

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



**SUNDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2001**

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT**



*Through the scriptures God has given us the hope of justice for the poor and a longing for peace and harmony among people. Christ came to fulfil that promise, but to receive it we must turn our lives away from everything that is sinful.*

## **THE NEW CURRENCY**

Over the past months shoppers have been warned against price rises in January under cover of the introduction of the euro. There is no need to warn contributors to charitable organisations as they receive only voluntary contributions. When you come to Mass nobody specifies the contribution you should make. It is entirely up to yourself. If worshippers give the same figure in euro as they did in old money the results will be serious. If the person who always contributed £1 now gives one euro the consequences will be dire for parish services.

The parish provides a range of services to the public - accommodation in a comfortable building for Sunday Masses, week-day Masses and other church services, school subsidy, cemetery maintenance, etc. For these services no charges are specified or demanded. They depend on the voluntary contributions of those who attend Sunday Mass.

If the Mass goer who give £1 at Mass gives instead 1 euro in the New Year it will mean a drop in church income of 20%. If the person who gives 50 pence gives 50 cents instead; if the person who gives 20p gives instead 20 cent; the consequence loss will amount to one fifth of income. If, for instance, your family income were to drop suddenly by 20% the cut-backs in your housekeeping budget would be ruinous. In business, a 20% drop in sales would indicate imminent bankruptcy.

The Parish Council has set up a committee to study the effect the introduction of the new currency might have on parish income. The members feel that this page of the Parishioner should be devoted to this topic for the next few weeks so that the parishioners who have so generously supported their parish over all the recent years of massive development will not let it down now through thoughtlessness. Even though we rarely dwell on money matters in this parish we feel it would be negligent not to highlight the dangers to our debt repayment and on-going running costs posed by the currency confusion of the coming month. So, rather apologetically, we will analyse the whole matter of parish funding in the coming weeks.

*Leonard O'Brien*

## **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

**PRIEST:**

Let us bring our prayers before God, who has pity on the weak.

**READER:**

For a spirit of repentance among all believers, we pray.....

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

For peace with justice where it is most lacking, we pray.....

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

For reconciliation between people who are at war, we pray

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

For our children, in this season of anticipation, we pray.....

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

For all who are in need, we pray.....

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

For those taken from us in death, we pray.....

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

**PRIEST:**

O God, you save the poor when they cry to you, hear the prayers of all your people, through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

*Please support  
Annual Christmas Appeal  
at all Masses this weekend*

## **THOUGHT FOR TODAY**

PRODUCE THE APPROPRIATE FRUIT (GOSPEL)

Jesus, like John the Baptist, begins his preaching with the word, 'Repent' (Gospel, Mt. 3:17). If we really want to accept the message of Jesus, we have to change our outlook; our lives need to be turned around (converted).

Advent is a time for turning; its fruit is a changed life.

***In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.***

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Sunday 9th December 2001

**THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER****BAPTISMS**

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

Adam Joden Foley, 11, The Groves, Wyndham Downs  
Kate Christina Buckley-McMahon, 5, Nouvelle, Douglas  
Heather Elizabeth McGowen, 42, Bridgewater  
Róisín Christine Forde, Hill Farm, Carrigrohane  
Orla Commins, Inchigaggin, Carrigrohane Road

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**IN SYMPATHY**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:  
William Buckley, West Village  
Teresa Devane, Annascaul, Co. Kerry

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF**

William Perrott  
Noreen O'Driscoll, Castlepark  
Timothy O'Connell, Ballingully  
Daniel Coomey, Carriganarra  
Agnes & John Roche, Gurrabraher  
Mary Drinan, Waterfall  
Dan Lucey, The Crescent  
Leslie Baker, Station Road  
Eddie Finn, Evergreen Road  
John & Mary O'Driscoll, Upton  
Maura Kenny, Rosehill and Ivy Circle  
Mary Chapling, Schull  
The Isaac Family  
Noel Considine, England  
Con Considine, The Glen  
Anne & Jack Curran, Kilbrittain  
Paddy & Nora Barry, Redemption Road  
Pat Barry, Mayfield  
Jamsie Cotter, Ballingearry  
John & Brid Lehane, Wolfe Tone Street  
Tom Daly  
O.N.E.  
Daniel & Margaret Murphy, Knockburden  
Beatrice Shanahan, Fr. Sexton Park  
Daly Family, Cathedral Road  
Joe & Mona Thullier, Kinsale  
Deceased members of Hurley Family, Friar St.  
Jack McCarthy, Dripsey  
Tim Cullinane, Elm Lawn  
Conor Helay, Carridrohid (Anniv)  
Bridget & Jeremiah Collins, Dunmanway  
Liam Walsh, Wolverhampton

