

THE PARISHIONER

Sunday 01-March-2026

Second Sunday of Lent

On the holy mountain Jesus revealed himself in glory to his disciples. He had already prepared them for his approaching death. He wanted to teach them through the Law and the Prophets that the promised Christ had first to suffer and so come to glory.



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The Transfiguration

For the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert to his Transfiguration. Each year on the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday of Lent each year, we hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

The story of Jesus' Transfiguration is told in the three Synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. In each of those Gospels, the Transfiguration follows Jesus' first prediction of his death and his teaching about the costs of discipleship. Jesus' Transfiguration is a promise of Jesus' glory, his Resurrection.

On a mountain in today's reading, a voice affirms that Jesus is God's Son in words reminiscent of the voice at Jesus' baptism. In addition, the appearance of Moses and Elijah on the mountain connects this story with God's relationship to the people of Israel. Moses and Elijah represent the Law and the Prophets, respectively. Together with Jesus, they represent God's complete Word.

The Transfiguration occurs in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples: Peter, James, and John. In Matthew's Gospel, those disciples are among the first whom Jesus calls. The three men are identified as an "inner circle" among Jesus' disciples when Jesus asks them to accompany him to the Garden of Gethsemane just before his arrest.

Breakthrough Cancer Research

Have you ever dreamed of walking the Camino de Santiago? Breakthrough Cancer Research are taking on the final 100KM of the 'French Way', Sarria to Santiago from the 13th - 20th of April 2026 and would love for you to join them. Many people choose to walk the Camino with Breakthrough Cancer Research for deeply personal reasons. Some take part to honour a loved one, others to fulfil a bucket-list dream, and many simply wish to share a meaningful experience with a friend or partner - all while helping to raise vital, life-saving funds for cancer research. Starting in the charming town of Sarria, experience camaraderie and reflection as you walk toward Santiago de Compostela, creating lasting memories on this historic pilgrimage. For more information, please contact Edel, edel@breakcancer.ie or phone 021 422 66 55 for more details.

A Revolution of Love is Needed for Today

Pope Leo XIV said Lent is a time in which we need to again rediscover the importance of listening because our society is full of noise; of misinformation and spiritual apathy. Yet deep down, many people are searching for the truth and for the meaning of life, especially our youth. On Sunday, March 1st at 7.30 pm in St Mark's Centre, opposite Christ Our Light Church, there will be catechesis (talks) beginning that will give answers to these burning questions. You are invited to come and listen and with Christ become part of this revolution of love which opens paths towards liberation, making us ready and eager to contribute to building a civilization of love.

Stand4Féile Fundraising Gospel Concert

A magical night awaits on Saturday 7th March 2026, when The White Horse Gospel Choir, who will be joined by one of Cork's finest, the fabulous Fiona Kennedy, bring their unique brand of Gospel music to this very special occasion. Tickets for this special concert are available via Eventbrite - link below: <https://www.eventbrite.ie>. A raffle will be held on the night also, with some very generous prizes on offer. All funds raised will go directly to the trust.

Community Connect Ireland Baby Bank

Help a Mother in Need for other's Day.

Sunday 8 March at Christ our Light Carpark from 1030 - 1230. Community Connect are appealing for new baby supplies for families in need. Can you donate? Every donation goes to a family in need. Below is a full list of accepted items:

ITEMS THAT CAN BE ACCEPTED (NEW ITEMS ONLY):

- ◆ Nappies – size 1 to 2, baby wipes, Nappy Sacks.
- ◆ Baby Wash/Shampoo, Nappy Cream, Baby Sponges, Baby Cotton Wool
- ◆ Packs of sleepsuits and vests (newborn to 3 months)
- ◆ Packs of baby hooded towels, Baby cellular blankets, Packs of baby bibs, Baby bottles
- ◆ Hospital bag items - maternity nightdresses, slippers/fluffy socks, toilet bags, sanitary towels, breast pads, nipple cream, shampoo, conditioners, body wash, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant
- ◆ Unopened Gift Items for Mothers: hand cream, lip balm, body lotion, cosmetic gift sets (no candles or glass items please)

For more information see:

www.communityconnect.ie/driveanddrop/

Ballincollig Parish Number for Priest on Duty is: 087 4021357 & Parish office Telephone is 089 4008181 Mon - Wed. 9.00am - 12.30pm

