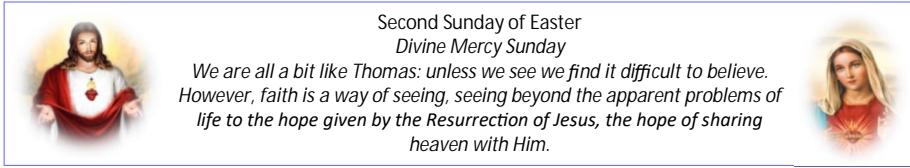


# The Parishioner

Sunday 12-April-2026



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

## Community of Faith

The readings today are a little challenging. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles we hear what it means to be a community of faith. The first group of believers were united heart and soul, they were eager to share Jesus' love, supporting one another, and loving and caring for those around them. Everything they had was shared and all goods were held in common. Their spirit of sharing resulted in no one being in want - an example for all of us today. Jesus calls us to build unity and peace in a society so often divided.

In the Gospel we hear how on Easter Sunday the disciples, still in fear, remain behind locked doors in the Upper Room. Jesus enters the room and stands in their midst. He greets them with words of peace. Thomas is not among them and when the disciples inform him that they have seen the Risen Christ, his reaction is one of disbelief. He wants proof and to see with his own eyes. A week later they are still in the upper room and still afraid to go out even after the experience of seeing the Risen Lord. Jesus appears again and speaking to Thomas invites him to put his hands into the wounds in his hands and feet. In response Thomas makes a profession of faith - 'my Lord and my God'. Jesus responds: 'You believe because you can see me; happy are those who have not seen and yet believe' I suppose at times we can have a bit of Thomas in us when we experience moments of doubt! But Jesus wants us to have faith, to believe and trust in Him.

The image of the disciples locked in the upper room in fear is a good image for us to reflect on as we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. Even though we profess our faith in the Risen Lord who died to take away our sins, we may have doubts that God would really forgive us our sins. We may look at our lives and wonder if God really loves us. But God's love for us is far greater than any fault, failing or sin that we have. His mercy is his gift to us and he is just waiting for us to accept this gift and to fill us with his forgiveness, love and peace.

*Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated on today 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.*

### Divine Mercy Sunday

The first Sunday after Easter, is a feast dedicated to opening ourselves up to God's mercy.

Devotion to Christ's divine mercy began with the visions of St. Faustina Kowalska. In 1930, while Faustina was praying in her room, Jesus appeared to her wearing a white robe with red and white rays emanating from his heart. He told her to have his image painted with these words inscribed below: "Jesus, I trust in you," in Polish: "Jezu, ufam Tobie." Jesus expressed his desire for a feast of Mercy to be established and for increased devotion to his abundant Divine Mercy.

Faustina began taking spiritual direction from the convent's confessor, Fr. Michał Sopoćko, a professor of theology at Vilnius University. When Faustina told Fr. Michał of her visions, he recommended she be examined by a psychologist. After a number of tests, Faustina was declared to be of sound mind. Fr. Michał told Faustina to begin keeping a record of the visions and helped her find an artist to paint the image Jesus had requested.

In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000.

### Urgent Appeal From The Irish Blood Transfusion Service

(IBTS) is asking blood donors to attend donation clinics this week, as blood stocks are very low after the bank holiday weekend. It said it has added five extra clinics around the country for this Sunday, 12 April.

The IBTS said it aims to have a seven-day supply at all times. It currently has just over two days' supply of O positive and just over three days' supply of other key blood groups. The IBTS said clinics this week are in: D'Olier Street, Stillorgan, Cork Centre, Naas, Kells, Stamullen, Tullycorbet, Newbridge, Tullamore, Westport, Galway City, Kanturk, Glanmire, Abbeyfeale and Limerick City.

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

*Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.*

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† IN SYMPATHY †  
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :

Austin Barrett, Farnanes/Ballincollig.  
David Lucey, Prospect Lawn.  
Martin Hubbard, Bealnamorrive.  
Natividad Rivera Reyes.

MONTHS MIND - THIS WEEKEND WE REMEMBER:  
Michael J. Kelly, Model Farm Rd.

