

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 07-December-2003

Second Sunday of Advent

When God comes, he comes with power but also with compassion restoring all things. We can prepare the way of his coming with lives of holiness.



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Society of St Vincent de Paul Annual Christmas Collection

Yes, It is that time of the year again when, through our Church Collection, the less well off people in our community are the recipients of the extraordinary generosity of our benefactors. By your ongoing generosity, you have opened your hearts and pockets to the less well off every year since our collection started. Research has shown that charitable donations in Ireland have effectively declined over the 1993-1999 period-significantly, the period of our greatest economic growth-yet in our own town of Ballincollig, your generosity has increased year on year, last year our collection exceeding the total of € 15,000.

The SVP in Ballincollig works actively on your behalf, meeting at least once a week right through the year to distribute as effectively as we can, the monies which you entrust to us. Despite your most generous monthly contributions at the Church Gate and the particularly generous contribution at Christmas, here in Ballincollig we continue to spend substantially more funds than we receive in donations, our deficit being made up by drawing from Regional Funds. This is in no way a reflection on your generosity, but rather points to the hidden pockets of financial and social deprivation within our midst. Sadly, this year we have noticed an increase in the number of families without a sufficient weekly income to purchase adequate food and clothing, some not even having sufficient funds for any form of heating' in their homes. This is very distressing for us and by extension, to all in our community at a time when we in the Society want to invest more of our funds into educational support and into further tackling the homeless issues. Nationally, you will have heard the Society engaging with the media and governmental departments on behalf of those in the communities the length and breadth of Ireland who have no other voice to speak for them.

Locally, we continue to assist all families who come to us for support, no matter what their colour or creed may be. We do this on your behalf and stress that we would be absolutely unable to continue our work without your ongoing support and belief in us. It is therefore a great privilege for each one of us in the Society to work on your behalf. The words of Jesus as quoted in Matthew 25 apply absolutely to all who contribute to the Society" for I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you made me welcome, lacking clothes and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me". On behalf of those we seek to help, thank you once again most sincerely for your wonderful Christian generosity, a generosity which makes Ballincollig shine in a sometimes dark world. Members of the Society will help with the indoor second collection at all masses on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th December, the collection to take place after Holy Communion.

Just one further word, we would like to welcome our new Parish Priest Father George O'Mahony PP and to thank him for his endorsement of our work and his blessing on our traditional indoor collection every year at this time. Thanks also to the other clergy in the Parish who are so supportive and affirming of what we try to do. We implore the special blessing of the child Jesus and the Holy Family on all in . Ballincollig and surrounding areas at this special time of year.

Society of St Vincent de Paul

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

God has worked marvels for us, so we present our needs with confidence.

Reader

For Christians, that they may know how best to prepare themselves for the coming of Christ

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

For all people of goodwill, that they, too, may hear the challenge to repent.

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

For nations where there is war and suffering, that their leaders may choose the path of peace.

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

For expectant mothers, that, like Mary, they may have the joy of a safe delivery.

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

For all who have died and for children who have died just before or close to the time of birth, that God may reunite us all in the joy of the Kingdom.

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

For our own needs, which we remember now in silence.....

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

Second Sunday of Advent

Lord, may we be open to Your healing grace as we take another step, preparing for You in our hearts. "Let us see, O Lord, Your mercy, And give us Your saving Help"



Priest

Eternal God, your kindness fills your people with expectation, hear our prayers and help us in our needs, we pray, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

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BAPTISMS

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

Liam David O'Connell, Kilnaglory
 Neil Laurence Oscar Burke, 24 Dalgany Glen, Greystones, Co. Wicklow
 Cassidy Maud O'Connell, Rathard, Aherla
 Jack Joseph O'Keefe, Fearna, Carriganarra

MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Arthur Ward, Turners Cross & Audrey Lynch, 8 Greystones, Ballincollig

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Peggy O'Connor, Dunmanway
 Joan Murphy
 Mary Kate O'Riordan
 John Cummins
 Denis Bowen, Glasheen Road
 Jim Lee, Knockloney, Co. Limerick
 Mary O'Keefe, Maglin
 Eve Spillane, Westcourt Heights

