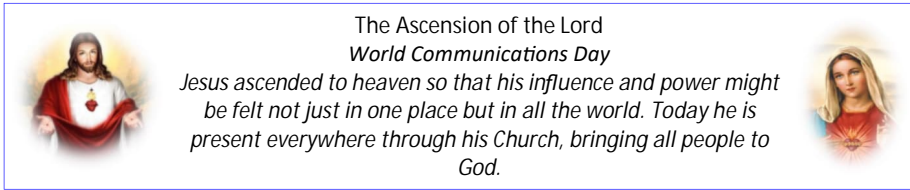


The Parishioner

Sunday 17-May-2026



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Ascension and Witness

There is a story told that when Jesus returned to heaven after his death, the Archangel Gabriel was surprised to see him back so soon. Thirty years is not a long time especially when you think of the importance and size of the task Jesus was asked to undertake. "Back so soon" Gabriel said to Jesus. "Well, I would have stayed longer but they crucified me" Jesus replied. "Not necessarily", said Jesus. "I called together a group of disciples. They will carry on my work." "And what if they should fail" asked Gabriel. "I have no other plans". Jesus answered.

Jesus had preached the gospel only to Israel. He commissioned the apostles to preach the gospel to all nations. It was a daunting task but he promised to send the Holy Spirit. He assured them that he would be with them always. "I will be with you always, yes to the end of time".

Jesus now depends on us. We are witnesses before the world. It is a daunting task but a great privilege also. When we witness to the truth, justice, love and peace we are witnessing to Jesus. The way to witness to truth is to live truthfully. The way to witness to justice is to act justly in all one's dealings with others. The way to witness to peace is to live in peace with others.

The most effective way to witness to Jesus is to live a Christian life. We can draw encouragement from what Mother Teresa said "I don't-pray for success, I pray that I may be a faithful witness."

A Prayer for Communications Sunday

O God, whose word is truth
and in whose light we see light,
guide those who tell the story of our times
through word and image.
Make them seekers after truth
and advocates of human dignity.
Grant discernment to all who rely on their labours,
and, as we confront the pain and promise of this world,
awaken in us a sense of wonder at your presence
and of longing for your peace.

World Communications Day was established by Pope Paul VI in 1967 as an annual celebration that encourages us to reflect on the opportunities and challenges that the modern means of social communication (the press, motion pictures, radio, television and the internet) afford the Church to communicate the gospel message.

All-Ireland Rosary Rally

The 41st Annual All-Ireland Rosary Rally takes place on Saturday, June 6, 2026, at Knock Shrine, Co. Mayo, with over 10,000 pilgrims expected to gather for prayer, guest speakers, and Mass, including a special focus on praying for peace and the reconsecration of Ireland to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Bus leaves Cloghroe Church at 7am returning at 9.30 approx.

Toilet on board.

More info from Margaret Griffin 0879008235

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

Invitation to Ballincollig Parishioners!

Bishop Fintan Gavin invited Ballincollig parishioners of all ages to participate in 100 consecutive hours of Eucharistic Adoration from June 3–7, symbolizing one hour for each year since the first Eucharistic Procession in Cork City took place. Our dedicated time of the adoration is Friday 5th of June between 8-9pm in Ss. Peter and Paul's church in Cork city. We can attend the Adoration individually or as a prayer group representing Ballincollig Parish.

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

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

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† IN SYMPATHY †
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :
Janice Lee, Newfeldt, Canada.
Anna Wylupek, Poland.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS OR OTHERWISE REMEMBERED:
Aine Harkin, Classis Lake,
Mary & Con O'Donovan, Station Road.
Nora Diskin, Ivy Circle.
Adrian Boyd, Coolroe.
John Coleman, Elm Lawn.
Teddy Neville, Currahaly, Farnanes.
Peggy Keane, Freemount / Charleville.
Bernadette Brennan, Muskerry Estate/Cobh.
Ellen McDonnell, Donoughmore.

