

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 05-December-2010

Second Sunday of Advent

Through the scriptures God has given us the hope of justice for the poor and a longing for peace and harmony among people. Christ came to fulfil that promise, but to receive it we must turn our lives away from everything that is sinful.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

St. Vincent de Paul Annual Appeal

This year, more than ever, we need your help at Christmas. Calls to SVP are up 50%. We anticipate a harsh Budget which could include further cutbacks. All in all, it makes for a bleak winter for many people who are already struggling. This places huge seasonal demands on the SVP. Once again, with the kind permission and encouragement of the priests in our parish, we are holding our Annual Christmas Collection at all Masses on Saturday and Sunday 11th and 12th December.

At SVP in Ballincollig we witness poverty and its effects on families; we are constantly faced with families who live from week to week struggling to make ends meet. We meet with the parent who is struggling to decide which bill to pay this week from their meagre income, be it the ESB, Gas, Rent or Mortgage, food, or education costs.

In the past year SVP has funded local projects including health-care, clothing, home assistance, education, summer breaks, etc. and where someone is in need we are there to assist in every way possible. We greatly depend on your generosity to fund our work, and you have not failed us. The goodness and generosity of the Ballincollig parishioners powers us to continue the work of those who have served the local community so well over the past decades.

Thank you once for your generous support throughout the year. Your loyalty to SVP makes a valuable difference. Should anyone be in need, you can call the Society at the Cork Regional Office 021-4270444 or the local Conference on 087-6651707.

“I was hungry and you gave me to eat”

Des Hickey. President, SVP Ballincollig

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”



PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

St Paul tells us that people who did not give up were helped by God. Inspired by these words, we present our needs to the Lord.

Reader

We pray for all who spread the gospel; that they may preach with the zeal and integrity of John the Baptist, speaking truth to all who need to hear their voice.

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

We pray for our political leaders; that they will speak and act with integrity and truth.

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

We pray for tolerance; that divisions in society may be broken down and all people can live in harmony.

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

We pray for peace; that enemies may lay down their weapons and strive to build peace together.

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

We pray for those who are sick; that the Lord will comfort them in their pain and restore them to full health.

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

We pray for those who have died; that they may become one with Christ in the kingdom of heaven.

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

Priest

Heavenly Father, you will come to save all nations. Hear the prayers we make today and grant us what we need. We make these and all our prayers through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.

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BAPTISMS

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

Lucy Grace O'Mahony, Oville, Coachford.
 Joshua Michael Ross Mulroy, Castlepark.
 Nancy May Rainsford, Coopers Grange, Old Quarter.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Donald Noonan, Coopers Grange.
 Denis (Douglas) Murphy, Maglin.
 Olive Desmond, Aherla.
 Mary Curtis, Carrigadrohid.

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

Joe & Mona Thullier, Kinsale.
 Patrick Healy, Turners Cross.
 John & Ellen Beamish, Clonakilty.
 Agnes Cavanagh, Fr. Sexton Park.
 Jim & Katie-Ellen Q'Grady, Sligo.
 John & Mary O'Leary, Ovens.
 Bridget, Vincent & Frankie Moran, Cork & London.
 Finbarr O'Mahony, Allendale, Bishopstown.
 Mary Anne Sheehan, Kilcorney.
 Deceased members of the O'Sullivan Family, Bonane, Kenmare.
 John & Hannah O'Shea, Beaufort, Killarney.
 Con & Paddy O'Sullivan, Ballyvolane.
 Kathleen O'Connor, Oaklands.
 Daniel Coomey, Carriganarra.
 Mick Hennigan, Station Cross.
 Timothy & Maureen O'Connell, Ballingulley.
 Kathleen & Patrick Fitzgerald, Connolly Road.
 Gillian Drinan, Church View.
 Sean Aherne, Carrigrohane.
 Joseph & Margaret Barry, Dublin.
 Eddie Delmar, Kildare.
 Dec Members of Linehan Family, London & Kanturk.
 Dan Lucey, The Crescent.
 Dec Members of the Aherne Family, Fr Sexton Park.
 Michael & Peggy McCarthy, Dripsey.
 Hannah Buckley, Mallow.
 Pat Spillane, Fair Hill.
 Christy Callanan, Cherry Walk, Muskerry Estate.

Reflection for Parents

We Christians come in daily contact with other people whether at work, in our neighbourhoods, or schools. We have opportunities throughout the day to witness our faith by our actions and words, but what greater audience do we have than our own children? They watch us and listen to us. They imitate our every action and mimic our expressions. It is important that we witness our faith to all we meet, but no audience is more important than our families. Sometimes we need to take some quiet "desert time" like we find in today's Gospel in order to focus our lives more intentionally on what is truly important.

