

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 23-December-2018

Fourth Sunday of Advent

God's anointed was born by the power of God's spirit. He is the Son of God, and fulfils God's promise of an everlasting kingdom for his people.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Preparing for Jesus

“From Bethlehem (the small place) where the least of the clans of Judah have their roots. Out will be born for me the one who is to rule over Judah. He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord. He himself will be peace.”

The gospel is an account of the cousins Elizabeth and Mary greeting one another and sharing their joy of preparing for the birth of their children. During my recent pilgrimage to the Holy Land, the climb of over a hundred steps to the home of Elizabeth on the hop top reminded me that life has many climbs and struggles.

During the coming days we will have opportunities to reach out, whether it is to build bridges with family members or neighbours. Offer our time to others especially the lonely or support a friend/acquaintance who finds this time of year difficult?

Wishing everybody on behalf of Fr. Cian and myself a very happy and holy Christmas.

Fr. George O'Mahony

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

As Advent draws to a close, let us pray confidently, knowing that the Lord is at hand.

Reader

We thank God for this season of Advent, a time of renewal and hope.

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

May God help us to proclaim the Good News as Mary did.

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

We pray for those who do not look forward to Christmas; for those who find this a lonely or sad time of year.

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

May God always watch over the children of our communities.

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

We pray for our dead, and for those who will grieve over an empty chair at their table this Christmas.

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

For those who travel during the coming days, that they may travel safely.

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

Priest

God our Father, we thank you for your promises, and for the faith through which we receive them. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Best Wishes for a Happy and Peaceful Christmas

The priests of the parish join in sending their Christmas greetings to all members of the parish and to all readers of the Ballincollig Parishioner. We thank you all for your help and co-operation during the past year.

You will be remembered in our Christmas Masses.

George O'Mahony & Cian O'Sullivan

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

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Eileen Farrell, Maglin.
Sheila Greene, Carrigrohane.
Con Delaney, Kilnaglory.
Seán Brady, Ballineen.

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

Patrick O'Shea, Scotch Farm, Carrigrohane.
John, Lena & Patrick Gaffney, Carrigrohane.
Dec. Mem. of Twohig Family, Farranree.
Dec. Mem. of Radley Family, Powdermills.
Dec. Mem. of Gaffney Family, Carrigrohane
Billy Greene, Station Road.
William & Annie Cotter, Fr. Sexton Park.
Mathew, Bridie & Con O'Leary, Macroom.
Nellie Murphy, Station Road.
Barry Kelly, The Crescent.
Charles & Marie Ross, Dublin.
Dan & Ina Hickey, Aherla.
Dan & Nellie Collins, Ovens.
Pat McCullagh, Castle Avenue.
Andrew Breen, Rosewood.
Donal Desmond, Ballyburden.
Seán & Elizabeth Crowley, Poulavone.
Peter & Hannah Crowley, Leemount.
Farrell Dunne, Thurles.
Joan & Eddie Murphy, Powdermills.
Jerry O'Connor, Sunningdale.
William Treacy, Castleknock.
Ellen Healy, Tralee.
Cecily O'Sullivan, Beech Park.
Con Greany, Station Road.
Denis & Ellen Hurley, Coolgarten Park.
Dec. Mem. of John A. Woods Workforce.
Dermot Barry-Murphy, Carriganarra.
Patricia O'Donovan, Raheen.
Dec. Mem. of Ring Family, Blarney Rd.
Eileen Murphy, Inniscarra.
Gillian Drinan, Church View.
Chris Foley, Shamrock Drive.
Eric Philpott, Beech Park.
Jim Prendeville, Castle Park.
David McCarthy, Copeen/Rosewood.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Christmas Week

23 Sunday Mic. 5: 1-4. Ps 79. Heb. 10:5-10. Lk. 1 :39-45. Lect I: 73
24 Monday 2 Sam. 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16. Ps. 88. Lk. 1:67-79. Lect I: 92
25 Tuesday Is. 52.710. Ps. 97. Heb. 1.1 6. Jn. 1.1 18. Lect I: 109
26 Wednesday Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59. Ps 30. Mt 10:17-22. Lect I: 125
27 Thursday 1 Jn 1:1-4. Ps 96. Jn 20:2-8. Lect I: 127
28 Friday 1 Jn 1:5-2:2. Ps 123. Mt 2:13-18. Lect I: 129
29 Saturday 1 Jn 2:3-11. Ps 95. Lk 2:22-35. Lect I: 131

Next Sunday's Readings 30-December-2018

Eccles. (Sir) 3:2-6, 12-14. Ps. 127. Col. 3:12-21. Mt. 2:13-15, 19-23. Lect I:114



Fourth Sunday of Advent

We are about to take our final step in Preparation for our Christmas meeting with Christ.

