

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 06-December-2009

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

This year, more than ever, we need your help at Christmas. Calls to SVP are up 40%. We anticipate a harsh Budget and already face the loss of the Christmas social welfare bonus. All in all, it makes for a bleak winter for many people who are already struggling. This places huge seasonal demands on the SVP. 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, 12th / 13th December.

At SVP in Ballincollig 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 meet with the parent struggling to decide which bill to pay this week from their meagre income, be it the ESB, Gas, Rent or Mortgage, food or education costs.

In the past year SVP has funded local projects including healthcare, clothing, home assistance, education, summer breaks, etc, and where someone is in need we are there to assist in every way possible. We depend on your generosity to fund our work and you have not failed us. The goodness and generosity of the Ballincollig parishioners powers us on to keep up 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 year. Your loyalty to SVP makes a valuable difference. If you are in need, call the Society at the Cork Regional Office 021-4270444 or the local Conference on 087-6651707.

"I was hungry and you gave me to eat"

Patricia Duffy.
President, SVP Ballincollig

The Annual Ballincollig Boy Scout Bazaar

Will be held on today Sunday 6th December
in the Community Hall @ 2 pm.

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 offer our prayers to the Lord of kindness and compassion who sent his Son into the world to save all nations.

Reader

For the Church; that it may bring all humankind to see the salvation of God.

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

For the leaders of our country; that they may govern with justice and integrity, free from the thrall of greed and self-interest.

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

For all here present; that we may be filled with the joy which moves the hearts of all who seek God.

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

For married couples; that their love for each other may increase more and more.

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

For those in our community who are sick; that the Lord may grant them strength and healing.

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

We pray for those who have died; that they may reach the perfect goodness of eternal life with Christ.

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

Priest

Father in heaven, you guide us by the light of your glory, with mercy and integrity as our escort. Hear the prayers we make through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

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BAPTISMS

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

Levi John Collins Curran, The Cedars, Classes Lake.
 Ryan Mark Kennedy Morley, Park Rd, Muskerry Estate.
 Ava Anna Kristina Daly, Lee View.
 Katie Elizabeth Jackson Daly, Lee View.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Harry Reid, Ballinlough.
 John Manning, Mayfield.
 Vincent Leggett, Ballinhassig.
 Joan Stack, Mallow.
 Marie Galvin, The Cloisters.

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

Adriene Curling, Ivy Circle.
 Jack & Clarie Horgan, Gurrabraher.
 Jim & Kathleen Doyle, Westcourt.
 John & Mary Ann Finn, Ballyduff.
 Joe & Mary Anne Sheehan, Kilcorney.
 Mairtin de Nogla, Wyndham Downs.
 Deceased members of The Legion of Mary.
 Deceased members of the O'Mahony family, Barrack Street.
 Deceased members of the O'Sullivan Family, Bonane, Kenmare.
 Yva O'Donoghue, Ovens.
 Joe O'Leary, Ovens.
 Adriene Curling, Ivy Circle.
 Jack & Clarie Horgan, Gurrabraher.
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 Yva O'Donoghue, Ovens.
 Joe O'Leary, Ovens
 Frances Cunningham, Crookstown.
 Patrick & Anne Murray, Curraheen.
 William Devereux, Clogheen, Co. Tipperary.
 Denis Carroll, Crookstown.
 Kathleen O'Connor, Oaklands.
 Patrick & Kitty Fitzgerald, Connolly Road.
 Sean Aherne, Carrigrohane.
 J.J & Margaret Hegarty, Ardfield.
 Finbarr O'Mahony, Allendale Avenue.
 Mick Hannigan, Station Road.
 Dan Lucey, The Crescent.
 Tim Leary, Farnanes.
 Anne Curran, Kilbrittain.
 Deceased members of the O'Connell Family, Ballingulley.
 Brendan Whelan, Elm Lawn.
 William & Christina O'Sullivan.
 Frank & Margaret Whelan, Prosperity Square.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Second Week Of Advent

