

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 09-December-2012

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.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

## Second Sunday of Advent

A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord. Last Sunday we moved into the Season of Advent. Advent marks the beginning of the Liturgical Year – Cycle C for those following the readings at Mass. Over these short weeks of Advent we make some preparation for the true Christian celebration of the Birth of the Saviour.

During the early days of the week we had the wonderful input of the Redemptorists leading us in Our Advent Retreat. We thank their leader Fr Noel Keogh and his colleagues for their welcome input as they explored the depth of our Faith on this year of Faith which marks the 50th anniversary of the Vatican Council.

We understand and appreciate that good preparation for any event, occasion is vital. Perception and awareness is raised to what might be needed in mind, heart, spirit and body. As a member of God's family and as a community Advent offers us the opportunity to enter into the realm of spiritual renewal so that we might welcome afresh the story of the Incarnation. The One born to us was a decision of our bountiful God to gift humankind a Saviour who is forevermore a Light entering into a fragile and broken world and into the lives of humankind in all of its facets – mind, heart, spirit and body.

In preparation for the Society of St Vincent de Paul's annual appeal, as it attends to the needs of the vulnerable who struggling to make ends meet, it carried its message in last week's Parishioner asking for our continued support for those in need in our Parish and its surrounds. In anticipation of your generous response I offer a word of thanks.

On Monday night the power and reverence of scripture, God's word, was honoured with a ritual and pieces of that same word were offered to all. This same powerful calls us to make preparation for the event of the celebration that marks the birth of the Holy One.

Making way is a call to give way to the Will of the One who calls us to give birth to Him by living out today His message and becoming His delegates, disciples, followers, instruments of grace, support, light, hope and fellowship. May the Lord bless our preparation, however small, as we make some pathway for the graces of the upcoming Christmas Season, to touch our lives, the lives of our family, friends and neighbour.

*Dave O'Connell*

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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**

Let us pray that we may so prepare a way for the Lord that the world may be flooded with the grace of his coming.

**Reader**

That those who minister to the flock of Christ may seek out the lost, bandage the wounded, and make the weak strong.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

That political leaders may strive to level the mountains of injustice and fill in the valleys of poverty, and so bring about a just society.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

That those in high positions may give opportunities to those below them to use their talents and gifts.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

That the light of Christ may shine on those who live in the shadow of death.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

That we may create a time and a space for God in our lives.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

That God may grant our own special needs.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

**Priest**

Almighty and ever-living God, your love surpasses all that we ask or deserve; open for us the treasures of your goodness, and grant us more even than we dare ask. We make our prayer 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 :**

Anthony Luzak, Leslies Arch, Old Quarter.  
Rory O'Callaghan, The Cloisters.

**† IN SYMPATHY †**

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

Chris Murphy, Cork & London.  
Philip Bogue, Carrigrohane & Ballyholley.  
Patricia O'Brien, The Meadows.  
John Barry, Lady's Bridge.

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

Joe & Mona Thullier, Kinsale.  
Mary Anne Sheehan, Kilcorney.  
Adriene Curling, Muskerry Estate.  
John O'Donnell, Donegal.  
Finbarr O'Mahony, Allendale, Bishopstown.  
Paddy & Kathleen O'Brien, Bandon.  
Michael & Martin Cuddihy, Tipperary.  
Mairtin de Nogla, Wyndham Downs.  
Maire Cronin, Knockduff.  
Michael McAuliffe, Bishopstown & Fermoy.  
Brendan Whelan, Elm Lawn, Muskerry Estate.  
Frank & Margaret Whelan, Prosperity Square  
William & Christine O'Sullivan, Botanic Road.  
Sean Coakley, "Hillview" Muskerry Estate.  
Mary, Kitty & Kathleen Ambrose.  
Charles & Marie Ross, Dublin.  
Dan & Ina Hickey, Aherla.  
Dan Twomey, Aherla.  
Paddy Cronin, Mournabbey.  
Daniel Coomey, Carriganarra.  
Eddie Delmer, Kildare.  
Liam Walsh, Wolverhampton.  
Mary Drinan, Waterfall.  
Gillian Drinan, Church View.  
Denis & Ellen Hurley, Coolgarten Park.  
Ellen Teresa O'Donovan, Ballyfeard.  
Dr Sean Crotty, Coolroe.  
Cornelius & Kate Twomey & daughter Anne, Macroom & England  
Annie Cronin, Kilbrittan.  
Michael, Rita & David Barry, Lady's Bridge.  
Sean Cunningham, Wilton.  
Paddy Barry, Redemption Road.  
Jim Cotter, Ballingearry.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Second Week Of Advent**

