

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 02-December-2012

First Sunday Of Advent

God comes to those who wait for him. Our waiting needs to be prayerful if we are to be truly ready to receive him when he comes.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

St Vincent de Paul Annual Appeal, 2012

This year, more than any other year, we need your help at Christmas. Calls for assistance, from families in the Ballincollig area, are up considerably since last year and we anticipate that following another harsh Budget, there will be further calls for our help. This, as you will understand, places huge seasonal demands on our resources.

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 next Saturday and Sunday, 8th and 9th December 2012.

We in the Vincent de Paul Society in Ballincollig are a family visitation conference. 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 see the parents who are constantly worrying about which bill to pay this week from their meagre resources, be it electricity, heating, rent or mortgage, education, clothing etc.

The Society in the Ballincollig area is currently providing assistance to over 200 families; this up considerably on last year.

We have funded local activities such as health care, home assistance, education, summer breaks etc. and where there is someone in need we are always 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 kindness of the Ballincollig parishioners empowers us to continue the work of those who have served the local community so well over the past decades.

Thank you once again for your generous support throughout the past year. Your loyalty to the local Vincent de Paul Society has made a valuable difference.

Should anyone be in need you can call us at the Cork Regional Office on 021-4270444 or the local Conference on 087-6651707.

Thank you.

St. John's Conference, Ballincollig.

First Sunday of Advent

Lord, help us to remember that YOU are near us always as we struggle, step by step, to get nearer to YOU, in this special season. "God of Hosts, bring us back; Let Your face shine on us and we shall be saved"



PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

In a world divided by greed and fear, let us ask God to come to our help and bring us back to him.

Reader

For Christians: that their lives may bear witness to the faith they profess with their lips.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For all those who hold positions of trust and responsibility in our society: that they may prove to be good and faithful servants.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who do dull and repetitive work.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For all gathered here: that God may awaken our faith from the sleep of habit and routine.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For our dead, those we have loved and those no one remembers: that God may keep them in his care.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For a moment, we remember in silence our own particular needs.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest

All-powerful God, you are the same yesterday, today, and forever, help us to have confidence in your unchanging love for us, so that we may have strength to persevere in goodness. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

To You, O Lord, I Lift Up My Soul.

Visit Our Website: www.ballincolligparish.ie

BAPTISMS

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

Emanuel Anjole Ewetugo, Tuairin Glas.
 Desole Paul Ewetugo. Tuairin Glas.
 Matthew Adam Michael Finn, Leslies Arch, Old Quarter.
 Sofia Grace Holohan, Coopers Grange, Old Quarter.
 Max Christopher Kenny, Beech Road.
 Emily Grace McSweeney , Mallow.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Mary Buckley, St. Mary's Terrace, Carrigrohane.
 Michael O'Donovan, Aghabullogue.
 Ann O'Leary, Innishmore / Inniscarra View.
 Ann Kelly, England / Macroom.
 Jack Keating, Drimoleague.

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

Robert Tyrell, Oaklee, Carrigrohane.
 Stephen O'Sullivan, Rosewood.
 Seamus O'Donovan, Muskerry Estate.
 P.J. Holly, Millstreet.
 Pauline O'Neill, Castleknock.
 Maureen Callanan, West Village.
 Katie-Ellen O'Grady, Sligo.
 John & Ellen Beamish, Clonakilty.
 Pat Spillane, Fair Hill.
 John & Mary O'Connor, Powdermills.
 Michael & Mary Harrington, Douglas Street.
 Daniel O'Neill, High Street.
 Michael Harrington, Gould Street.
 Jeremiah Harrington, Tower.
 John & Joan Coughlan, Kilnamartyra.
 Hannie Buckley, Mallow.
 Michael & Peggy McCarthy, Dripsey.
 Con Jefferies, Blarney Street.
 Danjoe & Margaret O'Shea, The Crescent.
 Stephen O'Sullivan, Rosewood & Blackpool.
 Kathleen Murray, Carrigrohane.
 Mary Mullins, Bandon.
 Kathleen O'Connor, Oaklands.
 Agnes Kavanagh, Fr. Sexton Park.
 Jack & Beatrice Shanahan, Fr. Sexton Park.
 John Joe & Margaret Hegarty, Ardfield.
 Margaret & Joseph Barry, Blackrock & Dublin.
 Claire & Jack Horgan, Gurrabraher.
 Liam Horgan, Carrignavar.
 Bill & Kit Foley, Essex.
 Patrick & Kitty Fitzgerald, Connolly Road.
 Pat & Nora Coughlan, Ballydehob.
 Dan & Anne Kenny, McCurtain Villas.
 Pat & Sherrie O' Riordan, Castlepark & Boston.
 Paddy O'Leary, Ovens.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

