

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 03-December-2006

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

New scheme of Tax relief on donations to charities.

Section 45 of the Finance Act. 2001 introduced a scheme of tax relief for charities.

The Parish is recognised and registered as a charity. This scheme has positive implications for the parish income and for the taxpayers who contribute to the parish. The financial benefits are significant and vary depending on the tax category and bracket to which you belong. The arrangements apply primarily to PAYE. Donations paid by instalments qualify for this scheme

For PAYE, benefit is given on a "grossed - up" basis to the parish.

Examples;
PAYE Individual

- (a) Individual on the standard rate of tax i.e. 20%
Individual donates €250.00 annually
Value of the donation to parish becomes €312.00. The parish will be able to claim a repayment of €62.00 from Revenue at the end of the year.
- (b) Individual on the higher rate of tax i.e. 42 %
Individual donates €250.00 annually
Value of donation to parish =€431.00

Donations made by individuals who are on other tax assessment regimes or donations by a business or a company in excess of €250.00 are allowable for tax expenses in the normal way.

This is a very significant for taxpayers who contribute to their parish. Many parishioners contribute very generously to Ballincollig parish on a regular basis, now it is possible to "Gross - up " your contribution and collect the extra cash from the Department of Finance.

A quick estimate of the possible size of the envelope waiting to be collected is €70,000.00. More next week on steps we will need to take so that we can draw these monies.

The Finance committee and the parish council have discussed this Tax Rebate and we have decided that any money returning to the parish of Ballincollig through this scheme will be devoted to helping the young people of this parish deepen their faith by providing retreats and encouraging young people to take part on appropriate pilgrimages.

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"



PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

We believe that Christ will come again in glory. Let us pray for what we need as we look forward in hope.

Reader

That the Church may be faithful as it points the way to the Saviour who is to come.

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

That this Advent time may be a time of peace and hope for all.

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

That those who are anxious or troubled may find consolation during this time of waiting.

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

That families may find ways of keeping Christ at the heart of their preparations for Christmas.

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

That those who are weary or exhausted from life's struggles may discover the strength that comes from their faith

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

That those who have died may enter with joy into their heavenly home.

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

Priest

All-powerful God, your Son will come with great power and glory to gather us into your Kingdom. Hear the prayers we make as we await his coming to us this Advent and make our hearts ready to receive him. This we ask in the name of him who is Lord forever and ever.

Amen.

Society of St Vincent De Paul Christmas Collection 2006

The annual church collection will take place at all Masses on Sat 9th & Sun 10th December. Your usual support will be much appreciated.

To You, O Lord, I Lift Up My Soul.

Visit Our Website: www.ballincolligparish.ie

BAPTISMS

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

Robyn Saoirse Buckley, Stoney Acre.
 Adam Michael Ahern, 2 Chestnut Crescent, Classic Lake.
 Stephanie Mary Williams, 22 Citi West Mews.
 Daniel Thomas O'Connell, 14 Leesdale Court.
 Asya Simsir Daly, 30 Castle Park.
 Andrew Donal Mohally, 27 Granary Court, The Maltings.
 Sophia Eke Herlihy, 4 Fern Walk, Greenfields.
 Alex James De Groot, 2 Oakdrive, Bridewood, Classic Lake.

MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Andrew Myles Cash, Pembroke, Passage & Stacey O'Reilly, Hillview Drive.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Jerry O'Leary, Knockburden.
 Gobnait Crowley, Rosewood.
 Mary Jo Connaughton, Kilrickle, Co Galway.
 Con Lehane, Castlegraine Park.
 Bella Newell, Wilton.

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

John O'Connor, Powdermills.
 Gerard Downey, Classis.
 Joe & Mona Thullier, Kinsale.
 Christopher Callanan.
 Joe Donovan, Inniscarra.
 Fr. Gerard Kelleher.
 Mary Connolly, Wilton.
 John Dillane.
 Yva O'Donoghue, Ovens.
 Derry Lynch, Windsor.
 Mary Anne Sheehan, Kilcorney.
 Jeremiah & Mary Keohane, Rossmore.
 Agnes Kavanagh, Fr Sexton Park
 Ned Fitton, Maglin
 Denis Long, Rylane
 Mary & Patrick Dineen, Shannon View
 Mick Hennigan, Station Road
 Stephen Spitre, Glasheen
 Michael, Kathleen & Richard Lucey
 Dan & Ann Kenny, McCurtins Villas
 David O'Leary, Magazine Road
 Kitty & Patrick Fitzgerald, Connell Road
 Daniel & Veronica Downey, Castle Park
 Pat McGrath, St Finbarr's Park
 Timothy & Eileen Keohane, Clonakilty
 Donal Ahern, Fr Sexton Park
 Brendan Whelan, Elm Lawn, Muskerry Estate
 Brendan O'Sullivan, Glendower
 Eileen O'Flynn, Aherla
 Hannah Buckley, Mallow
 Jack & Claire Horgan, Gurranabraher
 Thomas & Eily Lucey, Station Road
 John & Michael Lucey, Station Road
 Danjo & Margaret O'Shea, The Crescent
 Deceased members of Organisation of National Ex Servicemen.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