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

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

† IN SYMPATHY †
 PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :
 Des Nangle, Model Farm Road.
 Liam Madden, Ballyphehane/Carrigaline.
 Martin Kenny, Castlepark.
 Edward Delea, Castlepark.
 Rosaire O'Mahony, Silverwood.
 Eleanor Heinen, Aisling Lawn.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS OR OTHERWISE REMEMBERED:
 Daniel McSweeney, Cathedral Road.
 Mary Ann Sheehan, Blarney St.
 Johnny Horgan, Castlepark/Ballinlough.
 Ken Murphy, Wilton/Greenfields.
 Patrick & Catherine Howard, Ballinlough.
 James & Eileen O'Donovan, Drom House, Leap.
 Abbie O'Mahony, Main Road.
 Joe Brennan, Ovens.
 Mary Murphy, Wilton Road.
 Dec. mem. of the McDonnell family, Mayfield.
 Nora Barrett, Coolroe.
 Elizabeth Cronin, Toames.
 Pat Murphy, Freemount & Donoughamore.
 Edward O'Sullivan, Glenleigh, Kilcorney.

Matt Talbot Mass and Novena 2026

The Way of the Cross Church, Togher.
 Monday 2nd March 7.30 p.m. Fr. Chris Byrne St. Patrick's Missionaries
 Monday 9th March 7.30 p.m. Fr. Charlie Nyhan P.E.
 Monday 16th March 6.30 p.m. Fr. John Walsh, P.P Togher Parish
 Monday 23th March 7.30 p.m. Fr. Colin Doocey, Chaplain C.U.H.
 Monday 30th March 7.30 p.m. Ronan Scully, Overseas Aid Development
 Worker with the Irish Charity Self Help Africa
 You can also follow the Novena online www.churchservices.tv/togher

Muskerry LHS talk on Our Lady's Hospital

Mary O'Leary will talk about Our Lady's Hospital, Lee Road, centering on the 1920's through the lives of her grandfather and two grand uncles. The sub-title of the talk, 'Success, Tragedy and Abandonment', is a clue to their contrasting lives. The talk is organised by Muskerry Local History Society and it will be held on Monday, 2 March, at 7.00 pm in Ballincollig Rugby Club.

Adult Education Classes

Bishopstown School is now taking enrolments for its Adult Education classes, clubs and programs for the spring semester. There are new courses to choose from - Beginner's Bridge, Coffee Appreciation Course, Salsa Dancing to Irish Sign Language Course. To register simply go www.bishopstowncs.ie/adult-education or call 0852829409.

Seanad Voting - Registration Deadline for Graduates

Irish citizens with degrees from designated 3rd level colleges are eligible to vote in the 'Higher Education' constituency which replaces the NUI and Trinity panels in Seanad Éireann. Thousands of previous voters have been removed from the register. Ensure you are registered on www.seanadvoter.ie before February 26th. Evidence of a passport or pre-2005 birth certificate is needed. For queries email applications@seanadvoter.ie.

Trocaire Boxes

Trocaire boxes are available at the back of both churches in Ballincollig. Parishioners are asked to please take one and to make a weekly contribution during lent. Boxes will also be distributed to the schools.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Second Week Of Lent

- 01 Sunday Gen. 12: 1-4. Ps. 32. 2 Tim. 1:8-10. Mt. 17: 1-9. Lect I: 223
- 02 Monday Dan 9:4-10. Ps78. Lk 6:36-38. Lect I: 231
- 03 Tuesday Is 1:10, 16-20. Ps 49. Mt 23:1-12. Lect I: 232
- 04 Wednesday Jer 18:18-20. Ps 30. Mt 20:17-28. Lect I: 234
- 05 Thursday 16 Thursday Jar 17:5-10. Ps 1. Lk 16:19-31. Lect I: 236
- 06 Friday Gen. 37:3-28. Ps. 104. Mt. 21 :33-43, 45-46. Lect I:239
- 07 Saturday Mic 7:14-15, 18-20. Ps 102. Lk 15:1-3.11-32. Lect I: 241

Next Sunday's Readings 08-March-2026

Ex. 17:3-7. Ps. 94. Rom. 5: 1-2, 5-8. In. 4:5-42. Lect I: 245

MASS TIMES

St. Mary & St. John		Christ Our Light
8:30 am, 10 am	Sunday	11 am, 12:30 pm
9:30 am	Monday	No Mass
9:30 am	Tuesday	No Mass
9:30 am	Wednesday	8:30 am
9:30 am	Thursday	8:30 am
9:30 am	Friday	8:30 am
6:00 pm (Vigil)	Saturday	7:30 pm (Vigil)

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Coeliac Hosts

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 3p.m. until 4p.m. in St. Mary & St. John's Church every Friday.

