

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

150 Years



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 06-December-2015

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

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul.

St. John's Conference, Ballincollig and Ballinora.

This year, more than any other year, we need your help at Christmas. Calls for assistance, from families in the Ballincollig and Ballinora areas, are up considerably since last year and we anticipate that these calls, for our assistance, will continue to increase. 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 Saturday and Sunday, 12th and 13th of December 2015.

We in the Vincent de Paul Society in Ballincollig and Ballinora, 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 and Ballinora areas, is currently providing assistance to over 200 families; this is up considerably since last year. 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 Parishioners of Ballincollig and Ballinora 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 again for your generosity and support.

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

The Lord works marvels for those who trust in him. With confidence, let us pray to him for our many needs.

Reader

For the Church: that it may be a place where people can experience the loving presence and tender mercy of God.

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

For the leaders of governments: that God may inspire them to work for a just and peaceful world.

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

For those who are suffering the effects of war, famine and persecution in particular the people of Aleppo.

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

For doctors, nurses and all whose task it is to care for the sick and the wounded: that God may give them sensitive hands and compassionate hearts.

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

For this community: that we may remain steadfast in faith and untiring in love.

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

For the dead that God may bring them into the light no darkness can overcome.

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

Priest

Lord God, you have prepared fitting remedies for our weakness; grant that we may reach out gladly for your healing grace, and thereby live in accordance with your will. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Peter Downey, Inniscarra.
Bob O’Sullivan, Castleisland.

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

Elizabeth Herlihy, Berrings.
Mary Anne Sheehan, Kilcorney.
Patrick & Mary Dineen, Shandon View.
John & Mary Lucey, Gillabbey Terrace.
Pat Spillane, Fair Hill.
Catherine O’Sullivan, Kilmichael.
Tom & Nora Ryan, West Village.
Dan & Eva Spillane, Westcourt Heights.
Cathal Keohane, Rosewood.
Josephine Foley, Newscestown.
Johanna O’Shea, Skibbereen
Tommy Daly, Leemount.
Martin De Nogla, Wyndham Downs.
Maria Wall, Carrigrohane/Fairhill.
Mick Barry, Viaduct.
Stephen & Mary Murray, Pinecroft Douglas.
Agnes Kavanagh, Fr. Sexton Park.
Dec. members of Carroll Family, Cloughduv.
Dec. members of Aherne family, Fr. Sexton Park.
Daniel Coomey, Carriganarra.
Mick Hennigan, Station Cross.
Dec. members of O’Carroll Family, Ballincollig.
Paddy Forde, Powdermills.
Dan Lucey, The Crescent.
Mary O’Connell, Ballinora.
Brendan Whelan, Elm Lawn.
Frank & Margaret Whelan, Prosperity Square.
William & Christine O’Sullivan, Botanic Road.

Cake Sale to raise funds for Aleppo
A cake sale to raise funds for Aleppo will take place at the 11 o’clock Mass in Christ Our Light
Please support!

Scout Bazaar
A reminder that Ballincollig Scout Group are holding their 30th Annual Bazaar on today Sunday 6th December in Ballincollig Community Centre, Station Road at 2 pm.

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-2015

Zech. 3: 14-18. Ps. Is. 12. Phil. 4:4-7. Lk. 3: 10.18. Lect I: 51

BAPTISMS

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

Farrah Jane O’Connell, Elm Lawn, Muskerry Estate.
Sarah Eileen Nora McCormack, Waltham Abbey, Old Quarter.
Daniel Con Healy, Limeworth.
Abbie Robyn Twomey, Castlepark.
Cian Colm McSweeney, Coolroe.
Fionn McCarthy, Old Court, Greenfields

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 levelling mountains to make roads, John’s job was to make the pathway smooth for those coming to Jesus.

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'Carol's by Candlelight'

A concert will take place at St. Patrick's Church on the Lower Glanmire Road, Cork City on Friday December 11th at 8pm. Funds raised will benefit the Cork Association for Autism (CAA) who provide support services to adults with autism. Choirs performing on the night include Note Perfect, Cork Garda Male Voice Choir, The Cork Prison Officers Male Voice Choir, The Choir of St. Patrick's and the Hairmonics. Young tenor Kevin Walsh who avails of the Cork Association for Autism services will also perform as a special guest on the night. The programme for the evening will include well known favourites such as; Oh Holy Night, Winter Song and Carol of the Bells.

Tickets cost €15 for the concert and can be purchased from the Cork Association for Autism Office at Unit 4, Barryscourt Industrial Estate, Carrigtwohill, Co. Cork, St Patrick's Church, Pro Musica Oliver Plunkett Street or online at www.corkautism.ie. Telephone 021 453 3642 for more information.

**Opening of Holy Door
The Jubilee Year of Mercy**

An invitation is extended to all parishioners to join with Bishop Buckley as he opens the Holy Door in our Diocese for the Jubilee Year of Mercy. This will take place on Saturday 12th December at 6:30pm Mass at Saint Francis Church, Liberty Street, Cork.



Canon Ian Jonas
Rector

The Churches Feast for Christmas

From the traditional Service of Nine Lessons and Carols to some sticky messy fun with a delicious meal for all the family, the Church of Ireland in Ballincollig (Carrigrohane), Blarney and Inniscarra, have a feast of services to participate in the Greatest Story ever told: that God "moved into the neighbourhood" bringing light, hope and peace to our very door.

All the details are below and all are welcome whatever your background.

