

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 04-December-2011

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

St. Vincent de Paul Annual Appeal, 2011

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 a harsh Budget, there will be further calls for our help. This, as you will understand, places huge seasonal demands on 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.

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 electric, heating, rent or mortgage, education, clothing etc.

The Society, in the Ballincollig area, is currently providing assistance to over 200 families; this is up considerably on last year. We have funded local activities such as healthcare, 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 021 4270444, or the local Conference on 0876651707.

Thank You, Ballincollig SVP

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"



PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us pray that we may so prepare a way for the Lord that the world may be flooded with the grace of his coming.

Reader

That those who minister to the flock of Christ may seek out the lost, bandage the wounded, and make the weak strong.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

That political leaders may strive to level the mountains of injustice and fill in the valleys of poverty, and so bring about a just society.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

That those in high positions may give opportunities to those below them to use their talents and gifts.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

That Christ may come with his truth to guide those who have lost their way in life.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

That the light of Christ may shine on those who live in the shadow of death.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

That we may create a time and a space for God in our lives.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

Priest

Almighty and ever-living God, your love surpasses all that we ask or deserve; open for us the treasures of your goodness, and grant us more even than we dare ask. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.

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

Visit Our Website: www.ballincolligparish.ie

BAPTISMS

WE WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY ALL THOSE WHO WERE BAPTISED RECENTLY :

Thomas Raymond Kelly, Granary Court, The Maltings.
Thomas John Quigley, Coopers Grange, Old Quarter.
Rebecca Siobhan Sheehan, Leslies Arch, Old Quarter

† IN SYMPATHY †

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :

Aoife Barry-Joyce, Leslies Arch, Old Quarter.
Martin Mulhern, Coolroe Heights.
Denis Duggan, Corbally, Waterfall.
Tom Doyle, Berrings.
Eugene Cremin, Inniscarra.
Dr. Helen Horgan, Essex.
Sandra McCarthy, Sweetbriar Grove, Inniscarra View.
Robert Tyrell, Oaklee.
Denis Woods, Ladysbridge.
Con Cronin, Model Farm Road & Powdermill Nursing Home.

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

Pauline O'Neill, Castleknock.
Robert, Sheila & Adriene Curling, Ivy Circle.
Con & Sheila Relihan, Macroom.
Christy Callanan, Muskerry Estate.
Martin De Nogra, Wyndham Downs.
Martin Cuddihy, Tipperary.
Joe & Mona Thullier, Kinsale.
John & Joan Coughlan, Kilnamartyra.
Mary Ann Sheehan, Kilcorney.
Pat Holly, Maple Lawn & Milstreet.
Seamus O'Donovan, Maple Lawn.
John O'Mahony, Leeview, Carrigrohane.
Deceased members Naughton family, Farranree.
Kathleen O'Connor, Oaklands.
Sean Cunningham, Wilton Gardens.
Patrick & Norah Barry, Redemption Road.
Pat Barry, Mayfield.
Jim Cotter, Ballingearry.
Dan Twomey, Clash Road.
Daniel Coomey, Carriganarra.
Mick Hennigan, Station Road.
Beatrice Shanahan, Fr. Sexton Park.
Stephen Spitere, Glasheen.
Hannah & Dan Dempsey, Leemount.
Kitty & Patrick Fitzgerald, Connolly Road.
Dec members of the Lucey & McCarthy families.
Finbarr O'Mahony, Melbourne Road.
Sean Aherne, Carrigrohane.
Eddie Dalmer, Kildare.
Dec members of the O'Connell Family, Ballingully.
Annie Curtin, Kilbrittain.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Second Week Of Advent

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

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

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

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

Next Sunday's Readings 11-December-2011

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

Muskerry Local History Society

Lecture Tuesday December 6th. A talk on the **Cork Dairy Schools**, by Prof. Pat Fox. The background and multifaceted story of the ups and downs of the Dairy School system in Cork. A story of flawed decision making by the old and new regimes in the 19th and early 20th century. The lecture will take place in the Ballincollig Rugby Club (Tanner Park) Clubhouse at 8.00 pm. Membership of the Society costs €10.00 per year. Admission €3.00 for non-members for the lecture. Everyone Most Welcome.

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.

Advent Early Morning Prayer

Begin your day and preparation for Christmas the best way possible with the
MORNING PRAYER of the CHURCH.
Taking place during Advent in St. Mark's Centre
(opposite Christ Our Light Church)
Mon. Fri. at 6 am.
Starting Monday 28th November. Everyone Welcome

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

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.

Ballincollig Parish - Gospel of Mark

Our occasional series of Biblical reflections continues with talks on St Mark's Gospel. The Year B Cycle of Sunday Mass Readings focusing on the Gospel of Mark began on the First Sunday of Advent. The talks are held in the St Mark Centre, opposite the Church of Christ Our Light in Innishmore and include presentation by Fr Billy O'Sullivan followed by tea and group discussion. The schedule of remaining meetings is as follows.

	Monday, 7.30 pm	Wednesday, 10.00 am
Talk 4	5 th December	7 th December
Talk 5	12 th December	14 th December

Pieta House

The Centre for the Prevention of Self-Harm or Suicide

T: 6010000 | A: Lucan Road, Lucan, Co. Dublin
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Pieta House opened its doors in Lucan in January 2006. It provides one-to-one counseling for people who have tried to take their life, those who are thinking about it, and those who self-harm, This solution focused approach takes the person in crisis, out of crisis.

Suicide: We work to move the suicidal person away from ideas of suicide as quickly as possible.

Self-Harm: Self-harm is seen as a way of expressing an incredibly strong pent-up emotion; it is an act of survival.

Our ground-breaking approach can involve daily therapy sessions if needed.

