

The Parishioner

Sunday 05-April-2026



Easter Sunday

Today we face the greatest mystery of our faith, the mystery of how God works among us, bringing new life where before there was only death. With a sense of wonder and with joy, we come today to thank God for the risen life of Jesus.



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

Christ is Risen, Alleluia!



The empty tomb is today a symbol of joy and hope. Jesus is not in the tomb - He is risen! Jesus offers the promise of resurrection to every human being. The Easter Vigil begins in darkness. This darkness may be symbolic of all the suffering and pain in our lives - the pain of sickness, grief, loss, rejection, loneliness, abandonment, addiction, hopelessness. We wait in hope and expectation for our Gethsemane to end. Into this darkness a light shines when the Paschal Candle is carried in procession through the darkened Church. The Paschal Candle represents Christ who is the Light of the world and who rekindles his light in us by entering into the darkness of our lives bringing hope, joy and peace. When we light our own candles from the Paschal Candle it is a powerful image of our sharing in the living light of Christ. As Christians we are called to unite with both Christ crucified and Christ risen. He knows the longings and pains of the human heart and is with us in our sufferings and our joys. This celebration of Christ's Resurrection offers meaning and hope to all people.

The Resurrection did not come about without cost. One of the sacred images in our churches is not the empty tomb - it is the Cross by which the Resurrection was won. When Mary Magdalene could not find Jesus she said to Simon Peter and the beloved disciple, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him." Like Mary Magdalene let us search for the risen Jesus today and invite him to journey with us.

In the second reading, St Paul reminds us 'since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth'. At Easter we are invited to renew our Baptismal promises. Having journeyed with Christ through his passion and death, we again choose to follow him in faith, hope and love. We make these promises together as a community because we know how much we can help one another along life's journey and how much we need each other. Through our baptism we are called to proclaim Jesus' death and life to a world that longs for meaning in the midst of suffering. We are witnesses to the Risen Christ. May each of us experience the love, joy and peace of the Risen Christ!

How is Easter Sunday Determined?

The Time of Easter is based on the cycles of the moon, the equinox, and seasons and things in nature. In simple terms, Easter occurs on the first Sunday following the first full moon that occurs on or after the day of the vernal equinox (the first day of spring). This year the vernal equinox was Friday, March 20th. The first full moon after that was last Thursday, April 2nd. Thus, Easter Sunday is today, April 5th. The earliest Easter can be is March 22nd as it was last in 1818 and will be next in 2285. The latest Easter can be is April 25th as it was last in 1943 and will be next in 2038.

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.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday 12th April 2026 in the Church of the Real Presence, Curraheen, Cork. The day commences at 2pm and includes the Rosary, several Priests hearing confessions, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Stations of the Cross. Mass is celebrated at 3.30pm.



Best Wishes for a Happy Easter

The priests of the Family of Parishes join in sending their Easter greetings to all members of our parishes and to all readers of The Parishioner.

Ballincollig: Fr's Alan O'Leary Co-PP, Ronan Sheehan CC, Jojo Thalikaasthanam CMI CC & Deacon Frank McKeivitt.

Ovens / Farran: Fr. John McCarthy Co-PP

Ballinora: Fr. John Collins PE

Kilmurry: Fr Kieron O'Driscoll Co-PP

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

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

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† IN SYMPATHY †
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :
Jo O'Connell, Victoria Cross.
David Lucey, Ballincollig.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS OR OTHERWISE REMEMBERED:
Michael & Tadgh Creed, Inniscarra View.
Bernie Collins, Daffodil Fields.
Mary Raj, India.
Noel O'Connell, Ballingulley.
Catherine Murphy, Powermills/Rossa Ave.
Annie Kavanagh, Wicklow.
Christy O'Donovan, Castle View House.
Tadhg Kearney, Westcourt Heights.
Paddy Keohane, Inniscarra.
Frances & Peter Moran, Beaumont, Ballintemple.
Stephen & Kitty Horgan & their son Stephen Jr., Newcestown.

Why Sunday Matters

'Sunday has always been the day of the Lord: the day of resurrection, the day of rest, the day of Eucharist. From the very beginning of our Christian faith, Sunday has been central to the life of the Church and remains the heart of Christian practice. It is on this day that we gather as a community, united in our love for Christ, to encounter the risen Lord and be nourished in body and soul.'

