

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 08-December-2013

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

## Messages of HOPE

Isaiah uses the great image of the lamb lying down with the wolf and having nothing to fear to describe the messianic age. It is a picture of a time of universal peace -- the strong no longer prey on the weak or the cunning on the innocent.

Advent, with its wonderful promise of a new world takes us on a trip to a place called hope. If things and people were perfect, hope would not be needed. Hope is needed precisely because we live in an imperfect world. We invest our hopes in flawed leaders. So why not in God?

Hope is a vital part of our life. We spend a great deal of time longing, waiting, hoping for one thing or another. It is impossible to live when one is completely without hope. Hope is as important to our spirit as bread is to our body.

Hope doesn't mean sitting back waiting for things to happen. Hope spurs into action. It is precisely because we have hope that we work so hard. We believe our efforts are worthwhile and that they do make a difference. Our strength, our commitment, depends to a great extent on the degree and quality of our hope.

"I am neither an optimist nor a pessimist. I just carry hope in my heart. Hope is not a feeling of certainty that everything ends well. Hope is just a feeling that life and work have a meaning." Vaclav Havel.

Hope springs from faith that God will fulfil the promises he made to us. God has given his word in Jesus. That word is the basis on which hope rests and that hope is the anchor of our lives.

*George O'Mahony*

## 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**

Let us pray for the coming of a new justice and peace for all peoples.

**Reader**

For the followers of Christ: that they may be effective witnesses to the values of the Gospel.

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

For world leaders: that through good will and co-operation they may strive to put an end to war and oppression.

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

For those who are finding life burdensome: that God may be their strength and their hope.

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

For the members of this community: that we may be steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and untiring in love.

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

For those in our community who are sick; that the Lord may grant them strength and healing.

**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**

Heavenly Father, clear a pathway in our hearts and in our world so that your Son can come to us, and the Good News may be heard by everyone. We ask this through the same Christ 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 :**

Ruth Caroline Haydon, Millers Court Old Quarter.  
 Katie Marie Kelly, Castle Ave Muskerry Estate.  
 Harry Ray Hogan, The Oaks, Classes Lake.  
 Faye Marie Murphy, An Caislean.  
 Shane Francis O’Sullivan Darcy, An Caislean Close.  
 Susanna Tamaria Yushchenko, Aylsbury  
 Darragh Coady Barker, Willowgrove..  
 Camille Eryn McCormack Gimenez, Parknamore.  
 Molly Joanne McCarthy, Old Court, Greenfields.

**† IN SYMPATHY †**

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

Bridie Jordan, Dublin & Whitegate.  
 John O’Connor, Tramore.  
 Michael Giltanan, Maglin View.  
 John Cahill (Organist), Blarney.  
 Noreen Murray, Carrigrohane & Dublin.

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

Dr. Sean Crotty, Coolroe.  
 Tommy Daly, Leemount.  
 Paul Wall, Churchfield.  
 John O’Donnell, Duagh.  
 Robert, Sheila & Adriene Curling, Albert Road.  
 Anne Hogan, Leesdale.  
 Joe & Mona Thullier, Kinsale.  
 Catherine Hegarty, Military Hill.  
 Gerry Deane, Castlebar.  
 Mary Anne Sheehan, Kilcorney.  
 Tom & Josephine Foley, Newcestown.  
 Johanna O’Shea, Skibbereen.  
 Annie Curran, Kilbrittan.  
 Patrick(Sonny) Murray, Carrigrohane Road.  
 Agnes Kavanagh, Fr. Sexton Park.  
 Daniel Coomey, Carriganarra.  
 Con Kerins, Castleknock.  
 Dec. Members of O’Connell family, Ballingulley.  
 Sean Ahern, Carrigrohane.  
 Dan Lucey, The Crescent.  
 William Devereux, Co. Tipperary.  
 Peter Davies, Ardfallen & Douglas.  
 James Prendiville, Castlepark.  
 Edwin McDermott, Poulavone.  
 Margaret Corkery, Co. Limerick.  
 Mairtin De Nogla, Wyndham Downs.  
 Denis Slyne, Inniscarra.  
 Dec members of McAuffille & O’Leary families.  
 Jack & Claire Horgan, Gurrabraher.  
 Liam Horgan, Carrignavar.  
 Brendan Whelan, Elm Lawn.  
 Frank & Margaret Whelan, Prosperity Square.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Second Week Of Advent**

08 Sunday Is. 11:1-10. Ps. 71. Rom. 15:4-9. Mt. 3:1-12. Lect I: 24  
 09 Monday Gen. 3:9-15, 20. Ps. 97. Eph. 1:3-6, 11-12. Lk. 1:26-38. Lect I: 1009  
 or Lect II:1289  
 10 Tuesday Is. 40:1-11. Ps. 95. Mt. 18:12-14. Lect I: 35  
 11 Wednesday Is 40:25-31. Ps. 102. Mt. 11 :28-30. Lect I: 38  
 12 Thursday Is. 41:13-20. Ps. 144. Mt .11:11-15. Lect I: 40  
 13 Friday Is 48:17-19. Ps 1. Mt 11:16-19. Lect I: 42  
 14 Saturday Eccles. (Sir) 48:1-4,9-11. Ps. 79. Mt. 17:10-13. Lect I: 44

**Next Sunday’s Readings 15/December/2013**

**CURA**

**Need to Talk?**

We are there 6 days a week.  
 Unplanned pregnancy can be hard to take. Also when baby is born coping can be difficult.  
 We are there to listen and support you.  
**Call CURA at 021 427 7544**

**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**

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.

**CROWLEY**

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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.