- 09 Sunday Bar. 5:1-9. Ps 125. Phil. 1 :3-6,8-11. Lk. 3:1-6. Lect I: 30
- 10 Monday Is. 35:1-10. Ps. 84. Lk. 5:17-26. Lect I: 33
- 11 Tuesday Is. 40:1-11. Ps. 95. Mt. 18:12-14. Lect I: 35
- 12 Wednesday Is 40:25-31. Ps. 102. Mt. 11 :28-30. Lect I: 38
- 13 Thursday Is. 41:13-20. Ps. 144. Mt .11:11-15. Lect I: 40
- 14 Friday Is. 48:17-19. Ps. 1. Mt. 11:16-19. Lect I: 42
- 15 Saturday Eccles. (Sir) 48:1-4,9-11. Ps. 79. Mt. 17:10-13. Lect I: 44

**Next Sunday's Readings 16-December-2012**

Zech. 3: 14-18. Ps. Is. 12. Phil. 4:4-7. Lk. 3: 10,18. Lect I: 51

**Concert**

Fr Liam Lawton will play in concert in St Patrick's Church Bandon on Friday December 14th @ 8pm as part of his Christmas Tour 2012.

Tickets cost €20 and can be purchased from the sacristy of the church as well as Kevin O'Leary's filling station New Road, and O' Farrells and Hickeys Newsagents South Main Street, Bandon.

For more information contact Carol 086 1022030

**Troubled by someone else's drinking?**

Try Al-anon. Local Meetings S V de P Centre Station Road Thursdays 8.30 pm. Phone: 021 4311899.

**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](http://www.trocaire.org/globalgift) or by calling 1850 408 408

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**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Bar. 5:1-9

In this reading, the city Jerusalem is addressed directly. Jerusalem, the principal city of Israel, is a symbol for God's people. God now makes known how he will save his people, how he will bring them back from exile, how they will be united in peace and joy.

Second Reading: Phil. 1:3-6. 8-11

Advent is a time of fulfilment. God has begun a good work in us; he will carry that work through to completion.

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

Luke was very thorough in placing the beginning of John the Baptist's ministry within a historical context. He set John's ministry in time by telling who the leaders were in the region. John's role was to prepare the way for Jesus and to proclaim a theme of repentance for those who would follow Jesus. Like a Roman corps of engineers filling in gullies and levelling mountains to make roads, John's job was to make the pathway smooth for those coming to Jesus.

**A Thought for Advent**

On a bitterly cold and blustery winter night, the pastor of an urban church knelt in the rectory. "Let me see your face, Lord!" he prayed over and over again. A knock at the rectory door disturbed his prayer. Reluctantly he rose to answer the door. Outside stood a disheveled, shivering man who asked, "Can I have some food?" The pastor led the man to the kitchen, scrounged in the refrigerator for a left-over, not too dried out sandwich. He poured a small glass of milk and added a tired slice of pie before placing the food before the beggar. He waited a bit impatiently while the man ate. He offered little conversation, not wanting to prolong the time until he could return to his prayer. When the man had finished, the priest escorted him to the door. As he closed the door, he immediately resumed his prayer, "Lord, let me see your face". In his mind's eye the face of the beggar instantly appeared. Words something like, "You have seen me," echoed in his mind. The priest threw the door open. Though the street was long and visible, the beggar was nowhere in sight. The priest had stayed awake to pray, "Lord, let me see your face," but today he believes he missed Jesus when he came to his door in the form of a beggar. Probably each one of us has a similar story of a time when Jesus whom we long to see came to us in the form of one of his poor ones and we failed to recognise him.

**During this Advent season we are to be on our guard lest we miss Jesus in the midst of our Christmas preparations.**

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> December  
**Everyone most welcome**

**Christmas Cards**

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

**Bulletin Board**

**Second Collection.**

The annual Christmas collection in aid of St. Vincent De Paul will be taken up at all Masses this week end.

**Mass Diaries**

Diaries to book Mass Intentions for January, February and March are open in both churches.

**Penitential Service**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2012  
Church of St Mary and St John at 8 pm

**Carol Service**

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2012  
Church of St Mary & John at 7.30 pm

**Opening the Door of Faith**

Discussion with Fr. Donal Linehan will continue on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 8 pm in Sonas House, Station Road.

**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. Charities are entitled to a tax rebate (with charitable status which Ballincollig parish has) on contributions. To help avail of this please register your box number.

Many thanks to the people who pay by direct debit; your contribution is greatly appreciated. A tax rebate of €7,923 was claimed for 2011.

