

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 30-November-2003



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road



**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

## Welcome to Advent 2003

During Advent we are asked to wait and prepare for the Lord's coming – His coming at Christmas but also His second coming. The gospel speaks of people dying in fear but also goes on to say "Stand up, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand." The scripture readings during Advent are full of hope and it is my favourite season in the Church's calendar.

The Greek writer Nikos Kazantzakis tells a great story about waiting and being prepared. For him the waiting was over in December 9th 1898 when his island of Crete was liberated. A boy of thirteen when the liberation occurred, he tells how his father grabbed his hand and ran with him to the graveyard where his grandfather was buried. Nikos' father fell to the ground and clawed at the earth with his bare hands. He dug a hole that looked like a megaphone, then shouted three times, "Father, he came". Then he took a small bottle of wine from his pocket and slowly poured it into the hole. Finally he jumped to his feet, made the sign of the Cross and said to Nikos, "Didn't you hear? His bones rattled". He has waited all these years to share the news with his father and he never lost hope. As Christians, we begin today the Advent season that invites us to welcome Christ into our hearts and to hold tight to the hope that he will some day come in glory. Let us keep this promise alive and when we can say at last, "Father, he comes" may the bones of our ancestors rattle with joy.

Prayer;

God of all time and history, your birth brought us salvation. Your return in glory will lead us to our fulfilment. Help me to live in joyful expectation of your second coming.

The Advent Wreath.

Light is an important symbol of Advent. From ancient times it has represented the promise of hope to a people who wait for salvation. In the darkness of winter, we wait for the light of the SON to rise, to be born again within our hearts, within our lives. As we light the first candle we might say this prayer;

"Come, O long expected Jesus,  
Born to set your people free!  
From our fears and sins release us,  
You in whom our rest shall be."

*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

Because God is faithful and loving, we can bring forward our intentions with confidence.

### Reader

For all believers, that they may be found ready when the Lord comes in glory.

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

For those who live in fear, that they may find new courage in Christ.

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

For people burdened by addiction, that the liberation promised by the Lord may be theirs now.

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

For those who suffer, in mind or body, that they may experience God's healing power.

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

For all who have died especially those in our thoughts today, that they may know peace and rest in 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

Lord, you are a true friend to those who revere you, be our support in all our needs, we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

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**BAPTISMS**

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

Abbie Marie Ahern, 53 Fernwalk, Greenfields.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Frank O'Hanlon, 11 Glincool Villas.  
Margaret Stephens, Westgate.

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

James O'Sullivan, Kilmichael.  
William Buckley, West Village.  
Dan & Julie Desmond, Farran.  
Joe & Mona Thullier, Kinsale.  
Billy Dent.  
Frances Cunningham, Crookstown.  
Margaret O'Regan.  
Denis Holmes.  
Barbara Regan.  
Eileen Holden.  
Con Healy, Middleton.  
Hugh Collins, Innishmore Drive.  
Tom Staunton.  
Kathleen Murphy, Glounthaune.  
Dan Murphy, Clash.  
John Ring, Dungou, Australia.  
Jane Callanan, Poulavone.  
Deceased members of the Hallahan Family, Greenfields.  
Bill & Kit Foley, Essex, England.  
Mary Drinan, Waterfall.  
Stephen Spitere, Glasheen.  
Timothy & Eileen Keohane, Clonakilty.  
Timothy & Catherine McCarthy, Dunmanway.  
Barry O'Leary, Durrus.  
Donal Twomey, St. Luke's.  
Kevin McCarthy, Rosewood.  
Mary Lane, Castle Park.  
Timothy Crowley, Coachford.  
John & Hannah O'Shea, Beaufort.  
Patrick Smullin.  
Patrick & Margaret O'Sullivan, Poulavone.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

30 Sunday Jer. 33: 14-16. PS. 24. 1 Thess. 3: 12-4:2. LK. 21 :25-28,34-36. Lect 1: 8

01 Monday Is 2:1-5. Ps. 121. Mt. 8:5-11. Lect 1: 10

02 Tuesday Is 11:1-10. Ps. 71. Lk. 10:21-24. Lect 1: 13

03 Wednesday Is. 25:6-10. Ps. 22. Mt. 15:29-37. Lect 1: 15

04 Thursday Is. 26: 1-6. Ps. 117. Mt. 7:21, 24-27. Lect 1: 18

05 Friday Is. 29:17-24. Ps. 26. Mt. 9:27-31. Lect 1: 20

06 Saturday Is. 30:19-21, 23-26. Ps. 146. Mt. 9:35-10: 1, 6-8. Lect 1: 22

***Christmas Food Fair In Innishannon***

On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December from 12 noon in the Innishannon Parish Hall a Christmas Food Fair will be held. All the food at the fair will be home made. There will be Christmas cakes (light, heavy, iced and un-iced). Porter cakes, Madeira cakes, Seed cakes, in fact all kinds of cakes. Christmas puddings, Mince pies, mince meat, chutneys, jams, preserves, brown bread, apple tarts, and much more. So come to Innishannon on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December and we will put a homemade flavour into your Christmas! All proceeds to Church Fund.

***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)*

**FATIMA APOSTOLATE GROUP**

The monthly meeting of the Apostolate will be held on Monday 1st December 2003 at 7 pm in the Youth House, Station Road. Present members and new members are all welcome to attend

***ANNUAL TOY MASS***

*organised by*

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**Sunday 7th December 2003**

**at 11.00 am. 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.

***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.

**Mass Book Opens**

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

Will be opened on Saturday morning, December 13th

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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.



