

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 27-November-2022

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

The Season of 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.

We hope because of God's. As we hear on Sunday he promised to send a saviour and he sent his son. The son promised that the Spirit of God would make a home in our hearts enabling us to share friendship with God. This is the reason for our hope. Recognising his presence in others, responding to it in varied ways keeps hope alive. A person of hope lives forever.

Sunday's gospel encourages us to prepare a way for the Lord by keeping hope alive in our hearts today.

The Advent retreat begins on
Monday, 28th, Tuesday 29th & Wednesday 30th November
Mass 7.30pm with Evening Prayers, Liturgy & Homily
Church of St. Mary & St. John

All Welcome

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Collection

Will be undertaken at all Masses on week ending the 10th & 11th December 2022

Carrigrohane Union of Parishes Christmas Festival 2022

We are inviting groups, schools and businesses to join with us by decorating a tree, placing an advertisement in the programme – or by sponsoring the Festival. We are open: Friday, 9th Dec. 10.00am – 8pm, Saturday, 10th 10.00am – 3pm, Sunday, 11th 1-5pm. Tel.: 021-4877260.

Poor Clares' Vocations

"Come & See" Zoom Meeting for young women discerning a vocation will take place on Saturday, 3rd December at 3.00pm. To receive the link please contact us at vocationspoorclarescork@gmail.com

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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 :
Patrick O'Connell, Kilcorney.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS OR OTHERWISE REMEMBERED:
Iza Murphy, Maglin Crescent.
Michael & Julia Healy, Catherdal Road.
Tim Kelly, Coolroe Heights.
Sheila, Ted & Paul O'Mahony, Barrack Street.
Catherine O'Sullivan, Kilmichael.
Christine O'Callaghan, Innishmore.
Phil Coughlan, Tower Street.
Audrie Wiseman, Cranford Pines.
Tim Lyons, Inniscarra.
Michael Giltinan, Maglin View.
Con (Dooley) O'Mahony, The Crescent.
Michael Twohig, Inniscarra View.
Marie Holmes, Hodder's Villas.
Agnes & Michael Jones, Bishopstown.
Stephen & Mary Murray, Pinecroft.

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.

Cork and Ross

Website, Facebook & Instagram Pages

The website has recently been rebuilt. This is the email address: <https://corkandross.org> Alongside the website, we have a busy Facebook page for the diocese at <https://www.facebook.com/CorkandRossDiocese>
We now also have an Instagram page at https://www.instagram.com/diocese_cork_and_ross

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

First Week Of Advent

27 Sunday Is. 2:1-5. Ps. 121. Rom. 13:11-14. Mt. 24:37-44. Lect I: 3

28 Monday Is. 4:2-6. Ps. 121. Mt. 8:5-11. Lect I:11

29 Tuesday Is 11:1-10. Ps. 71. Lk. 10:21-24. Lect I: 13

30 Wednesday Rom. 10:9-18. Ps. 18. Mt. 4:1 8-22. Lect II:1279

01 Thursday Is. 26:1-6. Ps. 117. Mt. 7:21 .24-27. Lect I:18

02 Friday Is. 29:17-24. Ps. 26. Mt. 9:27-31. Lect I:20

03 Saturday Is. 30:19-21, 23-26. Ps. 146. Mt. 9:35-10:1,6-8. Lect I:22

Mass Times for week ahead

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 & 7:30 pm (Retreat Mass)	Monday	8:30 am
7 am, 9:30 am & 7:30 pm (Retreat Mass)	Tuesday	8:30 am
7 am, 9:30 am & 7:30 pm (Retreat Mass)	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)

Bulletin Board

Marriage Support Envelope Collection

The annual Marriage Support collection which was be taken up at all Masses last weekend amounted to €700. We appreciate your continued generosity

Autumn Dues

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

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.

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.