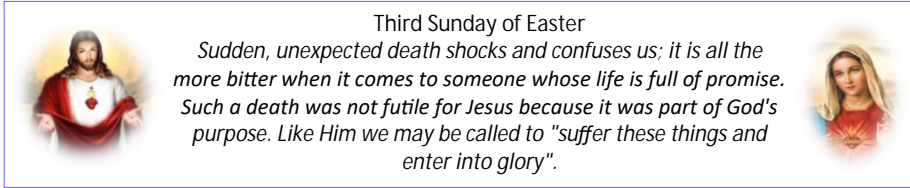


# The Parishioner

Sunday 19-April-2026



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

## The Bible and The Mass

In the introductory rites of the Mass we gather ourselves as God's people and then we listen to the Word of God. The Liturgy of the Word is a core part of our Mass as our minds and hearts are nourished by Sacred Scripture. Familiarity with Scripture helps us appreciate biblical allusions in the Mass prayers, to understand for example that in the New Covenant in Jesus' blood we become God's family, each becoming a beloved daughter or son. In the biblical world a "covenant" was a kinship agreement by which the parties became as family to each other, often ratified by sacrifice and a covenant meal. The new covenant is established at the Last Supper, and our Eucharist is still a "kinship meal" to ratify that covenant. All the promises of the Old Testament covenants with Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses and David are fulfilled in Jesus and in the New Covenant in his blood. The Eucharist recalls many images in the Old Testament, including the bread and wine offered by Melchizedek and the offering of Isaac in the book of Genesis; the Passover in Egypt and the feeding of the children of Israel in the desert, recounted by the Book of Exodus; the banquet for all peoples in Chapter 29 of Isaiah.

In the Gospel for this Sunday we hear the story of the disciples on the Road to Emmaus. Their hearts burned within them as Jesus explained the scriptures to them, and they recognised him with at the breaking of bread. Listening to the scriptures came before the breaking of bread, the order we still follow at Mass. Pope John Paul II commented that the reason "the words of God...are like human language is so that they may be understood by all, they must not remain distant." Yet we have in our Irish Catholic tradition something of a sad biblical deficit, a lack of familiarity with the Bible, nearly fifty years after the second Vatican Council reminded us that "ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." We pray therefore that our hearts may be open to the Word of God when we hear it proclaimed at Mass so that we may be truly prepared to participate in our Sunday Eucharist. We pray also that the "words of God" referred to by Pope John Paul may become more and more familiar to us as we begin or continue to read our own Bibles at home.

## The Mystery of Our Reconciliation

Lowliness was taken, by majesty, weakness by strength, mortality by eternity. To pay the debt of our fallen state, the nature which was inviolable was united with a nature which was passible. Thus, in accordance with our needs, the one and same mediator between God and man - the man Jesus Christ - was able to die in the one nature and was incapable of death in the other. True God, then, was born in the complete and perfect nature of true man; completely human and completely divine. By human, I mean that nature which the Creator founded in us at the beginning and which he undertook to restore. For there was no trace whatever in our Saviour of those elements which were introduced into us by the deceiver, and to which man, when deceived, allowed entrance. Nor does it follow that because he undertook to share with us our weaknesses, he thereby shared our sins. He took the form of a servant without stain of sin. He enhanced our humanity but did not thereby diminish his divinity. The emptying by which the invisible one made himself visible, and by which the Lord and Creator of all things willed to be one with mortal men, was a bending down in pity, not a failure of power. Accordingly, he who in the form of God was the maker of man was himself made man in the form of a slave. Thus the Son of God enters into the depths of this world, coming down from his heavenly throne, yet not leaving his Father's glory, begotten into a new order by a new birth. I say a new order, because he was in his own nature invisible, but was made visible in ours. He is incomprehensible, yet he willed to be comprehended. Enduring before time began, he began to be in time. The Lord of the Universe took on the form of a slave, veiling his infinite majesty. The god who cannot suffer did not disdain to be a man who can, and, immortal though he was, to subject himself to the laws of death. For he who is true God is also true man; and there is no deception in this union, where the loftiness of God and the lowliness of man are brought together. Just as God is not changed by his act of mercy, so man is not swallowed up by the dignity. Each form acts in cooperation with the other, according to its own nature: the activity of the Word is that which is appropriate to the Word, and the flesh carries out that which is appropriate to it. One of these is ablaze with miracles; the other is overcome by injuries. As the Word does not cease to be on equality with the glory of the Father, so the flesh does not cease to belong to the nature of our race. For it must always be said that the one and the same Jesus is truly Son of God, and truly son of man. He is God insofar as in the beginning he was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And he is man insofar as the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

