

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 22-December-2019



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Fourth Sunday of Advent

The angels announced the good news of a Saviour. God sent his only Son to earth to save us, because he loves us! "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Let us Rejoice in the Lord

To fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel a name which means "God is with us". When Joseph woke up he did as the angel of the Lord had told him to do; He took his wife to his home".

Isaiah Chapter 11. 1 - 15 speaks about a new order of relationships in our world. We might ask ourselves what it would be like if our social relationships came close to that vision of the kingdom. The answer is hidden away in Paul's letter to the Romans "Welcome one another therefore as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. Advent is not so much about welcoming Christ and being a gracious host. It is more about Christ welcoming us; it is more about learning how to enter his space and being transformed by the presence of vulnerability.

Sometimes vulnerability attracts us as with babies or kittens or pictures of the nativity where the kings are stooping low and the shepherds doff their caps as they creep to the glow of the manger. Help us to enter the nativity scene along with the other guests gathered around Christ the host so that we may be transformed into humbler gentler creatures. "Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."

We wish you all a very happy, peaceful and Holy Christmas.

Fr. George O'Mahony & Fr. Cian O'Sullivan

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

In Jesus, God is truly with us. Gathered in his presence, we confidently raise our hearts in prayer.

Reader

As we come close to the season of Christmas, let us pray for the Church throughout the world, that this may be for her a season of God's favour and a time of renewal.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

May the Lord bless our various preparations for the celebration of Christmas. May we keep Christ at the centre.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the poor of this world, the victims of war. May our solidarity with them impact on how we celebrate Christmas.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who are in mourning, and who will be aware of an empty chair at the table this Christmas.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Christ came that we might have life, life in all its fullness. May those who have died and come to share in eternal life.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who travel during the coming days, that they may travel safely.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest

May our lives as well as our words give you glory, almighty Father, as we make these and all our prayers. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Best Wishes for a Happy and Peaceful Christmas

The priests of the parish join in sending their Christmas greetings to all members of the parish and to all readers of the Ballincollig Parishioner. We thank you all for your help and co-operation during the past year.

You will be remembered in our Christmas Masses.

George O'Mahony & Cian O'Sullivan

Let the Lord enter! He is the King of glory.

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Michael McGrath, Island Way.
 Rose Murray, Inniscarra.
 Breda McGrath, The Lough.
 Josephine Corkery, Daffodil Fields/Poulavone.

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

Tom, Margaret & Julie Enright, Nadd.
 Barry Kelly, The Crescent.
 Dec. Mem's of John A. Wood Workforce.
 Alexander Feehely, Oaklee.
 Mary O'Mahony, Castlepark.
 Daniel & Mary O'Leary, AGLISH, Farran.
 Dec. Mem's of the O'Mahony Family, Clash.
 William & Annie Cotter, Fr. Sexton Park.
 Mathew, Bridie & Con O'Leary, Macroom.
 Jim & Nora Ryan, Carrigtwohill
 Patrick O'Shea, Scotch Farm, Carrigrohane.
 Billy Casey, Macroom.
 Christy Lucey, Beech Park.
 Donal Desmond, Ballyburden.
 Con (Dooley) O'Mahony, O'Donovan Crescent.
 Jerry O'Mahony, O'Donovan Crescent.
 Anthony McCarthy, Castlepark.
 Sheila & William O'Dwyer, Kilmichael.
 Gillian Drinan, Church View.
 Denis & Ellen Hurley, Coolgarten Park.
 Eric Philpott, Beech Park.
 Andrew Breen, Rosewood.
 John, Lena & Patrick Gaffney, Carrigrohane.
 Dec. Mem's of the Gaffney & Radley Families, Ballincollig.
 Dec. Mem's of the Twohig Family, Farranree.
 William & May Murphy, Blarney.
 Rita, William & Patrick Kinsella, Blarney.
 William & Margaret O'Connor, Carrigrohane.
 Paul O'Connor, Carrigrohane.
 Mary Ryan, England.
 Ann O'Driscoll, Grattan Street.
 Nellie Murphy, Station Road
 Jim Prendiville, Castlepark.
 Edmund & Joan Murphy, Powdermills.
 Phyllis O'Sullivan, Tower.
 Neilus O'Connor.
 Pdraig Martyn.
 Dec. Mem. of the O'Neill Family Raheen, Carrigrohane.
 Phil & Oliver Doyle, Greenwood Est., Togher.
 Orla Murphy O'Mahony, Greenfields.
 Seán & Mae O'Mahony.
 William Treacy, Castleknock
 David McCarthy, Rosewood.
 Dec. Mem's of the Flanagan Family, Castlepark.
 Peter O'Sullivan, Rosewood.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Fourth Week Of Advent

