

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 14-December-2003



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road



## Third Sunday of Advent

*John the Baptist was sent by God to prepare for Christ's coming. His task was to make people attentive to the Spirit who would be fully present in God's anointed.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

### Third Sunday of Advent

The third Sunday of Advent sees the pink candle lighting in our Advent wreath. This Sunday the Liturgy asks us to Rejoice. "Rejoice in the Lord always, the Lord is near, he has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away; He will exult with joy over you.

Today's gospel passage reminds us of the fountain of joy that should bubble up within the hearts of all believers. That fountain is nourished by two realities. The first is that God loves us. The second is that because of God's love we gladly share what we have. What could be more simple? What could be more difficult?

We are a people who crave creature comforts. We blindly live in hope that more 'things' will make us happy. But this is not true and we know it is not true. Nevertheless, our actions proclaim that it is true. A wise person once said, "if we cannot have what we want, we should learn to want what we have".

Anthony de Mello tells this story; a man goes to his Master asks for help. His wife, children and in-laws living in a single room. Everyone is on edge. The room is hell. The Master listens to his plight and then says, "Do you promise to do whatever I tell you? The man desperate for relief, agrees. The Master then enquires if he has any animals. Upon learning that the man has a cow, a goat and six chickens, the Master tells him to bring all the animals into his room and then come back and see him in a week's time. When the man returns he is frantic. Life is awful. The room is filthy, the stench is unbearable. The Master listens and then says, "Go back and put the animals out." The man returns the next day to proclaim, "How sweet life is! The animals are out. The house is a paradise – so quiet, clean and roomy!"

*George O'Mahony*

### Third Sunday of Advent

We are a step nearer to our celebration of His coming. As we approach Him we must bring Him everything! Our dreams, our successes, our rejoicing. If we have little to rejoice over, bring Him that little. If you feel you have only empty hands - bring Him those empty hands. IN HIS HANDS ALL ARE MADE GOOD! "Let us rejoice in the Lord"



### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

#### Priest

Let us bring our, prayers to God, our strength and our salvation.

#### Reader

For all who follow Christ, that they may have joy as they prepare for the Lord's coming.

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

For those who suffer from hunger and deprivation, that the well-off may not fail to share.

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

For people whose hearts are broken, that their friends may bring them God's comfort.

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

For prisoners, immigrants, the homeless, that they may learn the good news of God's care through our support.

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

For all who have died especially those in our thoughts today, that eternal salvation may be theirs.

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

For people who are in any kind of need, particularly those we remember now.....

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

#### Priest

God our saviour, we rejoice in your mighty deeds, give us your help, we pray, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.*

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**BAPTISMS**

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

Michael James Fitton, 7 Leeview.  
Thérèse Nwoye, 29 Leesdale Grove.  
Amarachi Mary Nwoye, 29 Leesdale Grove.  
Abbey Hanlon, 5 Wyndham Lawn.

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

David Bunyan, Killimer, Co. Clare.  
Paddy O'Connor, Newmarket.  
Mary Anne Sheehan, Kilcorney.

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

Laurence & Dermot O'Brien, Durham.  
Noreen O'Driscoll, Castle Park.  
Mary Lucey, Carriganarra.  
Beatrice Shanahan, Fr Sexton Park.  
Billy Green, Station Road.  
Patrick Harrington.  
John & Mary O'Driscoll, Upton.  
Rita Fouhy, Glincool.  
Timothy & Margaret O'Brien, Banteer.  
The deceased members of the Kavanagh Family, Fr. Sexton Park.  
Michael O'Leary, Sweetbriar Lane.  
Donors Intentions.  
James & Catherine O'Sullivan, Kilmichael.  
Don & Margaret Murphy, Knockburden.  
Conor Healy.  
Ellen Healy, Tralee.  
Sheila Hickey.  
Deceased members of the Hurley family.  
Marjorie O'Mahony, Bandon.  
Frank & Eileen Donovan, Raheen.  
Seamus O'Donovan.  
Kate & Hugh Carson, Fairhill.  
Frank Kavanagh, Leemount.  
William Treacy, Castleknock.  
Tom Daly.  
Paul Wall.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT**

- 14 Sunday Zeph. 3: 14-18. Ps. Is. 12. Phil. 4:4-7. Lk. 3: 10.18. Lect 1: 51
- 15 Monday Num. 24:2-7, 15-17. Ps. 24. Mt. 21:23-27. Lect 1: 53
- 16 Tuesday Zeph. 3:1-2,9-13. Ps. 33. Mt. 21:28-32 Lect 1: 56
- 17 Wednesday Gen. 49:2,8-10. Ps. 71. Mt. 1:17. Lect 1: 76
- 18 Thursday Jer. 23:5-8. Ps. 71. Mt. 1:18-24. Lect 1: 79
- 19 Friday Jg. 13:2-7, 24-25a. Ps. 70. Lk. 1:5-25. Lect 1: 81
- 20 Saturday Is 7:10-14. Ps. 23. Lk. 1:26-38. Lect 1: 83

**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.

**SMA Fathers**

The SMA Fathers have provided a Calendar and Magazine for all those people who were subscribers over the years. If you were a Subscriber, please call to Scoil Eoin where you can to collect your Calendar and Magazine.

