

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

150 Years



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 29-November-2015

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

The Season of Advent

This First Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of the Liturgical Year. The Advent season focuses on Christ's threefold coming: we celebrate his first coming in Bethlehem over two thousand years ago; secondly we give thanks for his continual coming to us each day, especially in the Eucharist, and thirdly we look forward with hope to his second coming on judgment day. The readings today remind us to be ready at all times for the coming of Christ.

As we prepare for his coming at Christmas it may be a good time to reflect on one's own personal relationship with him and with those around us. In what areas of my life do I need healing and forgiveness? Is there something blocking me opening the door of my heart to welcome Jesus in? There is a well-known picture which shows an image of Jesus knocking on a door which has no handle on the outside to open it. It has to be opened from the inside. Today Jesus is knocking on my 'door' - waiting for me to open my heart and home so that he can come in and dwell there.

These days, there are so many reminders all around us that Christmas is fast approaching! It may be good to pause occasionally and ask oneself where is Jesus for me in the midst of all the 'busyness' of preparing for Christmas. **MARANATHA** (pronounced Ma-ra-na-tha) is an ancient Aramaic prayer which means 'Come Lord Jesus'. Saying this little word, or Mantra, can help one focus on the true meaning of Christmas. We can avail of moments each day during this season of Advent, to pray this word in the silence of our hearts, even while we wait at the supermarket or bus queues or as we drive, walk, etc! Let us prepare to welcome Jesus into our hearts and homes this Christmas.

'MARANATHA' - Come Lord Jesus

Sr. Colette

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

Let us turn to the Lord in our needs, confident that he will give us his saving help.

Reader

For the Church: that it may continue to work and pray for the coming of the Kingdom of God.

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

For civil leaders: that they may work to create a world where justice and peace may reign.

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

For those who are suffering the effects of war, famine and persecution in particular the people of Aleppo.

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

For all gathered here: that we may recognise Christ as our Saviour, may follow him in our lives.

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

For all our dead: that God may keep them in his care – those we have loved and those and those no one remembers.

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

For grace to bring our needs before God, in silence and in trust.

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

Priest

Heavenly Father, in your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Cake Sale to raise funds for Aleppo

We are holding a cake sale to raise funds for Aleppo in the 6th December at 11 o'clock mass" Christ Our Light" Anybody who would like to bake for this cause could they contact

Virginia.harrington@murphyslaw.ie

Thanking you in advance !

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Timothy (Ted) O'Mahony, Rochestown.
 John Quinn, Drimoleague.
 Ned McNamara, Carrigrohane.
 Dan McEvoy, Kilkenny.
 Claire O'Sullivan, Ovens.
 Margaret Slowey, Donegal.
 Jerry Deady, Castletownroche.

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

Pauline O'Callaghan, West Village.
 Emma Kelly, Innishmore.
 Iza Murphy, Maglin Crescent.
 Tadgh & Maureen O'Callaghan, The Lough.
 Frank O'Mahony, Ministers Cross.
 Christy Callanan, Muskerry Estate.
 Paddy Cronin, Mournabbey.
 Kathleen O' Connor, Oaklands.
 O'Farrell Family, Station Road.
 Vincent Murphy, Powdermills.
 John Buttimer, Ahakeer, Dunmanway.
 Chris Murphy, Powdermills.
 Philip Bogue, Carrigrohane.
 John O'Mahony, Leevview, Carrigrohane.
 James O'Donovan, Castletownkenna.
 Sonny & Kathleen Murray, Straight Road.
 Paddy Madge & Sr. Philomena Fogarty.
 Martin O'Neill, Castlepark.
 Ann O'Leary, Innishmore.
 William Devereux, Clogheen, Co Tipperary.
 Finbarr O'Mahony, Bishopstown.
 Ciss O'Connell, Turner's Cross.
 Tom & Mary Drinan, Waterfall.
 Stephen Spitere, Glasheen.
 Eddie Delmar, Kildare.
 Donal & Eleanor O'Halloran, Castlepark.
 Neil & Maureen O'Halloran.
 Dan Murphy, Clash.

Sponsor A Light

On Thursday 3rd December at 7pm Bru Columbanus, Cardinal Way, Wilton will officially switch on their Christmas Lights and launch their "Sponsor A light" Campaign. Sponsoring a light is a unique gift whereby a light can be sponsored for a loved one. Lights can be sponsored from now until Christmas and will shine throughout the festive season. The switching on of the lights will be performed by Lord Mayor of Cork, Cllr. Chris O'Leary. St. Mary's Choir Pope's Quay will also give a short concert. For further details 021-4345754.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