First Week Of Advent

03 Sunday Jer. 33: 14-16. PS. 24. 1 Thess. 3: 12-4:2. LK. 21 :25-28,34-36. Lect I: 8
 04 Monday Is 2:1-5. Ps 121. Mt 8:5-11. Lect I: 10
 05 Tuesday Is 11:1-10. Ps 71. Lk 10:21-24. Lect I: 13
 06 Wednesday Is 25:6-10. Ps. 22. Mt. 15:29-37. Lect I: 15
 07 Thursday Is 26:1-6. Ps 117. Mt 7:21, 24-27. Lect I: 18
 08 Friday Gen 3:9-15, 20. Ps 97. Eph 1:3-6, 11-12. Lk 1:26-38. Lect I: 1009 or II: 1289
 09 Saturday Is 30:19-21, 23-26. Ps 146. Mt 9:35-10:1, 6-8. Lect I: 22

Next Sunday's Readings 10-December-2006
 Bar. 5:1-9. Ps 125. Phil. 1 :3-6,8-11. Lk. 3:1-6. Lect I: 30

**Ballincollig Parish
 Christmas Retreat.**

December 11th to 13th 2006.

*Three days of prayer and reflection,
 an opportunity to get in touch with the real
 meaning of Christmas*

St. Mary & St. John's Church

Morning Masses: 7 am & 9.30 am
 Evening Session: 7.30 pm
 (does not include mass)

Topics (at the evening sessions):

Monday Christ's Healing Presence
 Tuesday Christmas a Time of Hope
 Wednesday Forgiveness and Renewal.
 (The Sacrament of Reconciliation)

The Team will preach at all the weekend masses in the Parish on December 9th and 10th with a special blessing for babies and young children at the Children's liturgy at 11 am in Christ Our Light.

Christ Our Light.

The door into the crying from the car park will remain closed before and during the eleven o'clock Mass each Sunday. This is for the children's well-being and to allow the children's Liturgy to proceed uninterrupted.
 Thanking you in anticipation.

Fr George.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Jer. 33:14-16
The time is ripe to mend our ways, to correct our faults, to be ready for the return of Jesus Christ. Jeremiah speaks to us today, urging us to repent and believe.

Second Reading: Thes. 3:12-4:2
In this reading, Paul congratulates the early Christians on their progress in serving God. The words we are about to hear are also written for us, that we too may grow in faith.

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28. 34-36
Exactly what will happen with the moon and stars and sun, is not known, but this Gospel makes clear that we will recognise some cosmic change when Jesus returns. The Gospel encourages us to not be afraid but to be ready. Specifically, Jesus told his listeners not to get caught up in the business of everyday living and all of its distractions. By the time Luke wrote for his community, it was clear that Jesus' return would not be immediate. The message Mark wanted people to understand, though, was one of hope - but also to remain in a state of readiness.

***Our Lady Queen Of Peace
House of Prayer***

A coach will leave Cork (Opera House) at 6.00 am on Saturday, December 23rd 2006, for Achill, Co. Mayo for a novena at the Christina Gallagher House of Prayer.

Pick Up Points: Commons Inn, Commons Rd., Stags Head, Mallow, Buttevant, Ballyhea and Charleville.
For more information please contact Caroline on 021 4884443 or 087 6377169 or if you wish to travel on Sat, Dec 2nd please contact Pauline on 087-4183839.



The Coeliac Society of Ireland
December Meeting .

Date: Tuesday, 5th of December, 2006
Place: SMA Hall, Wilton
Time: 8.00 p.m.
Christmas Party Night! "Bring something, Taste something" and talk from dietician.
Everyone welcome.

Cork Annual Rosary Procession

In Honour of
The Immaculate Conception

Date: December 8th
Time: 8.30 pm
Procession Starts

Grand Parade Hotel & proceeds via South Mall - Parnell Place - Merchant's Quay to Patrick St.

