

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



**St. Mary & St. John**  
Station Road

**Sunday 01-December-2019**

**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

## ***Society of St. Vincent de Paul Annual Christmas Appeal***

The St John's Conference of St Vincent de Paul is a family visitation conference that works in the Ballincollig and Ballinora areas. We rely on your support throughout the year and especially at Christmas to help the families in need in this parish. On the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, 7th and 8th December, with the kind permission and encouragement of the priests of the parish, we are holding our Annual Christmas Collection at all Masses and hope you will show your usual generosity so we can continue to help these families.

There are 14 members in our conference and each week we visit many families requiring assistance in this parish. These families live from week to week struggling to make ends meet. We see 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. Even in an improving economy, it can still take just one small problem to tip someone into crisis or poverty. It can be unexpected illness or an unexpected bill. But we know that a little help at the right time can stop a domino effect leading to a family experiencing prolonged hardship. However, we can't say yes to the people in this community who must ask SVP for help without you. By supporting our Annual Appeal, you can help a family through this winter. Your help can help get them back on their feet. Your help can give them a brighter future.

Thank you for your generous support throughout the past year. Your loyalty to the local St Vincent de Paul 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. If anyone requires a Christmas hamper, please contact us on 087-6651707 on or before 9th December 2019.

Renewed thanks for your generosity and support.

*Society of St Vincent de Paul*

### **Ballincollig Parish—Advent Retreat 2019**

Church of St. Mary & St. John

Monday 2nd December

Tuesday 3rd December

Wednesday 4th December

Morning: Mass @ 7.00am

Evening: Prayers; Homily; Liturgy @ 8.00pm

Theme: Image of God; Advent; Laudate Si

All welcome Conducted by: The Redemptorists

### **Get Well Wishes**

Clara Ebili has retired as sacristan in Christ our Light for health reasons. We thank her for her commitment and care while she served as sacristan. I wish her a speedy and full recovery to health. Meanwhile let us keep her in our prayers and thoughts.

*Fr. George*

### **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"



### **The Advent Wreath**

The circle of evergreen leaves stands for God Who is without beginning and without end. The purple ribbon and three purple candles stand for penance and sorrow for sin. The red candle stands for joy of living in God's way of love. Today the first purple candle is lit as we begin our preparation for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ

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

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Edwin McCarthy, Rochestown.  
 Geraldine Daly, Galway.  
 Dan Clancy, Westgate.  
 Con O'Connell, Killnaglory.  
 Margaret O'Donovan, Clonakility

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

Iza Murphy, Maglin Crescent.  
 Dan & Eva Spillane, Westcourt Heights.  
 Mary Dineen, Shandon View.  
 Pauline O'Callaghan, West Village.  
 Tommy Daly, Leemount.  
 Eileen Finn, Mitchelstown.  
 Timmy O'Reilly, Watergrasshill.  
 Frank Herlihy.  
 Frank Kehily, Newcestown.  
 John C Buttimer, Ahakeera.  
 Marie Holmes, Hodders Villas.  
 Denis Mannix, Doneraile.  
 John Cahill, Church Organist.  
 Con (Dooley) O'Mahony, O'Donovan Crescent.  
 William Devereux, Clogheen, Tipperary.  
 Patricia O'Donovan, Raheen.  
 Stephen Spitere, Glasheen.  
 Daniel Coomey, Carriganarra.  
 John, Claire & Liam Horgan, Gurranabraher.  
 Gus, Mary & Vincent O'Connell Ballinora.  
 Gertrude Treacy, Dunmanway.

**Ballincollig Scout Group**

The Annual bazaar takes place today Sunday 1st Dec.  
 2pm to 6pm in Community Hall

**Mozart's Requiem and Holst's Hymn of Jesus.**

Will take place on today Sunday December 1st at 8:00pm  
 in St Augustine's Church, Washington Street, Cork City.

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 FUNERAL DIRECTORS**

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

First Sunday 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-2019**

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

**Funeral Pastoral Team Rota**

02-Dec-2019 to 08-Dec-2019  
 Laurence Cunningham  
 Virginia Harrington

**ADVENT RETREAT DAY**

'Hope' for Advent with Fr Mike Burgess OFM Cap in the Sisters of Bon Secours Convent, College Road on Sat 14th December 10am-5pm. Donation Only. Booking Essential.  
 Email eavopost@gmail.com or call 0872209994.

**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.

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

**Priest**

With hearts open to the God who comes, the God whom we prepare to welcome anew, let us make our prayers.

**Reader**

May God bless the Church during this time of Advent; May her words point clearly to Christ the Saviour.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who seek salvation in human goodness; that they may be drawn to Christ, who alone can save.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

As we enter the season of Advent, we ask the Lord to renew the faith of those who have fallen away; May they meet Christ anew.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We ask God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to bless those we meet each day. May he bind up what is broken.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For all who have died, that by God's grace they may share in the companionship of the saints.

**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**

Father, we implore your blessing on our Advent preparations, as we make these and all our prayers. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**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.

**Spanish Mass**

A Spanish mass for Catholics is celebrated on the third Sunday of every month in St. Martin's Chapel, Saint Mary's church, Popes Quay, Cork at 3p.m. The next mass is on Sunday 17th November. All welcome.

**Bulletin Board**

**First Friday**

Friday 6th December 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 or housebound.

