

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 08-December-2019

Second Sunday of 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.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Annual Christmas Appeal

The St John's Conference of St Vincent de Paul is a family visitation conference that works in the Ballincollig and Ballinora areas. We rely on your support throughout the year and especially at Christmas to help the families in need in this parish. This weekend Saturday and Sunday, 7th and 8th December, with the kind permission and encouragement of the priests of the parish, we are holding our Annual Christmas Collection at all Masses and hope you will show your usual generosity so we can continue to help these families.

There are 14 members in our conference and each week we visit many families requiring assistance in this parish. These families live from week to week struggling to make ends meet. We see parents who are constantly worrying about which bill to pay this week from their meagre resources, be it electricity, heating, rent or mortgage, education, clothing etc. Even in an improving economy, it can still take just one small problem to tip someone into crisis or poverty. It can be unexpected illness or an unexpected bill. But we know that a little help at the right time can stop a domino effect leading to a family experiencing prolonged hardship. However, we can't say yes to the people in this community who must ask SVP for help without you. By supporting our Annual Appeal, you can help a family through this winter. Your help can help get them back on their feet. Your help can give them a brighter future.

Thank you for your generous support throughout the past year. Your loyalty to the local St Vincent de Paul has made a valuable difference. Should anyone be in need you can call us at the Cork Regional Office on 021-4270444 or the local conference on 087-6651707. If anyone requires a Christmas hamper, please contact us on 087-6651707 on or before 9th December 2019.

Renewed thanks for your generosity and support.

Society of St Vincent de Paul

Reflection for Parents

We Christians come in daily contact with other people whether at work, in our neighbourhoods, or schools. We have opportunities throughout the day to witness our faith by our actions and words, but what greater audience do we have than our own children? They watch us and listen to us. They imitate our every action and mimic our expressions. It is important that we witness our faith to all we meet, but no audience is more important than our families. Sometimes we need to take some quiet "desert time" like we find in today's Gospel in order to focus our lives more intentionally on what is truly important.

Carol Service

Church of St Mary & St John
Sunday 15th December, at 7.00pm

Penitential Service

Monday 16th December
Church of Christ Our Light at 8pm

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"



The Advent Wreath

The second purple candle represents faith and is called "Bethlehem's Candle." Micah had foretold that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem, which is also the birthplace of King David.

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

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Con O'Connell, Kilnaglory.
 Elianma Rih, India.
 Tim Kelly, Coolroe Heights.
 Michael Twohig, Inniscarra View.
 Mary Lehane, Muskerry Estate.
 Bernard Lawton, Cathedral Road.

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

Tommy Daly, Leemount.
 Paul Wall, Churchfield.
 Pat Spillane, Fair Hill.
 Dave & Abina Sheehan, Kilcorney.
 Michael & Julie Healy, Cathedral Road.
 Tadgh & Maureen O'Callaghan, The Lough.
 Frank Crowley, Ballincollig & Family.
 Denis Crowley, Kenmare & Family.
 Seán Coakley, Muskerry Estate.
 Sonny & Kathleen Murray, Carrigrohane.
 Frances McGoff, Castlebar.
 Agnes Kavanagh, Fr. Sexton Park.
 Eileen Farrell, Maglin.
 Eddie Delmar, Kildare.
 Eva McCarthy, Raheen.
 Dan Lucey, The Crescent.
 Tom & Mary Drinan, Waterfall.
 Timothy O'Connell, Ballingulley.
 Bridget, Vincent & Frank Moran, Mayo/London.
 Hannie Buckley, Mallow.
 Brendan Whelan, Elm Lawn.
 William, Catherine O'Sullivan & Dec. Family Members, Botanic Road
 Frank & Margaret Whelan, Prosperity Square.
 Jim Cotter, Ballingearry.
 Pat Barry, Mayfield.
 Paddy Barry, Redemption Road.
 Dan Twomey, Clash Road.
 Johanna O'Shea, Skibbereen.
 Josephine Foley, Newcestown.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Second Week Of Advent

