

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 27-November-2005

## First Sunday Of Advent

*God comes to those who wait for him. Our waiting needs to be prayerful if we are to be truly ready to receive him when he comes.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

### Advent 2005

The decorating and the advertising are already well under way for Christmas. Plans are being hatched for the Christmas cards and for all sorts of fun and games and of course the office parties are booked and planned. The next few weeks can be the busiest of the year for many; they are also a time to look forward to Christmas. This time of year is very difficult for many families and individuals.

However, Advent is a season in its own right. Familiar themes and characters are revisited during this season. We are invited to follow the example of key Advent characters of Isaiah, John the Baptist and Mary. We are invited to watch, to wait and to pray. The call issued is to silence, a silence that helps us to listen to the Word and wait on the Word. Surrounded by silence, surrounded by night, the Word who is with God – who is God – is made flesh. To those who accept him ‘he gave power to become the children of God’.

Advent is also a time, when we remember that ‘the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light’. During these Advent days, light – represented by the candles on the Advent wreath, and darkness – provided by the natural darkness of the time of year, present an opportunity to reflect on the contrast. We recognise God present in our world in a hidden way and so our hope is strengthened; we are better able to cope with darkness because we know darkness is no stronger than light.

Advent is the time in the church’s calendar when we are asked to pay special attention to waiting. Waiting tends to irritate and annoy us. However when we wait for a friend we are treating them with respect and dignity. Waiting during Advent can also be a creative moment when we grow spiritually. When we wait we are in touch with an essential aspect of our humanity; which is that we are dependent on God and on one another... It is also an act of love, since by waiting for others, we pay them the respect of letting them be free. We also remember the great waiting experiences in human history, in the Bible and especially in the life of Jesus.

George O'Mahony

### First Sunday of Advent

Lord, help us to remember that YOU are near us always as we struggle, step by step, to get nearer to YOU, in this special season. “God of Hosts, bring us back; Let Your face shine on us and we shall be saved”



### Reflection for Parents

There is more work for parents to do in a day than will ever get done. Some of us work outside our homes while some stay at home. In either case there are always bills to pay, laundry to wash, meals to prepare, errands to run and things to fix. Unless we deliberately set aside time to prepare ourselves and our families for Jesus' return, we will continue with the busyness of everyday life like the people of Noah's time and the workers in the field and at the mill. Especially at this time of year, it is easy to get caught up in the demands centred on Jesus' birth rather than his return.

### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

#### Priest

At the beginning of this Advent time we are filled with new hope. In that spirit, we present our prayers before the Lord.

#### Reader

That this Advent time may be a time of grace and blessing for all who look to Jesus as Saviour, we pray.

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

That the glamour and glitz of this pre-Christmas time may not lure our hearts away from the true meaning of the season, we pray.

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

That the cry of the poor and needy among us may not go unheeded, we pray.

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

That all who are sick or in pain, whether at home or in hospital, may find peace and healing, we pray.

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

That those who come to us from other nations and cultures may find a welcome among us.

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

That all who have gone before us on the journey of faith may have eternal happiness in the company of Mary and the saints. We pray especially for all those in our thoughts today.

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

#### Priest

Hear our prayer, O loving God. Turn our hearts to you this Advent time, and grant us what we need. This we ask in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour.

Amen.

*God of hosts, bring us back; Let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.*

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**BAPTISMS**

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

Charlie Denis O’Sullivan, 15, Limeworth.  
 Stam Finbarr Sheehan, 21, West Grove.  
 Eaveen Lauren Cronin, 15, Mill Range.  
 Leigha Fiona Buggy-Rath, 24, Innismore Park.  
 Alyssa Caitlin Cotter, 25, Aisling Close.  
 Aoibhe Catherine O’Donnell, 95, The Green, Coolroe Meadows.  
 Tara Lynn O’Connell, The Lodge, Ballingully.  
 Conor John Raggett, 38, Rath Gailene, Dublin Road, Portlaoise.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Gretta Crowley, Dunmanway. Mourned by John Crowley, 38, Bridgewater  
 Ellen Devine, Madonna House. Mourned by John O’Rourke, Greenwood Estate, Togher  
 Pdraig Allen, Greenwood Estate, Togher, Cork. Mourned by John Allen & Family, Inniscarra View.

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

Tommy Daly, Leemount.  
 Stephen Spitere, Glasheen.  
 Joe & Mona Thullier, Kinsale.  
 Fr. Gerard Kelleher.  
 Frances Cunningham, Crookstown.  
 Deceased members O’Mahony family, Barrack St.  
 Yva O’Donoghue, Ovens.  
 Denis McCarthy, Ballinadee,  
 Timothy O’Leary, Farranes.  
 William Buckley, West Village.  
 Margaret Broderick, Wyndham Downs.  
 Ellen & Eugene Mohally, Lough Road.  
 Michael Ring; & John Ring, Dungourney & Australia.  
 Eileen, Frank & Noel O’Donovan, Raheen.  
 Deceased members of the McGrath Family.  
 Dan Murphy, Clash.  
 Ellie Thornhill, Skibbereen.  
 Dan & Mary O’Leary, Doneraile.  
 Denis Calnan, Church View.  
 Noel Buckley, Carrigdena.  
 Kathleen Murphy, Glounthaune.