Trócaire's Christmas Global Gift Appeal

Advent reminds us that Christ's love encompasses everyone, in all nations. Let us remember the people in the developing world who struggle every day to find enough food to survive or don't know how they will keep their children safe.
 Help them through Trócaire's Christmas Global Gift appeal.
www.trocaire.org/globalgift

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Second Week Of Advent

05 Sunday Is. 11:1-10. Ps. 71. Rom. 15:4-9. Mt. 3:1-12. Lect I: 24
 06 Monday Is. 35:1-10. Ps. 84. Lk. 5:17-26. Lect I:33
 07 Tuesday Is. 40:1-11. Ps. 95. Mt. 18:12-14. Lect I:35
 08 Wednesday 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 Thursday Is. 41:13-20. Ps. 144. Mt. 11:11-15. Lect I:40
 10 Friday Is. 48:17-19. Ps. 1. Mt. 11:16-19. Lect I:42
 11 Saturday Sir. 48:1-4,9-11. Ps. 79. Mt. 17:10-13. Lect I:44

Next Sunday's Readings 12-December-2010

Is. 35:1-6, 10. Ps. 145. Jm. 5:7-10. Mt. 11:2-11. Lect I: 46

Advent Early Morning Prayer

Q. What makes Christmas perfect?

A. Preparing well during Advent

Let's prepare well

/ome to MORNING PRAYER of the CHURCH, taking place during Advent.

St Mark's Centre (opposite Christ Our Light Church).

Mon- Fri. @ 6 am.

Everyone welcome.

Volunteers Wanted!

Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty Children in Cork is currently looking for people to volunteer with Childline

If you are over 18, are interested in helping children and young people, and have 4 hours a week to spare please contact us on the following:

Telephone: 021 4509588

Email: anmariespillane.ispcc@gmail.com

Cork Institute of Technology

Keen to work in one of these premium Industry sectors? Need new skills and knowledge to match the demands of the Industry? CIT may have the course for you! Higher Certificate in Science, in Good Manufacturing Practice & Technology, full-time, 18 months. Commencing in February 2011. Closing date Friday 17th December 2010. Please contact Louise Byrne, 021 4335150

or louise.byrne@cit.ie for further information.

Reflection

O Lord, You search me and You know me
 Give me a quiet heart so that I may enter
 as fully as possible into this time of preparation
 for Your coming at Christmas
 Amen

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10
The vision of the peace that will come when all people worship the one God.

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9
Paul reminds us that the scriptures were written to teach about God's promises.

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12.
In Matthew's Gospel, we learn of John's continued warning for us to be ready for Jesus when he comes again. It is not enough that we are sons and daughters of Abraham, but by our own desire, we want to live a life pleasing to God. The Gospel challenges us to bear fruit. It was not enough for the Sadducees nor is it enough for us to simply follow the rules and rituals of our faith. The very actions of lives must show what we believe about our faith.

Tension Awareness

Don't be too critical...

Everyone has unique virtues, shortcomings, values, and the right to develop as an individual. People who feel let down by the shortcomings, real or imagined, of others are really let down about themselves. Instead of being critical about another person's behaviour, search out his or her good points and help to develop them. This will give both of you satisfaction and, at the same time, will help you to gain a better understanding of yourself.

CIT Mature Student Information Evening

Tuesday 7th December from 7.00-9.30pm in IT3, Berkeley (Library) Building, Bishopstown Campus.

The event will provide information on; course options; applying to CIT as a Mature Student; the Mature Student experience in CIT; fees, grants and supports etc. Contact Sinead on 021-4335109 or Deirdre on 021-4335140 or email maturestudent@cit.ie for further information.

Liam Lawton at St. FinBarre's Cathedral

On Tuesday 14th December

Christmas at the Cathedral with Liam Lawton and special guests ~ St. Colman's Cathedral Chamber Choir at 8.00 pm. Hear Liam in this beautiful setting performing songs from his new album *Courage Can Cry*, with some of his other well loved songs and of course some great Christmas Carols. Why not come along with your Choir and enjoy an evening of reflection and music in preparation for this beautiful season.

Tickets €20 available from Carey's Lane: 021 - 4251255 or St. Finbarre's Cathedral Shop: 021 - 4963387

An Evening of Carols and Classics.

Tuesday 14th December 8pm
Devere Hall, U.C.C

With: Hugh Moynihan, Lorraine Manley, Deirdre White and Terry McCarthy, Cor Cholaiste/Gaelcholaiste Choilm, & Champagne Cork (Barbershop Chorus)
Tickets available from Bru Columbanus, Tel: 021 4345754 (Credit cards and debit card accepted).

Ballincollig Boy Scouts

The Annual Boy Scout Bazaar will be held today Sunday December 5th in the Community Hall @ 2 pm.
Please support your local Scout Group.
ALL WELCOME.

Bulletin Board

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation, Wednesday 8th December, 2010
On this day we celebrate Mary, who from the first instant of her existence in the womb of her mother Anne was 'by a singular grace and privilege of Almighty God, and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved free from all stain of original sin'. We give praise to God, font of grace and source of Mary's holiness, as we honour her.