Ballincollig Alzheimer Café

The Ballincollig Alzheimer Café will take place this Thursday, 21st May from 3:00 – 5:00 PM in The Chapel Gate Café, Ballincollig, Cork (P13 XP38) with guest speaker Dr Denis Curtin, Geriatrician, who will discuss: Healthy Ageing. 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 another.

**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.

Student's Prayer Card

As I begin to study for the exams I face
I ask you Lord for the courage and grace
to meet this challenge and do my best
to stay calm and focused during the test.
This prayer I make to you today,
help me Lord and with me stay

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.

Thought for Today

I encourage you to bear witness to Christ in your personal life and families: a witness of gratuitousness, solidarity, spirit of service.
The late Pope Francis

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Ascension Of The Lord

- 17 Sunday Acts 1: 1-11. Ps. 46. Eph. 1: 17-23. Lk. 24:46-53. Lect I:549
- 18 Monday Acts 19:1-8. Ps. 67. In. 16:29-33. Lect I: 576
- 19 Tuesday Acts 20: 17-27. Ps. 67. In. 17: 1-11. Lect I: 578
- 20 Wednesday Acts 20:28-38. Ps. 67. In. 17:11-19. Lect I: 580
- 21 Thursday Acts 22:30, 23:6-11. Ps 15. Jn 17:20-26. Lect I: 583
- 22 Friday Acts 25:13-21. Ps. 102. In. 21:15-19 Lect I: 585
- 23 Saturday Acts 28:16-20,30-31. Ps 10. Jn 21 :20-25. Lect I: 588

Next Sunday's Readings 24-May-2026
cts 2:1-11. Ps. 103. Cor. 12:3-7, 12-13. Jn. 20:19-23. Lect I: 601

Ballincollig 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.

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

Congratulations to the girls in Scoil Mhuire who received the sacrament of Holy Communion this weekend. Please pray for the boys and girls in Scoil Barra and Gaelscoil an Chaisleáin who will receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday, 23rd May. Sincere thanks to the parents and dedicated teachers who work diligently preparing young people for the sacrament.

Cork Scripture Group

Cork Scripture Group is delighted to be involved in the organising of Cork Ecumenical Bible Week with our friends from the Church of Ireland and the Cork Methodist community. This year we hope to run three events on Sunday evening, May 17th at 7.00 pm, Tuesday morning, May 19th at 10.45 am and Thursday evening, May 21st at 7.00 pm.

Ovens & Farran Parish

Parish Contact Details

Parish Phone No's.
Fr. John McCarthy 021 4871180
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Parish Centre / Sacristy: 0214289768
Email: ovensfarranparish@gmail.com

Ring for bookings : Baptisms & Marriages etc.

Farran contact is Ann Brennan after Saturday / Sunday Masses.

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

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

Holy Communion

We Congratulate the Farran Holy Communion Class on their big day last week end and wish the Ovens Holy Communion Class all the best on the 16th.

Weekend Anniversaries 16th / 17th May

Ovens: 11.30am: Pat Gleeson, Garryhesta
Farran: 9.30am: Eugene Barry Murphy, Farran

Rosary for the Month of May at The Grottos

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

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 next weekend.

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

Walshestown Mass

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

Parish Assembly Meeting:

The May meeting of the Ovens/Farran Parish Assembly is on Monday the 18th Of May at 8pm in the Parish Centre.

Cork Regional Pioneer Council

A special Pioneer Information and Consultation meeting, regarding new developments in the Pioneer Association, will take place on Saturday 6th June in the Clayton Silver Springs Hotel from 2 p.m. - 4p.m. For any queries, please contact sorchaol@gmail.com/ 0863642619

Fun Run The Annual Farran Fun run on behalf of Farran Parents Association takes place on Thursday 4th of June at 7pm in Farran woods. A beautiful and chip timed 5km run. Followed by refreshments baked by the parents of Farran National School.

Entry for the 5km is €10, entry for the kids 2k race is €5.
Online entries are available: <https://eventmaster.ie/event/9nkOFw5HWJ>
Registration opens at 5.30pm on the evening of the race.

