# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John Station Road

# Sunday 07-December-2003

# **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 Collection

Yes, It is that time of the year again when, through our Church Collection, the less well off people in our community are the recipients of the extraordinary generosity of our benefactors. By your ongoing generosity, you have opened your hearts and pockets to the less well off every year since our collection started. Research has shown that charitable donations in Ireland have effectively declined over the 19931999 period-significantly, the period of our greatest economic growth-yet in our own town of Ballincollig, your generosity has increased year on year, last year our collection exceeding the total of€ 15,000.

The SVP in Ballincollig works actively on your behalf, meeting at least once a week right through the year to distribute as effectively as we can, the monies which you entrust to us. Despite your most generous monthly contributions at the Church Gate and the particularly generous contribution at Christmas, here in Ballincollig we continue to spend substantially more funds than we receive in donations, our deficit being made up by drawing from Regional Funds. This is in no way a reflection on your generosity, but rather points to the hidden pockets of financial and social deprivation within our midst. Sadly, this year we have noticed an increase in the number of families without a sufficient weekly income to purchase adequate food and clothing, some not even having sufficient funds for any form of heating' in their homes. This is very distressing for us and by extension, to all in our community at a time when we in the Society want to invest more of our funds into educational support and into further tackling the homeless issues. Nationally, you will have heard the Society engaging with the media and governmental departments on behalf of those in the communities the length and breadth of Ireland who have no other voice to speak for them.

Locally, we continue to assist all families who come to us for support, no matter what their colour or creed may be. We do this on your behalf and stress that we would be absolutely unable to continue our work without your ongoing support and belief in us. It is therefore a great privilege for each one of us in the Society to work on your behalf. The words of Jesus as quoted in Matthew 25 apply absolutely to all who contribute to the Society" for I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you made me welcome, lacking clothes and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me". On behalf of those we seek to help, thank you once again most sincerely for your wonderful Christian generosity, a generosity which makes Ballincollig shine in a sometimes dark world. Members of the Society will help with the indoor second collection at all masses on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th December, the collection to take place after Holy Communion.

Just one further word, we would like to welcome our new Parish Priest Father George O'Mahony PP and to thank him for his endorsement of our work and his blessing on our traditional indoor collection every year at this time. Thanks also to the other clergy in the Parish who are so supportive and affirming of what we try to do. We implore the special blessing of the child Jesus and the Holy Family on all in . Ballincollig and surrounding areas at this special time of year.

Society of St Vincent de Paul

# **Second 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"



## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

#### **Priest**

God has worked marvels for us, so we present our needs with confidence.

#### Reader

For Christians, that they may know how best to prepare themselves for the coming of Christ

Lord, Hear us, Lord, graciously hear us.

For all people of goodwill, that they, too, may hear the challenge to repent. Lord, Hear us, Lord, graciously hear us.

For nations where there is war and suffering, that their leaders may choose the path of peace.

Lord, Hear us, Lord, graciously hear us.

For expectant mothers, that, like Mary, they may have the joy of a safe delivery.

Lord, Hear us, Lord, graciously hear us.

For all who have died and for children who have died just before or close to the time of birth,

that God may reunite us all in the joy of the Kingdom.

Lord, Hear us, Lord, graciously hear us.

For our own needs, which we remember now in silence......

Lord, Hear us, Lord, graciously hear us.

# Priest

Eternal God, your kindness fills your people with expectation, hear our prayers and help us in our needs, we pray, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

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#### **BAPTISMS**

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

Liam David O'Connell, Kilnaglory Neil Laurence Oscar Burke, 24 Dalgany Glen, Greystones, Co. Wicklow Cassidy Maud O'Connell, Rathard, Aherla Jack Joseph O'Keeffe, Fearna, Carriganarra

#### MARRIAGES

#### **CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

Arthur Ward, Turners Cross & Audrey Lynch, 8 Greystones, Ballincollig

# $\dagger$ IN SYMPATHY $\dagger$ PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :

Peggy O'Connor, Dunmanway Joan Murphy Mary Kate O'Riordan John Cummins Denis Bowen, Glasheen Road Jim Lee, Knockloney, Co. Limerick Mary O'Keeffe, Maglin Eve Spillane, Westcourt Heights

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

Martin De Nogla, Wyndham Downs. Michael & Mary Ann Naughton. Pat, Rick & Nora Barry, Pouladuff Road. Pat Barry, Mayfield. Péig & Jim Cotter, Ballingeary.