08 Sunday Is. 11:1-10. Ps. 71. Rom. 15:4-9. Mt. 3:1-12. Lect I: 24
 09 Monday Gen. 3:9-15, 20. Ps. 97. Eph. 1:3-6, 11-12. Lk. 1:26-38. Lect I: 1009 or Lect II:1289
 10 Tuesday Is. 40:1-11. Ps. 95. Mt. 18:12-14. Lect I: 35
 11 Wednesday Is 40:25-31. Ps. 102. Mt. 11 :28-30. Lect I: 38
 12 Thursday Is. 41:13-20. Ps. 144. Mt .11:11-15. Lect I: 40
 13 Friday Is 48:17-19. Ps 1. Mt 11:16-19. Lect I: 42
 14 Saturday Eccles. (Sir) 48:1-4,9-11. Ps. 79. Mt. 17:10-13. Lect I: 44

Next Sunday's Readings 15-December-2019

Is. 35:1-6, 10. Ps. 145. Jm. 5:7-10. Mt. 11:2-11. Lect I: 46

BAPTISMS

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

Aude Michelle Ywuong Botsimbo, Coolroe Meadows.
 Nell Ywuong Botsimbo, Coolroe Meadows.
 Clodagh Louise O'Sullivan, Ovens.
 Faye Adrienne O'Donovan, Old Quarter.
 Alex Morgan O'Donovan, Old Quarter

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

The vision of the peace that will come when all people worship the one God.

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9

Paul reminds us that the scriptures were written to teach about God's promises.

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12.

In Matthew's Gospel, we learn of John's continued warning for us to be ready for Jesus when he comes again. It is not enough that we are sons and daughters of Abraham, but by our own desire, we want to live a life pleasing to God. The Gospel challenges us to bear fruit. It was not enough for the Sadducees nor is it enough for us to simply follow the rules and rituals of our faith. The very actions of lives must show what we believe about our faith.

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Anam Cara West Cork

Anam Cara West Cork the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on 17th December at 7:20pm in the Munster Arms Hotel, Bandon.
 This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us pray to our Father, asking him to help us make the most of this sacred time of Advent.

Reader

That this season of preparation for Christ's coming may truly be a season of renewal everywhere.

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

That believers may not be diverted from the true meaning of Advent. May this be a season of giving more so than a season of acquiring.

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

For those who struggle with depression or sadness at this time of year; May they find friendship, support and kindness.

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

For children, who look forward to Christmas with great excitement; May the adults in their lives help them to understand the full meaning of Advent and Christmas.

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

For the faithful departed, that they may rest in the peace of Christ.

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

For a moment, we remember in silence our own particular needs.

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

Priest

Father, as we journey through this season of Advent, may we open our hearts to your word and to your presence in our brothers and sisters. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Are we ready to travel!

One day we all will depart on a journey free of cost. Don't worry about seat reservation, it is confirmed. The flight is always on time. Our good deeds will be our luggage. Humanity will be our passport. Love will be our visa. Make sure we do our best so that we travel to heaven in business class.

The Burning of Cork

The commercial heart of Cork city was burned by British Auxiliary forces on the night of 11-12 December, 1920. This was in reprisal for an IRA ambush on Auxiliaries in Dillon's Cross earlier that night. Michael Linehan, author of a number of books on Cork city, including Cork Burning, will present a very interesting lecture on the topic, organised by Muskerry Local History Society, on Monday, 9 December, at 8.00pm in Ballincollig Rugby Club.

Bulletin Board

Coeliac Hosts

Low gluten hosts are available that are suitable for Coeliac. Please inform the priest prior to Mass if possible if you require it.

Autumn Dues

The priests of the Parish would like to thank you for returning the Autumn Dues Envelopes. Your continued support is much appreciated.

Family Mass

The next Children's Mass for children in second class preparing for their first Holy Communion will take place on Sunday 15th December 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 these children commences in the main body of the church at 10.45am.

Mass Diaries

Mass Diaries to book Mass intentions for January, February and March opened in both churches on Saturday 14th December. Priority will be given to those booking 1st Anniversary Mass.