It concludes with benediction in St. Peter & Paul's Church.
Bring Candle / Torch & Bring Your Friends
All Are Welcome

Muskerry Local History Society and Comhaltas

Caobh Niall O' Cathasaig, Baile and Chollaigh.
Present: Glor na Laoi

An Evening of Music, Story, Song and Dance,
of The Barony of Muskerry.

Featuring:- Ceoltoiri Mhuscraí Fear an Ti:- Dick Beamish
Venue:-Ballincollig Rugby Club Function Hall
Date & Time: 5th December 2006 @ 8 pm
Admission:-Free Failte Roimh Chach

Parking Attention

Parking at St Mary and St John's. Please ensure that your car is not causing an obstruction in car park; please desist from parking at the entrance to the car park or at the church entrance. Drivers co - operation is much appreciated.

Fr. George

Variety Concert

At the Community Hall
Ballincollig

Friday December 8th @ 8 pm sharp

A great night 's entertainment is assured
Proceeds in aid of upkeep of Community Hall.
Admission €5

Pyke Theatre Group's

Christmas Social.

At The Rugby Club, Tanner Park
Tuesday December the 12th @ 8:45 pm sharp.

Music by Fergal Doody.
Fancy Dress optional.

Surprises and Spots

A Cead Mile Failte to Everyone

So why not come join us for a great evening.

***Feast of the Immaculate Conception
December 8th 2006***

From the very 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 the 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.

Please observe Mass Schedule

St. Mary & St. John Church

8.30 am, 10.00 am & 8.00 pm

Christ Our Light Church

Eve 8.00 pm (Vigil), 12.30 pm & 6.30 pm

49th Cork Ballincollig Scout Group

This is a very busy time for us; we have a number of things going on in the group. Hopefully by now everyone knows that our Bazaar is on Sunday at 2.30 pm in the Community Centre. This is our main source of income, as like many other voluntary groups we do not get any outside funding . So come early and spend, spend, spend.

The annual Scout and Guide toy mass is on in The Church of St. Mary and St Johns on Thursday the 7th December at 7.30 pm, Scouts and guides should be there by 7.20 pm, with a gift. All non-Scouts and Guides are welcome to attend. The Mass has now being going for 25 years.

When you are at camp do not be afraid to make your Scouts work like horses so, afterwards, all they want to do is hit the hay.

Diary for Mass Intentions

The diary to book mass intentions for January, February March 2007 will be open in the Sacristy of St. Mary John and the Sacristy of Christ Our Light on Saturday 9th December at 9 am.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Dec-09 & Dec-10-2006

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Ailish O'Reilly
Daniel McAuliffe
8:30 am
Niamh Gallagher
10:00 am
Hanah Bunyan
Katie Collins
12:00 Noon
Declan Chalmers

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Pauline Collins
11:00 am
Joseph Manning
12:30 pm
Dick Beamish
5:30 pm
Tom Reck

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 & 8 pm (Vigil)
8:30 am, 10 am & 8 pm	Friday	12:30 pm & 6:30 pm
10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)	Saturday	8 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. Michael O'Mahony C.C. 021-4877161
Fr. Sean O'Driscoll C.C. 021-4870434
Fr. Anthony O'Mahony -



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Dec-09 & Dec-10-2006

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Vera Allen
Ber Bell
Betty Casey
Frank Riordan
Siobhan Riordan
Sr. Martha
8:30 am Mary Buckley
Theresa Lucey
Triona Collins
10:00 am Anne Cahill
Pat Lee
May Delaney
Seamus O'Shea
John O'Donovan
Betty Flavin
12 Noon Joan Barrett
Sheila Carroll
Marsie Curling
Will Casey
Geraldine Graham
Catherine Greene

8:00 pm Geraldine Lynch
Charlie Vaughan
Joan Stephenson
11:00 am Marie Ui Chrualaof
Neil Jeffers
Eileen O'Donoghue
Bridie O'Donnell
Bridie Hanrahan
12:30 pm Con O'Connell
Denis O' Mahony
Christine O'Mahony
Tom Murray
John O'Regan
5:30 pm Patsy Galvin
Bernard Curran
Clare Curran



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Monday	Closed
Tuesday	9.30 – 5.00 pm
Wednesday	10.30 – 5.00 pm
Thursday	9.30 – 5.00 pm
Friday	9.30 – 5.00 pm
Saturday	9.30 – 12.30 pm

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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