

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 01-December-2013

First Sunday of Advent

Christ was born into the world to be the light of all people on their through life. Today we renew our dedication to live as He has shown us, so that when He comes again we will be ready to receive him.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

St. Vincent de Paul Annual Appeal, 2013

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 Saturday and Sunday, 7th and 8th of December.

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 meager 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 us up considerably since last year.

We have funded local activities such as health care, home assistance, education, summer breaks winter fuel, 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

God is the hope and joy of the people in every age. With confidence let us make our needs known before him.

Reader

For all Christians: that through the practice of prayer and charity they may be effective witnesses to Christ in the world.

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

For world leaders: that they may continue to search for a just and peaceful world.

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

For those who are living in the darkness of evil: that they may see the light.

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

For those who are living in the darkness of unbelief: that the light of faith may shine on them

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

For ourselves: that we may awaken our faith from the sleep of routine and habit.

**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

God of love and mercy listen to our prayer. May your Son at his coming, dispel the darkness of our hearts, and enable us to live as children of the light. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'

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BAPTISMS

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

Precious Enow, Highfield Park.
 Princessmelvis Enow, Highfield Park.
 Francis Enow, Highfield Park.
 Franklin Enow, Highfield Park.
 Joe O'Mahony, Lisheen Fields, Ovens.
 Cian Daniel Roy Cotter, Beech Road, Muskerry Estate.
 Olivia Hutnikiewicz, The Cloisters.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Nora O'Dwyer, Bantry.
 Enid Carey, England/Beech Park.
 Rosealeen Creedon, London.
 Manauis McKeever, Delaware/ Donegal.
 Vincent Murphy, Powdermills/England.
 Michael O'Brien, Church View.
 Pauline Ryan, Ballinora/Turner's Cross.
 Martin O'Neill, Castlepark.
 Margaret Elizabeth Murphy, Maglin Crescent.

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

Michael & Johanna Hennigan, Woodbine Lawn.
 Mary Dineen, Shandon View.
 Tadgh & Maureen O'Callaghan, The Lough.
 Kathleen O'Connor, Oaklands.
 Dermot Crowley, Ballyhooly.
 Stephen O'Sullivan, Rosewood.
 Brenda Butler.
 Frank Kehily, Newcestown.
 Julia O'Sullivan, Station Road.
 Ger O'Neill, Castletownbere.
 Thomas Farrell, Beech Park.
 Anne Kelly, Stotford/Macroom.
 Breda Murphy.
 Mary Murphy.
 Patrick Murphy.
 John Cadogan.
 Connie O'Sullivan, Ballingearry.
 Philip Bogue. Ballyholley/Carrigrohane.
 PJ Holly.
 John & Margaret Quinn, Ballyfeard.
 Joan Crowley, Hilton.
 Denis & Ellen Hallahan, Ballingulley.
 Pat & Mary Horgan. Upton.
 Ann Hogan, Willowfield.
 Finbarr O'Mahony, Bishopstown.
 Ciss O'Connell, Turner's Cross.
 Stephen Spitere, Glasheen.
 Dec. members McCarthy & O'Leary families.
 Eddie Dellemer, Kildare.
 Nora Coughlan, Ballydehob.
 John O'Mahony, Lee View.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

First Week Of Advent

01 Sunday Is. 2:1-5. Ps. 121. Rom. 13:11-14. Mt. 24:37-44. Lect I: 3
 02 Monday Is. 4:2-6. Ps. 121. Mt. 8:5-11. Lect I:11
 03 Tuesday Is 11:1-10. Ps. 71. Lk. 10:21-24. Lect I: 13
 04 Wednesday Is. 25:6-10. Ps. 22. Mt. 15:29-37. Lect I:15
 05 Thursday Is. 26:1-6. Ps. 117. Mt. 7:21 .24-27. Lect I:18
 06 Friday Is. 29:17-24. Ps. 26. Mt. 9:27-31. Lect I:20
 07 Saturday Is. 30:19-21, 23-26. Ps. 146. Mt. 9:35-10:1,6-8. Lect I:22