First Week Of Advent

02 Sunday Jer. 33: 14-16. Ps. 24. 1 Thess. 3: 12-4:2. Lk. 21 :25- 28,34-36. Lect I: 8
 03 Monday Is 2:1-5. Ps 121. Mt 8:5-11. Lect I: 10
 04 Tuesday Is 11:1-10. Ps 71. Lk 10:21-24. Lect I: 13
 05 Wednesday Is 25:6-10. Ps. 22. Mt. 15:29-37. Lect I: 15
 06 Thursday Is 26:1-6. Ps 117. Mt 7:21, 24-27. Lect I: 18
 07 Friday Is. 29:17-24. Ps. 26. Mt. 9:27-31. Lect I: 20
 08 Saturday Gen 3:9-15, 20. Ps 97. Eph 1:3-6, 11-12. Lk 1:26-38. Lect I: 1009 or II: 1289

Next Sunday's Readings 09-December-2012

Bar. 5:1-9. Ps 125. Phil. 1 :3-6,8-11. Lk. 3:1-6. Lect I: 30

Scoil Eoin

Recycle and Support Your Local National School

We're having a new & used clothing collection!
 The school will receive €5.50 per each 10 kg bag of clothes and €2.00 per each old mobile phone.

Will collect: New & Used Men's, Women's & Children's Clothing, Shoes, Belts, Handbags, Ties, Linens Household Textiles, Stuffed Toys, etc.

(Any Condition Once They Are Clean)

Mobile Phones must be placed in a separate bag

Monday December 3rd

Collection between 8:30 am & 9:30 am
 Or bring to School on Friday 30th November between 2 pm & 3 pm.

Ennismore Retreat Centre

Advent Prayer Course taking place on three Tuesday evenings at 7.30 pm. on the 4th, 11th & 18th December with Fr. Frank Downes OP

Cost: €10 per evening. Booking Essential - Contact, Phone 021 4502520 / Email: ennismore@eircom.net

The Year of Faith

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in St Finbarr's Oratory, Gougane Barra, for the four Sundays of Advent from 10 am to 4 pm.

'Gifts of Change'

'For he has not despised nor disregarded the poverty of the poor, has not turned away his face, but has listened to the cry for help.' Psalms 22:24. This Advent, Trocaire is asking parishioners to remember those less fortunate in the world during their Christmas preparations. Transform someone's life with a 'Gift of Change' from as little as €5 . Gifts are available at www.trocaire.org/globalgift or by calling 1850 408 408

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Jer. 33:14-16

The time is ripe to mend our ways, to correct our faults, to be ready for the return of Jesus Christ. Jeremiah speaks to us today, urging us to repent and believe.

Second Reading: Thes. 3:12-4:2

In this reading, Paul congratulates the early Christians on their progress in serving God. The words we are about to hear are also written for us, that we too may grow in faith.

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28. 34-36

Exactly what will happen with the moon and stars and sun, is not known, but this Gospel makes clear that we will recognise some cosmic change when Jesus returns. The Gospel encourages us to not be afraid but to be ready. Specifically, Jesus told his listeners not to get caught up in the business of everyday living and all of its distractions. By the time Luke wrote for his community, it was clear that Jesus' return would not be immediate. The message Mark wanted people to understand, though, was one of hope - but also to remain in a state of readiness.

Volunteer Overseas!

Viatores Christi needs people for volunteer roles in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Haiti.

If you or somebody that you know is interested come and meet us at our recruitment session in:
Cork on Sunday 2nd December 2012 at 3 pm in the SMA Parish, Centre, Wilton, Cork.

For more details call us 01 8689986
email colette@viatoreschristi.com or visit www.viatoreschristi.com
We look forward to seeing you!

The Coeliac Society of Ireland

Cork Support Group

Are holding a meeting on Tuesday 2nd December 2012

Venue: SMA Centre Wilton, Cork

Time: 8 pm

Topic: Christmas Gathering (Bring along)

We ask all to bring a dish/party bites (gluten Free) to share with each other and to eat and talk

All Welcome, €4 entrance fee, refreshment will be provided

Peace for our World

An afternoon of Story, Silent Prayer and Mass led by Fr. John Fitzgerald MSC and Sacred Heart Parish Assembly
Sunday 2nd December
2.30 pm—5.00 pm
Sacred Heart Centre (not church)
Western Road, Cork

In the light of our calling to the Ministry of Peace and Reconciliation we remember Christians and non Christians who, for their faith are persecuted, even to death.

All welcome

Bulletin Board

First Friday

Friday December 7th is the first Friday of the month. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St Mary & St John from 6.30 pm to 7.45 pm, you are invited to come and spend some time with the Lord. There is Mass in St Mary & St John on Friday evening at 8.00 pm. The priests of the parish visit the sick of the parish on the first Friday of each month; please let us know if you have a family member or neighbour who is sick

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation Saturday 8th December, 2012

Masses

Church of St Mary & St John

Saturday 8th December

8.30 am & 10.00 am

Vigil Mass as usual 6 pm

Church of Christ Our Light

Vigil Friday 7th December. 7.30 pm

Saturday 8th December 12.30 pm

Vigil Mass as usual 7.30 pm

Advent Retreat – 3rd 4th & 5th December

Church of St. Mary & St John,

Mass at 7.00 am,

Prayer, Homily and Liturgy at 8.00 pm

Mass Diaries

Mass Diaries to book Mass intentions for January, February & March will open in both churches on Saturday December 8th at 9.00 am. Priority will be given to 1st Anniversary Masses.

