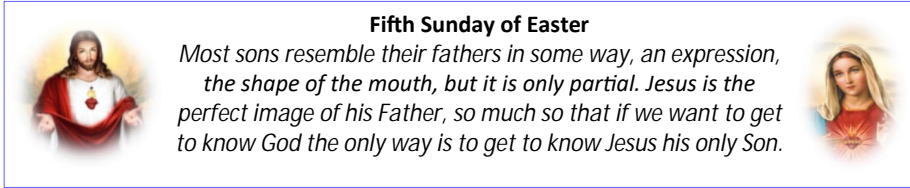


The Parishioner

Sunday 03-May-2026



Fifth Sunday of Easter

Most sons resemble their fathers in some way, an expression, the shape of the mouth, but it is only partial. Jesus is the perfect image of his Father, so much so that if we want to get to know God the only way is to get to know Jesus his only Son.

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A Priestly People

God the Father his only Son a gift for us: "he did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for the sake of all of us" (Rom 8: 32). In his farewell discourse at the Last Supper Jesus reveals something of his Father. We are to have faith and trust in God's love for us, trust in the welcome he has for us. The very words Jesus speaks, he tells us, come from his Father, who lives in him. And as we continue our reflections on the Eucharist, in today's reading from the first letter of St Peter we are told that we are "a royal priesthood, a people set apart." We come together at Mass as that priesthood to offer a holy and living sacrifice to God. We offer ourselves too, we are called to be a "living sacrifice, pleasing to God." This is most clearly expressed in our third Eucharistic prayer when we ask the Father to make the bread and wine holy by the power of the Holy Spirit "that they may become the body and blood of your son," and then pray "that we, who are nourished by his body and blood, may be filled with his Holy Spirit, and become one body, one spirit in Christ. May he make us an everlasting gift to you."

Our reading from the Acts of the Apostles tells of the appointment of deacons, of the distribution of roles within the early Church. As St Paul tells us: "there are many different gifts, but it is always the same Spirit; there are many different ways of serving, but it is always the same Lord" (1 Corinthians 12: 4-5). But in our different roles and using the different spiritual gifts God has given us, we all share in the one Priesthood of Christ. In the Eucharist, the Holy Spirit gives us Jesus and as we receive Holy Communion Jesus gives us his Spirit. This giving in utterly generous love is a reflection of the life of love of the Blessed Trinity in which we are invited to share. The Eucharist is not just the centre of the Church, it makes the Church. Christ died once for all, and at Mass the historical event is not just represented, it is "re-present," made present again as priest and people together make the offering of the Body and Blood of Christ.

Sunday Mass

To take Jesus seriously is to take seriously what he said at the Last Supper: "Do this in memory of me." What had he done? A simple, four-part ritual: he took bread, gave thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to his companions, saying "This is my body, given for you." Ever since, the Church has been "doing this," as he said. But that simple act of Jesus is so packed with meaning and mystery that we have spread it out and embellished it in the Mass to give us time to absorb — or rather be absorbed by — its richness.

Within the ceremony of the Mass the original simple ritual is still there. We take bread (Offertory), we give thanks (Eucharistic Prayer), we break the bread and share it (Communion.) Before doing all that, we hear the Word of God in the readings from scripture, to alert us to the love of God that is about to be poured out on us and the whole world. It is important to learn as much about the Mass as we can. But the truest understanding only comes when we join in celebrating it and allow ourselves to be drawn into the mystery of the Lord who gives himself to us in love all over again: "Take and eat; this is my body given for you."
"Lord, I believe. Help my unbelief"

Eucharistic Procession 2026

"This year we will mark that centenary when we gather once again for the Eucharistic Procession through the city on Sunday 7th June, the Feast of Corpus Christi — renewing that public witness of faith and unity in Cork."

Ahead of the Corpus Christi Procession this year, the diocese will host a visit of the relics of St. Carlo Acutis – the young Italian who was declared the first millennial saint by Pope Leo last September.

Carlo often said that the Eucharist was "the highway to heaven".

"Patrick in the fifth century and Saint Carlo Acutis in our own time both remind us of the same truth: that an encounter with Christ in the Eucharist has the power to transform lives."