First Sunday Of Advent

29 Sunday Jer. 33: 14-16. PS. 24. 1 Thess. 3: 12-4:2. Lk. 21 :25- 28,34-36. Lect I: 8
 30 Monday Rom. 10:9-18. Ps. 18. Mt. 4:1 8-22. Lect II:1279
 01 Tuesday Is 11:1-10. Ps. 71. Lk. 10:21-24. Lect I: 13
 02 Wednesday Is. 25:6-10. Ps. 22. Mt. 15:29-37. Lect I: 15
 03 Thursday Is. 26: 1-6. Ps. 117. Mt. 7:21, 24-27. Lect I: 18
 04 Friday Is. 29:17-24. Ps. 26. Mt. 9:27-31. Lect I: 20
 05 Saturday Is. 30:19-21, 23-26. Ps. 146. Mt. 9:35-10: 1, 6-8. Lect I: 22

Next Sunday's Readings 06-December-2015

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

BAPTISMS

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

Rebecca Eileen Manning, Ballyburden.
 Leon Jay Pinto-Magalhaes, Old Fort Gate.
 James Patrick O'Brien, Castle Ave. Muskerry Estate.
 Tounkara Djene Siallou, The Cloisters.
 Tounkara Mamadi Siallou, The Cloisters.

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.

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'Carol's by Candlelight'

A concert will take place at St. Patrick's Church on the Lower Glanmire Road, Cork City on Friday December 11th at 8pm. Funds raised will benefit the Cork Association for Autism (CAA) who provide support services to adults with autism. Choirs performing on the night include Note Perfect, Cork Garda Male Voice Choir, The Cork Prison Officers Male Voice Choir, The Choir of St. Patrick's and the Hairmonics. Young tenor Kevin Walsh who avails of the Cork Association for Autism services will also perform as a special guest on the night. The programme for the evening will include well known favourites such as; Oh Holy Night, Winter Song and Carol of the Bells.

Tickets cost €15 for the concert and can be purchased from the Cork Association for Autism Office at Unit 4, Barryscourt Industrial Estate, Carrigtwohill, Co. Cork, St Patrick's Church, Pro Musica Oliver Plunkett Street or online at www.corkautism.ie. Telephone 021 453 3642 for more information.

Advent Story

On a bitterly cold and blustery winter night, the pastor of an urban church knelt in the rectory. "Let me see your face, Lord!" he prayed over and over again. A knock at the rectory door disturbed his prayer. Reluctantly he rose to answer the door. Outside stood a dishevelled, shivering man who asked, "Can I have some food?" The pastor led the man to the kitchen, scrounged in the refrigerator for a left-over, not too dried out sandwich. He poured a small glass of milk and added a tired slice of pie before placing the food before the beggar. He waited a bit impatiently while the man ate. He offered little conversation, not wanting to prolong the time until he could return to his prayer. When the man had finished, the priest escorted him to the door. As he closed the door, he immediately resumed his prayer, "Lord, let me see your face". In his mind's eye the face of the beggar instantly appeared. Words something like, "You have seen me," echoed in his mind. The priest threw the door open. Though the street was long and visible, the beggar was nowhere in sight. The priest had stayed awake to pray, "Lord, let me see your face," but today he believes he missed Jesus when he came to his door in the form of a beggar. Probably each one of us has a similar story of a time when Jesus whom we long to see came to us in the form of one of his poor ones and we failed to recognise him.

During this Advent season we are to be on our guard lest we miss Jesus in the midst of our Christmas preparations.

Encountering Mercy

As we prepare for the Year of Mercy we are hosting three sessions on the theme of Mercy in the Gospel of Luke on Mondays 30th November, 7th December, 14th December. Coffee from 10:30am session from 10:45am to 12noon. Venue: Pastoral Development Office, Parochial House, Ballyphehane. Located in Church grounds - access and parking on Friars Walk.

Contact Sr Karen 021 4537601

Mount Mercy College Remembrance Mass

Monday 30th November, 2015 @ 7.00pm
The School Hall – Mount Mercy

Bulletin Board

First Friday

Friday December 4th is the first Friday of the month. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St Mary & St John from 6.30pm to 7.45pm, you are invited to come and spend some time with the Lord. There is Mass in St Mary & St John on Friday evening at 8.00pm. The priests of the parish visit the sick of the parish on the first Friday of each month; please let us know if you have a family member or neighbour who is sick or housebound.

Children's Mass

The next Children's Mass for children in second class preparing for their first Holy Communion will take place on Sunday December 6th, 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 the children commences in the main body of the church at 10.45am. The Children retire to the crying room where they celebrate the Liturgy of the Word in a child friendly fashion. They will return to the main church at the start of the offertory procession.

Advent Retreat

Will take place from November 30th to December 2nd Church of St. Mary & St. John. Conducted by Fr. John Hannon. Mass 7am, Prayers: Homily: Liturgy 8pm

Penitential Service

Monday 21st December, 2015
Church of Christ Our Light at 8pm.

Christmas Cards

Christmas Cards using the scene from one of the glass stained windows in the church of St. Mary & St. John are available for sale after all masses. Proceeds for Aleppo.