'The Mass is not just a ritual; it is the source and summit of our faith. It is where we encounter Christ in His living presence, and it is through the Eucharist that we are strengthened to live as true disciples. Attending Mass on Sundays, or its vigil on Saturday evening, is not just an obligation; it is a profound privilege and a chance to experience God's love in a deeply personal way. As we come to this sacred celebration let us do so with hearts full of gratitude for the precious gift of Christ's presence among us.'

Spiritual Exercises

5 Day Silent Ignatian Retreat for Men

Led by 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>

Death Has No Power over Him

The certainty of death hangs over every human life. In every human heart lies the fundamental question about what life means and where it leads. Today we celebrate our faith that God's eternal Son has died, as we must do, to show us that death with him is the gateway to a world in which our deepest questions are answered and our deepest longings fulfilled.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

The Easter Octave

- 05 Sunday Acts 10:34, 37-43. Ps. 117. Col. 3: 1-4 or 1 Cor. 5:6-9. Jn. 20: 1-9. Lect I: 417
- 06 Monday Acts 2: 14, 22-32. Ps. 15. Mt. 28:8-15. Lect I: 423
- 07 Tuesday Acts 2:36-41. Ps. 32. Jn. 20: 11-18. Lect I: 425
- 08 Wednesday Acts 3: 1-10. Ps. 104. Lk. 24: 13-35. Lect I: 427
- 09 Thursday Acts 3: 11-26. Ps. 8. Lk. 24:35-48. Lect I: 430
- 10 Friday Acts 4:1-12. Ps. 117. Jn. 21 :1-14. Lect I:432
- 11 Saturday Acts 4: 13-21. Ps. 117. Mk. 16:9-15. Lect I: 435

Next Sunday's Readings 12-April-2026
Acts 2:42-47. Ps. 117. 1 Pet. 1:3-9. Jn. 20:19-31. Lect I: 438

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 Morning Mass
9:30 am	Tuesday No Morning Mass
9:30 am	Wednesday No Morning Mass
9:30 am	Thursday No Morning Mass
9:30 am	Friday No Morning Mass
6:00 pm (Vigil)	Saturday 7:30 pm (Vigil)

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**
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.
- 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 which was taken up at all Masses last weekend amounted to €1,240. We appreciate your continued support.
- 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.
- Christian Meditation Cork**
A morning of talks and meditation with Fr. Donagh O'Shea, O.P. on Saturday, 25th April in The Sacred Heart Missionaries Hall, Western Road, Cork. Donation: €10. Registration at 9.30am. Beginning at 10.00am. Tea, coffee provided at 11.00am. Finishing with Mass at 1.00pm. Booking not necessary. All newcomers to meditation welcome.

Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can read
Mark Twain

Ovens & Farran Parish

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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 th April	11 th April	18 th April	25 th 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

Recent Baptisms.

Joey Barry Coffey: Ovens
 Hannah Kelly: Dublin

We congratulate their parents and welcome them to our family of parishes

Trocaire Boxes to be returned on Holy Thursday, or when convenient.

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.

New Parish Shrine to St. Carlo Acutis

We are delighted to share the wonderful news that a shrine is being erected in St. John the Baptist Church, Ovens, in honour of St. Carlo Acutis.

Carlo was a young Italian boy, born in 1991, who had a deep love for the Eucharist and a remarkable gift for using technology to spread the faith. Despite his short life – he passed away at just 15 years of age - Carlo's devotion, kindness, and strong belief in God have inspired people all over the world, especially young people.

He is best known for creating a website documenting Eucharistic miracles, combining his passion for computers with his faith. Carlo often said, "The Eucharist is my highway to Heaven", a phrase that continues to touch hearts today.

The new shrine will offer a quiet space for prayer and reflection, and we hope it will become a place of inspiration for all, particularly our young parishioners.

We look forward to sharing more details about the blessing and official opening in the coming weeks. All are warmly welcome to visit and spend time in prayer at the shrine once it is completed.

Farran Ministers of The Word

The New Ministers of the word Rota for Farran Church is available for Collection In the Sacristy in Farran Church.