✠ Fintan Gavin
Bishop of Cork and Ross

Mission and Ministry Special Collection

May 9th and 10th, 2026

The Mission and Ministry Special Collection will take place on the weekend of May 9th and 10th 2026. This office plays a vital role in supporting our priests, parishes and Families of Parishes as we work together to help people grow in faith and live as missionary disciples. It provides formation and support for Parish Pastoral Councils, Baptism and Funeral Ministry Teams, Ministers of the Word and Eucharist, Choirs and other ministries, as well as offering resources for prayer, evangelisation and adult sacramental preparation. Thanks to your generosity, this work continues to grow and reach more people across our diocese. Thank you for your continued support and encouragement of this important work.

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

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† IN SYMPATHY †
 PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :
 Peter O'Malley, Clare.
 Teddie O'Connor, Aherla.
 Mary (Lee) Ryan nee Metcalfe, Mayfield/Ballincollig.
 John Walsh, Deerpark/Mayfield.
 Margaret Kearney, Suttons Buildings/Ballincollig Community Nursing Home.
 Vera Sheehan, Boherbue/ Ballincollig Community Nursing Home.
 Eddie Lucey, Model Farm Road.
 Peggy Leader, Glenleigh, Kilcorney.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS OR OTHERWISE REMEMBERED:
 Jeremiah & Catherine Cunningham, Dillon's Cross.
 May Murphy, Blarney.
 Philomena Collins, West Village.
 Olive Henchy, Ballyburden.
 Maurice Hennigan, Inniscarra View.
 John Forde, St. Luke's.
 Mary Murphy, Rosewood.
 Clare, James & Evelyn McSwiney, Cloghroe.
 Noel Murphy, Model Farm Rd.
 Peig (Mairéad) Ó Riain.
 Paddy Healy, East Gate.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Fifth Week Of Easter

- 03 Sunday Acts 6: 1-7. Ps. 32. 1 Pet. 2:4-9. Jn. 14: 1-12. Lect I: 511
- 04 Monday Acts 14:5-18. Ps. 113. In. 14:21-26. Lect I: 519
- 05 Tuesday Acts 14:19-28. Ps. 144. Jn. 14:27-31. Lect I: 522
- 06 Wednesday Acts 15: 1-6. Ps. 121. Jn. 15: 1-8. Lect I: 524
- 07 Thursday Acts 15:7-21. Ps. 95. Jn. 15:9-11. Lect I: 526
- 08 Friday Acts 15:22-31. Ps 56.Jn 15:12-17. Lect I: 528
- 09 Saturday Acts 16: 1-10. Ps. 99. Jn. 15: 18-21. Lect I: 531

Next Sunday's Readings 10-May-2026
 Acts 8:5-8, 14-17. Ps. 65. 1 Pet. 3:15-18. Jn. 14:15-21. Lect I:534.

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)

Cork International Choral Festival

On Sunday May 3rd we 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.

Dementia Information Day

Invitation to attend a Dementia Information Day taking place on Thursday, May 7th 2026, from 10:00am to 3:00pm at the Vienna Woods Hotel, Glanmire, Cork.
 This event offers a valuable opportunity for individuals, families, carers, and professionals to access information, support, and advice about dementia. The day will include: A range of guest speakers, including healthcare professionals and individuals with lived experience, information stands providing resources and guidance, a "Singing for the Brain" performance, access to services such as dementia advisory supports and memory technology resources. Booking is essential.
 To reserve a place contact:
[Elaine McKoy @087 3444124/ Elaine.McKoy@hse.ie](mailto:Elaine.McKoy@hse.ie)

Scrubs C.U.H. Choir

10th anniversary on May 16th at 7.00pm in St. Augustine's Church in aid of Brú Columbanus. Tickets €15.00 available at www.brucolumbanus.com/events

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.
Weekday Morning Masses
 We have introduced laminated copies of hymns. Please if you are a singer we would love if you could just pick up one and join in the singing. I know we are blessed presently that Tadg and Siobhan lead us. It's not always possible for them to be present and we are heading into holiday time. Please help us with your participation and return the sheets at the end of Mass. In St. Mary's and St. John's Church we are looking for Readers and Ministers of the Eucharist who are present to help us out.
First Holy Communion
 Please pray for the boys in Scoil Eoin and the boys and girls in Gaelscoil Uí Ríordáin who will receive the sacrament of Holy Communion on Saturday, 9th May. Sincere thanks to the parents and dedicated teachers who work diligently preparing young people for the sacrament.