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

Patrick McNamara, Inniscarra View.  
Seán Spillane, Castleknock.  
Liam O'Shea, Castlepark.  
Dolores Hogan, Shamrock Drive.  
Gus Nagle, Rosewood.  
Brendan Driscoll, Castle Ave.  
Jerry Moynihan, Inniscarra/Drinagh.  
Jack, Teresa Goulding & dec. relatives.  
Breda Queally, Old Quarter.  
Garrett Forrest, Ballygarvan.  
Helen Coughlan, Clash.  
Tom O'Donoghue, Inniscarra View/Killarney.  
Christine Roderick, Westgate.  
Nuala O'Sullivan Lane, Wyndham Downs/Rosscarbery.  
Seán O'Leary, Westcourt Heights.  
Tony & Deedy Forde, Robinscourt, Togher.  
John & Lena Gaffney, Carrigrohane.  
Danny Twohig, Castlepark.  
Carolyn Cronin, Beverley Court.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Second Week of Easter

- 12 Sunday Acts 2:42-47. Ps. 117. 1 Pet. 1:3-9. Jn. 20:19-31. Lect I: 438
- 13 Monday Acts 4:23-31 - Ps 2. Jn 3:1-8. Lect I: 447
- 14 Tuesday Acts 4:32-37. Ps. 92. Jn. 3:7-15. Lect I: 449
- 15 Wednesday Acts 5:17-26. Ps 33. Jn 3:16-21. Lect I: 452
- 16 Thursday Acts 5:27-33. Ps 33. Jn 3:31-36. Lect I: 454
- 17 Friday Acts 5:34-42. Ps 26. Jn. 6:1-15. Lect I: 456
- 18 Saturday Acts 6:1-7. Ps. 32. Jn. 6:16-21. Lect I: 459

Next Sunday's Readings 19-April-2026

Acts 2: 14, 22-33. Ps. 15. 1 Pet. 1: 17-21. Lk. 24: 13-35. Lect I: 461

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	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)

**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.'

**Speed Dating for Catholics aged 25 - 45  
In aid of Whinnie's Wish Kenya**

On Sunday 3rd May, at The Kingsley Hotel, Cork. Meet single Catholics who share your faith while raising funds for a great cause. This event is the perfect opportunity to meet like-minded people in real life! Tickets €30, see [www.eventbrite.ie](http://www.eventbrite.ie), search for 'Speed Dating for Catholics' and put Cork as the location. Email: [littlerosesevents@gmail.com](mailto:littlerosesevents@gmail.com)

**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.

**Easter Collection**

The priests of all the parishes would like to offer sincere thanks to the people who contributed to the Easter collection. Your generosity is much appreciated.

**Legion of Mary—Cork**

The Legion of Mary will be holding a recruitment drive at the church of St. Mary & St. John, Ballincollig as follows: Wednesday 15th April after 9.30am Mass. Members of the Ballinora Legion of Mary Praesidium and other Legionaries from Praesidia in Cork will be delighted to meet with mass goers after the above mass for a chat about the legion and its work. We look forward to meeting you then.

**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.

*"April hath put a spirit of youth in everything."  
William Shakespeare*

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

Ovens & Farran Parish

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 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*

11 <sup>th</sup> April Farran 6pm	18 <sup>th</sup> April Ovens 6pm	25 <sup>th</sup> April Farran 6pm
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Vigil Mass is held in Ovens every 1st 3rd and 5th Saturday and every 2nd and 4th Saturday in Farran

*Weekend Anniversaries 11th/12th April*

Farran: 9.30am: Joe Leahy, Ballineadig  
 Ovens: 11.30am: Thomas, Eileen and James Doyle, Wexford.

*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.

***Parish Assembly Meeting***

The April Meeting of the Ovens/Farran Parish Assembly is on Monday, 20th April, in the Parish Centre.

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						

***CFR Upskilling***

A Refresher Course for Ballinora Cardiac First Responders (existing members) -  
 Thursday April 23rd 2026 at 19:00 until 20:00.  
 Venue Upstairs GAA Hall  
 Please bring your Rescue Mask

***Karen Fenton Run***

The Karen Fenton Memorial Run will take place on Sunday April 26th at 11.30am. Registration is open. Please register soon and ideally before our postage option closes on April 12th.

Register now at: <https://eventmaster.ie/event/zZopsPYSQJ>.

If you are not participating and would like to help out in any way (parking/marshals/catering/registration) please reach out to Martin (087-6484564) or Davina (087-6578211)

***Easter Thank You!***

Wow! What a gorgeous week we had last week. All of our Easter Ceremonies were so beautiful. All of them so well attended and lots of participation from parishioners. Thank you to everyone for their participation. A special thank you to Imelda O'Connor and Eddie Fitzgerald who together unveiled the shroud on Saturday at our Easter Vigil. It was a lovely moment of acknowledgment, from the parish, to both of them for the awards they received from The Red Cross.