Masses

St Mary & St John

Wednesday 8th Dec. 8.30 am, 10.00 am & 8.00 pm

Christ Our Light

Vigil Tuesday 7th Dec. 7.30 pm

Wednesday 8th Dec. 12.30 pm & 6.30 pm

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place **Saturday 11th December, 2010 at 12.00 pm** in the **Library Room, Community Hall, Station Road**. The presentation lasts for approximately forty minutes. The following questions are addressed, What is Baptism? What are the symbols used in the Sacrament of Baptism? How can the family become involved in the ceremony? Parents might book the baptism a few weeks in advance to give ample time to take part in the preparation.

Mass Book

Diaries to book Mass Intentions for January, February and March 2011 will open in both churches on Saturday 11th December, 2010 at 9 am.

Autumn Dues

The priests of the parish would like to thank you for returning the Autumn Dues Envelopes. Your continued support is much appreciated

Eucharistic Ministers

Parishioners are invited to volunteer as Ministers of the Eucharist. Volunteers are required for both churches and should be over 18 years. Please leave your name and address in Parish Office or Church Sacristies. Phone 021 4871206

Fr. George

The Coeliac Society of Ireland

Cork Support Group.

December Meeting

Date: Tuesday 7th December 2010

Place: SMA Centre, Wilton, Cork

Time: 8 pm

Topic: A little Christmas get together.

L'Arch Community Cork.

Thank you for your ongoing support for our community. We are happy to announce that our **Craft Fair this year is to be held on the 12th December, 2010** at our Community Workshop in Togher, Cork

Muskerry Local History Society

Lecture and slide show at Ballincollig R.F.C. Hall on Tuesday next December 7th at 8 o'clock. Topic: The sinking of the Lusitania and its links with World War 1. Speaker: Paddy O'Sullivan. The Society's recently launched book "Times Past" can be purchased by members of the public at the lecture.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Dec-11 & Dec-12-2010

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Sandra Walsh
Brian Hennessy
8:30 am
John Healy

10:00 am
Louise McCarthy
Robert Noonan
12:00 Noon
Miriam Maunsell
Christine Coakley

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Rosarie Cotter
Louise McGrath
11:00 am
Alex Hatsigrigoriou
Alison Henchion
12:30 pm
Cathy Naughton
Una Lynch
5:30 pm
Siobhan Keane-Hopcraft

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 & 7:30 pm (Vigil)	
8:30 am, 10 am & 8 pm	Wednesday	12:30 pm & 6:30 pm	
9:30 am	Thursday	8:30 am	
9:30 am	Friday	8:30 am	
10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)	Saturday	7:30 pm (Vigil)	

CONFESSIONS

After 10:00 am Mass & before 6:00 pm Mass **Saturday**

BAPTISMS

4:30 pm	Saturday	4:30 pm
Except First Saturday of Month		First Saturday of Month
12:45 pm	Sunday	

PARISH CLERGY

Priest on Duty	087-2479140
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Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C.	021-4877161
Fr. Billy O'Sullivan C.C.	021-4876171
Fr. James McSweeney	021-4873308

Ballincollig Parish - Gospel of John

Our series of talks on St John's Gospel will be concluded in December and January. As before, the talks will be held in the St Mark Centre, opposite the Church of Christ Our Light in Innishmore. These will include presentation of the material by Fr Billy O'Sullivan followed by tea and group discussion. Copies of information leaflets will be available for everybody. The schedule of meetings for December is as follows.

	Monday, 7.30 pm	Wednesday, 10.00 am
Talk 5	6 th December	8 th December
Talk 6	13 th December	15 th December

**Parish Office, The Presbytery, Ballincollig is open Mon - Wed from 9 am - 1 pm & 2 pm - 3 pm.
Sat 10:30 am - 12 Noon. Phone No. (021) 4871206, Office Secretary Catherine Crowley.**

Second Sunday of Advent.

"I wait for the Lord, My soul waits, In His word I hope, My soul waits for the Lord. "ps 130.
We consider waiting a waste of time, perhaps because our culture is always saying, "Get going! Do something! Show you are able to make a difference! Don't just sit there and wait ". Waiting seems a long journey from where I am and where I want to be. We do not enjoy such a place. We want to move out of it and do something.

Waiting is even more difficult because we are anxious as a community and a people. Anxiety and fear explain why it is hard to wait and how tempting it is to act. The more afraid and anxious I am, the harder the waiting becomes. O God before we act hastily and risk doing more harm than good, give us the patience to wait prayerfully for your wisdom and guidance.

The basic truth of who I am is That God loves me. "I have loved you with an everlasting love." Jer 3. Try to enter this enormous mystery, namely that each of like Jesus is a beloved daughter or son of God. Scripture tells us that the great truth of our identity is that God "loves us with an everlasting love." This is who we are whether we feel it or not, we belong to God from Eternity and for Eternity. Life is an opportunity for me during a few years to say "I love you too."

Lord help me to let go of all my resistance to your love for me so that I may love wholeheartedly.

Thanks to all who made the effort to attend the three day retreat. Sincere thanks to Fr Tom Clancy who gave of his time and shared his faith with us during the three evenings. Thanks to members of the parish council who helped to plan and organise the retreat. Thanks to Geraldine, Readers and Ministers of the Eucharist; to the parish choir and folk group.

Fr. George