**SAINT OF THE WEEK**

St. Francis Xavier 3-December-2003

St. Francis Xavier: 1506-1552, one of the first seven Jesuits. He was sent to India by St Ignatius. It is extraordinary that one man in the space of ten years could have visited so many countries, preached the Gospel to so many nations and converted so many infidels. His initial journey from Lisbon to Goa in a sailing ship was in itself a tremendous undertaking. From India he travelled on to the island of Ceylon. In 1549 Francis Xavier landed in Japan where he spent a year learning the language. When he was able to express himself he began preaching Christianity but the political authorities had him expelled from the city. Bravely he continued to preach in other Japanese cities and towns building up the nucleus of a Christian community. During this time he heard much of the Celestial Empire of China and eventually he arrived on a small island off the coast of that great empire. While planning the best means of reaching the mainland he was taken ill and died in a rude hut built to shelter him. In these wretched surroundings, the greatest missionary since St. Paul passed to his reward.

**Ballincollig Scouts  
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

&

**MINI AUCTION**

SUNDAY 7th DECEMBER 2003  
COMMUNITY HALL AT 2.00PM

**Sacred Heart Afternoon Of Prayer**

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2003 from 1.30 pm to 6.00 pm

Spiritual Director: Fr. Brendan Hanley, MSC

**Theme: "Prepare a Way for the Lord"**

Venue: Sacred Heart Parish Centre, Western Road, Cork.

Day's Programme will include Mass

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**The Ten Commandments**

**You Shall Not Covet Your Neighbour's Wife**

Have I sought the affections of another spouse? Have I contemplated infidelity to my spouse? Have I upheld the dignity of my spouse in all circumstances? Have I rejected my family in my heart, wishing to distance myself emotionally and personally from them?

(Next week a reflection on the tenth commandment)

**Bookshop – Christ Our Light**

Now in stock 'Witness To Hope' video – Pope John Paul II Volume 9, 10, 11, 12; Fr. Tom Brown's CD's; selection of Christmas cards, Christmas candles and cribs, rosary beads, crucifixes and a variety of religious objects.

**Why not give a religious gift this Christmas!  
Shop open weekends before and after all masses.**

**Cork Craft Network**

and  
**ISPCC**  
Presents

**Craft and Healing Fair**

At

**Ballincollig GAA Club**

**Sunday 30th November 2003**

**12 am to 6 pm**

Free Craft Workshops, Trade Stands,  
Organic Café, Decorating Advice,  
Tarot, Healers, Face Painting

**Entrance Adults €2 Children €1**

**Proceeds to ISPCC**

**Details Helen Stone 021 7437940**

**Annual Scout and Guide Toy Giving Mass**

On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 7.30 pm in the Church of St Mary and St John the season of Christmas will really begin for Ballincollig scouts and guides because this is the night when they will gather for their Christmas Good Deed.

For a number of year's beavers, ladybirds, Macaoimh (cubs) brownies, scouts, guides and their leaders and families have gathered for their Annual Toy Giving Mass. These young people really live up to their promises as they think of others before themselves. Each child is invited to bring a wrapped gift to the mass, which will be distributed at a later stage to children Christmas will be a brighter one as a result of receiving this gift.

According to Ronan Mahony, Unit Leader of Ballincollig Scout Unit the response each year is fantastic and it brings home to the children the importance of sharing and thinking of others, which is part of the Scouting ethos.

**NAOMI**

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**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Dec-06 & Dec-07-2003

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

6:00 pm (Vigil)  
Sandra Walsh  
8:30 am  
Annette Collins  
10:00 am  
Margot Twomey  
12:00 Noon  
Tony Lynch

8:00 pm (Vigil)  
Fiona Feely  
11:00 am  
Joseph Manning  
12:30 pm  
Con O'Connell  
5:30 pm  
Michelle Beamish

**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 & 8 pm

**Friday**

8:30 am & 6:30 pm

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**

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Dec-06 & Dec-07-2003

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

6.00 pm Mary O'Donoghue  
Steve Wills  
Margaret O'Sullivan  
Rita Aherne  
Rose Doyle  
Jim Walsh

8:00 pm Anne O'Regan  
Marion O'Sullivan  
Finbarr Murray

8:30 am Mary Buckley  
Rita Murphy

11:00 am Seamus O'Connell  
Mary O'Connell  
Pat Manning  
Alan O'Riordan  
Geraldine Keohane

10:00 am Maureen Roche  
Christina Walsh  
Peter Reilly  
Mary Collins  
Christy Roche

12:30 pm Maura Lombard  
Jackie Sheehan  
Mary Green  
Michael O'Leary  
Lelia O'Brien

12 Noon Oliver O'Donovan  
Barbara Kelly  
John Jeffers  
Mary McLean  
Ellen Seymour  
Ita Walshe

5:30 pm Catherine Green  
Mary Breen  
Siobhan Burke

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**Friday 5th December 2003**

**(First Friday)**

**Church of St. Mary & St. John**

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACREMENT**

Following 9:30 am Mass, concluding with Rosary, Benediction at 7:45 pm and Mass 8:00 pm.

**St. Mary & St. John**

St. Mary's Popes Quay Choir will perform at 12 noon Mass on Sunday December 7th



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