Next Sunday's Readings 08/December/2013

Is. 11:1-10. Ps. 71. Rom. 15:4-9. Mt. 3:1-12. Lect I: 24

Advent Carol Service

Will be held on today Sunday, 1st December at 7 p.m. in the Church of the Descent of the Holy Spirit, Dennehy's Cross.
 Music, Scripture Readings and Ritual in preparation for Christmas with the Choir of the church, conducted by Organist & Musical Director, Mr. Patrick Killeen, who will celebrate 37 years as Organist in the church on that day.

Console Christmas Celebration of Light

The annual Console Christmas Celebration of Light will take place in the Sacred Heart Church (M.S.C.), Western Road, Cork on Sunday 8th December 2013 at 4.00pm. The Celebration of Light commemorates the lives of loved ones lost through suicide. It is an evening of song, music, poetry and reflection, which includes the lighting of a candle and a minute's silence in the presence of others to remember those who are no longer with us on life's journey. The celebration also serves to provide support through contact with the Console community. Light refreshments will be served after the ceremony.

Reflection for Parents

There is more work for parents to do in a day than will ever get done. Some of us work outside our homes while some stay at home. In either case there are always bills to pay, laundry to wash, meals to prepare, errands to run and things to fix. Unless we deliberately set aside time to prepare ourselves and our families for Jesus' return, we will continue with the busyness of everyday life like the people of Noah's time and the workers in the field and at the mill. Especially at this time of year, it is easy to get caught up in the demands centred on Jesus' birth rather than his return.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5
The Prophet Isaiah speaks of a time when all the nations will hear the Word of God and be united.

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14
St. Paul issues a wake-up call for this Advent season.

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-40, 44.
The emphasis of today's Gospel is on the second coming of Jesus. Matthew refers to three events that show we do not know when Jesus will return, but the message is clear: we are to be ready! The first reference Matthew makes is to Noah and the flood. People were occupied with their daily lives / eating, drinking, and marrying. In the second example, men were working in the field and women were grinding at the mill. Some were taken and some remained. In the final example, the master of the house could have prevented the robbery if only he had known when the thief would come. This Gospel is a stern caution for each of us to live in preparation for Jesus' return.

Songs of Faith

A celebration of teen talent and Christian faith
A warm welcome awaits all parishioners on Sunday 24th November at 5pm in Christ the King Church, Turner's Cross as we mark the closing of the Year of Faith by joining with our young people as they sing their songs of faith. They will be joined by Dan Twomey, tenor; Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann and members of the Cork orchestra.
There is no charge – all are welcome!

L'ARCHE Community Cork

Craft Fair
Sunday December 8th
10am to 5pm.
L'Arche Centre Togher, Cork

Chernobyl Christmas

Craft Fair
Sunday December 1st at 12noon
Cork Opera House

Weekly Contribution – Tax Rebate

Helping Ballincollig parish financially without dipping into your pocket. Weekly many people contribute at least five euro to the offertory collection. This contribution could be enhanced by claiming from the Dept. of Finance the income tax paid by the donor on five euro a week. This tax rebate (can be claimed by organisations with charitable status which Ballincollig parish has) would amount to at least €40 per eligible donor. I need your help to further implement this scheme.

The Dept. of Finance will need a record to be kept locally verifying the contributions. The simplest method to implement this, is for Parishioners to record the number on their offertory box.

Please contact me, Fr. George, or office (phone 021 4871206) to record the number of your weekly offertory envelope (box).

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Bulletin Board

Advent

Advent is the name given to the four weeks before Christmas. During Advent we prepare and wait to welcome Jesus on His birthday. The readings from the prophet: Isaiah remind us that people waited for the Messiah for thousands of years, they looked forward to the coming of their new leader. Jesus surprised people when He, came. May Jesus also surprise us on His birthday. Try your best to come to the retreat Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday this week and make time to welcome Jesus.