**RECONCILIATION SERVICE**

**Church of Christ Our Light  
@ 6.30 pm  
Church of St. Mary & St. John  
@ 8.00 pm  
Monday 22nd December 2003**

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**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Zeph 3:14-18  
The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior.

Second Reading: Phil 4:4-7  
God asks us all to be happy through prayer.

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18  
The crowds approached John the Baptist and asked how they should live in order to be ready to follow the Messiah. John responded by telling them to share and to not take more than they are entitled to. The people wondered if John might be the Messiah for whom they had been waiting, but he cleared up any misunderstanding by saying that he was not. For sure, the Messiah would come after John, but John was not worthy even to be the Messiah's slave who would untie his sandal.



**SAINT OF THE WEEK**

St. Peter Canisius 21-December-2003  
St. Peter Canisius lived in one of the most troubled centuries for the Catholic Church: 1521-1597. As a Dutch Law student he decided to join the newly founded Jesuit Order. While many of the early members of the Order went to the foreign Missions in the Far East, he believed that it was as important to defend Catholic truths with the pen as it was to convert the Hindus. A truly modern man, he realised the importance of the newly invented printing press in spreading Catholic teaching and defending it against the Protestant preachers. There was, however, no bitterness in his opposition to the Protestant movement. He requested Catholic authors to advocate the truth with modesty and dignity without scoffing or ridicule.  
The Saint's most famous work was a catechism of 211 questions and answers, which was published in 1555. This showed his lifelong concern for the religious education of children.

**Church Collection Envelopes**

Boxes are available in both churches this weekend. Each box contains an envelope for each Sunday, plus a separate envelope for the special church collection. I am asking families to please take one box and be good enough to use one envelope weekly to make your family contribution to the offertory collection. The offertory collection goes exclusively towards the maintenance, heating, lighting, insurance and other running costs associated with buildings and a parish. Thanking you for your support.

**Simon Shop Christmas Opening Hours**

As the season of goodwill approaches, please remember Corks Homeless People. The Simon Shop on North Main Street will accept clothes, books and bric-a-brac for resale to raise funds for the Cork Simon Community. They will also accept non-perishable food items for the Emergency Shelter and cash donations. The Simon Shop is open from 10 to 4 pm Monday to Saturday and will be open on Sundays from 2 to 4 pm from the 30th of November until the 21st of December inclusive.

**Mass Book Opens**

The Book for reserving Masses for January, February and March 2004 is now open.

**Carol Service**

Keep Sunday 21st December  
Free for our Annual Carol Service at 8 pm.

**St. Mary & St. John's Church**

Our local choirs will be joined  
*by Cantairí Mhuscraí*

**Reflection**

Where have possessions become more important to me than people?  
O God, your love is all I need for joy to flood my life. Help me to trust your love and surrender to it more fully.

**Carol Concert  
Lough Church**

**Sunday 14th December 7.30 to 9.30pm**

Taking part:

- City of Cork Male Voice Choir
- Chorus of Opera Cork
- Lough Parish Choir
- Cathedral Choir
- Church of the Holy Spirit Choir
- Ballyphehane Children's' Choir

**Adm. €5.00 (family €10) on the night**

**Proceeds: Lough Church Restoration**

**Scoil Barra  
Innishmore,  
Ballincollig,**



**Scoil Barra Carol Concerts**

Church of Christ our Light

Tuesday 16th December  
&  
Wednesday 17th December  
7.30pm

All are welcome to join in the festive spirit

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Dec-20 & Dec-21-2003

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

6:00 pm (Vigil)  
Muireann Nelligan  
8:30 am  
Elizabeth Daly  
10:00 am  
Marian Daly  
12:00 Noon  
Miriam Maunsell

8:00 pm (Vigil)  
Pauline Collins  
11:00 am  
Margaret Healy  
12:30 pm  
Marie Groarke  
5:30 pm  
Christine O'Brien

**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**

Dec-20 & Dec-21-2003

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

6.00 pm Patsy Murphy  
Breda Foley  
Mary Walsh  
Sr. M. Carmody  
Geraldine Hegarty  
Cathy Horgan

8:00 pm Jim Cahill  
Kit Cahill  
Sheila O'Connor  
  
11:00 am Maura McNamara  
Angela Cunningham  
Laurence Cunningham  
Nell Cantillon Murphy

8:30 am Theresa Lucey  
Rita Murphy

10:00 am Tadgh Murphy  
Mary Murphy  
Joan Tobin  
Betty Sheehan

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

**PARISH CLERGY**

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**Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C. 021-4877161**

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**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

**Annual Christmas Collection**

Takes place at all Masses this weekend.

*On behalf of those we seek to help, thank you once again most sincerely for your wonderful Christian generosity.*



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