

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 02-December-2018

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

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. On the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, 8th and 9th 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 have to 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 10th December 2018. Renewed thanks for your generosity and support.

Society of St Vincent de Paul

Ballincollig Parish Advent Retreat

December 3rd, 4th & 5th

Mass 7 am: Prayers

Mass 8pm: Evening Prayers, Liturgy & Homily

Church of St. Mary & St. John

All Welcome

Feast of the Immaculate Conception—Dec. 8th

Today's feast celebrates the teaching that 'from the first moment of her conception, the Blessed Virgin Mary was, by the singular grace and privilege of almighty God, and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of humankind, kept free from all sin'. This expression of belief was formulated in 1854

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"



The Advent Wreath

The circle of evergreen leaves stands for God Who is without beginning and without end. The purple ribbon and three purple candles stand for penance and sorrow for sin. The red candle stands for joy of living in God's way of love. Today the first purple candle is lit as we begin our preparation for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ

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 :

Brendan Hennigan, Dublin/Inniscarra View.
Fr. Seamus McKenna, Upton

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

Carmel Ryan, Wescourt.
Martin Mulhern, Coolroe Heights.
Mary Dineen, Shandon View.
Kathleen O’Keffee, Aylsbury.
Hannah Coakley. Bantry.
Charles, Julia & Seán Dunne, Muskerry Estate.
Harry & Ivy Ramden, England.
Cornelius O’Mahony, O’Donovan Crescent.
Stephen, Michael & John O’Sullivan, Rosewood/ London.
Bridie Sexton, Hillsboro.
Brendan O’Sullivan, Glendower.
Dec. Members of the Keohane Family, Clonakilty.
Stephen Spitere, Glasheen.
Nell Healy, Clash.
Margaret & Michael Leahy, Blackrock.
Br. Angelus Leahy, Blackrock.
Gus, Mary & Vincent O’Connell, Ballinora.
Bob Tyrell, Oaklee.
Timothy O’Connell, Ballingulley
Seán O’Connell, Western Road/London.
Nora & Pete Herlihy, Clondrohid.
Ada O’Leary, Poulavone.
Agnes Jones, Bishopstown.
Dan Twomey, Clash Road.
Billy Murphy, Rathcormac/London.
Johanna O’Shea, Skibbereen.
Josephine Foley, Newcestown.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

First Week Of Advent

02 Sunday Jer. 33: 14-16. Ps. 24. 1 Thess. 3: 12-4:2. Lk. 21 :25- 28,34-36. Lect I: 8
03 Monday Is 2:1-5.Ps 121.Mt8:5-11. Lect I: 10
04 Tuesday Is 11:1-10. Ps 71. Lk 10:21-24. Lect I: 13
05 Wednesday Is. 25:6-10. Ps. 22. Mt. 15:29-37. Lect I: 15
06 Thursday Is 26:1-6. Ps 117. Mt 7:21, 24-27. Lect I: 18
07 Friday Is 29:17-24. Ps 26. Mt 9:27-31. Lect I: 20
08 Saturday Gen. 3:9-15, 20. Ps. 97. Eph. 1:3-6, 11-12. Lk. 1:26-38. Lect I: 1009 or Lect II:1289

Next Sunday’s Readings 09-December-2018

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 :

Holly Marjorie Hegarty, Highfield Park.
Tadhg Ronán Furlong, Inniscarra View.
Eve Katherine O’Mahony, Highfield Park.
Caoimhe Noeleen O’Donovan Guiney, O’Donovan Crescent.
Luke Feanor Carroll, Glincool.

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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Communion for the Sick

Remembering and praying by the family of believers is part of every worship especially the Mass. Ministers of the Eucharist or a priest go from the praying community to the sick with Holy Communion. Please let the celebrant of Mass know when you wish communion to be taken to the sick. Bringing Holy Communion to the sick is both a privilege and a responsibility.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us raise our hearts to the God of Advent, the God who comes, as we confidently pray.

Reader

May this season of expectation bring blessings to the Church throughout the world.

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

For those who look to the future only with fear, may they find hope and confidence.

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

May the 'run-up to Christmas' be a time of renewed openness to Christ and his Gospel.

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

For those struggling to bring up families, May the Lord be with them.

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

We pray for all the deceased, that by God's mercy may they rest in peace.

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

For all present; that we may make progress in the life that God wants us to live as we prepare for the coming of Christ this Advent.

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

Priest

We praise and thank you, Lord of past and future, as we make these and all our prayers. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anam Cara Cork Meeting

Anam Cara Cork, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Wednesday 5th of December at 7:20pm in the Clayton Hotel, Silver Springs, Tivoli, Cork. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

Thought for Today

"I encourage you to bear witness to Christ in your personal life and families: a witness of gratuitousness, solidarity, spirit of service."
Pope Francis

Bulletin Board

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Saturday December 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Times

St. Mary & St. John 8.30am & 10.00am

Christ our Light

Vigil Mass at 7.30pm on Friday 7th

Saturday 8th at 12.30pm

Mass Diaries

Mass Diaries to book Mass intentions for January, February and March will be opened in both churches on Saturday 8th December at 9.00am.