Thursday 10th December 7.30pm
Blarney Community Carol Service

The Church of the Resurrection, The Square, Blarney

Sunday 13th December 7pm
Family Carol Service at St Senan's, Canon's Cross, Inniscarra

Friday 18th December 8pm
Traditional Carol Service of Nine Lessons and Carols
St Peter's, Church Hill, Carrigrohane

All Welcome

Troubled by someone else's drinking?

Try Al-anon.
Local Meetings S V de P Centre Station Road
Thursdays 8.30 pm. Phone: 087 6651707.

'I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples.' Mother Teresa.

Bulletin Board

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Tuesday December 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation
Vigil Monday December 7th
7.30pm Church of Christ Our Light
Tuesday December 8th
St. Mary & St. John
8.30am 10.00am & 8pm
Christ our Light
12.30pm & 6.30pm.

Carol Service

Sunday 20th December at 7pm
Church of St Mary & St. John

Penitential Service

Monday 21st December, 2015
Church of Christ Our Light at 8pm.

Christmas Cards

Christmas Cards using the scene from one of the glass stained windows in the church of St. Mary & St. John are available for sale after all masses. Proceeds for Aleppo.

Mass Diaries

Mass Diaries to book Mass intentions for January, February, & March 2016
Will open in both churches on Saturday December 12th at 9.00am. Priority will be given to 1st Anniversary Mass.

Coeliac Host

Coeliac Host available at all Masses in both churches. Generally the Priest celebrating the Mass has the Coeliac Host. To help the Celebrant you might please let him know before the Mass.

Fr. George

Live Broadcast

The Children's Mass at Christ Our Light on 13th December will be broadcasted on Long Wave 252 & RTE Radio 1 Extra from 11am.

L'Arch Christmas Fair

Sunday 6th December, 10am - 4pm
In L'Arch Day Service, Togher
(between school and Church on Togher Rd)
Music, Gifts, Cake Sale, Book Sake, Raffle and lots more...
In aid of people with an intellectual Disability.
Admission Free

Trócaire

It is the beginning of Advent and Trócaire has launched its Christmas gift range that will directly benefit families in some of the world's poorest countries. From olive trees for farmers in Palestine (€5/£4) to business support for women in Ethiopia (€250/£200), when you buy a Trócaire gift you're not just giving, you're joining the fight for justice. Further info at www.trocaire.org/gifts

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Dec-12 & Dec-13-2015

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Karen Sheehan
Darragh Lankford
8:30 am
Triona Downey
Riain Brennan
10:00 am
Maria Bunyan
Amy O'Driscoll
12:00 Noon
Chloe Dalton O'Connor
Katie Tobin

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Pauline Collins
Dylan Ebili
11:00 am
Sorcha Nic Mheanmain
Máire Buckley
12:30 pm
Adaugu Ebili
Caterina Nugent
5:30 pm
Kevin Tuohy

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

Priest on Duty	087-2479140
Fr. George O'Mahony P.P.	021-4871206
Fr. Cian O'Sullivan C.C.	021-4876171

Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

Week 7th Dec to 13th Dec

Tim Murphy
Siobhan Glavin

Social / Coffee Mornings

Continue every Friday morning in parish house "Sonas" on Station Road at 10 am.
Everyone welcome as it is an ideal opportunity to get and know people from our community.

Age Action Volunteers to put up Christmas Decorations for Older People

Christmas is a wonderful time of the year, but what if you are unable to put up Christmas decorations to give your home that festive feel? "Many older people, particularly those who live alone, cannot easily put up a Christmas tree or other decorations in their homes. Simply getting them down from the attic can be an impossible task" said Age Action Regional Manager John O'Mahony.

"Many older people who have decorated their home every Christmas now find themselves unable to do so. Often people will have relatives calling during the festive season and they would like their home to be decorated for the family visit. Our volunteers will put up Christmas decorations for older people and take them down again in January"

All year round volunteers from Age Action's Care & Repair programme do DIY jobs for older people free of charge. Jobs that volunteers can do include gardening, moving furniture, putting up smoke alarms, small repairs and small painting/decorating jobs.

Mr. O'Mahony continued "The aim of the Care & Repair programme is to help people with tasks around the home that can become difficult as we grow older. Ultimately we want to support people to remain living in their own homes for as long as they wish in increased safety and comfort."

If you would like assistance putting your Christmas decorations or with any other tasks around the home, simply call Age Action on 021-4536554.



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Dec-12 & Dec-13-2015

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Eileen Murphy
Ted Nelligan
Maurice Bunyan
Sheila Walshe
Katie Collins
Aisling Leahy

7:30 pm John O'Donoghue
Mary Dineen
Mairead Keenan
Kay O'Sullivan
Sheila McVeigh

8:30 am Helen Kelly
Michael Crowley
Eileen Corkery

11:00 am Mona Bowen
Diarmuid Horgan
Billy Barry
Mary Aylward
Pauline Baston

10:00 am Fionnuala McDonagh
Mary Buckley
Fiona Kelly
Mary O'Regan
Martin O'Leary
Andrej Janukowicz

12:30 pm Maura O'Driscoll
Mary Lehane
Dympna Byrne
Suzanne Leech

12 Noon Ann-Marie Cosgrove
Phil Kennedy
Ellen O'Sullivan
Ursula McAuliffe
Sally Crowley
Jim Lordan

5:30 pm Shelia Curran
Elizabeth O'Sullivan