Cork & Ross Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes | September 18th to 23rd

The Cork and Ross Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from the 18th to the 23rd this year under the patronage of Bishop Fintan Gavin. Flights are from Cork Airport direct to Lourdes Airport. You can travel as a pilgrim with a full daily pilgrimage program, or if you require assistance to travel then you can come as one of our Assisted Pilgrims and stay in special assisted accommodation. To make this pilgrimage possible for our assisted pilgrims we need in the region of 130 volunteers to come, so maybe you might be someone who can come as a helper, and have a very rewarding and fulfilling experience? Choice of hotels are available from €939. Call Joe Walsh Tours on 01 2410800 to book a place. For any general enquiries email or call Mary on lourdes@corkandross.org or 085 2525 040.

Ovens & Farran Parish

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 Email: ovensfarranparish@gmail.com
 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 May 2026

Farran 9 th May	Ovens 16 th May	Farran 23 rd May	Ovens 30 th May
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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 2nd / 3rd May

Ovens: 6pm: Abina Conway, Ballincollig & Shanagarry *Months Mind*.
 Frank Brennan Grange.
 Ovens: 11.30am: Maura Buckley, Upton.
 Farran: 9.30am: Theresa Kelleher, Currahally

Recent Baptisms

Sadie Rueffer: Ovens
 Bláithín Foley: Ovens
We congratulate their parents and welcome them to our family of parishes

Rosary for the Month of May at The Grottos

Farran: 7.30pm each Wednesday
 Ovens: 7.30pm each Friday

Walshestown Mass

The Annual Washestown Grotto and Holy well Mass will be held on Tuesday 26th of May at 7.30pm

Inauguration of Statue of St Carlo Acutis

During the Masses on 23rd/24th May in Farran/Ovens parish, we will be installing the statue of St. Carlo Acutis.
 To mark this occasion, Mr Stephen Murray, Principal of Mount Saint Michael's secondary school, Rosscarbery, will be speaking at all Masses that weekend.

His reflection marking the installation of the new statue of St. Carlo Acutis will focus on young people and the importance of balance in their lives, between physical activity, education, technology and spiritual wellbeing. Drawing on experience in education and community sport, he will highlight how sport builds confidence, resilience and focus, and the vital role parents and grandparents play in guiding and supporting young people in today's challenges.

An invitation is open to everybody to attend Masses that weekend.

Darkness into Light

The Farran walk for Darkness into light will take place on the 9th of May from Farran Hall at 4.15. am. You Can register online or contribute on the Morning.



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. 2nd May: Don & Sheila Connolly
- Fri. 15th May: Douglas Ferguson

St Vincent DePaul

The monthly collection of St. V DePaul will take place on Saturday May 2nd and Sun 3rd May 2026
 Your support is greatly appreciated.

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

Newsletter Contact Details

The Newsletter will be issued every second weekend. Please submit any pieces to the below address and we will publish this. It could be a local event, a charity fundraiser you are holding or just some news on your club/group you would like to share.
 Ballinora.news@gmail.com

Ballinora Parish Facebook

Ballinora Parish also has its very own Facebook page with a growing community. Simply follow Ballinora Parish where you can find updates on the community and what is going on the parish. If there is something you would like to submit for posting on the Facebook page simply email stjamesweb@hotmail.com

Rosary at the Grotto in Curraheen Schedule

In honour of "Our Lady of Fatima"
 Month of May Nightly at 8 pm
 June to October 13th, every Monday night at 8 pm
 On 13th of each month to commemorate The "Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima"

Pet Mass

At St. James Church, Ballinora
 Sunday May 24th at 10:00am

Reflection for Parents

Often it is easier for our children to trust the words of Jesus than it is for us. Like the disciples, we can be a bit apprehensive not seeing Jesus. After all, it would be easier to follow someone if we could actually see where he is going! Instead, the words of Jesus challenge us to have faith in him and trust where the journey leads. The example of our lives should always point our children and us toward the rooms Jesus prepares for each of us.

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.

Kilmurry Parish

St. Mary's Church Kilmurry - Parish Church

Mass Times Sunday: 10:00am
 Weekday Mass: Monday 10am, and
 Monsignor O'Callaghan celebrates Mass on Friday at 10am
 Confession by appointment
 Sacristy: Anne O'Callaghan
 Please note Mass Times may vary.