Coeliac Host.

Coeliac Host available at all Masses in both churches. Generally the Priest celebrating the Mass has the Coeliac Host. To help the Celebrant you might please let him know before the Mass.

Offertory Collection Boxes 2013

The boxes of envelopes for the Offertory Collection are available in both churches. Families are asked to take one box. Please use the envelopes for the Offertory Collection for the Vigil and Sunday Masses during the year, families who avail of the Direct Debit system are not expected to take one. The Offertory Collection is solely for the upkeep, maintenance, insurance, lighting, heating and related expenses of both churches. Thanks for your generosity and we look forward to your support for the coming year.

Fr. George

Advent Early Morning Prayer

Let's prepare well for Christmas

Come to the Morning Prayer of the Church Taking place during Advent. St. Mark's Centre (Opposite Christ Our Light Church)

Monday to Friday @ 6 am. Starting Mon 3rd December

Everyone most welcome

Christmas Cards

Christmas Cards are available for sale in both Churches and in the Parish Office.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Dec-08 & Dec-09-2012

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Aine Sheehan

8:30 am
Eadaoin O'Leary
Gerard O'Leary

10:00 am
Shannon O'Brien
Erin Holmes

12:00 Noon
Chloe Dalton O'Connor
Katie Tobin

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Fiona Feely

11:00 am
Chidera Ebili
Kristian Calvert

12:30 pm
Bernard Vallely
Colm Walsh

5:30 pm
Emily Hardman

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 & 8 pm

Friday

8:30 am & 7:30 pm
(Vigil)

8:30 am, 10:00 am & 6
pm (Vigil)

Saturday

12:30 pm & 7:30 pm
(Vigil)

CONFESSIONS

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

Saturday

BAPTISMS

4:30 pm
Except First Saturday of
Month

Saturday

4:30 pm
First Saturday of Month

PARISH CLERGY

Priest on Duty

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Fr. Dave O'Connell C.C.

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Fr. Pdraig O'Donoghue

021-4876171

Fr. James McSweeney

021-4873308

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Dec-08 & Dec-09-2012



St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Patsie Murphy
Pat Moore
Mary Walsh
Marie Healy
Margaret Kearney
Nora Barry

7:30 pm Sheila O'Connor
Martin O'Regan
Brid Healy-Harris
Kit Cahill

11:00 am Bernadette Spillane
Angela Cunningham
Laurence Cunningham
Eileen Byrne
Carmel Ryan / Noel
Kelleher

8:30 am Theresa Lucey
Rita Murphy
Mona Holland

10:00 am Margaret Bunyan
Mary Murphy
Joan Tobin
Eileen O'Connell
Niamh Nic Gerailt
Breda Monaghan

12:30 pm Eileen Garvey
Sally Power
Breda Callanan
Catherine Freehill
Betty Walsh / Liam
Buckley

12 Noon Marie Bowen
Breda Lenihan
Jacinta Jeffers
Rena O'Connor
Sean Farrell
Mary Hennigan

5:30 pm Olan O'Mahony
Anne-Marie Whelan

**Ballincollig Parish Pilgrimage
To the Holy Land**

8 Day Pilgrimage, 3rd April, 2013 - 10th April, 2013

with Spiritual Director Fr. Joe Nagle OFM,
Cap from The Holy Trinity Church

Direct From Cork. 8 days €1,250 pps including half-board ac-
commodation and all taxes.

For further information contact

Lar Cunningham on 021-4873364.

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Kilmacthomas Business Centre, Union Road,

Kilmacthomas, Co. Waterford.

Tel: 051-295512, fax: 051-295513

Muskerry Local History Society

Lecture Tuesday December 4th

Ballincollig Rugby Club (Tanner Park) Clubhouse at 8.00 pm.

A talk on **The Dick Barrett Story (90th Anniversary Year)**

By Tom O'Neill.

Ballincollig Scout Bazaar & Auction

Today Sunday 2nd December at 2 pm in the Community Hall

This is the 27th Scout Bazaar and is a great fun day out for all the family.

Lots of stalls including BRIC-A-BRAC for the house, BOOK STALL with books for all ages, COSMETIC STALL with unwanted boxed sets a speciality, BOXED GAMES stall and CD STALL. Of course the TOY STALL is brilliant for the little people with some pocket money as they get huge quantities at a small price!

SPIN THE WHEEL guarantees arms full of Christmas goodies and will see the older scouts under pressure to keep up with demand for tickets!!

The AUCTION takes place towards the end of the evening and is great craic. Auction items include vouchers & other donated spot prizes.

Santa will be walking around and there are lots of games, face painting and raffles to suit all ages. A magician will also be at hand to put a bit of magic into the day!

Good quality, nearly new items are on sale but a bit of rooting will be required!!

Why not set the *RECESSION CHALLENGE*...to find the best innovative, fun, creative and budget busting presents at the Bazaar!!!

All proceeds go directly to Ballincollig Scout Group to support the 160 scouts of all ages from the local community as well as the bus and running costs of the hall.

So please come and support us and experience a great community event.

All Welcome!