Offertory Collection Boxes

The boxes of envelopes for the Offertory Collection are available in both churches. Families are asked to take one box. Please use the envelopes for the Offertory Collection for the Vigil and Sunday Masses during the year. The Offertory Collection is solely for the upkeep, maintenance, insurance, lighting, heating and related expenses of both churches.

Parishioners who gave their name and offertory box number for Tax Rebate to the Church will have their boxes delivered to them. Thank you for your generosity and we look forward to your support for the coming year.

Fr. George & Fr. Cian

***Review of Safeguarding
Diocese of Cork and Ross***

The Diocese of Cork and Ross has invited the National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland (NBSCCCI) to conduct a review of safeguarding practice. This review will take place from January 20th – 23rd 2020. If you have any views about Safeguarding in Cork and Ross, we invite you to come forward to Ms. Cleo Yates, Director of Safeguarding, Diocesan Offices, Diocese of Cork and Ross, Redemption Road Cork (021 4301717) or to the NBSCCCI (01-5053124). If you wish to report a child safeguarding concern, please contact Ms. Cleo Yates, An Garda Síochána or TUSLA

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Dec-14 & Dec-15-2019

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Ben Purcell
Alicia Leahy
8:30 am
Tom McDonagh
Seán Casey
10:00 am
Fearghal Monahan
Ashling O'Shea
12:00 Noon
Seán Hennessy
Shane Lehane

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Nonye Ebili
Yago Greaux
11:00 am
Michael Buckley
Cillian O' Cathasaigh
12:30 pm
Kay Carew
Abi Slattery
5:30 pm
Marlyn O'Connor

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	



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Dec-14 & Dec-15-2019

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Steve Wills
Bernadette Bell
Frances O'Brien
Eileen Coughlan

7:30 pm Geraldine Lynch
Charles Vaughan
Joan Stephenson
Bernie Bowen

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Denis Healy
Tom Butler

11:00 am Neil Jeffries
Eileen O'Donoghue
Padraig Fleming
Hugh / Catherine Moran
Imelda Power / Martina Woods

10:00 am Christy Roche
Mary O'Regan
Elaine Crowley
Claire Creedon
Jim Lordan

12:30 pm Tom Murray
John O'Regan
Gerard Dunne
Brid Dunne

12 Noon Sean Hennessy
Mary McLean
Eleanor Seymour
Nora Hennessy
Christina Walshe

5:30 pm Bernard Curran
John Canty

Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

09-Dec-2019 to 15-Dec-2019

Tim Murphy
Siobhan Glavin

PARISH CLERGY

Priest on Duty	087-2479140
Fr. George O'Mahony P.P.	021-4871206
Fr. Cian O'Sullivan C.C.	021-4876171

Monthly Holy Hour to Pray For Vocations

Will be hosted by the Ursuline Sisters, Blackrock on Tuesday 10th December from 2:30pm to 3:30pm followed by tea/coffee and chat. All are welcome

Winter Time Crime Prevention, Crime Prevention for your Home

Break-ins at wintertime occur mostly in hours of darkness, lock up and light up.

- Always have doors and windows locked and secure.
- Light up your home, use indoor timer switches. Ensure outdoor sensor lighting are working.
- Replace any broken or loose window handles.
- Have an alarm in place, use it when away from your home.
- Keep side gates locked. If away from your home for a lengthy period of time, invite a neighbour to park one of their cars in your driveway.

Crime prevention for vehicles.

- Lock vehicles at all times especially at hours of darkness and overnight. Most thefts of property from vehicles take place when vehicles are left unlocked.
- Park vehicles in well-lit areas.
- Never leave property in vehicle, remove property before making your journey.
- Where practicable remove expensive work gear and tools from vehicles when parked overnight. Don't leave cash in your vehicle while working/visiting your place of work.
- Ensure pedal cycles are kept securely indoors, take note of serial numbers or distinctive marks.
- Keep keys out of sight, avoid fishing of keys (where a fishing rod/pole with a hook is pushed through a letter box to remove keys from hallway table).

Ballincollig Garda Station contact number 021-4214680