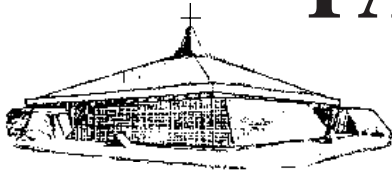


# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



CHRIST OUR LIGHT  
INNISHMORE



ST. MARY & ST. JOHN  
STATION ROAD

**SUNDAY 8th DECEMBER 2002**

**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*

## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Once again at this time of the year, with the permission of our Parish Priest Fr. Leonard O'Brien and the support of the rest of the clergy, we hold our Christmas collection at all masses this Saturday evening and Sunday.

Why do you contribute to our Society so generously? We have often heard the remark from people "you are doing great work" or "you are great to stand out there on a cold morning collecting" and so forth. Of course we recognise our part in the Society when we seek out and address the dignity of those people that we seek to serve in peace and humility. But thinking about our part in the Society makes us wonder, do you, our benefactors, ever seriously think about the part that you play to enable us to continue our work? Only 2 Sundays ago in the gospel according to Matthew, the virtuous say to Jesus "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and gave you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome: naked and clothe you: sick or in prison and go to see you?" "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me" (Matthew 25: Verse 40). As you read this, we would like you to dwell on the words written in Matthew because it is in response to Jesus' own command, that the Society in Ireland has been so blessed by the generosity of the ordinary people of Ireland over 150 years.

Your Society in Ballincollig has now been established over 25 years and its work today is as important as it was 25 years ago. What has not changed in that time is the amount of work that requires to be done. Also, every single cent given to us in our monthly collections by the people of Ballincollig is spent within this community. The members of the Conference themselves pay for their own administration expenses, postage, phones, books of accounts etc., so that not one cent of your contributions goes astray. The Society spends almost €1,000 each week in providing much needed financial support for families in difficulty, as well as assistance in the provision of food and fuel and educational support. At Christmas time, we make a special effort to be as generous as possible within the community. This year we will distribute over 150 hampers on your behalf to families living among us who otherwise, would be unable to provide anything extra for the family at Christmas time. On their behalf once again it is our pleasure to thank you. Last year the Christmas collections in the churches totalled €14,600 (£11,500); this year we await your generosity in anticipation.

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

### Priest:

The Lord will make us prosper, so we present our prayers to God:

### Reader:

For a spirit of repentance among all believers, we pray.

Lord, Hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For reconciliation between people who are at war with each other, we pray.

Lord, Hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For our children, as they prepare to celebrate Christ's birth, we pray.

Lord, Hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For all who carry pain in their bones, we pray.

Lord, Hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who are taken from us in death, we pray.

Lord, Hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For all who are in need, particularly those we remember now in silence

Lord, Hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

### Priest:

God of mercy, your help is near for those who trust in you, hear the prayers we make in faith, through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

## 2ND 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"



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

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**BAPTISMS**

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



Amy Noelle Hogan, 6 Tudor Grove  
 Aoife Mary McCarthy, 14 Cranford Pines  
 Killian Frank Lee, "Daisy Lane", Knockane, Ovens  
 Joseph Alexander Hegarty, Greenfields Cottage  
 Daniel John Crowley, 129 Rosewood

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**IN SYMPATHY**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:

Ann Boudren, Magazine Rd  
 John Ring, Dungourney & Australia

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE  
 REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF**

Mairtin Nogla, Wydham Downes  
 Agnes Kavanagh, Fr Sexton Park  
 Daniel & Margaret Murphy, Knockburden  
 Daniel Cooney, Carriganarra  
 William O'Mahony, Tudor Grove  
 Molly O'Connell, Maglin  
 Brendan Whelan, Muskerry Est.  
 Frank & Eileen Donovan, Raheen  
 Tom & Kate Staunton, Athlone  
 Leslie Baker, Station Rd  
 Mary Drinan, Waterfall  
 Angela Murphy's Intentions  
 Denis Hallahan, Ballinguilley  
 Kay McGrath  
 Mick McGrath  
 Lillie O'Sullivan, Iniscarra View Est.,  
 Ned Keating & Deceased members of the Keating Family  
 Margaret & Joseph Kavanagh, Deceased members of Kavanagh Family  
 Noreen & Eddie Da Silva, Beech Park  
 Laurence & Catherine O'Sullivan, Roman St  
 Patrick & Norah Barry, Redemption Rd  
 Pat Barry Mayfield  
 Jamsie & Peg Cotter, Ballingearry  
 Josephine Foley  
 Johanna O'Shea  
 Deceased Members of O.N.E  
 Molly O'Connell, Maglin  
 Jeremiah & Bridget Collins, Dunmanway  
 Nellie Murphy, Station Rd  
 Deceased Members of M.C. O'Sullivan  
 Eva O'Donoghue, Ovens  
 Conor Healy, Carrigadrohid  
 Tim Collins, Elm Lawn  
 Michael Lucey