06 Sunday Bar. 5:1-9. Ps 125. Phil. 1 :3-6,8-11. Lk. 3:1-6. Lect I: 30
 07 Monday Is. 35:1-10. Ps. 84. Lk. 5:17-26. Lect I: 33
 08 Tuesday 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 Wednesday Is 40:25-31. Ps. 102. Mt. 11 :28-30. Lect I: 38
 10 Thursday Is. 41:13-20. Ps. 144. Mt .11:11-15. Lect I: 40
 11 Friday Is. 48:17-19. Ps. 1. Mt. 11:16-19. Lect I: 42
 12 Saturday Eccles. (Sir) 48:1-4,9-11. Ps. 79. Mt. 17:10-13. Lect I: 44

Next Sunday's Readings 13-December-2009
 Zech. 3: 14-18. Ps. Is. 12. Phil. 4:4-7. Lk. 3: 10,18. Lect I: 51

A Birthday Present for Baby Jesus

The plan is, during Advent, for each child to do an extra 'job' around the house to earn a coin (20c is the maximum allowed per child per week)

There will be a box to collect the coins in front of the altar at the Children's Mass each week.

On the last Sunday of Advent we will count the money and the children, as a group, will choose a gift for that value (or thereabouts) from one of the charity gift catalogues.

The gift certificate will be brought to the altar at the Children's Mass on Christmas Eve as a Birthday present for Baby Jesus from the children.

We have a number of aims in organising this project:

- To emphasise that Christmas is Jesus' Birthday
- To show that Advent is a time for preparation for Christmas - and the little 'jobs' that the children do to help at home are a positive way to prepare.
- To show the children that they can make a difference.
- To show that small efforts, when joined together, can add up to something big.
- To encourage the children to think of those less fortunate.

If you would like to see the gifts available and maybe discuss them with your child - most of the charities have catalogues on their website.

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 You'll find he's not too busy to hear your heart's cry.
 He's passing by this moment, Your need to supply
 Reach out and touch the Lord as he goes by.*

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Bar. 5:1-9

In this reading, the city Jerusalem is addressed directly. Jerusalem, the principal city of Israel, is a symbol for God's people. God now makes known how he will save his people, how he will bring them back from exile, how they will be united in peace and joy.

Second Reading: Phil. 1:3-6, 8-11

Advent is a time of fulfilment. God has begun a good work in us; he will carry that work through to completion.

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

Luke was very thorough in placing the beginning of John the Baptist's ministry within a historical context. He set John's ministry in time by telling who the leaders were in the region. John's role was to prepare the way for Jesus and to proclaim a theme of repentance for those who would follow Jesus. Like a Roman corps of engineers filling in gullies and leveling mountains to make roads, John's job was to make the pathway smooth for those coming to Jesus.

Scout news

Over last number of weeks the Thursday night scouts went on an overnight. They didn't go far as they stayed in the scout hall. It was a mix of trad scouting and tenco scouting. The troop first went on a night hike to Farran Woods, hiking in the dark is very different than at day, every sound and rustle of the wind plays on the mind and makes one nervous. Everyone stayed together as we hiked around. Two of the S.P. L, S dropped off the back and reappeared out of the bushes further along the path and scared the living daylights out of all of us. Back at the scout hall supper was a bag of chips; we had some fun singing karaoke, not a usual Scout activity sometimes you have to shake it up. After very little sleep, the troop had breakfast and we went on a hike on the old West Cork railway, passing disused over paths and old telegraph Poles. We then came to an old Railway tunnel; it was wet, cold and dark. Walking along shining the torch on the walls and roof you come to understand how hard people had to work 100 years ago. As we walked we learned a valuable lesson, you should watch where you go as we sank up to our shins in water. We returned to the Scout Hall very wet and with a lot of old train soot on our clothes.

Just a reminder that the Scout Bazaar takes place today.

Blessed are they who have nothing to say and know what to do instead.

Writings of St Paul

Talk 9 and final in our series on the writings of St Paul will be held in the St Mark Centre this week as follows.