In the Gospel we hear the words spoken to Mary:

“Do not be afraid”.

Let us place our trust in God, who is very near us. With open hearts may we embrace the grace of our Saviour.

The 12 Days of Christmas

Religious symbolism of The Twelve Days of Christmas

1. True Love refers to God
2. Turtle Doves refers to the Old and New Testaments
3. French Hens refers to Faith, Hope and Charity, the Theological Virtues
4. Calling Birds refers to the Four Gospels and/or the Four Evangelists
5. Golden Rings refers to the first Five Books of the Old Testament, the "Pentateuch", which gives the history of man's fall from grace.
6. Geese A-laying refers to the six days of creation
7. Swans A-swimming refers to the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, the seven sacraments
8. Maids A-milking refers to the eight beatitudes
9. Ladies Dancing refers to the nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit
10. Lords A-leaping refers to the ten commandments
11. Pipers Piping refers to the eleven faithful apostles
12. Drummers Drumming refers to the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostle's Creed

BAPTISMS

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

Finn Noel O'Donovan, Daffodil Fields.

Trocaire

Do not let the downtrodden retreat in confusion, give the poor and needy cause to praise your name.' Psalms 74:21. Millions of people have had to flee conflict in South Sudan and Yemen. In one area alone in northern Uganda, 33,000 mainly women and children from South Sudan have taken refuge. They have witnessed and experienced the worst kind of violence and have arrived traumatised and broken. Trocaire's Christmas Appeal will help these people and many others rebuild their lives. Visit <http://www.trocaire.org> to find out more.

Reflection

I pray Lord, for the needy of our world: come among us as one, who will help, and call us all to help the hungry and sick, the uneducated and homeless, those who are victims of violence and war, the lonely and depressed. May your coming this Christmas be for them a time of peace and love; may we bring to them, in what way we can the joy of your coming.

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Mic 5:1-4
 Jesus Christ is coming soon, as he once came to Bethlehem. His origin is ancient. His message is timeless. His truth is eternal. Jesus Christ is peace itself.

Second Reading: Heb 10:5-10
 The coming of Christ brings about our sanctification. As Jesus came to do the will of God, we too have the same purpose in life. We offer our bodies as a spiritual sacrifice to God. In his will is our peace.

Gospel: Luke 1:39 - 44
 Luke tells us much in this account of Mary's visit to Elizabeth. Mary went to Judah to visit her cousin, Elizabeth, who knew nothing of Mary's pregnancy before their encounter. Yet Elizabeth knew that there was something special about Mary and the baby she carried. This is made clear by her calling Mary the "mother of my Lord." The baby that Elizabeth carried leaped for joy at the sound of Mary's voice. This completes the prophecy of the angel that Elizabeth and Zechariah were expecting a baby and is symbolic of John's announcing Jesus' coming.

Saint Vincent De Paul

Sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously to our recent collection, a sum of €13,000 was realised. This generosity will make big difference to the many struggling families in Ballincollig & Balinora.

Bulletin Board

Christmas Collection

According to the Diocesan custom, the collection at Christmas Vigil / Day Masses is one of two occasions during the year when the offertory collection goes to the priests of the Parish.

Offertory Collection Boxes 2018

The boxes of envelopes for the Offertory Collection are available in both churches. Families are asked to take one box. Please use the envelopes for the Offertory Collection for the Vigil and Sunday Masses during the year. The Offertory Collection is solely for the upkeep, maintenance, insurance, lighting, heating and related expenses of both churches.

Parishioners who gave their name and offertory box number for Tax Rebate to the Church will have their boxes delivered to them. Thanks for your generosity and we look forward to your support for the coming year.

