

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 11-December-2022

Third Sunday of Advent

The coming of Christ brought joy to the world as He healed every sickness and overcame human deprivation. For those who suffer, the joy of Christ's first coming must be tempered by patience as they await their restoration at his Second Coming.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul.

St. John's Conference, Ballincollig and Ballinora.

This year, more than any other year, we need your help at Christmas. Calls for assistance, from families in the Ballincollig and Ballinora areas, are up considerably since last year and we anticipate that these calls, for our assistance, will continue to increase. This, as you will understand, places huge seasonal demands on our resources.

Once again, with the kind permission and encouragement of the priests in our parish, we are holding our Annual Christmas Collection at all Masses on Saturday and Sunday, 10th and 11th of December 2022.

We in the Vincent de Paul Society in Ballincollig and Ballinora, are a family visitation conference. We witness poverty and its effects on families; we are constantly faced with families who live from week to week struggling to make ends meet. We see the 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.

The Society in the Ballincollig and Ballinora areas, is currently providing assistance to over 250 families; this us up considerably since last year. We have funded local activities such as health care, home assistance, education, summer breaks etc. and where there is someone in need we are always there to assist in every way possible. We greatly depend on your generosity to fund our work and you have not failed us. The goodness and kindness of the Parishioners of Ballincollig and Ballinora empowers us to continue the work of those who have served the local community so well over the past decades.

Thank you once again for your generous support throughout the past year. Your loyalty to the local Vincent de Paul Society 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.

Thank you again for your generosity and support.

The collection will be undertaken following Holy Communion at all Masses Sunday, 10th and 11th of December 2022.

Our thanks to Fr's Alan O'Leary, Kamil Bachara & Ronan Sheehan for their assistance towards this collection.

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We are a step nearer to our celebration of His coming. As we approach Him we must bring Him everything! Our dreams, our successes, our rejoicing. If we have little to rejoice over, bring Him that little. If you feel you have only empty hands - bring Him those empty hands. IN HIS HANDS ALL ARE MADE GOOD! "Let us rejoice in the Lord"



Carol Service

Church of St Mary & St John
Sunday 18th December, at 7.00pm

Carrigrohane Union of Parishes Christmas Festival 2022

We are inviting groups, schools and businesses to join with us by decorating a tree, placing an advertisement in the programme – or by sponsoring the Festival. We are open: Friday, 9th Dec. 10.00am – 8pm, Saturday, 10th 10.00am – 3pm, Sunday, 11th 1-5pm. Tel.: 021-4877260.

Come. Lord. and save us.

Visit Our Website: www.ballincolligparish.ie or Facebook www.facebook.com/BallincolligParish

† IN SYMPATHY †
 PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :
 Catherine Walsh, Mayfield.
 Olive O'Leary, Beech Road.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS OR OTHERWISE REMEMBERED:
 Rose Murray, Inniscarra/Youghal.
 Daniel Downey, Castlepark.
 James Dillon, Sunday's Well.
 Ivy & Harry Ramsden, Sunday's Well.
 John & Kitty Hegarty, McCurtain's Villas.
 Mary Anne Sheehan, Kilcorney.
 Mary & Jerry Dempsey, Inniscarra.
 Seán Slowey, Carrigrohane/Ballincollig Community School.
 Michael McGrath, Island Way.
 Teresa Healy, Upper Cloghroe.
 Teddy O'Leary, Maple Lawn.
 Tom & Mary Drinan, Waterfall.
 Adrian Boyde, Coolroe.
 May Fortune, Cathedral Road.
 Philip Joseph, India.
 John, Nellie Murphy, Station Road.
 Bill & Kit Foley, Essex.

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6, 10
 Isaiah now describes the joy of the kingdom. Advent is a time of gladness because we know that Christ is coming.

Second Reading: St. James 5: 7-10
 The prophets of old were teachers; they spoke God's truth. The second reading reminds us to take them as our models.

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11.
 John the Baptist had disciples of his own and while in prison he sent some of them to Jesus. At John's request, the disciples asked Jesus if he was the Messiah or were they to wait for another. Jesus did not answer them directly, but pointed to the miracles he had performed in the name of God's love. If John himself did not wonder, it was likely that his followers did. Jesus did not fit the image of "Messiah," and so it was possible that people began to doubt their original perception.

Part-Time Administrator for Ballincollig Parish Office
 'Ballincollig Parish office requires an administrator. Good computers skills required to help maintain office services. Dealing with emails and letters filing systems. Bookkeeping and reporting. Databases and record keeping of financial and personal information.'
 Person must be eligible for Community Employment.
 Closing date to apply for position 06/01/2023. If you have any questions, please contact Irene Morrissey on 087 183 2033.

Ballincollig Alzheimer Café
 Are having Christmas Music and Carol singing on Thursday, 15th December from 4.00pm – 6.00pm in The Chapel Gate Café.
 Contact: Karen Fitzpatrick 087 348 7511 or ballincolligalzheimercafe@alzheimer.ie

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
 Third Week Of Advent

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

12 Monday Num. 24:2-7, 15-17. Ps. 24. Mt. 21:23-27 Lect I:53

13 Tuesday Zeph. 3:1-2, 9-13. Ps. 33. Mt. 21:28-32 Lect I:56

14 Wednesday Is. 45:6-8, 18, 21-26. Ps. 84. Lk. 7:19-23. Lect I:58

15 Thursday Is. 54:1-10. Ps. 29. Lk. 7:24-30. Lect I:61

16 Friday Is 56:1-3, 6-8. Ps 66. Jn 5:33-36. Lect I: 63

17 Saturday Is. 49:2, 8-10. Ps. 71. Mt. 1:17 Lect I:76

Mass Times for week ahead

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)

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.

Ballincollig Parish Penitential Service
 Monday 19th December
 Christ Our Light Church at 7.30pm

Ballinora Parish Penitential Service
 Tuesday 20th December at 7.30pm

Ovens/Farran Parish Penitential Service
 Sunday 18th December
 St. John the Baptism Church at 6.00pm

Cork Penny Dinners Fundraiser

Hand knitted and crocheted Christmas tree decorations plus raffle for amazing hampers in Tesco Community Room, Ballincollig on Friday Dec. 16th from 11am to 2pm and Saturday 17th from 12 Noon to 4pm. All proceeds going to Cork Penny Dinners.

Reflection for Parents

It would have appeared to Jesus that John began to doubt. Perhaps it was the confinement of prison that let his mind question what he once so clearly understood. But even so, Jesus affirmed John in this scripture as the greatest of all prophets. From this experience, it is reassuring as parents to know that even when we doubt, either ourselves or God, we are still great in God's eyes. Our strength is in knowing God is with us as a loving parent.