

# The Parishioner

Sunday 29-March-2026



Palm Sunday of The Lord's Passion  
*Jesus was tortured and humiliated by the pride and self-will of people. He accepted this fate so as to overcome human destructiveness. His humble attentiveness to God allows God's power to be active and recreative.*



*The Family of Parishes of: Ballincollig | Ballinora | Kilmurry | Ovens and Farran*

## Palm Sunday & Holy Week Ceremonies

### Ballincollig

#### St Mary & St John's Church

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Morning Mass 9.30am  
Confessions after 9.30am Mass Tuesday & Wednesday  
Holy Thursday 2nd April—Mass of the Last Supper at 6.00pm  
Good Friday 3rd April—Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3.00pm  
Stations of the Cross at 6.00pm  
Holy Saturday 4th April  
Easter Vigil Mass 9.00pm  
Easter Sunday 5th April  
8.30am Mass & 10.00am Mass

#### Christ Our Light Church

Monday 30th March—Reconciliation Ceremony 7.30pm  
Holy Thursday 2nd April—Mass of the Last Supper at 7.30pm  
Good Friday 3rd April—Stations of the Cross at 12 Noon  
Holy Saturday 4th April  
Easter Vigil Mass 7.30pm  
Easter Sunday 5th April  
11.00am Mass & 12.30pm Mass

All these ceremonies will be broadcast online

There will be NO Outdoor Stations of the Cross

### Ovens & Farran

Reconciliation Service after all Masses in Farran and Ovens.  
Please bring Palm to mass to be blessed that weekend.  
Holy Thursday 2nd April  
Mass of the Lords Supper Ovens 7:00pm.  
Adoration at the Altar of Repose until 9:00pm  
Good Friday 3rd April  
Stations of the Cross, Ceremonies and Holy Communion  
Farran 3:00pm Ovens 7:00pm  
Holy Saturday 4th April Celebration of the Easter Vigil  
Farran 5:45pm Ovens 7:00pm  
Easter Sunday 5th April  
Dawn Mass at Kilcrea Abbey at 6:00am  
Farran 9:30am Ovens 11.30am

### Ballinora

Wednesday 1st April Penitential Service 7.30pm  
Holy Thursday 2nd April Celebration of The Last Supper 7.30pm  
Good Friday 3rd April Stations of The Cross 3.00pm  
Reading of The Passion 7.30pm  
Saturday 4th April Easter Vigil Mass 7.30pm  
Sunday 5th April Easter Sunday Mass 10.00am

### Kilmurry Parish

Holy Thursday 2nd April  
Mass of the Last Supper in  
St. John The Baptism Church, Canovee at 6.30pm  
&  
St. Joseph's Church, Cloughduv at 8.00pm

Easter Saturday, 4th April  
St. Mary's Church, Kilmurry  
Vigil Mass at 8.00pm  
Reconciliation Ceremony will be held in St. Mary's Church on Tuesday, 31st March at 7.30pm

Good Friday, 3rd April  
The Stations of the Cross at 12 Noon in  
St. John The Baptism Church, Canovee  
The Celebration of The Lord's Passion in  
St. Joseph's Church, Cloughduv at 3.00pm  
The Stations of the Cross in  
St. Mary's Church, Kilmurry at 3.00pm  
Easter Saturday, 4th April  
St. Mary's Church, Kilmurry  
Vigil Mass at 8.00pm

### Easter Collection for our Priests

According to the Diocesan custom, the collection at Easter Masses is one of two collections during the year when the offertory collection goes to the priests of their respective parishes.

### Chrism Mass

Bishop Fintan invites parishioners to join in the celebration of the Mass of Chrism on Holy Thursday April 2nd at 10am at the Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne, Cork. At this Mass with priests and parishioners from the Diocese the Oils of Baptism and the Sick are blessed. Bishop Fintan will also consecrate the Oil of Chrism which will be used in parishes during the year. Bishop Fintan and the Priests of the Diocese will renew their priestly promises during this Mass. Everyone is most welcome to attend.



Holy Week

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

*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*

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† IN SYMPATHY †  
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :  
Benny Conway, Coolroe/Shanagarry.  
Margaret Ronan, Oaklee.  
Nora Kelly, Kilkenny.