**Carol Service**

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

**Penitential Service**

Monday 16th December  
Church of Christ Our Light at 8pm

**Coeliac Hosts**

Low gluten hosts are available that are suitable for Coeliac. Please inform the priest prior to Mass if possible if you require it.

**Autumn Dues**

The priests of the Parish would like to thank you for returning the Autumn Dues Envelopes. Your continued support is much appreciated.

**Fr. George & Fr. Cian**

**Charitable Donation Scheme**

The Charitable Donation Scheme allows tax relief on qualifying donations made to eligible charities and approved bodies.

If an individual makes a donation of over €250 in the year, the charity or approved body can claim a refund of tax paid on that donation by the donor.

If a company makes a donation of over €250 in the year, the company can claim a tax deduction as if the donation was a trading expense.

There is a four year time limit for making a claim under this scheme.

For those wishing to participate please download the CHY4 form from [www.revenue.ie](http://www.revenue.ie), complete and return it to the Parish Office.

**Cork Cancer Care Centre**

'Merry & Bright' a charity Christmas Gala Floral Demonstration with Geraldine McCarthy & Siobhan McInerney, AOIFA Demonstrators and Teachers. This is a charity night in aid of Cork Cancer Care Centre (Charity Number - 20100889) and takes place on Tuesday 3rd December 2019 at 8.00pm in Devere Hall, Student Centre, Donovan's Road, University College Cork. Tickets for the event are €15 and tea, coffee and light refreshments will be served. A great night is assured.

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Dec-07 & Dec-08-2019

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**  
 Niamh O'Riordan  
 David O'Connell  
**8:30 am**  
 Riain Brennan  
 Miriam Healy  
**10:00 am**  
 Erin Holmes  
 Saoirse McGuinness  
**12:00 Noon**  
 Declan Chalmers

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**  
 Pauline Collins  
 Dylan Ebili  
**11:00 am**  
 Kristian Calvert  
 Amy Ni Chearbhaill  
**12:30 pm**  
 Colm Walsh  
 Ponny Sebastian  
**5:30 pm**  
 Christine O'Brien

**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
7:00 am & 9:30 am	<b>Monday</b>	8:30 am
7:00 am & 9:30 am	<b>Tuesday</b>	8:30 am
7:00 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	<b>Saturday</b>	4:30 pm
Except First Saturday of Month		First Saturday of Month
12:45 pm	<b>Sunday</b>	

**PARISH CLERGY**

Priest on Duty	087-2479140
Fr. George O'Mahony P.P.	021-4871206
Fr. Cian O'Sullivan C.C.	021-4876171

***The Season of Advent***

Advent marks the start of a season of preparation that looks forward to the celebration of Christmas and the second coming of Christ. It is a time of reflection in preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ—we remember how our Savior humbled Himself to be born as a baby and live among those He would save. We remember the perfect life He lived doing the will of His Father, His sacrificial death on the cross, and how He was raised from the dead three days later, having paid the penalty in order to save all who would believe. Christians remember Jesus' promise to return again one day and restore everything fully. This season invokes feelings of expectation and hope!

The word Advent comes from the Latin adventus, meaning "arrival" or "coming" from the word advenire (ad- "to" venire "come"). Advent is a reminder of how the Jewish people waited for the Messiah and how Christians and Messianic Jews wait for the second coming of Christ, today.

Light is an important symbol of Advent. From ancient times it has represented the promise of hope to a people who wait for salvation. In the darkness of winter, we wait for the light of the SON to rise, to be born again within our hearts, within our lives. As we light the first candle we might say this prayer;

"Come, O long expected Jesus,  
 Born to set your people free!  
 From our fears and sins release us,  
 You in whom our rest shall be."

***Light up a Life Ceremony***

Marymount University Hospital and Hospice is holding its annual Light Up a Life Ceremony on its hospital grounds in Curraheen, on Sunday 1st December from 3pm to 6pm. Special guest this year is Donncha O'Callaghan who will officially light the lights at Marymount campus. The events on the day will be MC-ed by our very own Bibi Baskin with a Christmas market on site and four fantastic choirs - The Light Up a Life Ceremony is a special occasion for the hospital and hospice for people to gather together to watch the Christmas lights being switched on as well as enjoy entertainment from the Army Band of the 1st Brigade, Sonatins Glanmire Choir, Cork City Male Voice Choir and Frankfield Gospel Choir.



**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Dec-07 & Dec-08-2019

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

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

**7:30 pm** Anne O'Regan  
 Mairead Murphy  
 Finbarr Murray  
 Lettie Kelly

**8:30 am** Helen Kelly  
 Michael Crowley  
 Eileen Corkery

**11:00 am** Seamus O'Connell  
 Mary O'Connell  
 Alan O'Riordan  
 Geraldine Keohane  
 Gerard Murray / Ciaran Kellehr

**10:00 am** Fionnuala McDonagh  
 Mary Buckley  
 Fiona Kelly  
 Martin O'Leary  
 Andrej Janukowicz

**12:30 pm** Lucy O'Callaghan  
 Jackie Sheehan  
 Michael O'Leary  
 J.P.O'Leary  
 Ewelina Kudzynska

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

**5:30 pm** Margaret Kelly  
 Noelle Buckley  
 Mary Breen