*A reading from the letters of Pope St. Leo the Great (Letter 28, 3-4)*

*Show us, Lord, the path of life.*

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

Catherine Ross, Wyndham Downs.  
Norma Ryan, Kilnaglory, Ovens.  
Mary Casey, Sunday's Well.

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

Tim & Sheila O'Connor, Coachford.  
Nan Kavanagh, Leemount Place.  
Lily Dennis, Castlepark.  
Breda Murphy, Inniscarra View.  
Dermot Crowley, Mallow/Coachford.  
Michael Conway, Carriganarra.  
Willie Clifford, Wyndham Downs.  
Mary Murray, Carrigrohane Road.  
Michael Crowley, Inniscarra View/Rathmore.  
Eileen & Jim Riordan, Hartland's Ave.  
Joan & John O'Keefe, Cork.  
Jeremy Lynch, Limeworth.  
Ann O'Sullivan, Minister's Cross.  
Dave & Bridget Parker, Glandore/South Africa.  
Catherine & Michael Hayes, Clonamult.  
Donal O'Sullivan, Glenleigh, Kilcorney.  
Maurice, Margaret, Dan & Charles O'Connor, Castlegregory.

**Cork International Choral Festival**

As part of this year's Cork International Choral Festival, we will have a visiting choir from the Church of The Annunciation, Blackpool on Sunday April 26th at the 10.00 am Mass in St. Mary & St. John's Church.

On Sunday May 3rd we will welcome a 58 strong Welsh mixed voice choir called Cordydd to the 11.00 am Mass at Christ our Light Church.

*We look forward to welcoming both choirs to Ballincollig.*

**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: [littleroseevents@gmail.com](mailto:littleroseevents@gmail.com)

**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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Third Week Of Easter

- 19 Sunday Acts 2: 14, 22-33. Ps. 15. 1 Pet. 1: 17-21. Lk. 24: 13-35. Lect I: 461
- 20 Monday Acts 6:8-15. Ps. 118. Jn. 6:22-29. Lect I: 472
- 21 Tuesday Acts 7:51-8: 1. Ps. 30. Jn. 6:30-35. Lect I: 474
- 22 Wednesday Acts 8: 1-8. Ps. 65. Jn. 6:35-40. Lect I: 476
- 23 Thursday Acts 8:26-40. Ps. 65. Jn. 6:44-51 Lect I: 479
- 24 Friday Acts 9: 1-20. Ps. 116. Jn. 6:52-59. Lect I: 481
- 25 Saturday 1 Pet 5:5-14. Ps 88. Mk 16:15-20. Lect II: 1005

Next Sunday's Readings 26-April-2026

Acts 2:14, 36-41. Ps. 22. 1 Pet. 2:20-25. Jn. 10:1-10. Lect I: 487

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)

**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.

**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.

*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 is not extinguishing the Light, but putting out the Lamp because the Dawn has come.*

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*

18 <sup>th</sup> April	25 <sup>th</sup> April
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 18th/19th April*

Ovens: 11.30am: Mary Holmes and Paddy O Sullivan.  
 Farran: 9.30am: The Murphy family, Currahally.

*Months Mind*

Ovens: 6pm: John O'Mahony, Kilcrea.

**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.

*Easter Ceremonies:*

Easter Sunday already seems to be so long ago, especially with all that has happened in the world since.

