

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 07-December-2025

Second Sunday of Advent



St. Mary & St. John

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

St. Vincent de Paul Annual Appeal

The local Vincent de Paul Society would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your generosity throughout the year. Without your help and support we would find it impossible to give help and assistance to those families who require our support. 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, 13th and 14th of December 2025.

As always, your generosity will be used to bring some light, happiness, hope and comfort into people's homes for Christmas. Unfortunately, a lot of sadness exists in homes that we visit. As some children say, "Mummy and Daddy are sad all the time, Mummy no longer looks happy, and Daddy doesn't play football anymore". With commitment, drive and your kindness it is our intention to tell such children that Santa is coming and will be visiting their homes.

We greatly depend on your continued generosity to fund our work, and you have not failed us. The goodness and kindness of the Ballincollig parishioners empower 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.

St. John's Conference, Ballincollig.

Breakthrough Cancer Research

Can you spare an hour or two to support Breakthrough Cancer Research? On Friday, 12th December, the charity will hold its annual Christmas Bag Packing Fundraiser in Dunnes Stores, Bandon Road, and they're looking for volunteers to help out between 3:30pm and 6:00pm. If you're available and would like to get involved, please contact Edel from Breakthrough Cancer Research at edel@breakcancer.ie or 021 4226655.

Have Your Say about your Catholic School

For Attention of Parents of children attending Primary Schools or have yet to start. The Department of Education is currently conducting a Primary School Survey that will determine the future provision of Primary Schools and crucially could lead to lasting changes in your school. In simple, direct terms, you are being asked if you want your school to stay a Catholic school or if you want that to change. Don't leave it to others, have your say before 16 December 2025.

Login to

<https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-education/campaigns/primary-school-survey/>

Stand 4 Féile Fundraiser

"Blarney Brass & Reed Band" will perform a concert of Christmas & other Favourite Music on Sunday 14th. December at 7pm at Scoil Mhuire Gan Smal, Blarney, Co. Cork. Fabulous spot prizes, weekends away, and many other spot prizes on the night! Tickets €15 at the door! Doors open at 6.30 pm! Enquiries to Mary O'Shea Wrenne at 086 8461118.



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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

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.

Parish Number for Priest on Duty is: 087 4021357

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

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

Noel Hegarty, Muskerry Estate.
Vincie Drumm, Rathdrum /Ballincollig.
Tom Griffin, Currabeg, Ovens.

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

Mary Anne Sheehan, Kilcorney.
Christine & Kevin Roderick, Westgate.
Sonny & Kathleen Murray, Carrigrohane Rd.
Donal O'Mahony, Ballyshoneen.
Timothy & Maureen O'Connell, Ballingully.
Olive O'Leary, Beech Rd.
Daniel Coomey, Carriganarra.
Agnes Kavanagh, Fr Sexton Park.
Mary Barrett, Inniscarra View.
Dec. Mem. of the Barrett family, Kilcrea.
Eddie & Andrew Delmer, Kildare.
Tom & Mary Drinan, Waterfall.
Eva McCarthy, Raheen.
Mairtin De Nogla, Wyndham Downs.
Paddy & Norah Barry, Redemption Rd.
Pat Barry, Mayfield.
Peg Cotter, Ballingeary.
Con Kerins, Castleknock.
Ed Burke, Bishopstown.
Marsie Curling, Muskerry Estate.
Willie & Bridie Keohane, Inniscarra.
Pat Spillane, Fairhill.
Rose Murray, Inniscarra & Youghal.
Agnes Theron (nee O'Donovan), France/Station Road.
Dave & Abbie Sheehan, Kilcorney.

Carol Service

A carol service will be held in the church of Christ our Light on Sunday 14th December, at 6.30pm.

Advent Lectio Divina

The Office for Mission and Ministry will be offering three online Lectio Divina sessions for Advent on Wednesday, December 3rd, 10th and 17th from 7.30pm to 8.30pm. These will be an opportunity to pause, pray with Scripture, and prepare for the coming of Christ. These online sessions are open to everyone. With limited places available, registration is essential. Contact us via <https://tinyurl.com/mission-ministry> or by ringing 021-7355517.

Special Evening of Eucharistic HEALING

with Fr. John Keane

Fr. John Keane will lead a special evening of healing at Saints Peter and Paul's Church on Thursday 11th December. The evening begins with the Rosary at 7pm. Mass will be at 7.30pm. After Mass, there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Fr. John Keane will give individual Eucharistic blessings. All are welcome.

Ballincollig Camogie Team

Wishing the Ballincollig Camogie team best wishes in the All Ireland Intermediate Final which will be played in Croke Park on Sunday Dec.14th at 2pm.

Cork Lions Club

Christmas Food Appeal online Charity Auction. Bidding opens at 8.00am on Friday, 28th Nov. Bidding closes midnight Friday, 12th Dec. To register go to: www.corklionsclub.ie for link to auction.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Second Week Of Advent

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

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

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

11 Thursday Is. 41:13-20. Ps. 144. Mt. 11:11-15. Lect I:40

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

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

Next Sunday's Readings 14-December-2025

Is. 35:1-6, 10. Ps. 145. Jm. 5:7-10. Mt. 11:2-11. Lect I: 46

MASS TIMES

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

There will be Adoration 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 morning after 9.30am Mass. New members welcome.

Autumn Dues

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

An Invitation to All Family of Parishes

Ovens & Farran, Ballincollig, Ballinora, Kilmurray, Cloughduv and Canovee in the Church of the Immaculate Conception Farran, on tomorrow Monday, 8th December from 7.30pm – 8.10pm. "Oh Come Let Us Adore Him". Help us Prepare for the Birth of Jesus with Songs of Praise.

The Feast of The Immaculate Conception

Monday, 8th of December. Mass Times are as follows:
St. Mary & St. John Church: Monday 8th December 10.00am & 6.00pm.

Christ Our Light Church: Monday 8th December 7.30pm

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 Ballincollig Parish Office, Ballincollig Parish Centre, Station Road Postcode: P31 KV63? Mon. – Wed. 9.30am – 12.30pm.