

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 10-December-2023

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

The Season of Advent

Already the Second Sunday of Advent is upon us and December, with its mixture of wind, rain, and frost, is passing by quickly. Last Friday was the beautiful Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. As well as being a religious holiday in honour of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, the 8th of December has traditionally been a day of shopping in anticipation of Christmas. These days, however, the saga of shopping seems to be spread out over several weeks. A daunting task, no doubt.

All the more important, then, were our few days of Advent Retreat last week. For me, they were like an inoculation to the tinselly roller-coaster that December can be. A time apart and away from the rush, whether an evening talk in the church or just some quiet time in our day, can make all the difference. Recently, while visiting some classrooms in Scoil Eoin and Scoil Mhuire, I spoke to the children about Advent and Christmas. After a few minutes of talk about Letters to Santa and the Late Late Toy Show, we settled down to pray about what we were hoping for this Christmas. The responses were striking: peace where there is conflict; health where there is illness; accommodation where there is homelessness; kindness where there is friction; safety where people are travelling, etc. With an opportunity to pause, even 8-year-olds can see the things that matter most in the world.

A further opportunity for us to reflect on how things have been going for us will be the Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Monday 18th at 19:30 in the Church of Christ Our Light, Innishmore. 'Come to me, all you who labour and are over-burdened, and I will give you rest' (Matthew 11:28).

Wishing you every blessing for Advent.

Fr. Ronan Sheehan

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.

The St John's Conference of St Vincent de Paul

The SVP Annual Christmas Collection

Will be taken up at all Masses this weekend the 9th / 10th December. May we take this opportunity to thank our priests, sacristans, our church gate collectors, the indoor church collectors and all who help in various ways and to whom we are greatly indebted. We wish you all, Peace and Goodness for Christmas.

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

SVP Ballincollig

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.



Please note new Emergency/Priest on Duty in Parish Number is: 087 4021357

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

Visit Our Website: www.ballincolligparish.ie or Facebook www.facebook.com/BallincolligParish

† IN SYMPATHY †
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :

Professor Máire Mulcahy, Wilton Avenue.
Elizabeth Osbourne, Inniscarra View.

Martin Hennigan, Ballincollig/Bandon
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS:

Billy Power, Glendower Court.
Nuala Harte, Rosscarberry.
Máirtín de Nóglá, Wyndham Downs.
John Daly, Castlepark.
Sonny & Kathleen Murray, Straight Road.
Timothy O'Connell, Ballingulley.

Breda & Alec Feehely, Oakley.
Michael McGrath, Island Way.
Mona, Joe & Anne Thuillier, Kinsale.
Teddy O'Callaghan, Carrigrohane Road.

Kevin & Christine Roderick, Westgate.
Eva McCarthy, Raheen/Schull.

Teddy O'Leary, Maple Lawn.
Eileen O'Leary, Oaklands.

Teresa Healy, Upper Cloghroe.
Tom & Mary Drinan, Waterfall.

Peter Davies, Douglas.

Billy & Kit Foley, Ballygarvan.

Paddy & Nora Barry, Redemption Road.
Pat Barry, Mayfield.

Peg & Jim Cotter. Ballingearry.

Jack & Ann Curran, Kilbrittain.

Brendan Whelan, Elm Lawn.

Frank & Margaret Whelan, Prosperity Square.

William and Christine O'Sullivan.

Pat and Angela Spillane, Fairhill.

Tommy Daly, Leemount.

Paul Wall, Churchfield.

Sheila, Ted and Paul O'Mahony, Barrack Street.

Rose Murray, Inniscarra/Youghal.

Con Kerins, Castleknock.

Pat Dunne, Freemount, Charleville.

Tom and Nora Ryan, West Village.

Dave & Abbie Sheehan, Kilcorney.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Second Week Of Advent

10 Sunday Is 40:1-5, 9-11. Ps 84.2 Pet3:8-14. Mk 1:1-8. Lect I: 27

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

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

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

14 Thursday Gen 3:9-15, 20. Ps 97. Eph 1:3-6, 11-12. Lk 1:26-38. Lect I: 1009

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

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

17-December-2023 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 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	8:30 am
9:30 am	Thursday	8:30 am
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.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 3 p.m. until 4 p.m. In St. Mary & St. John's Church every Friday.

Meditation

Meditation continues every Tuesday in Ballincollig Community Hall after 9.30am Mass. Please feel free to join any Tuesday.

Autumn Dues

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

Altar Servers

There will be an initial meeting of new altar servers on Monday the 11th at 3 p.m. in the Church of Saint Mary and Saint John.

Notice

A hearing aid was found in the Church of St. Mary & St. John. Please contact the sacristy.

LECTIO DIVINA

Lectio Divina for Advent will be held Friday, December 1st, 8th and 15th in Sonas House at 3.00pm.

Totus Tuus Magazine

Totus Tuus Magazine is a Catholic magazine, full of articles from Irish priests and laity, which aims to highlight the beauty and joy of our faith. It is going into its 7th year and is run by donations. If you haven't come across Totus Tuus Magazine and would like a free copy please contact Fiona Kiely on 086 8760058.

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.