First Friday

Friday December 6th is the first Friday of the month. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St Mary & St John from 6.30pm to 7.45pm, you are invited to come and spend some time with the Lord. There is Mass in St. Mary & St. John on Friday evening at 8.00pm. 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.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday 7th December, 2013 at 12.00 noon 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.

Advent Retreat

Church of St. Mary & St. John
2nd 3rd & 4th December, 2013
Mass 7am, Prayers, Homily & Liturgy 8pm

Mass Diary

Diaries to book Mass intentions for January, February & March 2014 will open in both Churches on Saturday 14th December at 9.am.

Priority will be given to First Anniversary Masses.

Trocaire Collection - Thank You!

Thank you most sincerely for your generosity to the Trocaire collection on Sunday 24th November. The collection amounted to €14,030. This is a tremendous contribution especially in harsh times for so many families.

The Celebration of The Immaculate Conception

This year the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, December 8th, falls on a Sunday and is the Second Sunday of Advent. As the Sundays of Advent and Lent take precedence over all other celebrations the Solemnity has been transferred to Monday 9th December. When a Solemnity is transferred to another day it loses its obligation. In short then, the celebration of the Immaculate Conception will be on Monday 9th December and is not a holyday of obligation. May this holy season of joyful hope and expectation be fulfilling for all.

Fr. George

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Dec/07 & Dec/08/2013

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Sandra Walsh
Brayden Peck
8:30 am
Triona Downey

10:00 am
Tony Hegarty
William Greene
12:00 Noon
Catherine O'Sullivan
Emer Wiseman

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Rosarie Cotter
Louise McGrath
11:00 am
Sorcha Nic Mheanmain
Maire Buckley
12:30 pm
James Nyagaya
Eoghan Barrett
5:30 pm
Kevin Tuohy

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
7 am & 9:30 am	Monday	8:30 am
7 am & 9:30 am	Tuesday	8:30 am
7 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	

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Fr. James McSweeney	021-4873308

Scouts Bazaar

The annual Ballincollig Scouts Bazaar and Auction takes place on today Sunday, December 1st in the Community Hall, Ballincollig at 2.00pm.

COPD

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease affects up to 440,000 people in Ireland

COPD is the fourth leading cause of death IN THE WORLD

but most people don't even know what it is?

83% of Irish sufferers have less energy to live their daily lives

46% had to make an urgent or unplanned visits to their GP as a consequence of their COPD.

Smoking is the leading cause,

YET OVER THREE QUARTERS

(77%) of Irish people don't know this?

(more next week)

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 2nd December
Everyone most welcome

Belief: Trust yourself, then you will know how to live. *Goethe*

MINISTERS OF THE EU-CHARIST

Dec/07 & Dec/08/2013

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

8:30 am Theresa Lucey
Rita Murphy / Tom Butler
Mona Holland

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

10:00 am Margaret Bunyan
Mary Murphy
Joan Tobin
Breda Monaghan
Niamh Nic Gearailt
Ann McCarthy

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
Ann-Marie Whelan

Public Lecture

Diarmuid Lynch - A Forgotten Irish Patriot

On Saturday night 22 April 1916, a tense meeting in Dublin went on into the small hours to decide whether or not the Easter Rising would go ahead. Present at that meeting were Pádraig Pearse, Tomás MacDonagh, Joseph Plunkett and Seán MacDiarmada. The fifth man present at the all-night session, Diarmuid Lynch, was the only one still alive two weeks later. It is difficult to understand how Lynch, a member of the Supreme Council of the IRB, has been forgotten so completely.

In The Story of Diarmuid Lynch: A Forgotten Irish Patriot, a public lecture organised by Muskerry Local History Society, Eileen McGough brings that story to life, dealing with his involvement in the 1916 Rising and subsequent events. The lecture will be held on Tuesday, 3 December, in Ballincollig Rugby Club at 8.00 pm.