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**READINGS. Sunday Cycle B Weekday Cycle 1**

8 Sunday Is.40:1-5, 9-11. Ps 84. Pet. 3:8-14. Mk 1:1-8 *Lect 1:27*  
 9 Monday Gen. 3:9-15, 20. Ps. 97. Eph. 1:3-6, 11-12. Lk. 1: 26-38  
 10 Tuesday Is. 11:1-10. Ps.71. Lk.10:21-24. *Lect: 1:13*  
 11 Wednesday Is. 40:25-31. Ps.102. Mt. 11:28-30. *Lect 1:38*  
**St Damascus I**, b.c. 304 d. 11 December 384, page 366-384. He insisted on the apostolic foundations of the Roman See and was active in suppressing Arianism and other heresies. He commissioned St Jerome to prepare the Vulgate version of the Bible.  
 12 Thursday Is. 41:13-20. Ps.144. Mt. 11:11-15. *Lect 1:40*  
**St Finnian** see page 3  
 13 Friday Is. 48:17-19. Ps.1. Mt. 11:16-19. *Lect 1:42*  
**St. Lucy**, died in 304 in Sicily, is invoked for eye trouble. She suffered much for her desire to remain consecrated to Christ alone. She was martyred by a sword thrust through her throat.  
 14 Saturday Sir. 48:1-4, 9-11. Ps.79. Mt. 17:10-13 *Lect 1:44*  
**St John of the Cross**, 1542-91, a Carmelite who suffered much in his work of spreading the reform of the Carmelites. He was a man of prayer, an outstanding poet and spiritual writer. Declared Doctor of the Church.

*The booking of Masses for the months of  
 January, February & March  
 will open on Saturday 14th December 2002  
 in the Sacristy of both churches.*

**CAROL SERVICE**

*Keep Sunday 15th December  
 Free for our Annual Carol Service at 8p.m.  
 St. Mary & St. John's Church  
 Our local choirs will be joined  
 by Cantairí Mhuscraí*

**SECULAR FRANCISCAN  
 ORDER**

The monthly meeting and Mass of the  
 above will be held in  
 St. Mary and St. Johns Church on  
 Thursday 11th December  
 at 11 am.

Rosary will be recited at 10.40 am sharp.

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**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 40: 1-5, 9-11

The prophet Isaiah is considered the most accurate prophet in his foretelling of the coming of the promised Messiah. Here he is addressing the captives in Babylon and telling them that their deliverance is at hand. However, the prophesy has a fuller meaning and all the four Evangelists understood the herald to foreshadow St. John the Baptist.

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 3:8-14

St. Peter wrote this letter to some Christians in Asia Minor where troublemakers had begun to ridicule the idea of the Second Coming. Peter explains that time in God's eyes is totally different to our experience of the passing of time. A thousand years for us might only seem like a day to God. The important thing is that we are always prepared for the coming of the Lord.

GOSPEL: Mark. 1: 1-8

At that time there was a custom that before the visit of a king to a district a herald went before him announcing the forthcoming visit so that the roads would be repaired and made fit for the royal visit. John the Baptist was the one chosen to announce the coming of Christ the King. John called the people to do penance and gave example by his own ascetic life.

**SAINT OF THE WEEK**

December 12th - ST. FINNIAN

Finnian was one of the very early Irish Saints belonging to the generation that immediately followed St. Patrick. He studied in Wales for many years perfecting himself in holiness and in knowledge of the Scriptures. Returning to Ireland eventually he preached throughout the country building little churches everywhere he went.