Mass Diaries

Mass Diaries to book Mass intentions for January, February and March are now open in both churches. Priority will be given to those booking 1st Anniversary Mass.

Fr. George

Ballincollig Parish Christmas Programme

Sacrament of Reconciliation for Christmas

Saturday 22 nd December	11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.	St Mary & St John	Confessions
Monday 24 th December Christmas Eve	11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.	St Mary & St John	
	12.00 noon - 1.00 p.m.	Christ Our Light	

May the Child Jesus rest at the inn of your heart this Christmas



Mass Times



 Church of St Mary & St John	Monday 24 th December Christmas Eve	6.00 p.m.	Vigil Mass
		10.00 p.m.	Christmas Mass
	Tuesday 25 th December Christmas Day	Mass of Christmas Day	8.30 a.m.
10.00 a.m.			
12.00 noon			
Monday 24 th December Christmas Eve	Children's Mass Vigil Mass Midnight Mass	6.00 p.m.	
		8.00 p.m.	
		12.00 Midnight	
Tuesday 25 th December Christmas Day	Mass of Christmas Day	11.00 a.m.	
		12.30 p.m.	
		No 5:30 p.m. Mass on Christmas Day	

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Dec-29 & Dec-30-2018

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Sean Collins
Ben Purcell / Alicia Leahy»
8:30 am
John Healy
Kerry O'Leary
10:00 am
Fearghal Monahan
Debra Daly
12:00 Noon
Sean Hennessy
Shane Lehane

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Nonyi Ebili
Yago Greaux
11:00 am
Joseph Buckley
Rory Doherty
12:30 pm
Kay Carew
Abi Slattery
5:30 pm
Marlyn O'Connor

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, 6 pm & 10 pm	Monday	8:30 am 6 pm, 8 pm & Mid-night
8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon	Tuesday	11 am, 12:30 pm
9:30 am	Wednesday	No Mass
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

24-Dec-2018 to 30-Dec-2018

Joan Barrett & Margot Twomey

Christmas Mass Schedule

Bank Holiday Wednesday

26th December (St. Stephen's Day)

Mass at 9.30am in the Church of St. Mary & St. John.

Thursday 27th & Friday 28th December

Mass at 9.30am in the Church of St. Mary & St. John.

Mass at 8.30am in Christ our Light Church.

Monday 31st December

Mass at 9.30am in the Church of St. Mary & St. John.

Mass at 8.30am in Christ our Light Church.

Tuesday 1st January 2019 Bank Holiday

Mass at 9.30am in the Church of St. Mary & St. John.

Feast of the Epiphany Sunday 6th January

Masses

St Mary & St John

8.30am, 10.00am & 12 Noon

Christ Our Light

Vigil: Saturday 5th January 7.30pm

Sunday 6th January

11.00am, 12.30pm & 5.30pm



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Dec-29 & Dec-30-2018

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Pat Moore
Marie Healy
Margaret Kearney
Nora Barry
Joan Tobin

8:00 pm Sheila O'Connor
Mary Murphy
Brid Healy-Harris
Kit Cahill

8:30 am Triona Collins
Tom Butler

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

10:00 am Mags Bunyan
Mary Murphy
Breda Monaghan
Mary Hennigan
Helena Buckley

12:30 pm Eileen Garvey
Breda Callanan
Betty Walsh
Theresa O'Driscoll

12 Noon Marie Bohan
Breda Lenihan
Jacinta Jeffers
Rena O'Connor
Sean Farrell
Sheila O'Connor

5:30 pm Olan O'Mahony
Noel Kelleher

Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year

from The Parishioner Editorial Team

Con, Tom, Karen & Diarmuid

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To all our Readers & Parishioners

Happy Christmas, Nollaig Shona Dhuit, Feliz Navidad, Boas Festas, Sretan Bozic, Ruumsaid juulup|hi, Hyvaa joulua, Joyeux Noel, Buone Feste Natalizie, Priecigus Ziemas Svetkus, Linksmu Kaledu, Wesolych Swiat Bozego Narodzenia, Sarbatori vesele, Cestitamo Bozic.

May the Child Jesus and His Mother watch over you this Christmas and throughout the coming year? As once they came to the stable of Bethlehem, may they come to you and bring you all the desires of your heart.