

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



**St. Mary & St. John
Station Road**

Sunday 23-January-2005

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday within Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

*God has given to each of us a potential to be developed.
There is a promise in us yet to be fulfilled. Jesus came to
bring this fulfilment to everyone and it will be ours when
we follow like Peter and the others who lived in Galilee.*



**Christ Our Light
Innishmore**

Tragedy & Hope

During the past month our TV screens and print media have been dominated by two tragedies, the news of the Tsunami shocked us on St Stephens day as we saw and heard the damage inflicted and loss of lives suffered by poor people from this massive earthquake and wave. There has been a huge outpouring of support and help all over the country and in particular here in Ballincollig. The Infant of Jesus sisters (Drishane sisters) have a big presence in the district through schools in Thailand. Sr Elizabeth has been invited by the primary school principals to speak to the sixth class pupils and some pupils are planning to write to pupils in Thailand and others will come up with other projects that will help the people of Thailand and also give us a better understanding of the Thai culture and the various ways that they are recovering from the effects of the disaster.

The other tragedy that has dominated our news and shocked us was the disappearance of Robert Holohan, near Middleton. The long search and eventually the discovery of Robert's body truly gripped the people of the country. Thousands of people helped the Gardai and Army with the search. The discovery of Robert's body brought an end to some speculation and also gave his parents a funeral and burial of their son Robert. I am sure that Roberts's parents and family had never thought that such a heavy cross lay ahead of them in life. Our prayers and thoughts will continue to be with Robert's family and everybody caught up in this very sad and horrific tragedy.

During the past week and longer there has been lots of speculation in print and in chat as to possible motives for abducting a child. I heard plenty speculation also about possible perpetrators of the abduction, this kind of speculation in another age would have been called gossip, I know I took part in this gossip myself. We all know that gossip can take a person's character and once taken cannot be restored, so perhaps we could all look into our own heart and if and when I am tempted to speculate (gossip) about people in the future I might ask the good Lord for the strength to bite my lip and pass on that opportunity.

The Gospel this Sunday is the call of Simon and Andrew. Christ said, "Follow me ". The Lord is calling each of us to follow him, we say yes maybe out of courtesy, and perhaps we could live that yes with some conviction. Simon had a change of name to become Peter to denote his total commitment to Christ, we still have that custom. Young people preparing for Confirmation will take a name for their confirmation, perhaps as parents we might rediscover the significance of taking a name for confirmation and take some part in helping your child choose a name that will be some help, example or encouragement to them on their journey witnessing for Christ in our world.

George O'Mahony

Reflection for Parents

There are few people in the world who understand the immediacy of today's Gospel like a parent does! The demands of the day are genuinely important, from the first stirrings of the morning, into the commitment-filled day, to the evening and bedtime routine. A huge part of our day requires an on the spot reaction from us. Many things we do on the spur of the moment are important, but have we thought today how the urgency of our day-to-day decisions compares to the urgency of Jesus calling his disciples? With what urgency do we call our children to discipleship? How do they recognise us as disciples of Jesus?

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

The Lord is our light and our help, so let us bring all our needs to God.

Reader

For unity among Christians and an end to all divisions, we pray.

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

For harmony among nations and the defeat of violence, we pray.

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

For the gift of hope and light for all who feel lost, we pray.

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

For healing and strength for all who suffer, we pray.

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

For eternal life for the dead, we pray.

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

For our own needs, we pray.

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

Priest

Lord of light and hope, Grant our prayers, we pray, through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Tsunami Appeal

Collection for parish now stands at €56,117.00, thanks to all for such tremendous generosity.

The Lord is my light and my help.

Visit Our Website: www.ballincolligparish.ie

BAPTISMS

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

Eoghan James Moriarty, 63 Woodberry, Greenfields.
Sabh Caoimhe McCarthy, 146 Rosewood.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Mick O'Mahony, Castle Park.
Tess Goggin, Goleen.
Batt Kirby, Togher.
Kathleen Casey, Curraheen.

