

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 22-December-2024

Fourth Sunday of Advent

*God's anointed was born by the power of God's spirit. He is the Son of God, and fulfils God's promise of an everlasting kingdom for his people.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore



## Ballincollig Parish Christmas Ceremonies



 Church of St Mary & St John	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December <i>Christmas Eve</i>	6.00 p.m.	Vigil Mass
		10.00 p.m.	Christmas Mass
	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> December <i>Christmas Day</i>		8.30 a.m.
10.00 a.m.			
12.00 noon			
 Church of Christ Our Light	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December <i>Christmas Eve</i>	6.00 p.m.	Children's Mass
		8.00 p.m.	Vigil Mass
	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> December <i>Christmas Day</i>		11.00 a.m.
12.30 p.m.			

## Sacrament of Reconciliation for Christmas

Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	After 9:30 Morning Mass	St Mary & St John	Confessions
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December <i>Christmas Eve</i>	After 9:30 Morning Mass	St Mary & St John	Confessions

### 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 Advent Wreath

The fourth candle of Advent represents Love, the ultimate love of God that He might send His only Son for us. Called the "Angel's Candle," the fourth candle of Advent is lit the Sunday before Christmas, and it is the colour purple, leading us to eagerly await the new Kingdom of God on earth.

## 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.

### Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year

from The Parishioner Editorial Team, Con, Diarmuid & Miriam.

Next Publication Sunday 5th January 2025.

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

*God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.*

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† IN SYMPATHY †  
 PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :  
 Oliver Peter Delaney, Ballincollig/Laois.  
 James (Jim) Connolly, Ballincollig/Scotstown, Monaghan.  
 Esther O'Driscoll, Ballincollig/Kilavullen.  
 Fredrick Strahan, Dublin.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS OR OTHERWISE REMEMBERED:  
 Dec. mem's of John A Wood workforce.  
 Jose Kallidickal Thomas, India.  
 John Joe O'Connell, Maglin.  
 Michael Galvin, Model Farm Road.  
 O'Flynn Family, Fr Sexton Park.  
 Seamus O'Donovan, Maple Lawn/Clonakilty.  
 Sheila & Noel Linehan, Turners Cross.  
 Con & Kathleen O'Sullivan, Dunbar St.  
 Paddy & Rita O'Sullivan, Ballyvolane.  
 Kevin & Donal O'Regan.  
 Breda Ring, The Crescent.  
 Dec. mem. of the Ring & O'Regan families, Carriganarra.  
 Dec. mem. of the McCarthy & Delaney families.  
 Andrew Breen, Rosewood.  
 Dec. mem. of The Parish choir.  
 Jerry Buckley Dublin / Castlepark.  
 Joan & Harry O'Riordan, Carriganarra Est.  
 Billy Casey, Macroom.  
 Bernard Scully, Gould St.  
 Denis O'Flaherty, Coolroe Meadows.  
 Aidan Boyde, Coolroe.  
 Eric Philpott, Beech Park.  
 Gillian Drinan, Churchview.  
 Timothy & Maureen O'Connell, Ballingully & their grandson Noel Fergal O'Connell.  
 John Hegarty, Westcourt (Scoil Eoin).  
 Willie & Bridie Keohane, Inniscarra.  
 John Coakley, Castlehaven/London.  
 William Tracey, Castleknock.  
 Scriven Family, Kilnamatra.  
 Patrick O'Shea, Scotch Farm, Carrigrohane.  
 Teresa White, Spriggs Road.  
 Charles Lynch, Spriggs Road.

**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Mic 5:1-4  
 Jesus Christ is coming soon, as he once came to Bethlehem. His origin is ancient. His message is timeless. His truth is eternal. Jesus Christ is peace itself.

Second Reading: Heb 10:5-10  
 The coming of Christ brings about our sanctification. As Jesus came to do the will of God, we too have the same purpose in life. We offer our bodies as a spiritual sacrifice to God. In his will is our peace.

Gospel: Luke 1:39 - 44  
 Luke tells us much in this account of Mary's visit to Elizabeth. Mary went to Judah to visit her cousin, Elizabeth, who knew nothing of Mary's pregnancy before their encounter. Yet Elizabeth knew that there was something special about Mary and the baby she carried. This is made clear by her calling Mary the "mother of my Lord." The baby that Elizabeth carried leaped for joy at the sound of Mary's voice. This completes the prophecy of the angel that Elizabeth and Zechariah were expecting a baby and is symbolic of John's announcing Jesus' coming.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Fourth Week Of Advent

- 22 Sunday Mic. 5: 1-4. Ps 79. Heb. 10:5-10. Lk. 1 :39-45. Lect I: 73
- 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 Is. 52.710. Ps. 97. Heb. 1.1 6. Jn. 1.1 18. Lect I: 109
- 26 Thursday Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59. Ps 30. Mt 10:17-22. Lect I: 125
- 27 Friday 1 Jn 1:1-4. Ps 96. Jn 20:2-8. Lect I: 127
- 28 Saturday 1 Jn 1:5-2:2. Ps 123. Mt 2:13-18. Lect I: 129

Next Sunday's Readings 29-December-2024  
 Eccles. (Sir) 3:2-6, 12-14. Ps. 127. Col. 3:12-21. Mt. 2:13-15, 19-23. Lect I:114

MASS TIMES

St. Mary & St. John		Christ Our Light
8:30 am, 10 am	Sunday	11 am, 12:30 pm
9:30 am	Monday	No Mass
9:30 am	Tuesday	6 pm & 8 pm (Vigil)
8:30 am, 10 am & 12:00 Noon	Wednesday	11 am, 12:30 pm
9:30 am	Thursday	No Mass
9:30 am	Friday	No Mass
6:00 pm (Vigil)	Saturday	7:30 pm (Vigil)

**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.

**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**

The next Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be Friday, 3rd January in St. Mary & St. John's Church.

**Meditation**

Meditation will resume on Tuesday, 7th January after 9.30am Mass

**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.

**Christmas 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