

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 04-December-2022

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

## *Society of Saint Vincent de Paul.*

St. John's Conference, Ballincollig and Ballinora.

This year, more than any other year, we need your help at Christmas. Calls for assistance, from families in the Ballincollig and Ballinora areas, are up considerably since last year and we anticipate that these calls, for our assistance, will continue to increase. This, as you will understand, places huge seasonal demands on our resources.

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, 10th and 11th of December 2022.

We in the Vincent de Paul Society in Ballincollig and Ballinora, are a family visitation conference. We witness poverty and its effects on families; we are constantly faced with families who live from week to week struggling to make ends meet. We see the 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.

The Society in the Ballincollig and Ballinora areas, is currently providing assistance to over 250 families; this is up considerably since last year. We have funded local activities such as health care, home assistance, education, summer breaks etc. and where there is someone in need we are always there to assist in every way possible. We greatly depend on your generosity to fund our work and you have not failed us. The goodness and kindness of the Parishioners of Ballincollig and Ballinora 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 Conference on 087-6651707.

Thank you again for your generosity and support.

The collection will be undertaken following Holy Communion at all Masses Sunday, 10th and 11th of December 2022.

Our thanks to Fr's Alan O'Leary, Kamil Bachara & Ronan Sheehan for their assistance towards this collection.

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## **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.

### **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”



### **The Advent Wreath**

The second purple candle represents faith and is called “Bethlehem’s Candle.” Micah had foretold that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem, which is also the birthplace of King David.

***In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.***

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

- Mary Anne Sheehan, Kilcorney.
- Christina O'Callaghan, Innishmore.
- Patrick & Mary Dineen, Shandon View.
- Jack & Annie Curran, Killbrittan.
- Martin De Nogla, Wyndham Downs.
- John O'Mahony, Leevew, Carrigrohane.
- James O'Donovan, Enniskeane.
- Eileen O'Leary, Oaklands.
- Billy Power, Glendower.
- Dec. Mem's of the Kiely Family.
- Agnes Kavanagh, Fr. Sexton Park.
- Christine & Kevin Roderick, Westgate.
- Patricia O'Donovan, Raheen.
- Dec. Mem's of the O'Donovan family, Raheen.
- Dec. Mem's of the Ring family, Blarney Road.
- Eva McCarthy, Raheen.
- Sheila Collins.
- Dec. Mem's of the Downey family, The Lough.
- Pat & Mary Horgan, Upton.
- Denis & Ellen Hallahan, Ballingulley.
- Sonny & Kathleen Murray, Carrigrohane Road.
- Eddie & Andrew Delmer, Kildare.
- Timothy O'Connell, Ballingulley,
- Mary Lehane, Muskerry Est./Ovens,
- John Harrington, Bishopstown/Beara.
- Jerry O'Sullivan.
- Paddy & Nora Barry, Redemption Road.
- Pat Barry, Mayfield.
- Jim Cotter, Ballingearry.
- John Herlihy, Inchigeelagh.

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.

**Ballincollig Alzheimer Café**

Are having Christmas Music and Carol singing on Thursday, 15th December from 4.00pm – 6.00pm in The Chapel Gate Café. Contact: Karen Fitzpatrick 087 348 7511 or ballincolligalzheimercafe@alzheimer.ie

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Second Week Of Advent

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

05 Monday Is. 35:1-10. Ps. 84. Lk. 5:17-26. Lect I:33

06 Tuesday Is. 40:1-11. Ps. 95. Mt. 18:12-14. Lect I:35

07 Wednesday Is 40:25-31. Ps. 102. Mt. 11 :28-30. Lect I: 38

08 Thursday 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 Friday Is. 48:17-19. Ps. 1. Mt. 11:16-19. Lect I:42

10 Saturday Sir. 48:1-4,9-11. Ps. 79. Mt. 17:10-13. Lect I:44

**Mass Times for week ahead**

St. Mary & St. John		Christ Our Light
8:30 am & 10 am	Sunday	11 am & 12:30 pm
9:30 am	Monday	8:30 am
9:30 am	Tuesday	8:30 am
9:30 am	Wednesday	6:30 pm (Vigil)
10:00 am & 7:30 pm	Thursday	12:30 pm
9:30 am	Friday	8:30 am
6 pm (Vigil)	Saturday	7:30 pm (Vigil)

**Bulletin Board**

*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.

**The Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

Next Thursday the 8th December is a church holiday the feast of The Immaculate Conception. Masses on Thursday are 10.00am & 7.30pm in St. Mary & St. John's Church and in Christ our Light Church Vigil Mass Wednesday, 7th at 6.30pm and 12.30pm on Thursday.

**Cork Penny Dinners Fundraiser**

Hand knitted and crocheted Christmas tree decorations plus raffle for amazing hampers in Tesco Community Room, Ballincollig on Friday Dec. 16th from 11am to 2pm and Saturday 17th from 12 Noon to 4pm. All proceeds going to Cork Penny Dinners.

**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.