**SECOND WEEK IN ADVENT**

**9 Sunday** Is. 11:1-10. Ps. 71. Rom. 15:4-9. Mt. 3:1-12. *Lect I:24*  
John the Baptist is a prophetic voice for all ages: his messages speak to us today, for conversion is always part of the Christian way of living. Conversion to each other is called for by St. Paul, so that we can be tolerant of each other, united in mind and heart.

**10 Monday** Is. 35:1-10. Ps. 84. Lk. 5:17-26. *Lect I:33*  
The marvellous vision of God's saving love is expressed in some of the most poetic language of the prophet. This vision is realised in the life and works of Jesus Christ.

**11 Tuesday** Is. 40:1-11. Ps. 95. Mt. 18:12-14. *Lect I:35*  
Isaiah's words of comfort breathe the very spirit of Advent. The nation's slavery is ended and God will lead his people in a new Exodus. The road must be prepared for God to travel on.

**12 Wednesday** Is. 40:25-31. Ps. 102. Mt. 11:28-30. *Lect I:38*  
"The people are not to grow weary and tired, thinking that the Lord has deserted them. Those who hope in him will renew their strength, they will sprout wings like eagles." Jesus promises rest to the weary and overburdened.

**13 Thursday** Is. 41:13-20. Ps. 144. Mt. 11:11-15. *Lect I:40*  
*From today the Gospel passage are about St. John Baptist and the first readings either continue the Isaiah readings or are chosen in relation to the Gospel.*

"St. John the Baptist is the Lord's immediate precursor or forerunner, sent to prepare his way. 'Prophet of the Most High'". John surpasses all the prophets, of whom he is the last.

**13 Friday** Is. 48:17-19. Ps. 1. Mt. 11:16-19. *Lect I:42*  
The people of Jesus' own time have acted in a self-willed way, never consistent nor satisfied and have refused the offer of salvation. Neither the ascetical John, nor Jesus, with his free and easy way at table with sinners, can bring them to faith.

**14 Saturday** Sir. 48:1-4, 9-11. Ps. 79. Mt. 17:10-13. *Lect I:44*  
Going before Jesus in the spirit and power of Elijah, John bears witness to Christ in his preaching, by his Baptism of conversion, and through his martyrdom.

**SAINTS THIS WEEK**

**11 Tuesday - St. Damasus I**, died 11 December 384, was pope from 366 to 384. He insisted on the apostolic foundations of the Roman See and was active in suppressing Arianism and other heresies. He commissioned St. Jerome to prepare the Vulgate version of the Bible.

**12 Wednesday - St. Finnian**, studied in Idrone (Co. Carlow) and later in Wales and on his return to Ireland he settled in Clonard, Co. Meath, around 520, where he established a famous school. His pupils, among who were Canice, Colum Cille, and Brendan, were the initiators of the great monastic expansion in Ireland. He died in 549 and is remembered as the tutor of the saints of Ireland.

**St. Jane Frances de Chantal**, 1572-1641, was left a widow with six children at the age of 29. With the support and direction of St. Francis de Sales, she had founded more than eighty convents of Visitation nuns by the time of her death.

**13 Thursday - St. Lucy**, died 304 in Sicily, is invoked for eye trouble. She suffered much for her desire to remain consecrated to Christ alone. She was martyred by a sword thrust through her throat.

**14 Friday - St. John of the Cross**, 1542-91, a Carmelite who suffered much in his work of spreading the reform of the Carmelites. He was a man of prayer, an outstanding poet and spiritual writer. Declared Doctor of the Church in 1926.