Deceased Members of the ONE Forces.

Tim, Dan & Nan O'Regan, Grange Park.

P.J. Holly.

Bridget & Jeremiah Collins, Dunmanway.

Bridget & Patrick Couch.

Johanna O'Shea, Skibbereen.

Josephine Foley, Newcestown.

Kitty Keogh.

Margaret O'Regan.

Frances Cunningham, Ballincollig.

Eva O'Donoghue, Ovens,

Eric Scott, Coolroe,

Denis Hallihan, Ballingulley.

Paddy Buckley, Waterfall.

Denis Riordan, Dunmanway.

Agnes Kavanagh, Fr. Sexton Park.

Anne Curran, Kilbrittain.

Florence & Noreen Kelly, Fr. Sexton Park.

Daniel Coomey, Carriganarra.

Kitty & Patrick Fitzgerald, Connelly Road.

Joseph & Edward Baker.

Teddy Roche, Inniscarra View.

Laurence & Dermot O'Brien, Durham & Skibbereen.

Maureen & Timothy O'Connell, Ballingully.

Theresa Brown, Ballingully & Ballinvosky.

Brendan Whelan, Muskerry Est.

Deceased members of the Whelan Family.

Dan Lucey, The Crescent.

Con Greaney, Station Road.

Mick Hennigan, Station Road.

Lillie O'Sullivan, Inniscarra View.

Cecil & Patricia McCracken, West Village & Sunderland.

Dan & Ann Kenny, McCurtain Villas.

Sheila Twomey, St. Lukes & Norah O'Toole, Dillons Cross.

Jack & Clare Horgan, Gurranabraher.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

#### SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

07 Sunday Bar. 5:1-9. Ps 125. Phil. 1:3-6,8-11. Lk. 3:1-6. Lect 1: 30

08 Monday Gen. 3:9-15, 20. Ps. 97. Eph. 1 :3-6, 11-12. Lk. 1 :26-38. Lect l: 1009 or Lect ll: 1289

09 Tuesday Is. 40:1-11. Ps. 95. Mt. 18:12-14. Lect 1: 35

10 Wednesday Is 40:25-31. Ps. 102. Mt. 11:28-30. Lect 1: 38

11 Thursday Is. 41:13-20. Ps. 144. Mt .11:11-15. Lect 1: 40

12 Friday Is. 48:17-19. Ps. 1. Mt. 11:16-19. Lect l: 42

13 Saturday Eccles. (Sir) 48:1-4,9-11. Ps. 79. Mt. 17:10-13. Lect 1: 44

## Children's Liturgy at 11.00am Mass, Christ Our Light Church

A Children's Liturgy Group was organized in October this year. We have had a very positive response from the schools and especially from the parents who have been making a special effort to bring their children to this Mass. Our purpose is to bring the Gospel to life in a way that is easily understood by the children. We do this with the help of worksheets from the Redemptorist Fathers, especially designed around the message in the Gospel. One point from the Gospel is highlighted each week and other activities on the worksheet are also based on this central theme. In this way, the children can meet Jesus and get to know him as a friend. This enhances their school Alive-O program and also what they learn at home. From the feedback we've been getting from the children, they are so far enjoying the Liturgy. We hope this Group will continue to flourish, and that the children will bring a good message home with them.

# L'Arche Community Cork

Building Community in Cork with People with Learning Disabilities

# L'Arche Christmas Craft Fair

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2003 From 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. The L'Arche Community in Togher, Cork (Next to the Parish Church and the National School)

# **RECONCILIATION SERVICE**

Church of Christ Our Light

@ 6.30 pm

Church of St. Mary & St. John

@ 8.00 pm

on Monday 22nd December 2003

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### 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.

# SAINT OF THE WEEK

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St. Finnian 12-December-2003
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.

# **Mass Book Opens**

The Book for reserving Masses for January, February and March 2004

Will be opened on Saturday morning, December 13th 2003

# Ballincollig Scouts CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

# & MINI AUCTION

This Sunday 7th December 2003 COMMUNITY HALL AT 2.00PM

# The Ten Commandments You Shall Not Covet Your Neighbour's Goods

Do I habitually compare myself with others in terms of wealth, status, and financial security? Am I jealous of the personal qualities of others or envious of their possessions or success? Do I keep my finances in order and exercise proper stewardship over what is mine? Do I support my church sufficiently and give generously to the poor?

