

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 07-December-2014

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

## St. Vincent de Paul Annual Appeal, 2014

The local Vincent de Paul Society would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your generosity throughout the year. Without your help and support we would find it impossible to give help and assistance to those families who require our support.

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, 13th and 14th of December.

As always your generosity will be used to bring some light, happiness, hope and comfort into people's homes for Christmas. Unfortunately a lot of sadness exists in homes that we visit. As some children say "Mummy and Daddy are sad all the time, Mummy no longer looks happy and Daddy doesn't play football anymore".

With commitment, drive and your kindness it is our intention to tell such children that Santa is coming and will be visiting their homes.

We greatly depend on your continued 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 *St. John's Conference, Ballincollig.* Conference on 087-6651707.

## 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 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 meek 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 Christ may come with his truth to guide those who have lost their way in life.

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

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

**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

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

***Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.***

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**BAPTISMS**

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

Ethan Cian Quinn, Mulgrave Road.  
Emily Veronica O'Dwyer Carroll, Highfield Park.  
Molly Ann Veronica Allen Mulroy, Castlepark.

**† IN SYMPATHY †**

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

Emma Kelly, Innishmore.  
Helena O'Neill, Adrigole.  
Maureen Murray, Dublin.  
Michael Hennerty, Greystones, Wicklow.  
Betty Walsh, Bandon.

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

Paul Wall, Churchfield.  
Tommy Daly, Leemount.  
Robert, Sheila & Adriene Curling, Albert Road.  
Con Kerins, Castleknock.  
Patrick Farrell, Maglin.  
John & Ellen Beamish, Clonakilty.  
Jim & Katie-Ellen O'Grady, Sligo.  
Pat Spillane, Fair Hill.  
John Dennis, Innishannon.  
Daniel Tobin, Limerick.  
Annie Curran, Killbrittan.  
Nuala Harte, Rosscarbery.  
Michael, Rita, David, & John Barry, Lady's Bridge.  
Philip & Nora Holland, Bishopstown.  
Tom & Josephine Foley, Newcestown.  
Johanna O'Shea, Skibbereen.  
Sean Cunningham, Wilton.  
Paddy Barry, Redemption Road.  
Pat Barry, Mayfield.  
Jim Cotter, Ballingearry.  
Kieran Forde, Ballyphelane / Carrigaline.  
McAuliffe & O'Leary families.  
Agnes Kavanagh, Fr. Sexton Park.  
Jim Collins, Drimoleague.  
Deceased members of Ahern family. Fr. Sexton Park.  
Daniel Coomey, Carriganarra.  
Pat McGrath, St. Finbarr's Park.  
Daniel Downey, Castlepark.  
Timothy & Maureen O'Connell, Ballingulley.  
Denis & Ellen Hurley, Coolgacten Park.  
Dan Lucey, The Crescent.  
Eddie Delmar, Kildare.  
Kevin Murphy, Aisling Close.  
Sean Coakley, "Hillview" Muskerry Estate.  
Brendan Whelan, Elm Lawn.  
William & Christina O'Sullivan, Botanic Road.  
Frank & Margaret Whelan.  
Eileen Tracey, Carlow/Dublin.  
Margaret Coughlan, Gurranabraher.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Second Week of Advent

07 Sunday Is 40:1-5, 9-11. Ps 84.2 Pet3:8-14. Mk 1:1-8. Lect I: 27  
08 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  
09 Tuesday Is. 40:1-11. Ps. 95. Mt. 18:12-14. Lect I: 35  
10 Wednesday Is 40:25-31. Ps. 102. Mt. 11 :28-30. Lect I: 38  
11 Thursday Is. 41:13-20. Ps. 144. Mt .11:11-15. Lect I: 40  
12 Friday Is. 48:17-19. Ps. 1. Mt. 11:16-19. Lect I: 42  
13 Saturday Eccles. (Sir) 48:1-4,9-11. Ps. 79. Mt. 17:10-13. Lect I: 44

**Next Sunday's Readings 14-December-2014**

Is 61:1-2, 10-11. Ps Lk 1:46-50, 53-54. 1 Thess 5:16-24. Jn 1:6-8, 19-28. Lect I: 48

**Mass for Life**

St Mary's, Pope's Quay,  
Feast of the Immaculate Conception,  
Monday, Dec 8th @7:30pm.  
Followed by a Pro-life Christmas Party.  
All welcome'.