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Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2001

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Further information from: Nell Kelleher Tel: 026 41236

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<b>ST. MARY &amp; ST. JOHN</b>	<b>EACH SUNDAY</b>	<b>CHRIST OUR LIGHT</b>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Masses</b></p> <p><b>Sunday:</b> 8.30, 10.00, 12.00</p> <p><b>Mon-Fri:</b> 9.30am</p> <p><b>Saturday:</b> 10.00am, 6pm (Vigil)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ROSARY RECITED AT BOTH CHURCHES EACH SUNDAY 3.00P.M. <i>Everyone most welcome</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Masses</b></p> <p><b>Sunday:</b> 11.00, 12.30, 5.30pm</p> <p><b>Mon-Fri:</b> 8.30am</p> <p><b>Saturday:</b> 10.00am, 8.00pm (Vigil)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Confessions</b></p> <p><b>Saturday:</b> after 10am Mass before 6pm Mass</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MASS BOOKINGS</b> THE MASS BOOK IN BOTH CHURCHES WILL OPEN ON SATURDAY</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Confessions</b></p> <p><b>Saturday:</b> after 10am Mass</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Baptisms</b></p> <p><b>Saturday:</b> 5.00pm <b>Sunday:</b> 12.45pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">15TH DECEMBER FOR THE MONTHS OF JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Baptisms</b></p> <p><b>Saturday:</b> 7.15pm</p>
<p><b>PARISH CLERGY</b></p> <p>CHURCH NO. ☎ 087-2479140</p> <p>Fr. L.O'Brien P.P. ☎ 021-4871206</p> <p>Fr. P. O'Donovan C.C. ☎ 021-4872808 Fax: 021-4872808</p> <p>Fr. Paul O'Donoghue ☎ 021-4876055</p> <p>Fr. John O'Donovan ☎ 021-4870434</p>		

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**A PRAYER AT EVENTIDE**

May he support us all day long,  
till the shades lengthen  
and the evening comes  
and the busy world is hushed  
and the fever of life is over  
and our work is done  
Then, in his mercy,  
may he give us a safe lodging  
and a holy rest  
and peace at last.

*Cardinal Newman*

*Reach out and touch the Lord  
as he goes by.  
You'll find he's not too busy  
to hear your heart's cry.  
He's passing by this moment,  
Your need to supply  
Reach out and touch the Lord as  
he goes by.*

**BALLINCOLLIG PARISH COUNCIL  
PRAYER GROUPS TEAM**

*The above team have been asked to promote  
participation in Prayer Groups. To help us to compile  
a directory of prayer groups within Ballincollig.  
We invite you to write to us giving details of your  
group, i.e. type of group, when and where you meet,  
and if you are open to new members.*

Replies should be sent to:  
PRAYER GROUPS TEAM,  
c/o Ballincollig Parishioner,  
Sacristy, St. Mary & St. John,  
Station Road, Ballincollig.

Or e-mail: parish@ballincolligparish.ie

**NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS:**

Is. 35:1-6,10. Ps. 145. Jm. 5:7-10. Mt. 11:2-11. Lect 1:46  
A greater than John the Baptist has never been seen

**THE  
BALLINCOLLIG  
PARISHIONER  
4TH ANNIVERSARY**

This weekend marks the fourth  
anniversary of "The Parishioner"  
From its humble beginnings as a four  
page publication, today we have an eight  
page publication as well as being on the  
worldwide web.

([www.ballincolligparish.ie](http://www.ballincolligparish.ie))

We are always looking for new ideas  
to enhance the weekly publication. If you  
have any suggestions, please forward  
them to our website or drop it into the  
sacristy at St. Mary's and St. John's

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD DEC. 15TH/16TH**

**ST. MARY & ST. JOHN**

**CHRIST OUR LIGHT**

6.00p.m. (Vigil) - Karen Sheehan	8.00p.m. (Vigil) - Pauline Collins
8.30a.m. - Elaine Murphy	11.00a.m. - Noreen O'Riordan
10.00a.m. - Declan Chalmers	12.30p.m. - Pat McGeough
12 Noon - Tony Lynch	5.30p.m. - Michelle Beamish

