

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 09-December-2018

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 St Vincent de Paul Annual Christmas Appeal

The St John's Conference of St Vincent de Paul is a family visitation conference that works in the Ballincollig and Ballinora areas. We rely on your support throughout the year and especially at Christmas to help the families in need in this parish. On the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, 8th and 9th December, with the kind permission and encouragement of the priests of the parish, we are holding our Annual Christmas Collection at all Masses and hope you will show your usual generosity so we can continue to help these families.

There are 14 members in our conference and each week we visit many families requiring assistance in this parish. These families live from week to week struggling to make ends meet. We see 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. Even in an improving economy, it can still take just one small problem to tip someone into crisis or poverty. It can be unexpected illness or an unexpected bill. But, we know that a little help at the right time can stop a domino effect leading to a family experiencing prolonged hardship. However we can't say yes to the people in this community who have to ask SVP for help without you. By supporting our Annual Appeal you can help a family through this winter. Your help can help get them back on their feet. Your help can give them a brighter future.

Thank you for your generous support throughout the past year. Your loyalty to the local St Vincent de Paul 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. If anyone requires a Christmas hamper please contact us on 087-6651707 on or before 10th December 2018. Renewed thanks for your generosity and support.

Society of St Vincent de Paul

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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"



The Advent Wreath

The second purple candle represents faith and is called "Bethlehem's Candle." Micah had foretold that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem, which is also the birthplace of King David.

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.

St. Peter's Church Carol Service

Walking Backwards to Christmas
Today Sunday 9th December @ 4pm
St Peter's Church,
Church Hill,
Carrigrohane,
Cork.

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 :

Marian Cross, Kanturk.
 Cathal Lehane, Springville House, Ovens.
 Marie Holmes, Hodder Villas.
 Chrissie Dineen, Kilbrittain/Essex.
 Agnes Jones, Bishopstown.
 Mary O’Driscoll, Clonakilty/Dunmanway.

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

Margaret O’Connor, Sunningdale.
 Tommy Daly, Leemount.
 Paul Wall, Churchfield.
 Tom Twomey, Castlepark.
 Tom Ryan, West Village.
 Mary Anne Sheehan, Kilcorney.
 Tom & Nora Ryan, West Village.
 Tom & Mary Drinan, Waterfall.
 Mary Chaplin, Schull.
 Noel McCarthy, Oaklands.
 John Keohane, Clonakilty.
 Jack & Claire Horgan, Gurranabraher.
 Liam Horgan, Carrig na bhFear.
 Brendan Whelan, Elm Lawn.
 William & Christine O’Sullivan, Botanic Road.
 Frank & Margaret Whelan, Prosperity Square.
 Sonny & Kathleen Murray, Carrigrohane.
 Agnes Kavanagh, Fr. Sexton Park.
 Daniel Coomey, Carriganarra.
 Eva McCarthy, Raheen.
 Eugene O’Sullivan, Castleknock / Kanturk.
 Eddie Delmer, Kildare.
 Dan Lucey, The Crescent.
 Con Kerins, Castleknock.
 Paddy Barry, Redemption Road.
 Pat Barry, Mayfield.
 James Cotter, Ballingearry.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Second Week Of Advent

- 09 Sunday Bar. 5:1-9. Ps 125. Phil. 1 :3-6,8-11. Lk. 3:1-6. Lect I: 30
- 10 Monday Is. 35:1-10. Ps. 84. Lk. 5:17-26. Lect I: 33
- 11 Tuesday Is. 40:1-11. Ps. 95. Mt. 18:12-14. Lect I: 35
- 12 Wednesday Is 40:25-31. Ps. 102. Mt. 11 :28-30. Lect I: 38
- 13 Thursday Is. 41:13-20. Ps. 144. Mt .11:11-15. Lect I: 40
- 14 Friday Is. 48:17-19. Ps. 1. Mt. 11:16-19. Lect I: 42
- 15 Saturday Eccles. (Sir) 48:1-4,9-11. Ps. 79. Mt. 17:10-13. Lect I: 44

Next Sunday’s Readings 16-December-2018

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 :

Chloe Onome Denedo, Classes Lake.
 Sophia Ann Goucher, Muskerry Estate.
 Carly Robyn Hendrick Murphy, Innishmore Square.
 Mae Julie Barry, Coolroe Meadows.
 Andrew James Maher, Classes Lake.

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.

Communion for the Sick

Remembering and praying by the family of believers is part of every worship especially the Mass. Ministers of the Eucharist or a priest go from the praying community to the sick with Holy Communion. Please let the celebrant of Mass know when you wish communion to be taken to the sick. Bringing Holy Communion to the sick is both a privilege and a responsibility.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us prepare a way for the Lord by opening our hearts in prayer.

Reader

We pray that efforts to unite peoples and nations may be based on truth.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For our parish community, that we may keep the flame of faith burning brightly.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the dying, their loved ones, and those who care for them.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the dead, that in the words of the Gospel, they may 'see the salvation of God'.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For believers everywhere who wait for the Lord's coming, that this Advent may help them prepare.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For all the people who look forward to the celebration of Christmas, that Christ's words and values may find a place in their hearts.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest

God, Father of mercies, we thank you for your providence as we entrust our needs to you. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Cope Foundation Concert

A Concert in Aid of Cope Foundation will be held in City Hall on Sunday 9th December at 7.30 featuring Cara O'Sullivan, the Sonatina's Choir, singers from Cope Foundation and the City of Cork Male Voice Choir. Ticket €10 from ProMusica, the ZipYard North Main Street or Cope Foundation website <http://www.cope-foundation.ie/beautifulcity> where you can print off your tickets.