Our service is completely free of charge.

Troubled by someone else's drinking?

Try Al-anon. Local Meetings S V de P Centre Station Road
Thursdays 8.30 pm. Phone: 021 4311899.

Bulletin Board

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation, Thursday 8th December, 2011

Masses
Church of St Mary & St John
Thursday 8th December
8.30 am, 10.00 am & 8.00 pm

Church of Christ Our Light
Vigil Wednesday 7th December. 7.30 pm
Thursday 8th December 12.30 pm & 6.30 pm

Mass Book
Diaries to book Mass Intentions for January, February and March will open in both churches on Saturday 10th December at 9 am.

Eucharist Ministers
Ministers of the Eucharist provide a service to the faith community by helping to distribute the Body of Christ in a devout and reverent manner. Ministers do so voluntarily and share their faith and time with the wider faith community. We invite parishioners to volunteer as Ministers of the Eucharist. Ministers are needed in both churches and should be over 18 years. Please leave your name and address in Parish Office or with Sacristans. Phone 021 4871206

Offertory Collection
During the past few Sundays some teenagers have helped with the Offertory Collection at Mass (chiefly St. Mary's & St John's). I would like to acknowledge the co-operation and support of Adult Collectors who are so faithful and reliable. I am urging them to continue in a supporting and guiding role. I believe it is important to have young people involved in every aspect of parish life.

Offertory Collection Boxes 2012
The boxes of envelopes for the Offertory Collection are available in both churches. Families are asked to take one box. Please use the envelopes for the Offertory Collection for the Vigil and Sunday Masses during the year, families who avail of the Direct Debit system are not expected to take one. The Offertory Collection is solely for the upkeep, maintenance, insurance, lighting, heating and related expenses of both churches. Thanks for your generosity and we look forward to your support for the coming year.

Fr. George

Trocaire's Global Gifts

Proverbs 21:26'...the righteous gives and does not hold back.' During this Advent season our thoughts are with those people in the world's poorest countries who cannot feed their children, don't have enough water, can't get an education, have no healthcare when they are sick and whose human rights are abused. Trocaire's Global Gifts are a perfect way to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas and help the poor. Log on to www.trocaire.org/globalgift or call 1850 408 408

Scout Bazaar

A reminder that Ballincollig Scout Group are holding their 25th Annual Bazaar on today Sunday 4th December in Ballincollig Community Centre on Station Road at 2 pm.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Dec-10 & Dec-11-2011

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Sandra Walsh
Brian Hennessy
8:30 am
Tom McDonagh

10:00 am
Louise McCarthy
Robert Noonan
12:00 Noon
Declan Chalmers

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Rosarie Cotter
Louise McGrath
11:00 am
Jack Dorgan

12:30 pm
Joseph Manning
Kieran Nugent
5:30 pm
Siobhan Keane-Hopcraft

MASS TIMES

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon

Sunday

11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm

9:30 am

Monday

8:30 am

9:30 am

Tuesday

8:30 am

9:30 am

Wednesday

8:30 am & 7:30 pm (Vigil)

8:30 am, 10 am & 8 pm

Thursday

12:30 pm & 6:30 pm

9:30 am

Friday

8:30 am

10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)

Saturday

7:30 pm (Vigil)

CONFESSIONS

After 10:00 am Mass &
before 6:00 pm Mass

Saturday

BAPTISMS

4:30 pm

Saturday

4:30 pm

Except First Saturday of
Month

First Saturday of Month

12:45 pm

Sunday

PARISH CLERGY

Priest on Duty

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Fr. George O'Mahony P.P.

021-4871206

Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C.

021-4877161

Fr. Billy O'Sullivan C.C.

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Fr. James McSweeney

021-4873308



**The Coeliac Society of Ireland
Cork Support Group**

Date:

Tuesday, 6th of December, 2011

Place:

SMA Hall, Wilton

Time:

8.00 p.m.

Topic: Christmas Party (Bring along) Dietician talk Cooking / Baking Demo. We ask all to bring a dish/party bites (gluten Free) to share with other and to eat and talk Refreshments will be provided. Also we have Gluten free suppliers, displaying their Goods

Everyone welcome

€4 entrance fee



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Dec-10 & Dec-11-2011

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Patsie Murphy
Pat Moore
Mary Walsh
Marie Healy
Margaret Kearney
Nora Barry

7:30 pm Sheila O'Connor
Martin O'Regan
Brid Healy-Harris
Kit Cahill

8:30 am Theresa Lucey
Rita Murphy
Mona Holland

11:00 am Bernadette Spillane
Angela Cunningham
Laurence Cunningham
Eileen Byrne
Carmel Ryan

10:00 am Tadgh Murphy
Mary Murphy
Joan Tobin
Eileen O'Connell
Niamh Nic Gerailt
Breda Monaghan

12:30 pm Eileen Garvey
Sally Power
Breda Callanan
Catherine Freehill
Betty Walsh

12 Noon Marie Bowen
Breda Lenihan
Jacinta Jeffers
Rena O'Connor
Sean Farrell
Mary Hennigan

5:30 pm Olan O'Mahony
Ann-Marie Whelan



**For Families of Children Preparing
for First Holy Communion**

Learning About the Mass with Kath and Qumen

Mass Begins

The opening parts of the Mass are called the Introductory Rites. When the priest arrives at the altar he kisses it. This is a sign of respect. He may then go to the special chair which is near the altar, called the 'Presider's Chair'. The priest leads us in prayer from this chair or from the altar.

We all make the Sign of the Cross together. This is the way we begin almost all our prayers. The priest then says, 'The Lord be with you' and we answer by saying, 'And with your spirit.' This is a special way of greeting us and reminds us that God is always with us.

The priest then introduces the Penitential Act..