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

Margaret O'Keeffe, Killeens.
Peter Murphy, Terelton.
Charlie & Delia Kinnane, South Douglas Road.
Denis & Mary Desmond, French's Villas.
Mary Chapling, Schull.
Chrissie Byrne, Shanakiel.
John & Ellen Kingston, Clonakilty.
Elizabeth Cleary, Muskerry Estate.
Elizabeth Dolly Mullins.
Robert Barrett, Bishopstown.
Michael & Elizabeth & son Michael Cunningham, Waterford.
Mary & Denis Lucey, Ballingearry.
James O'Dwyer, Co. Limerick.
Helen Lynch, Gurrane.
Mary Nagle, Coachford.
Sonny & Sheila O'Mahony, Dunmanway.
Jack Lynch, Kilmurry.
Sean Ryan.
Donal McCarthy, Bishopstown.
Joe Sheehan, Kilcorney.
Ellen Buckley, Bakers Road.
Vincent Osborne, Blarney.
John Barry Murphy, Farran.
Joseph Donovan, Inniscarra.
Thomas & Nora Cummins, Kinsale.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Third Week In Ordinary Time

23 Sunday Is. 8:23-9:3. Ps. 26. 1 Cor. 1:10-13, 17. Mt. 4:12-23. Lect I: 644
24 Monday Heb. 9:15, 24-28. Ps. 97. Mk. 3:22-30. Lect II: 27
25 Tuesday Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9: 1-22. Ps. 116. Mk. 16: 15-18. Lect II: 928
26 Wednesday 2 Tim. 1:1-8 or Tit. 1:1-5. Ps. 95. Lk. 10:1-9. Lect II: 931
27 Thursday Heb. 10:19-25. Ps. 23. Mk. 4:21-25. Lect I: 34
28 Friday Heb. 10:32-39. Ps. 36. Mk. 4:26-34. Lect II: 35
29 Saturday Heb. 11: 1-2, 8-19. Ps. Lk. 1:69-75. Mk. 4:35-41. Lect II: 37

Next Sunday's Readings 30-January-2005
Zeph. 2:3; 3:12-13. Ps. 145.1 Cor. 1:26-31. Mt. 5: 1-12. Lect I: 647

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Updated Directory for Diocese

A completely revised diocesan directory for Cork and Ross will go on sale this month. It will be available for sale by the parishes and churches for the weekend of January (29th/30th). It will also be available at Veritas Bookshop, Carey's Lane, Cork. The Directory has been completely updated and incorporates all parish, church and personnel data. In the absence of The Fold magazine, the Church Directory also now includes the statement of diocesan accounts. The audited accounts for the two years to June 30th, 2003 and the year to June 30th, 2004 are published in full in seven pages of the directory. The 150-page Church Directory 2005 will sell for €5.

Songs of Praise with David Parkes

On Friday the 11th February at 8pm in St Mary's Church Innishannon David Parkes the internationally renowned gospel singer will give a recital of prayer through song and he will also give testimony on his miraculous healing. David is part of the Music Ministry in Medjugorje. Tickets €15 available from Shelia 021 4775153. Kay 023 41175. Claire 023 34620. Trasa 028 2288. Proceeds to Church Restoration

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 8:23 - 9:3

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Those who lived in the land of gloom now have joy, for the yoke that burdened them God has smashed.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

Paul wrote to the people of Corinth: let "there be no divisions among you,

... be united in mind and in the same purpose." I have heard "that there are rivalries among you. . . . Is Christ divided?"

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

The reading today from Matthew's Gospel takes place early in Jesus' ministry. Several ideas are clear. First of all, Matthew strived to connect his Gospel for the early Christians to their Jewish heritage. He made several references in his Gospel like the one today in which prophecies of old are fulfilled in Jesus. The second thing was that Jesus learned of John the Baptist's arrest and resolved to begin his ministry away from Herod. Finally, Jesus called with some urgency, his first four disciples. The common thread to all this was that God's Kingdom was at hand.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Thomas Aquinas 28-January-2005

Thomas the Apostle challenged the story that the Lord was risen, and his unbelief brought forth a glowing testimony of the reality of the Resurrection. Twelve centuries later, his namesake, Thomas of Aquino, questioned; without doubting; the great truths of faith, and demonstrated for all time the relationship of faith and reason.