22 Sunday Is. 7:10-14. Ps. 23. Rom. 1:1-7. Mt. 1:18-24. Lect I:68
 23 Monday Mal. 3:1-4,23-24. Ps 24. Lk 1 :57-66. Lect I: 90
 24 Tuesday 2 Sam. 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16. Ps. 88. Lk. 1:67-79. Lect I: 92
 25 Wednesday Midnight Mass Is. 9: 1-6. Ps. 95. Tit. 2:11-14. Lk. 2: 1-14. Lect I: 104
 26 Thursday Acts. 6:8-10,7:54-59. Ps. 30. Mt. 10:17-22. Lect I: 125
 Mass during the Day Is. 52:7-10. Ps. 97. Heb. 1:1-6. In. 1:1-18. Lect I: 109
 27 Friday 1 Jn 1 :1-4. Ps 96. Jn 20:2-8. Lect 1: 127
 28 Saturday 1 Jn. 1 :5-2:2. Ps. 123. Mt. 2: 13-18. Lect I: 129

Next Sunday's Readings 29-December-2019

Is. 7:10-14. Ps. 23. Rom. 1:1-7. Mt. 1:18-24. Lect I:68



Fourth Sunday of Advent

We are about to take our final step in Preparation for our Christmas meeting with Christ.

In the Gospel we hear the words spoken to Mary: "Do not be afraid".

Let us place our trust in God, who is very near us. With open hearts may we embrace the grace of our Saviour.

The 12 Days of Christmas

Religious symbolism of The Twelve Days of Christmas

1. True Love refers to God
2. Turtle Doves refers to the Old and New Testaments
3. French Hens refers to Faith, Hope and Charity, the Theological Virtues
4. Calling Birds refers to the Four Gospels and/or the Four Evangelists
5. Golden Rings refers to the first Five Books of the Old Testament, the "Pentateuch", which gives the history of man's fall from grace.
6. Geese A-laying refers to the six days of creation
7. Swans A-swimming refers to the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, the seven sacraments
8. Maids A-milking refers to the eight beatitudes
9. Ladies Dancing refers to the nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit
10. Lords A-leaping refers to the ten commandments
11. Pipers Piping refers to the eleven faithful apostles
12. Drummers Drumming refers to the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostle's Creed

BAPTISMS

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

Leon James O'Flynn, Castlepark.
 Tyler Ogagaoghene Denedo, Classes Lake.
 Dwayne Efemini Denedo, Classes Lake.

Reflection

I pray Lord, for the needy of our world: come among us as one, who will help, and call us all to help the hungry and sick, the uneducated and homeless, those who are victims of violence and war, the lonely and depressed. May your coming this Christmas be for them a time of peace and love; may we bring to them, in what way we can the joy of your coming.

Parish Office, The Presbytery, Ballincollig is open Mon - Wed from 9 am - 1 pm & 2 pm - 3 pm. Sat 10:30 am - 12 Noon. Phone No. (021) 4871206, Office Secretary Miriam Horgan.

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14
The first reading contains Isaiah's prophecy of the events we celebrate at Christmas.

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7
Paul's message is another reminder of what we are preparing to celebrate.

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24
Matthew recounts the circumstances of Jesus' birth by telling us the story of Mary's engagement to Joseph and the child she carried originating from the Holy Spirit. This reality made no sense to Joseph, but he did not want to dishonour Mary so he planned to quietly divorce her. An angel came and told Joseph not to be afraid, that Mary's child was conceived by the Holy Spirit and that they should call him Emmanuel meaning, "God is with us."

Saint Vincent De Paul

Sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously to our recent collection, a sum of €14,681 was realised. This generosity will make big difference to the many struggling families in Ballincollig & Balinora.

Bulletin Board

Christmas Collection

According to the Diocesan custom, the collection at Christmas Vigil / Day Masses is one of two occasions during the year when the offertory collection goes to the priests of the Parish.

Offertory Collection Boxes 2020

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. The Offertory Collection is solely for the upkeep, maintenance, insurance, lighting, heating and related expenses of both churches.

Parishioners who gave their name and offertory box number for Tax Rebate to the Church will have their boxes delivered to them. Thanks for your generosity and we look forward to your support for the coming year.