MONTHS MIND - THIS WEEKEND WE REMEMBER:  
Claire O’Riordan, Tuairin Glas/Waterfall.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS OR OTHERWISE REMEMBERED:  
Imelda Horgan (nee Lyons), Inniscarra/Midleton.  
Pat O’Connell, Rosewood.  
Paddy Kirstein, Inniscarra View.  
Eddie, Kathleen, Mary & Alice Duncan, Donegal/Omagh.  
Kitty O’Sullivan, Tudor Grove.  
Kitty Barry, Hodders Villas.  
John Bray, Classis Lake.  
Bill Devereux, Clogheen, Tipperary.  
Dan McCarthy, The Crescent.  
Stephen Power, Inniscarra.  
Breda Ryan, Kilmurry/Ovens.  
Celia Haussmann, Bishopstown.  
John & Lena Gaffney, Carrigrohane.  
Danny Twohig, Castlepark.  
Ellen Bowen, Sundays Well.  
Aiden Lenihan, Park Rd.

**Matt Talbot Mass and Novena 2026**

The Way of the Cross Church, Togher.  
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](http://www.churchservices.tv/togher)

**Come and See Afternoon  
Sunday 29 March (2–5pm)  
Mardyke House, Cork**

Are you interested in becoming a priest in the Diocese of Cork & Ross? There will be a “Come and See” afternoon for men aged 18–40 who may be thinking about priesthood in the Diocese of Cork and Ross. The afternoon will include time for prayer, reflection, conversation and an opportunity to meet others also exploring this call. Registration is not required — just come along.  
For more information email [vocations@corkandross.org](mailto:vocations@corkandross.org)

**Days of Holy Week**

- Palm Sunday, Jesus triumphantly enters Jerusalem
- Monday of Holy Week, Jesus clears out the temple with a whip.
- Tuesday of Holy Week, Jesus is anointed with oil at Bethany and preaches on the Mount of Olives.
- Holy Wednesday (Spy Wednesday), Jesus is betrayed by Judas.
- Holy Thursday (Maundy Thursday), Jesus celebrates the Last Supper, prays in the Garden of Gethsemane, and is arrested.
- Good Friday, Jesus is sentenced to death, scourged, beaten, crucified, and dies on the Cross.
- Holy Saturday (Black Saturday), Jesus's physical body rested in the tomb.
- Easter Sunday, Jesus rises from the dead.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Palm Sunday Of The Lord's Passion

29 Sunday Is. 50:4-7. Ps 22. Phil. 2:6- 11. Mt. 26:14-27,66. Lect I: 346

30 Monday Is. 42:1-7. Ps. 26. Jn. 12:1-11 Lect I: 374

31 Tuesday Is. 49: 1-6. Ps. 70. Jn. 13:21-33,36-38. Lect I: 376

01 Wednesday Is. 50:4-9. Ps. 68. Mt. 26:14-25. Lect I: 379

02 Thursday Ex. 12:1-8,11-14. Ps. 115.1 Cor. 11:23-26. Jn. 13:1-15. Lect I: 387

03 Friday Is. 52: 13-53: 12. Ps. 30. Heb. 4: 14-16, 5:7-9. Jn. 18: 1-19:42. Lect I: 390

04 Saturday

**Next Sunday's Readings 05-April-2026**

Acts 10:34, 37-43. Ps. 117. Col. 3: 1-4 or 1 Cor. 5:6-9. Jn. 20: 1-9. Lect I: 417

**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
See Front Page	Thursday	See Front Page
See Front Page	Friday	See Front Page
See Front Page	Saturday	See Front Page

**Ballincollig Bulletin Board**

*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**

As Good Friday ceremonies take precedence when it falls on the First Friday there will be NO Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Meditation**

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

**Confirmation**

Congratulations to the girls and boys in Gaelscoil and Chaisleáin who received the sacrament of Confirmation last week. Sincere thanks to the parents and dedicated teachers who work diligently preparing young people for the sacrament.

*Spring Dues*

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

**Diocesan Envelope Collection**

The quarterly envelope collection in aid of the Diocesan Funds will be taken up at all Masses this weekend 28th/29th March in all Family of Parish churches. (Applies to all Parishes)

*Legion of Mary*

The Legion of Mary will meet parishioners after 9:30am Mass on Wednesday April 15th with the view of recommencing a Praesidium in Ballincollig again.

**Good Friday Collection for Holy Places (Holy Land) .**

The Collection for the Holy Land reminds us of an “ancient” duty, which the history of recent years has made more urgent, but no less a source of joy that comes from helping our brothers. (Applies to all Parishes)

Ovens & Farran Parish

*Parish Contact Details*

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 Ring for bookings : Baptisms & Marriages etc.  
 Farran contact is Ann Brennan after Sunday Mass.