Thomas, son of the count of Aquino, (b. 1225-d. 1274) was first trained at the Benedictine abbey of Montecassino, and here, even in childhood, his great mind was wrestling with theological questions, "Master, tell me--what is God?" In order to better to train the boy's mind, his father sent him at an early age to the University of Naples. There he studied under Peter of Ireland and, undisturbed by the noise and wickedness of the great university city, proceeded rapidly on his quest for God.

Like many gifted young men, Thomas was bitterly opposed by his family when he attempted to become a religious. When both threats and persuasion failed, he was kidnaped by his brothers and locked in a tower for more than a year. His sisters were sent to influence him, and he proceeded to convert them to his own way of thinking. A woman was sent to tempt him; but he drove her from the room with a burning brand from the fire; afterwards, angels came to gird him with the cincture of perpetual chastity. When captivity failed to break his determination, his brothers relaxed their guard, and Thomas, with the help of his sisters, escaped from the tower and hurried back to his convent.

Thomas was given the finest education available in his day. He studied first at Cologne and later at Paris, under the Master, Albert the Great. This outstanding Dominican teacher and saint became his lifelong friend and loyal defender. They taught at Cologne and became a mutual influence for good in one of the most beautiful friendships in Dominican history.

For the rest of his life, Thomas was to teach and preach with scarcely a day of rest. What makes the amount of writing he did remarkable, was the great deal of travelling that he undertook. Death found him in a familiar place, on the road, where he was bound for the Council of Lyons in obedience to the pope's command. He died at the Cistercian Abbey of Fossanova, in a borrowed bed, obscurity hardly fitting the intellectual light of the Order, but perfectly suited to the humble friar that Thomas had always been.

St. Thomas Aquinas is a Doctor of the Church and is honoured as the patron of Catholic Schools. He is celebrated in the Church Calendar on January 28th.

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Ecumenical Service of Light

St Vincent's Church, Sunday's Well, Cork

Sunday, January 23rd 2005 at 7 pm.

Guest Speaker: Fr. Silvester O'Flynn, OFM Cap

Catechetical Sunday 2005

Sunday January 30th 2005 is designated "Catechetical Sunday 2005". This is special themed Sunday celebrating and encouraging all those who work so hard to help people, both young and old, to grow in faith. The theme for this year is "**Jesus the Teacher**". One of the aims of Catechetical Sunday is to promote a greater catechetical link between school, home and the parish.

Ballincollig Parish Pastoral Council

The next meeting of the parish council will be held on Monday January 31st at 7:45 pm. in the Annexe room at the Community Centre. The business of this meeting is the election of officers, a committee and give members an opportunity to become involved in existing parish groups or in some other area of parish life.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION GROUP:

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"Could you not watch one hour with Me?"

In the Parish of The Real Presence at Curraheen we are very privileged to have EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION every week in our church,

Monday to Friday: Time: 10 am - 7.30 pm

Saturday: Time: 12 noon - 6 pm

We welcome you to visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel. We invite you in a special way to commit to "An Hour With Jesus" each week, by ringing Phil at 4543558. Adorers are particularly welcome for Saturday: 1 pm - 2 pm and 2 pm - 3 pm.

"Where your treasure is, there is your heart 11; also" (Mt. 6:21)

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Jan-29 & Jan-30-2005

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Derval Spillane
8:30 am
Elizabeth Daly
10:00 am
Grace Buttimer
12:00 Noon
Declan Chalmers

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Pauline Collins
11:00 am
Liam Hayes
12:30 pm
Bernard Vallely
5:30 pm
Michelle Beamish

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
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

Jan-29 & Jan-30-2005



St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm	Steve Wills Margaret O'Sullivan Rita Aherne Rose Doyle Jim Walsh Frances O'Brien	8:00 pm	Anne O'Regan Mairead Healy Murphy Finbarr Murray
8:30 am	Mary Buckley Rita Murphy	11:00 am	Seamus O'Connell Mary O'Connell Alan O'Riordan Geraldine Keohane
10:00 am	Christina Walsh Peter Reilly Mary Collins Christy Roche Katie O'Shea	12:30 pm	Lucy O'Callaghan Jackie Sheehan Mary Green Michael O'Leary
12 Noon	Oliver O'Donovan Barbara Kelly John Jeffers Mary McLean Ellen Seymour	5:30 pm	Noelle Buckley Mary Breen Siobhan Burke

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