Mass Diaries

Mass Diaries to book Mass intentions for January, February and March are now open in both churches. Priority will be given to those booking 1st Anniversary Mass.

Fr. George

Ballincollig Parish Christmas Programme

Sacrament of Reconciliation for Christmas

Monday 23 rd December	11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.	St Mary & St John	Confessions
Tuesday 24 th December Christmas Eve	11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.	St Mary & St John	
	12.00 noon - 1.00 p.m.	Christ Our Light	

May the Child Jesus rest at the inn of your heart this Christmas



Mass Times



 Church of St Mary & St John	Tuesday 24 th December Christmas Eve	6.00 p.m.	Vigil Mass
		10.00 p.m.	Christmas Mass
	Wednesday 25 th December Christmas Day	Mass of Christmas Day	8.30 a.m.
10.00 a.m.			
12.00 noon			
 Church of Christ Our Light	Tuesday 24 th December Christmas Eve	6.00 p.m.	Children's Mass
		8.00 p.m.	Vigil Mass
		12.00 Midnight	Midnight Mass
	Wednesday 25 th December Christmas Day	Mass of Christmas Day	11.00 a.m.
12.30 p.m.			
No 5:30 p.m. Mass on Christmas Day			

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Dec-28 & Dec-29-2019

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Chloe O'Neill
Ailish O'Reilly»
8:30 am
John Healy
Kerry O'Leary
10:00 am
Grace Buttimer
Orla Horgan
12:00 Noon
Orla Horgan
Shane Tully

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Nonye Ebili
Yago Greaux
11:00 am
Joseph Buckley
Rory Doherty
12:30 pm
Michelle McCarthy

5:30 pm
Christine O'Brien

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, 6 pm & 10 pm	Tuesday	8:30 am, 6 pm, 8 pm & Midnight	
8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon	Wednesday	11 am, 12:30 pm	
9:30 am	Thursday	No Mass	
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

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

Christmas Mass Schedule

Bank Holiday Thursday

26th December (St. Stephen's Day)

Mass at 9.30am in the Church of St. Mary & St. John.

Friday 27th December

Mass at 9.30am in the Church of St. Mary & St. John.

Mass at 8.30am in Christ our Light Church.

Monday 30th December

Mass at 9.30am in the Church of St. Mary & St. John.

Mass at 8.30am in Christ our Light Church.

Wednesday 1st January 2020 Bank Holiday

Mass at 9.30am in the Church of St. Mary & St. John.

Saturday, 4th January

St. Mary & St. John	Masses
Christ our Light	Vigil Mass at 6.00pm Vigil Mass at 7.30pm

Sunday, 5th January

St. Mary & St. John	Masses
Christ our Light	8.30am, 10.00am & 12 Noon 11.00am, 12.30pm & 5.30pm

Feast of the Epiphany Monday 6th January Masses

St Mary & St John	8.30am, 10.00am & 8.00pm
Christ Our Light	12.30pm & 6.30pm

Funeral Pastoral Team Rota
23-Dec-2019 to 29-Dec-2019
Joan Barrett & Margot Twomey



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Dec-28 & Dec-29-2019

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Pat Moore
Marie Healy
Margaret Kearney
Nora Barry
Joan Tobin

8:00 pm John O'Donoghue
Mary Dineen
Mairead Keenan
Kay O'Sullivan

8:30 am Triona Collins
Tom Butler

11:00 am Mary Aylward
Pauline Baston
Diarmuid Horgan
Sylvia Manley

10:00 am Mags Bunyan
Mary Murphy
Breda Monaghan
Mary Hennigan

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

12 Noon Marie Bohan
Breda Lenihan
Jacinta Jeffers
Rena O'Connor
Sean Farrell
John O'Donoghue

5:30 pm Shelia Curran
Elizabeth O'Sullivan

Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year

from The Parishioner Editorial Team
Con, Tom & Diarmuid
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To all our Readers & Parishioners

Happy Christmas, Nollaig Shona Dhuit, Feliz Navidad, Boas Festas, Sretan Bozic, Ruumsaid juulup|hi, Hyvaa joulua, Joyeux Noel, Buone Feste Natalizie, Priecigus Ziemas Svetkus, Linksmu Kaledu, Wesolych Swiat Bozego Narodzenia, Sarbatori vesele, Cestitamo Bozic.

May the Child Jesus and His Mother watch over you this Christmas and throughout the coming year? As once they came to the stable of Bethlehem, may they come to you and bring you all the desires of your heart.