Autumn Dues

The Priests of the Parish would like to thank you for returning your Autumn Dues. Your continued support and generosity is greatly appreciated.

Bulletin Board

Mass Diaries

Mass Diaries to book Mass intentions for January, February and March will be opened in both churches on Saturday 8th December at 9.00am.

Priority will be given to those booking 1st Anniversary Mass.

World Meeting of Families Collection

The National Special Collection towards the cost of the World Meeting of Families in August 2018 was held on Saturday/Sunday, November 24th/25th, 2018 in the Diocese of Cork and Ross.

The collection from Masses in Ballincollig amounted to €2,565.00. This helps to defray the outstanding deficit of the World Meeting of Families and is part of a National Special Collection. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Coeliac Hosts

Low gluten hosts are available that are suitable for Coeliac. Please inform the priest prior to Mass if possible if you require it.

Altar Servers

Parents are invited to encourage their children to become Altar Servers in either Christ our Light Church or St. Mary & St. John's Church. Please contact one of the priests or the sacristans.

Confirmation Dates 2019

Scoil Eoin	Tuesday, 12th March
Scoil Barra	Friday, 15th March
Our Lady of Good Counsel	Friday, 15th March
Gaelscoil Uí Ríordáin	Monday, 25th March
Scoil Mhuire	Friday, 5th April

First Holy Communion Dates 2019

Scoil Barra	11th May
Our Lady of Good Counsel	11th May
Gaelscoil Uí Ríordáin	18th May
Scoil Eoin	25th May
Scoil Mhuire	8th June

Penitential Service

Monday 17th December, 2018
Church of Christ Our Light at 8pm

Carol Service

Church of St Mary & St John
Sunday 16th December, 2017 at 7.00pm

Family Mass

The next Children's Mass for children in second class preparing for their first Holy Communion will take place on Sunday 16th December at 11.00am in Church of Christ Our Light. The Parents of children who are seven and eight are asked to bring them to this Mass. Preparation with these children commences in the main body of the church at 10.45am.

Fr. George

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Dec-15 & Dec-16-2018

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Michael Collins
Viktoria Sarkauy
8:30 am
Tom McDonagh
Seán Casey
10:00 am
Marie Bunyan
Amy O'Driscoll / Daithi O'Floinn
12:00 Noon
Emer Wiseman

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Fiona Feely

11:00 am
Jack Dorgan
Jamie O'Sullivan
12:30 pm
Joseph Manning
Jane O'Leary
5:30 pm
Christine O'Brien

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
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	



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Dec-15 & Dec-16-2018

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Steve Wills
Bernadette Bell
Frances O'Brien
Eileen Coughlan

7:30 pm Anne O'Regan
Mairead Murphy
Finbarr Murray
Lettie Kelly

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Denis Healy
Tom Butler

11:00 am Seamus O'Connell
Mary O'Connell
Alan O'Riordan
Geraldine Keohane
Gerard Murray / Ciaran Kelleher

10:00 am Christy Roche
Mary O'Regan
Elaine Crowley
Claire Creedon
Jim Lordan

12:30 pm Lucy O'Callaghan
Jackie Sheehan
Michael O'Leary
J.P.O'Leary
Eweelina Kudzynska

12 Noon Sean Hennessy
Mary McLean
Eleanor Seymour
Nora Hennessy
Christina Walshe

5:30 pm Noelle Buckley
Mary Breen
Valerie Barry

Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

10-Dec-2018 to 16-Dec-2018

Tim Murphy
Siobhan Glavin

PARISH CLERGY

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

Prayer is not a burden, but a gift; it is not a constraint, but a freedom; it is not a millstone round our neck, but a source of joy.
Pope John Paul II

Winter Time Crime Prevention, Crime Prevention for your Home

Break-ins at wintertime occur mostly in hours of darkness, lock up and light up.

- Always have doors and windows locked and secure.
- Light up your home, use indoor timer switches. Ensure outdoor sensor lighting are working.
- Replace any broken or loose window handles.
- Have an alarm in place, use it when away from your home.
- Keep side gates locked. If away from your home for a lengthy period of time, invite a neighbour to park one of their cars in your driveway.

Crime prevention for vehicles.

- Lock vehicles at all times especially at hours of darkness and overnight. Most thefts of property from vehicles take place when vehicles are left unlocked.
- Park vehicles in well-lit areas.
- Never leave property in vehicle, remove property before making your journey.
- Where practicable remove expensive work gear and tools from vehicles when parked overnight. Don't leave cash in your vehicle while working/visiting your place of work.
- Ensure pedal cycles are kept securely indoors, take note of serial numbers or distinctive marks.
- Keep keys out of sight, avoid fishing of keys (where a fishing rod/pole with a hook is pushed through a letter box to remove keys from hallway table).

Ballincollig Garda Station contact number 021-4214680