

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 01-December-2024

First Sunday Of Advent

God comes to those who wait for him. Our waiting needs to be prayerful if we are to be truly ready to receive him when he comes.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

St Vincent de Paul Annual Appeal, 2024

This year, more than any other year, we need your help at Christmas. Calls for assistance, from families in the Ballincollig area, are up considerably since last year and we anticipate that following another harsh Budget, there will be further calls for our help. 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 next Saturday and Sunday, 7th and 8th December 2024.

We in the Vincent de Paul Society in Ballincollig 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 area is currently providing assistance to many families.

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 Ballincollig parishioners 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.

St. John's Conference, Ballincollig

Trócaire Christmas Gifts of Change

Trócaire Christmas Gifts of Change bring real hope and opportunity to families and communities living with poverty and injustice across our world, and a chance to create lasting and positive change from Somalia to Guatemala, from Sudan to Palestine. There are gifts for everyone starting at 5 euro for the Gift of Soap. You can support the gifts by buying them online at trocaire.org/gifts; by phone 1800 408 408/021-4275622; by post or in person to Trócaire, 9, Cook Street, Cork. T12 F583.

The Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception is transferred to

Monday, 9th of December.

Mass Times:

St. Mary & St. John Church: Monday 9th December

10.00am

Christ Our Light Church: Monday 9th December 7.30pm

Sunday Masses on the 8th December are as normal.



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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"

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

To You, O Lord, I Lift Up My Soul.

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† IN SYMPATHY †
 PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :
 John (Jnr.) O'Sullivan, The Paddocks.
 Jim Curtin, Meelin.
 Michael O'Sullivan, Skibbereen/Caheragh.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS OR OTHERWISE REMEMBERED:
 Michael O'Connor, Carrigrohane.
 Neily O'Mahony, The Crescent.
 Billy & Sheila Green, Station Rd/Carriganarra.
 Dec. members of the Walsh family, Lee Rd.
 Olive O'Leary, Beech Road.
 Daniel Cooney, Carriganarra.
 Marie Holmes, Hodder's Villas.
 Seán Slowey, Carrigrohane.
 William Devereux, Clogheen, Co. Tipperary.
 John Harrington, Bishopstown/Castletownbere.
 Mary & Patrick Dineen, Shandon View.

THE SUNDAY READINGS
 First Reading: Jer. 33:14-16
 The time is ripe to mend our ways, to correct our faults, to be ready for the return of Jesus Christ. Jeremiah speaks to us today, urging us to repent and believe.
 Second Reading: Thes. 3:12-4:2
 In this reading, Paul congratulates the early Christians on their progress in serving God. The words we are about to hear are also written for us, that we too may grow in faith.
 Gospel: Luke 21:25-28. 34-36
 Exactly what will happen with the moon and stars and sun, is not known, but this Gospel makes clear that we will recognise some cosmic change when Jesus returns. The Gospel encourages us to not be afraid but to be ready. Specifically, Jesus told his listeners not to get caught up in the business of everyday living and all of its distractions. By the time Luke wrote for his community, it was clear that Jesus' return would not be immediate. The message Mark wanted people to understand, though, was one of hope - but also to remain in a state of readiness.

Celebrating Altar Servers

Altar servers are a really important ministry in each of our Parishes. Since Covid some Parishes have struggled to reengage Altar Servers. The Office for Mission and Ministry and the Coordinator for Youth Ministry are looking at ways of supporting Parishes to develop or introduce Altar Servers. A first step is to gather with all of our Altar Servers and those priests and adult volunteers who look after them to celebrate Altar Serving in a fun atmosphere and to look at how we can together develop this ministry. We are gathering on Sunday, December 8th from 2.30pm to 4.00pm in Ballincollig Parish Centre, Station Road, Ballincollig, Cork. P31 KV63.

Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi
 13th June 2025, 7 nights ex Cork. Spiritual Director Canon Martin Keohane. For further details, Karen Callaghan Barter's Travelnet 021 4851700 or kcallaghan@travelnet.ie.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

First Week Of Advent

- 01 Sunday Jer. 33: 14-16. PS. 24. 1 Thess. 3: 12-4:2. LK. 21 :25- 28,34-36. Lect I: 8
- 02 Monday Is 2:1-5. Ps 121. Mt 8:5-11. Lect I: 10
- 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 Gen 3:9-15, 20. Ps 97. Eph 1:3-6, 11-12. Lk 1:26-38. Lect I: 1009 or II: 1289

Next Sunday's Readings 08-December-2024

Bar. 5:1-9. Ps 125. Phil. 1 :3-6,8-11. Lk. 3:1-6. Lect I: 30

MASS TIMES

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 and suitable for Coeliac's. 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 pm to 4 pm in St. Mary & St. John's Church every Friday.

Meditation

Meditation continues in the Ballincollig Community Hall on Tuesday mornings after 9.30am Mass. New members welcome.

Offertory Collection Boxes

The Offertory Collection is solely for the upkeep, maintenance, insurance, lighting, heating and related expenses of both churches. Could the people who have a box number allocated to them, please collect them from Sonas, Station Road. Mon. – Wed. 9.30am – 12.30pm? Postcode: P31 V443.

First Friday

Friday 6th December is the first Friday of the month. There is Mass in St Mary & St. John's church on Friday evening at 7.30pm. 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

A carol service will be held in Christ our Light Church of on Sunday 15th December, at 7.00pm.

Advent Retreat

The Parish Advent Retreat will take place on Monday, 2nd Tuesday 3rd & Wednesday 4th December at 7.30pm in the Church of St. Mary & St. John. All Welcome.