Meditation

Meditation continues in the Ballincollig Community Hall on Tuesday morning after 9.30am Mass. New members welcome.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross are at 6.30pm every Friday during the lent in St. Mary and St. John's church. All welcome.

Confirmation

Congratulations to the girls in Scoil Mhuire who received the sacrament of Confirmation recently. Sincere thanks to the parents and dedicated teachers who work diligently preparing young people for the sacrament.

Envelope Collection

The Irish Bishop's Commissions Collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend 7th/8th March.

Missionaries of the Sacred Heart Pilgrimage

Join the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart Pilgrimage to Fatima from the 22nd to the 26th September 2026 ex Cork and Dublin. Spiritual Director Fr Joe McGee, MSC. For more details ring Karen in Barbers Travel or email kcallaghan@travelnet.ie

Ovens & Farran Parish

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 Farran contact is Ann Brennan after Sunday Mass.

Ovens & Farran Bulletin Board

OFFICE OPENING HOURS
 Tuesday 5pm – 7pm
 Wednesday 10am -12 pm
 Thursday 10am -12pm

Vigil Masses for March

7 th March Ovens	14 th March Farran	21 st March Ovens	28 th March Farran
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Vigil Mass is held in Ovens every 1st 3rd and 5th Saturday and every 2nd and 4th Saturday in Farran

Vigil Mass will be at 6pm on Saturday the 7th of March in Ovens

Weekend Anniversaries

Saturday 28thFeb/ Sunday 1st of March

Ovens: 11.30am Michael O'Connell

Farran: 6pm Michael and Hesty McNamara, Aglish

Recent Death

Donal Garvey /Killumney

Second Collection

There will be a second collection at all masses during the weekend of the 7th/8th of March for the Irish Bishops commission

Holy Hour every Tuesday night from 8-9pm

Rosary recited at 9.10 every Friday morning before 9.30am Mass

Eucharistic Adoration from 10am to 11am.

Ovens/Farran Parish Assembly

The March meeting of the Ovens/Farran Parish Assembly is taking place on Monday the 9th of March at 8pm in the Parish Centre

"If February brings no rain, there'll be neither hay nor grain"

Totus Tuus 2026 Fatima Pilgrimage

The Totus Tuus annual pilgrimage to Fatima will take place from 28th August to 4th September. Learn about the Fatima Message, the Rosary, the First Saturdays, the lives of the three visionaries, and visit the tomb and home of Blessed Alexandrina Da Costa, who lived solely on the Eucharist for 13 years. The cost is €915 which includes, flights, half board accommodation, airport transfers, day trip to Balasar, trip to Valinhos and Adjustrel, trip to the Irish Dominican Sisters' Convent. There are places available to fly from Cork Airport, and also from Dublin Airport. Limited places are available.

For more information call Damien on 087 20 49 048.

Ballinora Parish

Mass Times

Monday: 10am
 Tuesday: No Mass
 Wednesday: 10am
 Thursday: 10am
 Friday: 10am
 Saturday: 7.30pm
 Sunday: 10am
 Subject to Change

Mass Intentions

- * Sat. 28th Feb: Eileen O'Mahoney and Danny Murphy
- * Sun. 1st March: Peter Kelly
- * Mon. 2nd March: Ger Lordan

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Legion of Mary

Weekly Meeting: Wednesday 12.30pm in the church.
 New Members always welcome.

St. Vincent De Paul Collection

Monthly Collection will be held the first weekend in each. (Except January, July and December) Volunteers urgently needed!! If you are willing to help with the monthly collections in Ballinora or Ballincollig, please call Des Hickey on 086-8347149

First Friday

The first Friday of each month there will be a Rosary recited in the church at 9.30am before Mass. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place after Mass until 11am.

Hour of Adoration

Every Tuesday there will be a Service of Word and Eucharist at 7pm followed by an Hour of Adoration in the Church

A Snapshot Through The Years

The book to celebrate our 40th anniversary as a parish will be launched on March 17th.

The scouts have very kindly said that we can have this exciting event in conjunction with their annual coffee morning.

The scouts are having this coffee morning as a fundraiser for their summer camp. We are very happy to support them with this. We will have a table in the Scout Den where the book will be available for sale. The price is €14 and we look forward to seeing you all there to support two great occasions!

Proceeds from the sale of the book will go towards funding other events to mark our Anniversary Year.