**Ovens & Farran Bulletin Board**

*Sunday Masses*

Ovens: 11.30 am  
 Farran: 9.30am

*Weekday Masses*

Ovens: 9.30 am Wednesday and Friday  
 Farran: 9.30 am Tuesday and Thursdays

*Vigil Masses for April 2026*

4 <sup>th</sup> April	11 <sup>th</sup> April	18 <sup>th</sup> April	25 <sup>th</sup> April
Ovens 7pm	Farran 6pm	Ovens 6pm	Farran 6pm

Vigil Mass is held in Ovens every 1st 3rd and 5th Saturday and every 2nd and 4th Saturday in Farran

*Weekend Anniversaries.*

Farran: 9.30am: Tom Harris, Rocky Road, Farran  
 Ovens: 11.30am: Ted O'Brien, Srelane  
 Trocaire Boxes to be returned on Holy Thursday, or when convenient.  
 Easter Offering envelopes will be available in the porches both Farran and Ovens Church.

*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.

*Srelane Cross Traffic*

The following is the reply which was received last week from Pdraig Barrett, Director of Roads and Services, Cork County Council, in Reply to emails regarding the traffic situation at Srelane Cross.  
 We received Funding of €1,000,000 for pavement and €200,000 for a safety scheme. We will merge these projects for delivery and once the scheme is fully specified and drafted we will tender both in the coming weeks for delivery between May and September.  
 The plan for the safety scheme is to reduce the apparent road width to encourage lower speeds and safer interactions between different road users. The pavement works will involve an overlay to improve road surface conditions over a length of more than 1Km.

*Forms of Friday Penance*

The following are suggested as ways of fulfilling Friday penance:

- ◆ Abstaining from meat or some other food;
- ◆ Abstaining from alcoholic drink or smoking;
- ◆ Making a special effort at involvement in family prayer;
- ◆ Making a special effort to participate in Mass on Fridays;
- ◆ Visiting the Blessed Sacrament;
- ◆ Making the Stations of the Cross;
- ◆ Fasting from all food for a longer period than usual and perhaps giving what is saved to the needy;
- ◆ Helping the poor, sick, old or lonely.

Ballinora Parish

*Mass Times*

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
10am	No Mass	10am	10am	10am	7.30pm	10am
Mass Times are Subject to Change						

*Mass Intentions*

- \* March 29th The deceased members of The Lucey Family (Ballincollig)
- \* March 30th Margaret O'Sullivan and Dean O'Connor
- \* April 1st Don and Joan McCarthy
- \* April 2nd John Sheahan and remembering his parents Patrick and Hannah
- \* April 11th Andrew Twohig
- \* April 13th Rosarie O'Mahoney
- \* April 18th Denis and Peggy Kelleher

*Recent Baptisms*

We welcome to our Christian Community the following children who were baptised recently.  
 Daithí Colin Kelly son of Shane Kelly and Lisa O'Shea, Aisling Close Ballincollig.  
 Freddie Martin O'Riordan son of Barry O'Riordan and Elaine Kehily, Earls Well Waterfall.  
 Aine Julia T Cahill daughter of Donal Cahill and Julie Anne Long, Ballyhank Waterfall.

*The Anima Christi*

The Anima Christi is from an unknown author of the 14th century. It was popularized by St. Ignatius Loyola in the 16th century and remains widely used for thanksgiving after receiving Our Lord in Holy Communion.

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.  
 Body of Christ, save me.  
 Blood of Christ, inebriate me.  
 Water from the side of Christ, wash me.  
 Passion of Christ, strengthen me.  
 O good Jesus, hear me.  
 Within Thy Wounds hide me.  
 Suffer me not to be separated from Thee.  
 From the malignant enemy, defend me.  
 In the hour of my death, call me,  
 And bid me to come to Thee.  
 That with Thy saints, I may praise Thee.  
 Forever and ever.  
 Amen.

*A Prayer for Peace in our Troubled World*

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.  
 Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
 where there is injury, pardon;  
 where there is doubt, faith;  
 where there is despair, hope;  
 where there is darkness, light;  
 where there is sadness, joy.  
 For it is in giving that we receive  
 in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
 and in dying that we are born to eternal life.

*FATIMA Pilgrimage/Holiday*

Ex CORK Airport. Thursday July 2nd to 9th. Our Spiritual Director is Rev. Fr. (Archdeacon) Neilus O'Donnell. For further details please contact Patsy Foley on 087-6798810.