### Autumn Dues

Fr. Michael, Fr. John and Fr. George, wish to thank the many parishioners, who have returned their envelopes. The Autumn and Spring dues together with the Christmas, Easter and November offerings provide the income for the priests of the parish.

# Church Collection Envelopes

Boxes are available in both churches this weekend. Each box contains an envelope for each Sunday, plus a separate envelope for the special church collection. I am asking families to please take one box and be good enough to use one envelope weekly to make your family contribution to the offertory collection. The offertory collection goes exclusively towards the maintenance, heating, lighting, insurance and other running costs associated with buildings and a parish. Thanking you for your support.

# **Books Of Condolences**

During the weekend of Sunday 23rd November books of condolences were available for signature in Churches of St Mary and St John's and Christ Our Light. Sixteen hundred people took the time to express their sympathy to the people of Istanbul on the loss of life and injuries inflicted by the recent bombing; Mr J Hegarty NT and myself handed the books of signatures to Mr. Mehmet Erdem, Project Manager Gama - Tubin on Friday November 28th 2003. He expressed his heartfelt appreciation for the gesture.

Fr George 0' Mahony

# Fatima Apostolate - Cork

The AGM of the Apostolate, Cork will be held on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2003** in the St. Vincent De Paul Centre (near Community Centre), Station Road, **2.30pm**. All members and new members are welcome.

### Simon Shop Christmas Opening Hours

As the season of goodwill approaches, please remember Corks Homeless People. The Simon Shop on North Main Street will accept clothes, books and bric-a-brac for resale to raise funds for the Cork Simon Community. They will also accept non-perishable food items for the Emergency Shelter and cash donations. The Simon Shop is open from 10 to 4 pm Monday to Saturday and will be open on Sundays from 2 to 4 pm from the 30th of November until the 21st of December inclusive.

# **Ballincollig Secular Franciscan Order**

The monthly Mass and meeting will be held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 11.00 am in St. Mary & St. John Church Rosary will be recited at 10.40 am (Sharp)

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# MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Dec-13 & Dec-14-2003

# St. Mary & St. John

# **Christ Our Light**

6:00 pm (Vigil) Aine Sheehan 8:30 am Triona Collins 10:00 am **Declan Chalmers** 12:00 Noon Oliver O'Donovan 8:00 pm (Vigil) Joy O'Driscoll 11:00 am Maura McNamara 12:30 pm Dick Beamish 5:30 pm Brian O'Donoghue



# MINISTERS OF THE **EUCHARIST**

Dec-13 & Dec-14-2003

12:30 pm



St. Mary & St. John		Christ Our Light	
.00 pm	Vera Allen	8:00 pm	Geraldine Lynch
	Ber Bell		Charlie Vaughan

6.0 Oliver Delanev Betty Casey Frank Riordan Siobhan Riordan 8:30 am

Mary Buckley Theresa Lucey

10:00 am Anne Cahill Pat Lee May Delaney Seamus O'Shea

12 Noon

Joan Barrett Sheila Carroll Marsie Curling Will Casey Geraldine Graham

John O'Donovan

Joan Stephenson

11:00 am Marie Ui Chrualaoí Neil Jeffers Eileen O'Donoghue Mary Coleman

Dan Coleman Con O'Connell

Denis O' Mahony Christine O'Mahony Tom Murray Maura Lombard

5:30 pm Patsy Galvin

Margaret Murphy Phil O'Donnell

### **MASS TIMES**

St. Mary & St. John	Christ Our Light	
8:30 am, 10 am, 12 noon & 6 pm (Vigil)	Sunday	11 am, 12:30 pm, 5:30 pm & 8 pm (Vigil)
8:30 am, 10 am, 12 noon & 8 pm	Monday	11 am, 12:30 pm & 6:30 pm
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	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	

### **PARISH CLERGY**

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Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C.	021-4877161
Fr. Paul O'Donoghue	021-4876055
Fr. John O'Donovan C.C.	021-4870434



# The Immaculate Conception

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 Incarnate Son. In perfect obedience to his will, according to his word, she accepted and followed the vocation that God had planned for her.



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