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

**15th /16th December 2001**

**ST. MARY'S & ST. JOHN'S CHURCH**



**SATURDAY 15TH**  
6p.m.  
Vera Allen  
Bernadette Bell  
Oliver Delaney  
Betty Casey  
Frank Riordan  
Siobhan Riordan

**SUNDAY 16TH**  
8.30a.m.  
Mary Buckley  
Theresa Lucey

10a.m.  
Anne Cahill  
Pat Lee  
Mary Delaney  
Seamus O'Shea

12.00 Noon  
Joan Barrett  
Sheila Carroll  
Marsie Curling  
Brendan Daly  
Mary Daly  
Pat Keenan

**CHRIST OUR LIGHT CHURCH**

**SATURDAY 15TH**  
8p.m.  
Anne O'Regan  
Marion O'Sullivan  
Sheila Cahill

**SUNDAY 16TH**  
11a.m.  
Seamus O'Connell  
Mary O'Connell  
Finbarr Murray  
Alan O'Riordan  
Geraldine Keohane

12.30p.m.  
Eileen O'Donoghue  
Jackie Sheehan  
Anne Burke  
Mary Green  
Michael O'Leary

5.30p.m.  
Catherine Green  
Mary Breen  
Siobhan Burke

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# BALLINCOLLIG BASKETBALL CLUB

## Ladies Results

Our Un-12 Girls had a decisive win over Carrigaline on November 24th. Ballincollig dominated the game from the start, as they notched up an early lead that the Carrigaline girls were unable to match. The Un-14 Girls had a very narrow defeat in their game, which saw them well down on scores after a slow start. But in the second half of the game, Ballincollig really started to work hard and make the shots count and were unlucky to be beaten by only 4 pts in the end. The Un-15 Team celebrated their first win of the season when they beat a strong Carrigaline side. Ballincollig were losing at the end of the first half but slowly began to bring the score level and showing great determination, put away some great baskets to take the lead and a well deserved win. The Un-16 Team were not as fortunate in their game as, some of their players had just played on the Un-15 Team and Carrigaline took advantage of this on the night. Our Un-17 Ladies took part in a tournament in Hospital, Co. Limerick on November 24th where they played well on the day. They lost their first game narrowly to Waterford Wild Cats, beat Gort from Galway and went on to play Castleisland in the Semi-Finals where they were unlucky to be beaten narrowly. The Un-18 Ladies provided great excitement in their game against St. Colms, Limerick. After a very close match, with only 2 seconds on the clock and St. Colms leading by 2pts, Ballincollig got two free shots and levelled the score taking the game to extra time. Unfortunately Ballincollig were very disappointed to lose by only 1 pt in the end 63pts to 64.

## Mens Results

Bantry provided some tough and very physical play in B.C.S. last Saturday against the Un-11 and Un-13 Boys Teams. Both games were very close score wise, with Bantry beating the Un-11's by only 4pts in a game where Ballincollig played extremely well constantly fighting for and winning the ball, and the Un-13 game by only 2pts, but Ballincollig Un-13's were under pressure the whole time and had to fight hard for all possession. The Un-15's had a much easier game which they won well, dominating the game from start to finish and won by a very significant margin. Our Div. 2 Men's Team had a very comfortable win over the Garda Team on the same Saturday. Ballincollig really coasted through the match and certainly deserved the win. Our Un-11's and 13's travelled to Skibbreen on Sunday morning and both teams were pleased with their wins. The Un-11's especially so as they were losing badly for the first two quarters but then made a huge push and came back to win the game. Well Done. The Un-13's also played well in their game and won by 5pts.