**Kilmurry Parish**

**St. Mary's Church**

Kilmurry - Parish Church

*Mass Times*

Sunday: 10:00am

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
10 am				10 am

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

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**St. Joseph's Church**

Cloughduv

*Mass Times*

Sunday: 11:30am

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		10 am		

Confession: Saturdays before and after Mass  
 Sacristy: Tessie Buckley

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**St. John the Baptist Church**

Canovee

*Mass Times*

Saturday 6:30pm Vigil

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	10 am			

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

**Confirmation**

Congratulations to all the Boys and Girls from Canovee and Kilmurry National Schools who received the Sacrament of Confirmation during the week.

**Reflection for Parents**

There is much to reflect on in this reading. One interesting note, however, is the different responses Judas and Peter had when they came face to face with their rejection of Christ. After his three denials, Peter "wept bitterly." These tears of regret led the way to reconciliation when Peter first encountered the risen Christ. Judas, on the other hand, knew what he did was wrong, but he couldn't face the hopelessness his actions brought. To relieve the pain of what he had done, Judas took his own life. Some days it is difficult (even beyond measure) to be a parent. The lesson we learn today is that reconciliation and healing bring us long-term joy instead of living in the harsh bitterness of despair.

**Notice to Parishioners**

To have items included in the next Kilmurry Parish newsletter, please send details to Peter at [kilmurry.news1@gmail.com](mailto:kilmurry.news1@gmail.com)

**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](mailto:kcallaghan@travelnet.ie)

**Darkness into Light 2026**

Darkness into Light 2026 will take place on the morning of Saturday May 9th 2026. The walk will leave from Le Chéille Secondary School at 4.15 am. You can register online. All support will be greatly appreciated.

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

The servant of the Lord was rebuffed but did not turn back; he was beaten and spat upon. The suffering one knew the Lord God was with him.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Christ was in the form of God but did not consider equality with God a thing to be grasped at. He emptied himself, took the form of a slave, and was obedient unto death! Therefore, God exalted him, and all proclaim him Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66

Each year on this Sunday we follow the events of Jesus' life from the time he entered Jerusalem until the point where he was laid in the tomb after his crucifixion. Jesus first entered Jerusalem riding a donkey amid waving palm leaves. It was in Jerusalem that he foretold Judas' betrayal, Peter's denial, and established the Eucharist at the Passover meal. Jesus took his disciples into Gethsemane to pray, but they could not stay awake with him. In the garden, Jesus was turned over to the authorities, tried before the Sanhedrin, brought to Pilate, and sentenced to death. When offered a choice during the festival to release a prisoner, the people chose the release of Barabbas. Their choice was beyond Pilate's comprehension, so he symbolically washed his hands of the whole deal. Jesus was turned over to the Roman authorities for crucifixion and mocked by them. Finally, Jesus died on the cross. The earth darkened and quaked. He was prepared quickly for burial and laid in the tomb.



From Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday, the Church remembers the journey of Jesus from his triumphant entry into Jerusalem to his last meal, trial, crucifixion, death, and resurrection. These are important events in our faith journey. Throughout the week we are reminded of God's great love for us.

Each Holy Thursday we remember the institution of the Eucharist which gives us nourishment for our journey. We also recall Jesus washing the Apostles' feet and his words: 'If I then, the Lord and Master, have washed your feet, then surely you must wash one another's feet.' In washing the feet of his apostles Jesus gave us an example of humility and showed how love and service are expressed in action. He now invites us to show that love and service towards each other. Perhaps this is a time to ask oneself, in what ways am I the hands, the feet, the eyes of Christ for others? In ministering to one another we deepen our unity as members of the Body of Christ. To those in our Parish community who are housebound or resident in Nursing Homes, because of age, illness or for whatever reason, I would like to say that you too have an active role in ministering to others by the precious contribution you make through your sufferings and by your ministry of prayer.

On Holy Thursday morning, the Mass of Chrism will be celebrated at the Cathedral during which the Holy Oils to be used for the celebration of the Sacraments will be blessed. Bishop Buckley invites us to join with him and the priests of the Diocese for this celebration. On this day when we also recall the institution of the Priesthood, let us remember in prayer and gratitude the priests of our Parish for their commitment and selfless ministry to us. Following the Eucharistic Celebration on Holy Thursday evening, the Blessed Sacrament is carried to the altar of Repose which reminds us of Jesus' time in the garden of Gethsemane and recalls his question to the disciples: 'Could you not watch one hour with me?' Spending some time before the blessed Sacrament at the Altar of Repose gives us an opportunity to express our gratitude to God and to pray for the suffering members of our Parish community.