell herein to keep us in peace, and may your blessing be on us always.

**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7  
We are called to act with justice.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8  
Paul reminds us to think of others and to pray for them.

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13  
At first, it would seem that this Gospel passage praises dishonesty, but in fact, it gives credit for a clever and quick response. There was a man who managed the land for his master. What his misdeeds were not quite clear, but something had gone wrong in their relationship and the manager was about to be fired. Not physically able to dig ditches and too proud to beg, the manager worried about how he would live. In a quick response, he went to all the people who owed his master produce and had them change their bills to reflect a lesser amount. In this way, the people who saved money would welcome the manager into their homes once he had been fired. The master wasn't rewarding the manager for his dishonesty, but for his cleverness and quick thinking. The point Jesus wanted to make with this parable was to let the crowd know that they should be wise in their use of the world's goods, because if they are used selfishly, they will fail us. However, if we share our resources with others, true wealth will await us in the Kingdom. The final point of Jesus' words was that we cannot serve two masters, God and money.



**SAINT OF THE WEEK**

**Padre Pio 23-September-2004**

Francesco Forgione was born to a southern Italian farm family, the son of Grazio, a shepherd. At age 15 he entered the novitiate of the Capuchin Friars in Morcone, and joined the order at age of 19. Suffered several health problems, and at one point his family thought he had tuberculosis. He was ordained priest at the age of 22 on 10th August 1910.

While praying before a cross, he received the stigmata on 20th September 1918, the first priest ever to be so blessed. As word spread, especially after American soldiers brought home stories of Padre Pio following the Second World War, the priest himself became a point of pilgrimage for both the pious and the curious. He would hear confessions by the hour, reportedly able to read the consciences of those who held back. Reportedly able to bi-locate, levitate, and heal by touch. He founded the House for the Relief of Suffering in 1956, a hospital that serves 60,000 a year. In the 1920's he started; a series of prayer groups that continue today with over 400,000 members worldwide. He died 23rd September 1968 of natural causes "The life and mission of Padre Pio prove that difficulties and sorrows, if accepted out of love, are transformed into a privileged way of holiness, which opens onto the horizons of a greater good, known only to the Lord.

The ultimate reason for the apostolic effectiveness of Padre Pio, the profound root of so much spiritual fruitfulness can be found in that intimate and constant union with God attested to by his long hours spent in prayer and in the confessional. He loved to repeat; 'I am a poor Franciscan who prays' convinced that "prayer is the best weapon we have, a key that opens the heart of God". This fundamental characteristic of his spirituality continues in the 'Prayer Group's' that he founded, which offer to the Church and to society the wonderful contribution of incessant and confident prayer." Pope John Paul II

***Week of Directed Prayer***

The Week of Directed Prayer will begin on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September with a meeting in the Community Hall at 7 pm.

Attendance at this meeting is very important as the participants will be introduced to their guides and instructions for the week ahead will be given.

The week will be a unique chance to get to know Christ through praying the Scripture. No previous knowledge of the Bible is necessary but if you have a Bible bring it along with you.

If you have not filled in the application form, kindly do so as soon as possible, please also state in your form the time of day that would suit you best to meet your guide (30 minutes each day).

The participants will meet their guides in rooms available in the vicinity of the Church of St. Mary & St. John. Forms are available in the sacristy of both Churches.

***Ballincollig Confirmations 2005***

**Dates for your diary**

|                          |                                  |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Scoil Mhuire             | Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April    |
| Scoil Barra              | Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> April |
| Our Lady of Good Counsel | Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> April |
| Scoil Eoin               | Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March    |
| Gaelscoil Uí Riordáin    | Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> April    |

***Cork and Ross collection for Sudan .***

The unstinting Christian charity and generosity of the people of the Diocese of Cork and Ross has been evidenced in the massive response to Trocaire's call for help for the people of Sudan.

To date, the response to the appeal made in parishes on August 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> is €334,972.

This money was lodged to a special diocesan account and has since been transferred to Trocaire for relief of the displaced and starving people of Sudan.

***Ballincollig Parish Pastoral Council***

The next meeting of the council will be held in the Annexe Room, Community Centre, on Monday September 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm

***Coping with Grief, Loss and Change in Life***

It is not possible to be human and to avoid the experience of loss and the grief that goes with it. Grief is unavoidable and is always painful. However, like other human emotions, it can be coped with well or badly.

I propose to facilitate a ten week, one evening per week, experiential course starting on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 8:00 pm in the Scout Hall in Ballinora.

I am a qualified psychotherapist / Counsellor.

Would those interested in participating please contact me Noel Hodge at 021 48783478 or 087 2677625

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Sep-25 & Sep-26-2004

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

6:00 pm (Vigil)  
Aine 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  
Joseph Manning  
12:30 pm  
Dick Beamish  
5:30 pm  
Tom Reck

**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

9:30 am

**Tuesday**

8:30 am

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**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**

Sep-25 & Sep-26-2004

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

6.00 pm Patsie Murphy  
Breda Foley  
Mary Walsh  
Geraldine Hegarty  
Betty Sheehan

8:00 pm Jim Cahill, Kit Cahill  
Sheila O'Connor  
John Canty

8:30 am Theresa Lucey  
Rita Murphy

11:00 am Brid Healy-Harris  
Angela Cunningham  
Laurence Cunningham  
Nell Cantillon Murphy

10:00 am Tadgh Murphy  
Mary Murphy  
Joan Tobin  
Tony O'Leary

12:30 pm Anne O'Connell  
Eileen Garvey  
Sally Power  
Breda Callanan  
Marie O'Brien

12 Noon Michael Crowley  
Breda Lenihan  
Noel Hennessey  
Marie O'Callaghan  
Rena O'Connor  
Angela Roche

5:30 pm Neil O'Donoghue  
Patrica O'Donoghue  
Statia O'Callaghan

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| Thursday  | 9:45 - 5:00 pm  |
| Friday    | 9:45 - 7:00 pm  |
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