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

- * April 11th Andrew Twohig
- * April 13th Rosarie O'Mahoney
- * April 18th Denis and Peggy Kelleher

Little Things

There are times when we all may feel that life owes us something, that we are good citizens who have never hurt our neighbours and never broken the laws of our society. Perhaps some of us even think that we have never done anything wrong within our community. Whilst probably not absolutely perfect, we have never deliberately gone out of our way to offend or disobey the accepted codes and laws. But if we: think for a moment and honestly examine our conscience, have we not erred in committing minor offences or turning a blind eye to injustices? How many would consider it wrong to park illegally, to drive too fast, or to discard a small piece of litter? Or, it may be a little thing, but how many customers would return to a shop if they received too much change? Some of us may exclaim: But I've never done any of these! What about church collection? Do we honestly contribute what we can reasonably afford? Do we notice the beggar at the church-gates? How many of us walk blindly past, filled with the Body of Christ, ignoring the outstretched hand? If we are to be ruthlessly truthful with ourselves, we must reluctantly admit that few of us are 'without sin' and can be trusted not only to be scrupulously honest with our fellow man, but with God who created us and knows all our faults and failures. It is not only the 'big' crimes or sins that may cause us to fall by the wayside but the simple minor offences that we enact every day and consider unimportant. Perhaps we ought to remember the Gospel of Luke which reminds us that "The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great."

(Luke. 16:1-13)

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.

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

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

St. John the Baptist Church

Canovee

Mass Times

Saturday 6:30pm Vigil & 08:30am Easter Sunday morning.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	10 am			

Confession: Saturdays before and after Mass
 Sacristy: Nuala Crowley

Parish Suggestion or Parents

One of our primary goals as parents is to help our children discover their gifts and use them generously in a way that glorifies God. From very early age we can remind our children of the source of their gifts and encourage them to use them humbly

Notice to Parishioners

To have items included in the next Kilmurry Parish newsletter, please send details to Peter at kilmurry.news1@gmail.com

Reflection for Parents

Most parents have discovered by now that things aren't always as they seem. A poured out bottle of laundry detergent wasn't really mischievous behaviour, but rather an attempt to surprise you with a generous gift of service. Or secret whispers are not an attempt to hide some wrongdoing but rather an effort to plan a surprise for you. Things weren't as they seemed to Mary Magdalene either that first Easter morning. Our errors in perception often work to remind us that God's plan is not always obvious, but that we are challenged to trust in the promise of the resurrection.

I Feel It in the air

I know its Easter time again, I feel it in the air,
 The breath of Spring with a woody tang, and new life everywhere,
 And Spring glides on with magic touch, over mountainside and glen,
 And wakens all the sleeping plants, for Easter time again.
 The brooklets leap from rock to rock, as if in joyful play,
 The flowers peep from darkened tombs to welcome Easter,
 The birds are swinging on the boughs, and trill in ecstasy
 They seem to show the world's great joy, of Easter mystery.
 Why should we dread this thing called death? It's just an open door
 Where all within is love and peace, and joy forever more.
 Because I live, you too shall live, we hear the Saviour say.
 Lets consecrate our lives anew during this Easter time.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34, 37-43

Peter preached about Jesus' baptism, the anointing with the Holy Spirit, works of kindness and healing, and his crucifixion and resurrection from the dead. All who believe in him are forgiven.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

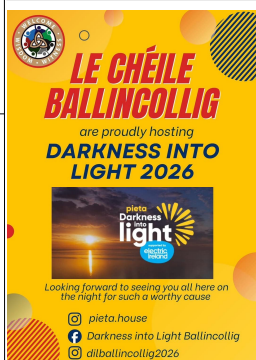
Think about what is above. When Christ appears, then you shall appear with him in glory.

Gospel: John 20:1-9

On Friday afternoon when Jesus died, the women had not been able to finish the customary preparation for burial. The Sabbath began at sundown on Friday, so Mary of Magdala hurried to the tomb Sunday morning to complete her task. She found the tomb empty. Certain that Jesus' body had been stolen, she ran back to get the other disciples. Peter and the other disciple also found an empty tomb but with Jesus' clothing rolled neatly and placed where his body had been. The disciples still didn't understand about the resurrection and Mary wept. As she cried, two angels appeared asking why she was crying. She then saw a gardener and asked him where the body might be. When he called her by name, Mary immediately recognised Jesus.



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 Ballincollig Tidy Towns
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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 Chéile Secondary School at 4.15 am. You can register online. All support will be greatly appreciated.

Don't Quit

When things go wrong as they sometimes will,
 When the road you're trudging seems all up hill,
 When the funds are low and the debts are high,
 And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
 When care is pressing you down a bit,
 Rest, if you must, but don't you quit.
 Life is queer with its twists and turns,
 As everyone of us sometimes learns,
 And many a failure turns about
 When he might have won had he stuck it out;
 Don't give up though the pace seems slow
 You may succeed with another blow.
 Success is failure turned inside out
 The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
 And you never can tell how close you are,
 It may be near when it seems so far;
 So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit,
 It's when things seem worse that you must not quit.

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