Thank you to the many volunteers who worked hard behind the scenes to ensure the smooth success of our Easter program. A particular thanks to Ursula, Ruth and the choir for their dedication to ensuring our ceremonies were filled with beautiful appropriate music. Also to Philip who makes sure everything is as it should be. Lastly a massive thank you to Fr John for all his hard work for all of us. It really was an extremely uplifting week.

***Hickeys Bar Aherla***

A night of Music, Singing and Storytelling.

This Wednesday, 15th of April

Starting at 9pm Sharp.

Fear an tí – Jim Murphy

All welcome

***National Epilepsy Week***

National Epilepsy Week takes place on 18th-25th May.

For further information please visit

[www.epilepsy.ie/content/national-epilepsy-week-2026-epilepsyweek](http://www.epilepsy.ie/content/national-epilepsy-week-2026-epilepsyweek).

***Ovens/Farran Active Retired***

Meeting this Monday the 13th of April

At 2.30pm sharp.

**Kilmurry Parish**

**St. Mary's Church**

Kilmurry - Parish Church

**Mass Times**

Sunday: 10:00am

Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri  
10 am 10 am

Monsignor O'Callaghan will celebrate the Friday Mass at 10am

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

**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](mailto:kilmurry.news1@gmail.com)

**Become a Laudato Si' Animator**

The Laudato Si' Animators Program is a flagship formation initiative of the Laudato Si' Movement (LSM). It equips people of faith and goodwill to respond to today's ecological crisis through personal ecological conversion, action and advocacy, rooted in the encyclical Laudato Si'. This free online program deepens participants' understanding of ecological and social realities through the lens of faith, spirituality and integral ecology, while offering practical tools to lead concrete creation care efforts in their communities. It is a deeply nourishing course and participants will be part of a national Laudato Si' Network, supported by Trócaire, afterwards.

Let's bring Laudato Si' to life, together and care more deeply for God's Creation!

Begins: April 15th

"Soil, water, mountains, everything is as it were, a caress of God!" (Laudato Si', 84).

To register: <https://laudatosianimators.org>

For enquiries email: [roisin.pye@trocaire.org](mailto:roisin.pye@trocaire.org)

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

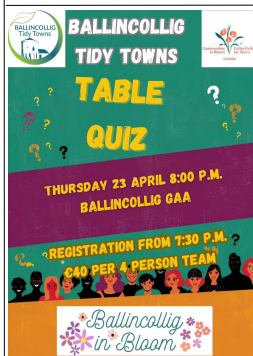
Early Christians adhered to apostolic teaching, centering their lives on prayer, the breaking of the bread, the common life, and charity.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

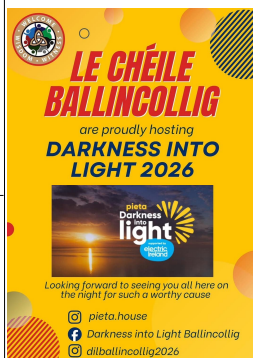
Through God's great mercy, Christians have new life in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The goal of faith is salvation.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Following Jesus' crucifixion the disciples were still uncertain of his message. They lost hope and in fear locked themselves in a room. Without entering through the door, Jesus appeared before them with a greeting of peace and a mission to spread the Good News. The disciple, Thomas, was not in the room. When he learned of Jesus' visit, he would not believe it. But about week later, Jesus appeared in a similar way when Thomas was with the others. Jesus invited Thomas to touch the wounds in his hands and side. Thomas knew immediately that it was Jesus and believed in him.



Please Support Ballincollig Tidy Towns With this Fund Raiser.



**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.

**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)

**Ballincollig Alzheimer Café**

The Ballincollig Alzheimer Café will take place Thursday, 16th April from 3:00 – 5:00 PM in The Chapel Gate Café, Ballincollig, Cork (P13 XP38) with guest speaker Georgina Hawkesworth from Hidden Hearing, who will discuss: The Importance of Hearing Tests. Alzheimer Cafés provide a relaxed and friendly space for people living with dementia, their families, friends, and healthcare professionals to come together, share experiences, and learn from one

**Prayer for Strength**

Every day I need you, Lord, but today especially, I need some extra strength to face whatever is to come. This day, more than any other day, I need to feel you near me to strengthen my courage and to overcome my fear. By myself I cannot meet the challenge of the hour. We are frail human creatures and we need a Higher Power to sustain us in all that life may bring, and so, dear Lord, hold my trembling hand. Be with me, Lord, this day and stretch out your powerful arm to help me. May your love be upon me as I place all my hope in you. Amen. *Blessed Pope John XXIII*