Priority will be given to those booking 1st Anniversary Mass.

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.

Altar Servers

Parents are invited to encourage their children to become Altar Servers in either Christ our Light Church or St. Mary & St. John's Church. Please contact one of the priests or the sacristans.

Confirmation Dates 2019

Scoil Eoin Tuesday, 12th March

Scoil Barra Friday, 15th March

Our Lady of Good Counsel Friday, 15th March

Gaelscoil Uí Riordáin Monday, 25th March

Scoil Mhuire Friday, 5th April

First Holy Communion Dates 2019

Scoil Barra 11th May

Our Lady of Good Counsel 11th May

Gaelscoil Uí Riordáin 18th May

Scoil Eoin 25th May

Scoil Mhuire 8th June

Penitential Service

Monday 17th December, 2018

Church of Christ Our Light at 8pm

Carol Service

Church of St Mary & St John

Sunday 16th December, 2017 at 7.00pm

Family Mass

The next Children's Mass for children in second class preparing for their first Holy Communion will take place on Sunday 2nd 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.

Fr. George

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Dec-08 & Dec-09-2018

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)

Sandra Walsh
Patricia O'Riordan

8:30 am

Triona Downey
Riain Brennan / Miriam Healy

10:00 am

Louise McCarthy
Declan Crowley

12:00 Noon

Katie Tobin
Shane Tully

7:30 pm (Vigil)

Nonyi Ebili
Yago Greaux

11:00 am

Michael Buckley
Cillian O'Cathhasaigh

12:30 pm

Gretta Fleming
Mary Kate O'Brien

5:30 pm

Liam Tuohy

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

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8:30 am

9:30 am

Friday

8:30 am & 7:30 pm (Vigil)

8:30 am, 10 am & 6 pm
(Vigil)

Saturday

12:30 pm & 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

Fr. George O'Mahony P.P. 021-4871206

Fr. Cian O'Sullivan C.C. 021-4876171

Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

03-Dec-2018 to 09-Dec-2018

Laurence Cunningham

Virginia Harrington

Handel's Messiah

Gurranabraher Church - December 2, 2018

The East Cork Choral Society will perform Handel's 'Messiah' at Ascension Church, Gurranabraher on Sunday, December 2, 2018 @ 8pm. Tickets (20 euro) are now available at Gurranabraher Parish Office, Pro Musica in Oliver Plunkett St. and from East Cork Choral Society members. Further Information at 021 430 3655.

Autumn Dues

The Priests of the Parish would like to thank you for returning your Autumn Dues.

Your continued support and generosity is greatly appreciated.

Liam Lawton Concert

Join Liam Lawton, supported by Wilcollane Singers, for "Christmas by Candlelight", a fundraising concert, in St. Finbarr's South Church, Dunbar Street, Cork on *Thursday*, December 6th at 7.30pm.

Christmas at the Cathedral

Junior Cork Youth Orchestra under their conductor Terry McCarthy
Dundanion Singers under their choir director Terry McCarthy
Cathedral Choir under their choir director Ann Roche
Today Sunday December 2nd, Commences at 3.30pm.
Admission Free. Doors open at 3pm. All Welcome.



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Dec-08 & Dec-09-2018

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm

Eileen Murphy
Ted Nelligan
Maurice Bunyan
Sheila Walshe
Katie Collins
Aisling Leahy

7:30 pm

John O'Donoghue
Mary Dineen
Mairead Keenan
Kay O'Sullivan

8:30 am

Helen Kelly
Michael Crowley
Eileen Corkery

11:00 am

Mary Aylward
Pauline Baston
Diarmuid Horgan
Sylvia Manley

10:00 am

Fionnuala McDonagh
Mary Buckley
Fiona Kelly
Martin O'Leary
Andrej Janukowicz

12:30 pm

Maura O'Driscoll
Mary Lehane
Dympna Byrne
Suzanne Leech
Mona Bowen

12 Noon

Ann-Marie Cosgrove
Phil Kennedy
Ellen O'Sullivan
Ursula McAuliffe
Sally Crowley
Helena Buckley

5:30 pm

Shelia Curran
Elizabeth O'Sullivan

Ballincollig Scout Group

The Annual bazaar takes place today Sunday 2nd December.

Reflection

I pray Lord, for the needy of our world: come among us as one who will help, and call us all to help the hungry and sick, the uneducated and homeless, those who are victims of violence and war, the lonely and depressed. May your coming this Christmas be for them a time of peace and love; may we bring to them, in what way we can the joy of your coming.

The first to APOLOGISE is the Bravest.

The first to FORGIVE is the Strongest.

The first to FORGET is the Happiest.