All funds raised go towards resources and activities for Farran NS. **Crann Centre, Ovens.** The Crann Centre is inviting people to participate and raise funds for this year's Walk n'Roll, taking place between June 1st and 7th. <https://www.idonate.ie/event/WalknRoll2026>

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. 16th May: Maura Buckley
- Sun. 17th May: Tim Murphy
- Mon. 18th May: Pat Murphy
- Thurs 21st May: Niall Murphy
- Fri. 22nd May: John Peg & Dermot Crowley
- Sat 23rd May: Jim Thornton
- Sun 24th May: Jim Shields
- Fri. 29th May: Mary O'Hanlon
- Sat. 30th May: Michael Fitzgerald
- Sun. 31st May: Shirley Cahil

Condolences

We wish to extend our condolences to the family and friends of Tom Dorgan and Ronan O'Connor both of whom passed away recently. Please keep them in your prayers

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

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"

Thank you from the Fenton Family

A huge and very heartfelt **THANK YOU** to the Ballinora Community for their very generous and immense help, support and encouragement of the Karen Fenton Memorial Run 2026. This event would not have been possible without members of the community who volunteered their valuable time and skills to help the Fenton Family and the Karen Fenton Ovarian Cancer Fund committee achieve their goal. The dedication and commitment of all the volunteers was fantastic - from marshals and registration volunteers to those who helped with catering, first aid and parking. We could not have done it without you! Our sincerest thanks, The Fenton Family

Pet Mass

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



Ovens
Hickeys Bar, Aherla. A night of singing music and storytelling. This Wednesday the 20th of May, starting at 9pm Sharp. Fear an Tí is Jim Murphy And all are welcome.

Kilmurry Parish
 Fr. Kieron O'Driscoll Co-PP
 Mobile 085-8356888

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.

St. Joseph's Church, Cloughduv Book Launch

On Sunday the 17th, Bishop Fintan Gavin will celebrate the 11:30am Mass in Cloughduv Church to commemorate the occasion of the Book Launch.

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

May Rosary

Rosary at Crookstown Grotto every Tuesday night at 8pm during the month of May

Catholic Faith Camp for Teenagers

Sports Arts & Crafts Catechesis
 June 7th, 13th, 2026 (Boys and Girls) Knockadoon (East Cork) Age: post -primary school age.
 To book or enquire go to website or ring Fr Roche on 086 9972539 www.campcreideamh.ie

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11
 Christ Jesus, the risen Lord, appeared many times to his disciples. His departing exhortation was that they soon be baptised with the Holy Spirit to strengthen them in their work.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23
 God has put all things under Christ's feet and has thereby exalted him, head of the church, the fullness who fills the universe in all its parts.

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20
 The Gospel reading today concludes the Book of Matthew. It was at this point that Jesus, knowing he was about to return to the Father, commissioned the apostles to carry the message of the Good News into the whole world. They would baptise, make more disciples, and teach the message Jesus had taught them. Jesus made it clear that his ascension did not mark an absence; he would always be with them. This Gospel message is the foundation of the Church and makes clear what we are called to do and be.

New Learning Opportunity



A new learning community called Ballincollig Third Age Meitheal (BTAM) is launching at The Carraig Centre in September 2026. It's aimed at people over 55 who want to stay active, connected, and continue learning new things.

COME AND FIND OUT MORE AT THE MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 27TH MAY 2-4 PM IN THE CARRAIG CENTRE WEST HALL

Attached is a notice about an exciting new learning opportunity for people in the 55+ age group that will be based in the Carraig Centre in Ballincollig. The inaugural meeting on May 27 at 2pm will provide a chance for people to give their ideas and input about the type of workshop-based courses they would be interested in.

49TH CORK BALLINCOLLIG SCOUT GROUP
CAKE SALE
 SUNDAY 17TH MAY
 CHRIST OUR LIGHT (NEW CHURCH)
 BALLINCOLLIG
 AFTER 12.30PM MASS
 CAKES • COOKIES • TREATS
 Thank you for Supporting Scouting in Ballincollig

National Epilepsy Week
 National Epilepsy Week takes place commences on 18th-May & concludes on the 25th May. For further information please visit www.epilepsy.ie/content/national-epilepsy-week-2026-epilepsyweek.

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.