**Fr. George**

**The Year of Faith**

Letter from Bishop John Buckley  
Bishop of Cork and Ross  
Year of Faith is focussing on ways that will lead to a renewal of the Church in Ireland  
copies of letter available in both churches.

**Hope Foundation Fundraising**

Thanks to all who donated and bought cakes at my recent cake sale in Christ Our Light. It is very much appreciated and I know the Children of Calcutta will benefit from your generosity.

Many Thanks  
Aislinn Graham

**Vincent's**

Now Open  
Supporting Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
'Good as New' Charity Shop  
Time Square, Ballincollig, (Near Cinema)  
Good as new clothes, bric-a-brac, furniture, books etc.  
Open 6 days Monday to Saturday  
10.00 am to 5.00 pm  
All profits go to support families in the Cork region.  
All Welcome

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Dec-15 & Dec-16-2012

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

6:00 pm (Vigil)  
Brendan Collins  
Michael Collins  
8:30 am  
John Healy  
Kerry O'Leary  
10:00 am  
David O'Brien  
Debra Daly  
12:00 Noon  
John Dorgan / Catherine  
O'Sullivan  
Noella Ngenwic

7:30 pm (Vigil)  
Pauline Collins  
Niall Cronin  
11:00 am  
Cormac Manning  
Marie Ni Niada  
12:30 pm  
Adaugu Ebili  
Caterina Nugent  
5:30 pm  
Christine O'Brien



**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Dec-15 & Dec-16-2012

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

6.00 pm Eileen Murphy  
Ted Nelligan  
Eileen Corkery  
Maurice Bunyan  
Sheila Walshe  
Ann McCarthy

7:30 pm John O'Donoghue  
Mary Dineen  
Kathleen Daly  
Mairead Keenan  
Kay O'Sullivan

8:30 am Helen Kelly  
Mary O'Connor  
Michael Crowley

11:00 am Mary O'Mahony  
Mona Bowen  
Billy Barry  
Mary Aylward  
Pauline Baston

10:00 am Fionnuala McDonagh  
Mary Buckley  
Fiona Kelly  
Mary O'Regan  
Teresa O'Driscoll  
Martin O'Leary

12:30 pm Mary Twomey  
Maura O'Driscoll  
Mary Lehane  
Dympna Byrne  
Suzanne Leech

12 Noon Ann-Marie Cosgrove  
Phil Kennedy  
Ellen O'Sullivan  
Ursula McAuliffe  
Sally Crowley

5:30 pm Shelia Curran  
Elizabeth O'Sullivan

**Ballincollig Parish Pilgrimage  
To the Holy Land**

8 Day Pilgrimage, 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2013 - 10<sup>th</sup> 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.  
Tour Operator is Celebration Travel Ireland Ltd.,  
Kilmacthomas Business Centre, Union Road,  
Kilmacthomas, Co. Waterford.  
Tel: 051-295512, fax: 051-295513

**Concert in the Marian Hall**, Ballinhassig on Sunday Decem-  
ber 9<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm. Carrigaline Singers; Cork Garda male Voice  
Choir; The Voices of Cork Choir; Soprano Serena Standley; Bari-  
tone Rob Kennedy etc.  
Tickets €10 and available at door on the night

**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**

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

12:45 pm

**Sunday**

**PARISH CLERGY**

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<b>Fr. James McSweeney</b>	<b>021-4873308</b>

**Dyslexia Association of Ireland  
Cork Branch**

Information Meeting  
On  
CAO AND DARE (Disability Access Route to Education)  
Bishopstown Community School  
**Monday 10<sup>TH</sup> Dec. 2012**  
**Time: 7.30 pm**  
**Guest Speaker –**  
**Ms. Siobhan Colclough**  
**(Disability Advisor U.C.C.)**  
**Teachers, Parents, Students - all welcome**  
**Admission €10.00**

**Croí Na Gaeilge**

Is holding a Leaving Certificate 2013 Honours Oral Irish ( worth  
40% of total exam marks) Intensive 4-Hour Preparation Course  
given by an experienced oral examiner / native speaker on  
January 6th 2013 from 2 to 6 p.m. open to 6th and 5th year  
students in Ballincollig and surrounding areas. All topics cov-  
ered (including Gaeltacht phrases).  
(Tel. / Text 085 – 1541560)

**'Healing Angels' Workshop**

Bru Columbanus, Wilton  
Saturday 15th December  
€50. Gift Vouchers available  
www.corkpersonaldevelopment.com  
Details from: Mary: 087 4187447 - corkpd@gmail.com