### Men's Fixtures

Friday Dec. 14th - Parochial Hall  
6.45pm Glanmire v Ballincollig Un-19

Saturday Dec. 15th - B.C.S.  
2pm Ballincollig v Skibbreen Un-11  
3pm Ballincollig v Skibbreen Un-13  
4pm Ballincollig v Skibbreen Un-17  
5pm Ballincollig v Carrigaline Un-19  
6pm Ballincollig v Blue Demons B Div. 2

Sunday Dec. 16th - Bantry Boys Club  
11am Bantry A v Ballincollig Un-11  
12pm Bantry A v Ballincollig Un-13  
1pm Bantry A v Ballincollig Un-15  
2pm Bantry B v Ballincollig Un-11

### Ladies Fixtures

Thursday Dec. 13th - Parochial Hall  
6.30pm Glanmire I v Ballincollig Un-12  
7.30pm Brunell v Ballincollig Un-16  
8.30pm NETS v Ballincollig Junior

Saturday Dec. 15th - Carrig. Comm. Centre  
4.15pm Carrig. I v Ballincollig Un-14  
5.15pm Carrig. I v Ballincollig Un-16

Sunday Dec. 16th - Cobh  
1pm Cobh v Ballincollig Un-18

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### PREPARING THE LIGHT

In the past when times were dark  
Your Word shone bright as day.  
Let it shine today for us  
And guide us on our way.

### REFLECTION

Lord, may your coming at Christmas find us,  
like Mary, watching in prayer,  
our hearts filled with wonder and awe.  
Amen



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***CAROL SINGING AROUND THE  
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6-9P.M.***

***Please support  
this worthy cause***



## **ANNUAL TOY MASS**

***organised by  
Secular Franciscan Order  
Sunday 9th December 2001  
at 11.00a.m.  
in Christ Our Light Church***

**Do you have any new or nearly new toys you could  
do without? If so, we ask you to be generous this  
Christmas and bring them along to our Mass.  
Thank You.**

## **SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER**

**Monthly Mass & Meeting  
of the Order will take place in  
St. Mary & St. John's Church on  
Thursday 13th December at 11a.m.  
Rosary will be recited at 10.40am sharp  
Don't forget the Toy Mass  
- 11am Mass, Christ Our Light  
on the 9th December**

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## AN ADVENT STORY

Advent always seems to me a very peaceful, full-of-promise time. As a child it was the happy whisperings. Soon it would be the birthday of baby Jesus. Everyone would be kind to each other. These kindnesses would be our gifts to the Babe. We'd get presents too. Each parent took us out to buy presents for the other parent. We learned to make happy secrets and to give.

Later it was time when our much wanted first born child was born. She, going home from the hospital late on Christmas Eve, was the gift of love, joy and promise our life was bringing to the world.

She, like thousands of other youngsters, died when she was barely a woman. Her death came on a sun-filled day just one Spring after her brother had died on

another Spring day full of promise of joy and life. She was 18. He was 11. Their love is a legacy very like the Advent feeling. It that led to a charity named after them, the Nigel Clare Network Trust (NCNT) Clare will always be 18. Nigel will stay 11 forever. It will always be a joy to give to them.

NCNT works with families where a children's lives are limited by length, quality or both. Few people can imagine anything worse than the death of a child. But is a fact of life for thousands of families where a child is born with, or develops a condition which limits young lives. For some time the organisation has worked in the UK to help these families in a very practical way. Now it is setting up in Ireland. The number of affected children in the Republic is not yet known. NCNT Ireland is hoping to raise the funds to find out and to set up services relevant to Irish families.

It is a little known fact that the extra time and money costs of caring for a life-limited child can bring real hardship. Most families try to go on making a living while meeting all the extra demands. Healthy brothers and sisters suffer, parents are faced with mounting costs and less time to make the needed money.

At this time of the year there are many families fearing for the security of a young life. There are many remembering past advents and times filled with secrets, promises and silent holy nights that once saw a wide-eyed special child through a nativity scene.

Each and every parent will understand the need to provide. Not so many will understand what it is like to be filled with the love and promise of Advent and to no longer have a child recipient for all the hope and promise.

For many of the parents, I work with the need to make happy surprises for children at this time of the year is a yearning set deep in their spines. Yet because a child has died too many folks see no further than the loss. My advent prayer is that every bereaved parent everywhere will be welcomed for what they can bring to a child's life, not sympathised with for what they have lost. They need the gift of being allowed to give.

*Mari Putt*

# HM

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