Ballinora Tidy Towns

Just a heads up that our annual fundraising quiz takes place in O'Shea's bar on Thurs 5th March! This is one of our main fundraisers every year and all funds raised go towards supporting our work programme in Ballinora and Waterfall, Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Spiritual Exercises: 5 Day Silent Ignatian Retreat for Men

Led Benedictine monks from St. Joseph Abbey, in France. Starts Thursday 30th April (3pm). Benburb Priory, Co. Tyrone (1.5 hrs from Dublin). €450 (all meals & single room included). Daily Mass - Ordinary Form (Latin & ad orientem). Discover the strength that only comes when you stop running and let God speak. Book at: <https://soutenir.clairval.com/retreat-benburb-priory>

Kilmurry Parish

St. Mary's Church
Kilmurry - Parish Church

Mass Times

Sunday: 10:00am

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
10 am				10 am

Working Holydays: 10:00am
Eve of Working Holydays:
(following 1st, 3rd, 5th Saturday) 8:00pm Vigil
Please note Mass Times may vary

Confession: Saturdays before and after Mass
Sacristy: Anne O'Callaghan

St. Joseph's Church
Cloughduv

Mass Times

Sunday: 11:30am

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		10 am		

Working Holydays: 8:00pm
Eve of Working Holydays:
(following 2nd, 4th Saturday) 8:00pm Vigil
Please note Mass Times may vary.

Confession: Saturdays before and after Mass
Sacristy: Tessie Buckley

St. John the Baptist Church
Canovee

Mass Times

Saturday 6:30pm Vigil

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	10 am			

Please note Mass Times may vary.

Eve of Working Holydays: 6:30pm Vigil

Confession: Saturdays before and after Mass
Sacristy: Nuala Crowley 026-48111

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4
Abram was commanded by the Lord to leave his home and go to a new land. There the Lord God would make of him a great nation and all would be blessed because of him.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8-10
God saves all people and calls them to a holy life, not because of their own merit but because of the grace held out in Christ. Christ "destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel."

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9
The second Sunday of Lent always gives us an account of the transfiguration. Jesus asked Peter, James and John to go with him to the mountain top. While they were there, Jesus was transfigured and became dazzling white before them. Along with Jesus stood Moses and Elijah. The voice of God announced that Jesus was his son and that all should listen to him. The disciples were frightened, but Jesus calmed them. When Peter, James and John looked up, Jesus was the only one left . . . the one to whom we need to listen.

TROCAIRE

"This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"

Abraham was a wandering shepherd, whom God chose to be the father of a great nation. The fulfilment of the promise begins with the birth of Isaac, when Abraham and his wife Sarah were already quite old. It is only natural that Abraham would want to show his appreciation. But what is he to do when God asks him to go up a high mountain and to sacrifice his only son, on whom the whole promise depends? As it turns out, this is not a story of child sacrifice, but a story about Abraham's willingness to put God first in his life. The mountain symbolises an encounter with God. Our Gospel passage is also about an encounter with God on a mountain, and about a "beloved Son", Jesus, whose whole life is offered in sacrifice. We are asked to "listen to him". Listening to Jesus is not just about hearing what he says. It is also about "hearing" what he tells us by the way that he lives. Jesus doesn't just tell us to love our neighbour, to be kind to the poor, to reach out to those who are on the margins. He actually does all of these things on a daily basis in his ministry. We often say of a child: "she is the image of her mother", or "he is just like his father". Jesus is the beloved Son, because He is just like his Father. He reflects in his own life the faithful love of God. That is his mission, and it is our mission also, because, through our Baptism, we are one body in Christ.

In our Trocaire Lenten programme this year, we meet a family of four women, spread across three generations. We are told that Uwamahoro's husband went to Kigali and never returned. We don't know why. Neither do we know why she has been left caring for her niece. We do know that they live in a society which lacks many of the social protections that we take for granted. So, from the time she gets up in the morning until she goes to bed at night, Uwamahoro lays down her life for Ineza and Vanessa and for her elderly mother, Verediana. She is, for them, the most immediate sign of God's love. What can we learn from all of this? Perhaps, like Peter, James and John, who go up the mountain with Jesus, we are being reminded that it is not enough for us to sit in the presence of God; we are also called to "go back down the mountain" and bring the love of God with us, to those who are close to us, but also to those who are far way, because they too are the beloved sons and daughters of God.

Reflection for Parents

Children adapt to change. They love the excitement of something new. As parents, however, we'd like to slow down the changes we see changes in our community, our jobs, government, and even the changes in our growing children. As it was for the disciples, it's hard sometimes for us to understand and accept things changing in front of our eyes. However, change and constant motion are part of the divine plan as we journey to God. Today, instead of digging in our heels to slow the change, try lightening your heart as a child and accept with joy, the changes you face.