**L'ARCHE Community Cork**

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

On this second Sunday in Advent parishioners are asked to consider buying a Trocaire Gift this Christmas. These ethical gifts help transform the lives of some of the world's poorest people and cost from just €7. Gifts are available at [www.trocaire.org/gifts](http://www.trocaire.org/gifts) or by calling 1850 408 408

**Dyslexia Association of Ireland**

Cork Branch  
Information Talk  
on  
**CAO AND THE DARE PROCESS**  
Venue: Bishopstown Community School  
Date: Wednesday 11th Dec. 2013  
Time: 7.30pm  
Guest Speaker  
Ms. Siobhan Colclough  
Disability Advisor to Students with Specific learning difficulties - U.C.C.  
Teachers, Parents, Students - all welcome  
Admission €10.00

**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 Diary**

Diaries to book Mass intentions for January, February & March will open in both Churches on Saturday 14th December at 9.am. Priority will be given to First Anniversaries Masses.

**Penitential Service**

Monday 16th December, 2013 at 8pm  
Church of St Mary & St John

**Carol Service**

Church of St Mary & St John  
Sunday 15th December, 2013 at 7.00pm

**Garda Vetting**

Many thanks to the Ministers of the Eucharist who returned their Garda Vetting forms. Please return outstanding forms without delay, to the Parish Office or Sacristy. Thank you for your co-operation.

**Pope Francis**

Pope Francis recently published a document "PASTORAL CHALLENGES TO THE FAMILY IN THE CONTEXT OF EVANGELIZATION." This document is available to download online.

**Apologies**

Our apologies to the many parishioners who had problems in contacting the Parish Office during the week. This inconvenience was due to an Eircom fault.

**First Holy Communion Dates 2014**

Scoil Mhuire	Saturday 10th May
Gaelscoil Ui Riordan	Saturday 17th May
Scoil Eoin	Saturday 24th May
Scoil Barra	Saturday 7th June
Our Lady of Good Counsel	Saturday 7th June

**Fr. George**

**Volunteers to put up Christmas Decorations for Older People**

Christmas is a wonderful time of the year, but what if you are unable to put up Christmas decorations to give your home that festive feel? "Many older people, particularly those who live alone, cannot easily put up a Christmas tree or other decorations in their homes. Simply getting them down from the attic can be an impossible task" said Age Action Regional Manager John O'Mahony.

"We speak to so many older people who throughout their lives have decorated their home every Christmas but now find themselves unable to do so. Often people will have relatives calling with grandchildren during the festive season and they would like their home to be decorated for the family visit. We are offering to put up Christmas decorations for older people and take them down again in January"

All year round volunteers from Age Action's Care & Repair programme do odd-jobs and DIY work for older people free of charge. Jobs that volunteers can do include gardening, moving furniture, putting up smoke alarms, small repairs and small painting/decorating jobs. According to Mr. O'Mahony "The aim of the Care & Repair programme is to help people with tasks around the home that can become difficult as we grow older. Ultimately we want to support people to remain living in their own homes for as long as they wish in increased safety and comfort."

if you would like assistance putting your Christmas decorations or with any other tasks around the home, simply call Age Action on 021-4536554.

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Dec/14 & Dec/15/2013

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**

Aine Sheehan  
Shane Murphy  
**8:30 am**  
Tom McDonagh

**10:00 am**

Eoin McDonagh  
Diandra Buckley  
**12:00 Noon**  
Miriam Maunsell  
Seamus Monahan

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**

Nonyi Ebili  
Jennifer Nyagaya  
**11:00 am**  
Jack Dorgan  
Harry O'Brien  
**12:30 pm**  
Bernard Vallely  
Colm Walsh  
**5:30 pm**  
Tom Reck

**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

**Saturday**

4:30 pm

Except First Saturday of  
Month

First Saturday of Month

12:45 pm

**Sunday**

**PARISH CLERGY**

Priest on Duty  
Fr. George O'Mahony P.P.  
Fr. Dave O'Connell C.C.  
Fr. James McSweeney

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**COPD**

**Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease**

- Over 440,000 people have COPD in Ireland and by 2030 it is estimated that COPD will be the fourth leading cause of death worldwide
- Smoking is the leading cause of COPD about 85 to 90% of COPD deaths are caused by smoking
- COPD is also sometimes caused by other factors, such as over-exposure to smoke, dust or other fumes, so some people who have COPD may have never smoked before
- Symptoms of COPD include:  
Frequent coughing or wheezing; breathlessness; difficulty breathing; and tiring easily from everyday tasks, such as climbing stairs or household chores

Those at high risk of developing COPD include:

- Any current or former smoker over age 40
- Someone who never smoked but has a family history of COPD, emphysema or chronic bronchitis
- Those with exposure to occupational or environmental pollutants
- Those with a chronic cough, sputum (matter discharged from air passages) production or breathlessness

**Anyone with one of these risk factors should go to their GP and be tested for COPD**

Early diagnosis is very important. COPD is diagnosed by your doctor through spirometry testing, a simple and painless test that takes just a few minutes. The earlier COPD is diagnosed the better, as it means improved quality of life and improved symptom control.

**For more information on COPD visit [www.copd.ie](http://www.copd.ie)**



**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Dec/14 & Dec/15/2013

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6.00 pm** Eileen Murphy  
Ted Nelligan  
Eileen Corkery  
Maurice Bunyan  
Sheila Walshe  
Katie Collins

**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 Twomey  
Mona Bowen  
Billy Barry  
Mary Aylward  
Pauline Barton

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

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

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

**5:30 pm** Shelia Curran  
Elizabeth O'Sullivan

**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.  
Everyone most welcome

**TAIZÉ PRAYER**

at Christ our Light Church  
on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 p.m.

You are all very welcome to join with our Taizé group  
for some quiet reflective prayer with the Songs of Taizé