**Catholic Charismatic Renewal**

Meeting every Tuesday night at 8 pm  
in Ballincollig Community Hall.  
Songs of praise and joy, sharing God's word.  
Come and join us in prayer and worship.  
Anybody out there who can play guitar, violin etc.  
would be most welcome  
Information can be obtained from Pat Carroll on 086 8136701

**Floral Demonstration**

In aid of Irish Guide Dogs  
Model Farm Road  
Tuesday December 9th @ 8 pm.  
Special Guest:  
Margaret Griffin  
of Griffins Garden Centre  
Mulled wine and mince pie reception  
and raffle on the night  
Tickets €15  
All proceeds to Irish Guide Dogs for the blind

**Cuan Mhuire, Farnanes**

Christmas Fair on Sunday 14th December at 3pm  
Home baking, preserves, crafts, games and lots more.

**CROWLEY**

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**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Is. 40:1-5. 9-11

The prophet Isaiah announces an important message about preparing the way.

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

The second reading gives us a glimpse of a new existence 'where righteousness will be at home'.

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

The Messiah is foretold in Second Isaiah and the words of John the Baptist continue the foretelling during Advent. Just as the Jewish exiles were filled with hope and led home, John the Baptist filled his followers with hope if they would only first repent and then share the Good News. He told the people to accomplish this by turning away from their sinful actions and words.

**St. Vincent de Paul CE Scheme**

Station Road, Ballincollig

021 4874626 stvincentdepaulce@hotmail.com

We have a vacancy for 2 caretakers in the Community Hall under the above Community Employment Scheme. Duties include light maintenance, cleaning, opening, closing and upkeep of Community Hall. If you are interested and you are eligible for Community Employment please forward your CV to the above address or email your CV to the above email address.

**Youth 2000 Ireland**

Will be hosting their annual Christmas Retreat in Newbridge College, Newbridge, Co. Kildare from Friday 12th to Sunday 14th December 2014. Over 500 young people from across Ireland (aged 16-35) are expected at this donation only event, with all newcomers very welcome. This is a great opportunity to find out what your faith is all about in a friendly, chilled out atmosphere. Free buses available.

Online booking necessary, see [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie) or phone 01 6753690.

**Ballincollig Scouts Christmas Bazaar**

The annual Ballincollig Scouts Christmas Bazaar and Auction takes place on Sunday, December 7th in the Community Hall, Ballincollig at 2.00pm. Now in its 30th year, the Bazaar is an essential part of Christmas in Ballincollig and one of the towns longest standing traditions. The Bazaar is always filled with bargains, Christmas cheer, toys, fun, games and much more. There is something for everyone at the Ballincollig Bazaar. We have great prizes for the legendary 'Spin the Wheel' this year. Chocolates, wine, boxes of biscuits, Turkeys and hams and Christmas hampers are just some of the many prizes you can win. There is always a great festive atmosphere at the Bazaar and many people come to pick up unusual Christmas gifts, rare CDs, reasonable priced toys, second hand books and more. Our auction at the end of the day always offers up some fantastic bargains and great fun as the bidding heats up. The Bazaar is the main fundraiser for the scout group and all the proceeds will go directly to support the 160 scouts of all ages and to keep the bus on the road and maintaining the scout hall. Everyone is welcome to the Bazaar and we're looking forward to seeing everyone turn out again this year