Mass Diaries

Mass Diaries to book Mass intentions for January, February, & March 2016
Will open in both churches on Saturday December 12th at 9.00am. Priority will be given to 1st Anniversary Mass.

Coeliac Host

Coeliac Host available at all Masses in both churches. Generally the Priest celebrating the Mass has the Coeliac Host. To help the Celebrant you might please let him know before the Mass.

Fr. George

L'Arch Christmas Fair

Sunday 6th December, 10am - 4pm
In L'Arch Day Service, Togher
(between school and Church on Togher Rd)
Music, Gifts, Cake Sale, Book Sake, Raffle and lots more...
In aid of people with an intellectual Disability.
Admission Free

Trócaire

It is the beginning of Advent and Trócaire has launched its Christmas gift range that will directly benefit families in some of the world's poorest countries. From olive trees for farmers in Palestine (€5/£4) to business support for women in Ethiopia (€250/£200), when you buy a Trócaire gift you're not just giving, you're joining the fight for justice. Further info at www.trocaire.org/gifts

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Dec-05 & Dec-06-2015

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Sean Collins
Ben Purcell
8:30 am
John Healy
Kerry O'Leary
10:00 am
Louise McCarthy
robert Noonan / Declan Crowley
12:00 Noon
Tony Lynch
Shane Tully

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Nonyi Ebili
Jennifer Nyagaya
11:00 am
Jacob Derham
Ciara Healy
12:30 pm
Aisling Dore
Clara Herdman
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	

PARISH CLERGY

Priest on Duty	087-2479140
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Fr. Cian O'Sullivan C.C.	021-4876171

Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

Week 30th Nov to 6th Dec

Laurence Cunningham
Virginia Harrington

Social / Coffee Mornings

Continue every Friday morning in parish house "Sonas" on Station Road at 10 am.
Everyone welcome as it is an ideal opportunity to get and know people from our community.

Ballincollig Scout Bazaar - A Christmas tradition

The 30th annual Ballincollig Scouts Bazaar and Auction takes place on Sunday, December 6th in the Community Hall, Ballincollig at 2.00pm. Now in its 30th year, the Bazaar is an essential part of Christmas in Ballincollig and one of the towns longest standing traditions. The Bazaar is always filled with bargains, Christmas cheer, toys, fun, games and much much more.

"To celebrate our 30th anniversary we are introducing some new stalls this year. We have excellent prizes, more great giveaways and some superb and unusual Christmas gifts to be picked up at very reasonable prices. There is something for everyone at the Ballincollig Bazaar. We have great prizes for the legendary 'Spin the Wheel' this year. Chocolates, wine, boxes of biscuits, succulent Turkeys and mouth watering hams and packed to capacity Christmas hampers are just some of the many prizes you can win. There is always a great festive atmosphere at the Bazaar and all are welcome to come to pick up unusual Christmas gifts, rare CDs, reasonable priced toys, second hand books and more. Our auction at the end of the day always offers up some fantastic bargains and great fun as the bidding heats up. The Bazaar is the main fundraiser for the scout group and all the proceeds will go directly to support the 160 scouts of all ages and to keep the bus on the road and maintaining the scout hall and to provide scouting equipment. . Everyone is welcome to the Bazaar and we're looking forward to seeing everyone turn out again this year. " said Pamela Cull, Leader, Ballincollig Scouts Group .

Books, Cakes, Toys, Plants, Bric a Brac, Games, Spot Prizes and Hampers will all be available to buy or win at this year's Bazaar. Santa Clause will visit the Bazaar to meet all the excited children. Face Painting, Balloons and Lollipops will make the Ballincollig Bazaar a very memorable day for children.

The Bazaar is always worth a visit. It's a great place to meet friends to pick up some early Christmas gifts and to support a very worthy cause.

Sunday, December 6th Ballincollig Bazaar at 2.00pm in the Community Hall – Don't Miss It!!

All the proceeds of the Bazaar go directly to the Ballincollig Scout Group.

Do you have good quality items (Books, games, Jigsaws, Bric-a-brac items etc) that you would like to donate to the Bazaar? Please drop them into the scout hall (behind the old church) any weekday evening from 7pm to 9pm. Thank you.



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Dec-05 & Dec-06-2015

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Patsie Murphy
Pat Moore
Mary Walsh
Marie Healy
Margaret Kearney
Nora Barry

7:30 pm Sheila O'Connor
Martin O'Regan
Brid Healy-Harris
Kit Cahill

8:30 am Theresa Lucey
Tom Butler
Triona Collins

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

10:00 am Margaret Bunyan
Mary Murphy
Joan Tobin
Breda Monaghan
Niamh Nic Gearailt
Mary Hennigan

12:30 pm Eileen Garvey
Breda Callanan
Catherine Freehill
Betty Walsh

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

5:30 pm Olan O'Mahony
Noel Kelleher