Finally Finnian settled in Clonard in Co. Westmeath entering into a life of study, mortification and prayer. The fame of his learning soon spread and scholars of all ages flocked to Clonard. literally thousands of students came to learn the Scriptures from him. Even after his death Clonard remained a famous school in Europe.

The extraordinary expansion of monasticism in the early Irish Church was in great part the result of his inspiring influence and example.



**ANNUAL TOY MASS**

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Sunday 15th December 2002

at 11.00a.m. in Christ Our Light Church

Do you have any new or nearly new toys you could do without? If so, we ask you to be generous this Christmas and bring them along to our Mass. Thank You.

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Thursday & Friday: 9.30am-7.00pm

Saturday: 9.00am-5.30pm

Sunday: 2.00pm-6.00pm

*Gift Tokens Available*

**THE LIGHT  
WITHIN**

*GUIDED ADVENT PRAYER*

by

Fr. Donagh O'Shea O.P.

**“LOOK AGAIN”**

Wednesday 11th December

1.10pm-1.30pm

*Snack and chat afterwards*

**CHURCH OF THE  
HOLY SPIRIT  
Dennehy's Cross**

MINISTERS OF THE WORD DEC 14TH/19TH  
ST. MARY & ST. JOHN CHRIST OUR LIGHT

6.00p.m.(Vigil) - Muireann Nelligan	8.00p.m.(Vigil) - Joy o'Driscoll
8.30a.m. - Martha Barry	11.00a.m. - Dick Beamish
10.00a.m. - Margo Twomey	12.30p.m. - Margaret Healy
12.00noon. - Miriam Maunsell	5.30p.m. - Christine O'Brien



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST



14th/15th December 2002

<b>St. Mary &amp; St. John</b>	<b>Christ Our Light</b>
<b>6.00pm:</b> Vera Allen Ber Bell Oliver Delaney Betty Casey Frank Riordan Siobhan Riordan	<b>8.00pm:</b> Geraldine Lynch Charlie Vaughan Joan Stephenson
<b>8.30am:</b> Mary Buckley Theresa Lucy	<b>11.00am:</b> Máire Uí Chruaí Neil Jeffries Eileen O'Donoghue Mary Coleman Dan Coleman
<b>10.00am:</b> Anne Cahill Pat Lee May Delaney Seamus O'Shea John O'Donovan	<b>12.30pm:</b> Con O'Connell Denis O'Mahoney Christine O'Mahoney Tom Murray Maura Lombard
<b>12.00 noon:</b> Fran Barrett Sheila Carroll Marie Carling Pat Keenan Will Casey	<b>5.30pm:</b> Patsy Galvin Bridie O'Donnell Phil O'Connell

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
SUNDAY DECEMBER 8TH 2002

From the beginning of her existence Mary was "full of grace" God's 'highly favoured daughter'. This was God's gift as he chose her to be human mother of his Incarnate Son. In perfect obedience to his will, according to His word, she accepted and followed the vocation that God had planned for her.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The 37th meeting of the Pastoral Council will be held on Monday 9th December at 7.45pm.

Refreshments served at 7.30pm

MASS TIMES

<b>ST. MARY &amp; ST. JOHN</b>	<b>CHRIST OUR LIGHT</b>
Sunday: 8.30, 10.00, 12.00	Sunday: 11.00, 12.30, 5.30pm
Mon-Fri: 9.30am	Mon-Fri: 8.30am
Saturday: 10.00am, 6pm (Vigil)	Saturday: 10.00am, 8.00pm (Vigil)

CONFESSIONS

<b>ST. MARY &amp; ST. JOHN</b>	<b>CHRIST OUR LIGHT</b>
Saturday: after 10am Mass before 6pm Mass	Saturday: after 10am Mass

BAPTISMS

<b>ST. MARY &amp; ST. JOHN</b>	<b>CHRIST OUR LIGHT</b>
Saturday: 5.00pm	Saturday: 7.15pm
Sunday: 12.45pm	

PARISH CLERGY

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RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Church of Christ Our Light @ 6.30pm  
 Church of St. Mary & St. John @ 8.00pm  
 on Monday 16th December 2002



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