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

Martin De Nogla, Wyndham Downs.
 Michael & Mary Ann Naughton.
 Pat, Rick & Nora Barry, Pouladuff Road.
 Pat Barry, Mayfield.
 Péig & Jim Cotter, Ballingearry.
 Deceased Members of the ONE Forces.
 Tim, Dan & Nan O'Regan, Grange Park.
 P.J. Holly.
 Bridget & Jeremiah Collins, Dunmanway.
 Bridget & Patrick Couch.
 Johanna O'Shea, Skibbreen.
 Josephine Foley, Newcestown.
 Kitty Keogh.
 Margaret O'Regan.
 Frances Cunningham, Ballincollig.
 Eva O'Donoghue, Ovens,
 Eric Scott, Coolroe,
 Denis Hallihan, Ballingully.
 Paddy Buckley, Waterfall.
 Denis Riordan, Dunmanway.
 Agnes Kavanagh, Fr. Sexton Park.
 Anne Curran, Kilbrittain.
 Florence & Noreen Kelly, Fr. Sexton Park.
 Daniel Coomey, Carriganarra.
 Kitty & Patrick Fitzgerald, Connelly Road.
 Joseph & Edward Baker.
 Teddy Roche, Inniscarra View.
 Laurence & Dermot O'Brien, Durham & Skibbreen.
 Maureen & Timothy O'Connell, Ballingully.
 Theresa Brown, Ballingully & Ballinvosky.
 Brendan Whelan, Muskerry Est.
 Deceased members of the Whelan Family.
 Dan Lucey, The Crescent.
 Con Greaney, Station Road.
 Mick Hennigan, Station Road.
 Lillie O'Sullivan, Inniscarra View.
 Cecil & Patricia McCracken, West Village & Sunderland.
 Dan & Ann Kenny, McCurtain Villas.
 Sheila Twomey, St. Lukes & Norah O'Toole, Dillons Cross.
 Jack & Clare Horgan, Gurrabraher.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

07 Sunday Bar. 5:1-9. Ps. 125. Phil. 1 :3-6,8-11. Lk. 3:1-6. Lect I: 30
 08 Monday Gen. 3:9-15, 20. Ps. 97. Eph. 1 :3-6, 11-12. Lk. 1 :26-38. Lect I: 1009 or Lect II: 1289
 09 Tuesday Is. 40:1-11. Ps. 95. Mt. 18:12-14. Lect I: 35
 10 Wednesday Is 40:25-31. Ps. 102. Mt. 11 :28-30. Lect I: 38
 11 Thursday Is. 41:13-20. Ps. 144. Mt. 11:11-15. Lect I: 40
 12 Friday Is. 48:17-19. Ps. 1. Mt. 11:16-19. Lect I: 42
 13 Saturday Eccles. (Sir) 48:1-4,9-11. Ps. 79. Mt. 17:10-13. Lect I: 44

Children's Liturgy at 11.00am Mass, Christ Our Light Church

A Children's Liturgy Group was organized in October this year. We have had a very positive response from the schools and especially from the parents who have been making a special effort to bring their children to this Mass. Our purpose is to bring the Gospel to life in a way that is easily understood by the children. We do this with the help of worksheets from the Redemptorist Fathers, especially designed around the message in the Gospel. One point from the Gospel is highlighted each week and other activities on the worksheet are also based on this central theme. In this way, the children can meet Jesus and get to know him as a friend. This enhances their school Alive-O program and also what they learn at home. From the feedback we've been getting from the children, they are so far enjoying the Liturgy. We hope this Group will continue to flourish, and that the children will bring a good message home with them.

L'Arche Community Cork

Building Community in Cork with People with Learning Disabilities

L'Arche Christmas Craft Fair

Sunday 7th December 2003

From 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

*The L'Arche Community in Togher, Cork
 (Next to the Parish Church and the National School)*

RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Church of Christ Our Light

@ 6.30 pm

Church of St. Mary & St. John

@ 8.00 pm

on Monday 22nd December 2003

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MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Dec-13 & Dec-14-2003

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Aine Sheehan
8:30 am
Triona Collins
10:00 am
Declan Chalmers
12:00 Noon
Oliver O'Donovan

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Joy O'Driscoll
11:00 am
Maura McNamara
12:30 pm
Dick Beamish
5:30 pm
Brian O'Donoghue

MASS TIMES

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

8:30 am, 10 am, 12 noon & 6 pm (Vigil)	Sunday	11 am, 12:30 pm, 5:30 pm & 8 pm (Vigil)
8:30 am, 10 am, 12 noon & 8 pm	Monday	11 am, 12:30 pm & 6:30 pm
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

Dec-13 & Dec-14-2003

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Vera Allen
Ber Bell
Oliver Delaney
Betty Casey
Frank Riordan
Siobhan Riordan
8:30 am Mary Buckley
Theresa Lucey
10:00 am Anne Cahill
Pat Lee
May Delaney
Seamus O'Shea
John O'Donovan
12 Noon Joan Barrett
Sheila Carroll
Marsie Curling
Will Casey
Geraldine Graham

8:00 pm Geraldine Lynch
Charlie Vaughan
Joan Stephenson
11:00 am Marie Ui Chrualaof
Neil Jeffers
Eileen O'Donoghue
Mary Coleman
Dan Coleman
12:30 pm Con O'Connell
Denis O' Mahony
Christine O'Mahony
Tom Murray
Maura Lombard
5:30 pm Patsy Galvin
Margaret Murphy
Phil O'Donnell

PARISH CLERGY

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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

The Immaculate Conception



From the very beginning of her existence Mary was "full of grace" God's 'highly favoured daughter.' This was God's gift as he chose her to be the human mother of Incarnate Son. In perfect obedience to his will, according to his word, she accepted and followed the vocation that God had planned for her.



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