***L’Arche Christmas Fair***

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December  
 10 am – 5 pm

L’Arche Community Centre, Togher  
 (next to Parish Church & National School)  
**All Welcome - Admission Free**

***Advent Retreat***

At St Dominic’s Retreat Centre at Ennismore  
 December 2 – 4 - Weekend Retreat  
 “Come Lord Jesus come  
**Jim Donleavy OP**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**First Week of Advent**

27 Sunday Is 63:16-17. 64:1, 3-8. Ps 79. 1 Car 1:-9. Mk 13:33-37. Lect 1: 5  
 28 Monday Is 2:1-5. Ps 121. Mt 8:5-11. Lect 1: 10  
 29 Tuesday Is 11:1-10. Ps 71. Lk 10:21-24. Lect 1: 13  
 30 Wednesday Rom 10:9-18. Ps 18. Mt 4:18-22. Lect II: 1279  
 01 Thursday Is 26:1-6. Ps 117. Mt 7:21, 24-27. Lect 1: 18  
 02 Friday Is 29:17-24. Ps 26. Mt 9:27-31. Lect 1: 20  
 03 Saturday Is 30:19-21, 23-26. Ps 146 Mt 9:35-10:1, 6-8. Lect 1: 22

**Next Sunday’s Readings 04-December-2005**  
 Is 40:1-5, 9-11. Ps 84.2 Pet 3:8-14. Mk 1:1-8. Lect 1: 27

***Advent Programme***

The Advent Programme will take place on four consecutive Tuesday’s, beginning on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November and ending on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. It will be held in the upstairs room of the St. Vincent de Paul premises. Time 10.00 to 10.30 am. The programme is based on the readings for the coming Sunday. All are welcome.

***Ministers of the Eucharist***

**St. Mary & St. John and Christ Our Light.**  
 Talk on the Eucharist by Fr. Finbarr O’Halloran on Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 11.00 am in the Church of St. Mary & St. John.

***Preparation for Baptism***

Baptism is our first step on the journey of Faith, the sacrament of initiation into the Christian faith and the Life of Christ. It is also a sacrament of welcome into the Christian community. The importance of preparation for Baptism was highlighted at the Parish Council and also by some parents requesting help for themselves. For the past number of months a group of parishioners have come together to provide some resources and help for parents bringing their children to Baptism. I am glad to say that they are now in a position to begin this preparation. So beginning at 2.00 pm on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December and once a month thereafter parents who wish to have children baptised in the parish of Ballincollig will have an opportunity to prepare for the sacrament. I am confident that this presentation will be of benefit to parents and godparents in their role as Christian educators.

Fr. George O’Mahony

**CROWLEY**

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Dec-03 & Dec-04-2005

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

6:00 pm (Vigil)  
Muireann Nelligan  
8:30 am  
Niamh Gallagher  
10:00 am  
Jessica Looney  
12:00 Noon  
Sean Dorgan

8:00 pm (Vigil)  
Amy Ni Cheallaigh  
11:00 am  
Lisa Madden  
12:30 pm  
Cliona Ryan  
5:30 pm  
Phil O'Connell

**MASS TIMES**

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon	<b>Sunday</b>	11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm
9:30 am	<b>Monday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Tuesday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Thursday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am & 8 pm	<b>Friday</b>	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)	<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 am & 8 pm (Vigil)

**CONFESSIONS**

After 10:00 am Mass & before 6:00 pm Mass      **Saturday**      After 9:00 am Mass

**BAPTISMS**

5:00 pm      **Saturday**      7:15 pm  
12:45 pm      **Sunday**

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Dec-03 & Dec-04-2005



**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

6.00 pm	Steve Wills Margaret O'Sullivan Rita Aherne Rose Doyle Jim Walsh Frances O'Brien	8:00 pm	Anne O'Regan Mairead Healy Murphy Finbarr Murray
8:30 am	Mary Buckley Rita Murphy	11:00 am	Seamus O'Connell Mary O'Connell Alan O'Riordan Geraldine Keohane
10:00 am	Christina Walsh Peter Reilly Mary Collins Christy Roche Katie O'Shea	12:30 pm	Lucy O'Callaghan Jackie Sheehan Mary Green Michael O'Leary
12 Noon	Oliver O'Donovan Barbara Kelly John Jeffers Mary McLean Ellen Seymour Nora Hennessy	5:30 pm	Noelle Buckley Mary Breen Siobhan Burke

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Our new Sub Office in the Town Centre

Is now open

The hours of business in our offices will be



**Harrington Street**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Closed</b>
Tuesday	9.30 – 5.00 pm
Wednesday	10.30 – 5.00 pm
Thursday	9.30 – 5.00 pm
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9.30 – 5.00 pm</b>
Saturday	9.30 – 12.30 pm

**New Town Centre Office**

Monday	9.30 – 5.00 pm
Tuesday	9.30 – 5.00 pm
Wednesday	10.30 – 5.00 pm
Thursday	9.30 – 7.30 pm
Friday	9.30 – 7.30 pm
Saturday	9.30 – 5.00 pm