As usual, with the help all the volunteers (and of course Fr. McCarthy) all the ceremonies went well, including the Dawn Mass in Kilcrea, which always has a special feel about it as the dawn breaks over Kilcrea Abbey.

Easter is of course about the resurrection of Our Lord, but as we all trooped out and got our little chocolate eggs to put in our pockets, there was a feeling of once again being a child at Easter, and the anticipation of our little bit of chocolate after the Lenten fast. A little renewal of its own you might say.

*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.

**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).

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**

- Sat. 18th April: Denis & Peggy Kelleher
- Sat. 25th April: Con O'Sullivan
- Thurs. 30th April: Karen Fenton
- Sat. 2nd May: Don & Sheila Connolly
- Fri. 15th May: Douglas Ferguson

**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 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)

**Ballinora Lotto GAA/Camogie/LGFA)**

Congratulations to our latest Lotto Match 3 \*\*\* winners of €100 each:

- John & Claire Dooley
- Donnacha Holmes
- Catherine Twohig
- Aeilin Holmes
- John Twohig

Draws take place every Monday with jackpot now at €11,950 \*\*\*\*

To join the lotto please go to [ballinoragaa.ie](http://ballinoragaa.ie) and open Lotto Quick Guide for online instructions or contact Colm on 085-8759298 for Cash/Revolut options.

Continued thanks to all our lotto players who continue to support development of our grounds and facilities each week through the Ballinora Lotto. Your ongoing contributions are very much appreciated.

Thanking you  
 Ballinora Lotto Committee

**Reflection for Parents**

*To travel from Jerusalem to Emmaus, the disciples had to go west. But after their encounter with Jesus, they returned to Jerusalem, an eastward Journey. We often equate endings with sunsets and new beginnings with sunrises. It is helpful to recall that on the next morning, the apostles walked toward the rising sun. How many sunsets find us falling into bed collapsed from exhaustion? Isn't it true that after a good night's rest we meet the sunrise with new energy and hope? This Gospel gives us the courage to start again, each new day, with fresh enthusiasm and energy for ourselves, our families, and our God.*

**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)

**Prayer in Time of Bereavement**

Lord, you are close to the broken-hearted.  
Be with me now in my grief and loneliness.  
Give me the courage to face my loss and not to grieve in silence.  
Be with me as I struggle  
With many different and painful feelings.  
Ease the hurt in my heart.  
Encircle me in your love.  
Help me to believe that one day  
I will no longer have this deep sorrow.  
May I find comfort in sharing my grief  
With those who understand the strong bonds of love.  
Stay with me, Lord, support me.  
Help me to know that your power is at work within me  
As I deal with my grief. Amen.

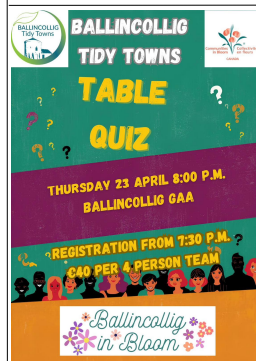
*'I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples.'*

Mother Teresa.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33  
Peter proclaimed that Jesus came with miracles, wonders, and signs so that people could know of God's love.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21  
The blood of Christ, as of the sinless, unblemished lamb, delivered believers.

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35  
Despondent and discouraged, two of Jesus' apostles walked from Jerusalem to Emmaus. They talked on their way about the events that had occurred in the past several days. A stranger joined them, actually Jesus, but they didn't recognise him at first. Jesus asked the apostles what they had been discussing, and they responded with a summary of the events surrounding Jesus' death. The disciples still did not understand the resurrection, but Jesus questioned their resistance to believe what the prophets had foretold. Despite their hopelessness the apostles invited Jesus to stay with them. He accepted. It was that evening, when Jesus broke bread with them, that the disciples finally recognised the stranger to be Jesus. The next morning, the disciples returned to Jerusalem.



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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.

**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)

**Mobile Phone Etiquette**

We ask all parishioners to ensure mobile phones are switched off when attending church; this can be hugely distracting especially during Mass.

**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*