St. Joseph's Church Cloughduv

Mass Times Sunday: 11:30am
 Weekday Mass Wednesday 10am
 Confession by appointment
 Sacristy: Tessie Buckley
 Please note Mass Times may vary.

St. John the Baptist Church Canovee

Mass Times Saturday 6:30pm Vigil
 Weekday Mass Tuesday 10am
 Please note Mass Times may vary.
 Confession by appointment
 Sacristy: Nuala Crowley

Notice to Parishioners

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

Carrigadrohid/Killinardrish Tidy Towns

Volunteers will return on Tuesday, 5th of May, for our weekly village clean up. New volunteers are always welcome to join us in keeping our picturesque village looking its best. We meet every Tuesday in Carrigadrohid village from 7pm to 8pm. All ages welcome.

St. Joseph's Church, Cloughduv Book Launch

The book launch for St. Joseph's Church, Cloughduv 1871–2026 will take place on Friday, 15th May 2026 in the Cloughduv GAA Pavilion at 8.00 p.m. This commemorative publication provides a comprehensive history of the construction of St. Joseph's Church, Cloughduv, as well as St. Mary's Church, Kilmurry, and St. John the Baptist Church, Canovee. It also offers an excellent social history of Kilmurry parish and its people spanning the past 155 years. All are welcome. Then on Sunday the 17th, Bishop Fintan Gavin will celebrate the 11:30am mass in Cloughduv Church to commemorate the occasion.

Gaelic Football Summer Camp

A new Gaelic football summer camp for children aged 5-13 will take place from July 6th - 9th, running daily from 9.30am to 2.00pm at Canovee National School (P12 W628). Children from any club are welcome as well as those looking to try Gaelic football for the first time. The camp will include coaching, games, a championship tournament, penalty shootouts and more.
 Cost €100 (1st child) €90 (2nd child). Spaces are limited.
 To book: Text Connor on 087-6963274

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.

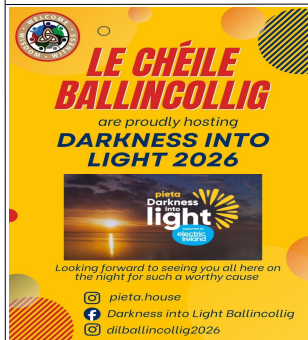
Recipe for Living

*Life may not be a piece of cake
 When we haven't the dough to rise!
 But it will never be as flat as a pancake,
 If we remember to add a spoonful of sugar to sweeten our desserts*

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7
 There were complaints that certain widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. Seven deacons were appointed to oversee an equitable distribution of food.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9
 Christ is the cornerstone, precious to God. All who believe are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own" called to proclaim the Gospel.

Gospel: John 14:1-12
 During Jesus' Last Supper, Jesus explained to the disciples what was to happen next in God's plan. Jesus would no longer be visibly among them, but would return to the Father. In heaven, Jesus would prepare a place for each of us to come when he returned to get us. In his discussion, Jesus also made it clear that if we know him, we would also know God—that they are one in the same. The way for us to be with the Father is to follow Jesus.



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.

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

The following is food for thought...

- The most destructive habit is worry.
- The greatest joy is giving.
- The greatest loss is that of self respect.
- The most satisfying work is helping others.
- The most endangered species are dedicated leaders.
- Our greatest natural resources are our young people.
- The greatest boost we can get is encouragement.
- The greatest problem to overcome is fear.
- The most effective sleeping pill is peace of mind.
- The most crippling parasites to progress are excuses.
- The most powerful force in life is love.
- The greatest soother and comforter is prayer.
- The most dangerous pariah is a gossiper.
- The world's most incredible computer is our brain.
- The worst thing to be without is hope.
- The deadliest weapon is a sharp tongue.
- The two most powerful words are 'I can'.
- Our greatest asset is faith.
- The most worthless emotion is self pity.
- The most beautiful attire is a smile.
- The most appreciated word is 'Thanks'.
- The most contagious spirit is enthusiasm.
- To the world you may be one person but to one person you may be the world. Finally, I am never ever on my own. No matter how dark, sad or impossible my personal story is, I can always turn to someone to share my burden.