**Bulletin Board**

**St Vincent de Paul Annual Christmas Appeal**

During the past week and for some years now life is a constant and painful struggle for many families and individuals. We live at a time when many are burdened by massive debts and negative equity; others are living with the insecurity of unemployment and reduced wages. For many there is little or no relief from this long struggle. Christmas is even more difficult for families trying to make ends meet John the Baptist in his time brought new hope to people. He cried out "prepare a way for the Lord, " make a straight path" " let every valley be filled in and mountain laid low". The St Vincent de Paul society depend on our generosity to help families, parents and children, to overcome the obstacles that many face on a daily basis. The generosity of many will go along way to help. Please be as generous as you can to the collection next weekend. The collection will be taken up at all Masses the weekend of December 13th / 14th at the Our Father of the Mass' (see also front page)

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

Monday December 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation  
Masses Times

St. Mary & St. John	8.30am 10.00am & 8pm
Christ our Light	12.30pm & 6.30pm.

**Carol Service**

Church of St Mary & St John  
Sunday 14th December, 2014 at 7.00pm

**Mass Diaries**

Mass Diaries to book Mass intentions for January, February & March 2015 will open in both churches on Saturday December 13th at 9.00am.

Priority will be given to those booking 1st Anniversary Mass.

**Christmas Penitential Service**

Church of Christ our Light Monday December 22nd at 8 pm.

**Advent Retreat**

Sincere thanks to all who took part in the retreat this week. Thanks to parish council members and others who planned and organised the retreat. Special thanks to Fr Derek for his inspiring words and scripture selections

**Tax Rebate.**

Parishioners in Ballincollig are very generous with their contributions to charities and various collections. Last weekend 282 parishioners contributed €5 to the offertory collection, others contributed even more. The parish of Ballincollig is registered as a charity and the government gives a tax rebate to charities. This means that the parish finances could be further increased on an annual basis by up to €20,000.00. What is needed is that parishioners register the number of their green box used for offertory collection with the parish office to enable all this money to be claimed from the Dept. of Finance. Please contact parish secretary( Catherine ) as soon as possible and help recover this purse of money. This applies to both P A Y E and self employed. Looking forward to your support.

**Fr. George**

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Dec-13 & Dec-14-2014

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**  
Adrian Cotter  
Alan Murphy  
**8:30 am**  
Eadaoin O'Leary  
Gerard O'Leary  
**10:00 am**  
Rory Horgan  
Kate Greene  
**12:00 Noon**  
Declan Chalmers  
Sean Manley

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**  
Rebecca Feely  
Josh Nyagaya  
**11:00 am**  
Sorcha Nic Mheanmain  
Maire Buckley  
**12:30 pm**  
Aisling Dore  
Clara Herdman  
**5:30 pm**  
Marlyn O'Connor

**MASS TIMES**

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon	<b>Sunday</b>	11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm
8:30 am, 10 am & 8 pm	<b>Monday</b>	12:30 pm & 6:30 pm
9:30 am	<b>Tuesday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Thursday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Friday</b>	8:30 am
10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)	<b>Saturday</b>	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	<b>Saturday</b>	4:30 pm First Saturday of Month
12:45 pm	<b>Sunday</b>	

**PARISH CLERGY**

Priest on Duty	087-2479140
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Fr. Dave O'Connell C.C.	021-4876171 or frdaveoconnell@gmail.com
Fr. James McSweeney	021-4873308

**Funeral Pastoral Team Rota**

Week 15th Dec to 21st Dec

Laurence Cunningham

Virginia Harrington

**Social / Coffee Mornings**

Continue every Friday morning in parish house "Sonas" on Station Road at 10 am.

Everyone welcome as it is an ideal opportunity to get and know people from our community.



**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Dec-13 & Dec-14-2014

**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  
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

**Reflection for Parents**

Like John the Baptist, we are the heralds of the Good News to our children. Also like John, we may stand out as "different" when we try to do this. Our children may point out to us that other parents don't go to church, or they allow their children to wander the community, or have parties where under-age drinking is permitted. They look at us as though we're dressed in camel hair and eating locusts when we hold steadfastly to our values. But we know from parents who have already raised their children, our children will come to recognise the value and sincerity of our message and example.

**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.

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.**