	Monday 7.30 pm	Wednesday 10.00 am	Thursday 7.30 pm
Talk 9	7th December	9th December	10th December

ADVENT EARLY MORNING PRAYER

There is no better way to start off your day, than to pray. Come to the MORNING PRAYER of the CHURCH, taking place during Advent. Come to St. Mark's Centre (opposite Christ Our Light Church) Mon. — Fri. at 6 am. Starting Mon. 30th Nov. EVERYONE WELCOME.

Faith in A Time of Recession

A Talk by Sr. Jennifer McClear

A talk to give hope and inspiration during times of recession/economic down turn and despair.

Venue: Church of the Immaculate Conception, The Lough, Cork

Date: Thursday, 10th December, 2009 à 8 Pm
Admission Free All Welcome
Organised by the Lough Parish Assembly

Bulletin Board

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation Tuesday 8th December, 2009

Masses

St. Mary & St. John

8.30 am, 10.00 am & 8.00 pm

Christ Our Light

7.30 pm (Vigil),

12.30 pm & 6.30 pm

Mass Book

Diaries to book Mass Intentions for January, February & March will open in both Churches on Saturday 12th December at 9.00 am.

Christmas Cards

Christmas Cards are available for sale in the Sacristy and Parish Office.

Fr. George.

Bake Sale

Cakes, Buns, Scones, Christmas Cakes.

When!! - Sunday 13th December, 2009

Where!! – Christ Our Light Church
(After 11 am Mass)

All Proceeds to the **Hope Foundation.**

L'Arche Christmas Craft Fair

Sunday December, 13th in L'Arche Workshop (behind school and Church in Togher. Admission free.

Open from 10 am to 5 pm

Prepare for

1. *The Coming of Jesus on Christmas Day.*
2. *The Daily Coming of Jesus into Our Hearts*
3. *The Future Coming of Jesus At The End of Time*

Prayer: *God of power and mercy, open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy, so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he lives in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen*

Scoil Barra 25th Anniversary Calendar

Scoil Barra opened its doors to students 25 years ago this year. To celebrate this event a **Calendar** has been launched. If you are a past pupil of Scoil Barra, you can get your copy from the School Office during school hours for just €8. Your photo might be in it!!

Foster Carers

'Have you considered becoming a Foster Carer, could you foster a child or young person, if you would like to find out more about fostering please contact 1850 211 593'

Make a Child in Hospital Smile

Join our volunteer Team

Volunteers give two/three hours once a week (either morning, afternoon or evening- Monday to Friday) Training and on-going support is provided. Locall 1890 252 682 Email: info@childreninhospital.ie Web: childreninhospital.ie

The Pike Theatre Group

The Pike Theatre will be holding its Christmas social on Tuesday 8th December at Tanner Park, Ballincollig. Fancy dress optional. Music by Fergal Doody.'

Thanking you in advance & Merry Christmas.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Dec-12 & Dec-13-2009

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Brendan Collins
Michael Collins
8:30 am
Eadaoin O'Leary
10:00 am
Tony Hegarty
William Green
12:00 Noon
Sean Hennessy
Shane Lehane

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Rosarie Cotter
Louise McGrath
11:00 am
Jacob Derham
Paul Donovan
12:30 pm
Aداugu Ebili
5:30 pm
Tom Reck



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Dec-12 & Dec-13-2009

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Patsie Murphy
Joan Barrett
Mary Walsh
Marie Healy
Margaret Kearney
Nora Barry

7:30 pm Sheila O'Connor
John Canty
Brid Healy-Harris
Kit Cahill

11:00 am Bernadett Spillane
Angela Cunningham
Laurence Cunningham
Eileen Byrne

8:30 am Theresa Lucey
Rita Murphy
Mona Holland

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

12:30 pm Eileen Garvey
Sally Power
Breda Callanan
Catherine Freehill
Attracta McKiernan

12 Noon Marie Bowen
Breda Lenihan
Noel Hennessey
Jacinta Jeffers
Rena O'Connor
Sean Farrell

5:30 pm Maire McCullagh
Olan O'Mahony

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 & 7:30 pm (Vigil)
8:30 am, 10 am & 8 pm	Tuesday	12:30 pm & 6:30 pm
9:30 am	Wednesday	8:30 am
9:30 am	Thursday	8:30 am
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

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