

# The Parishioner

Sunday 07-June-2026



The Body And Blood Of Christ  
(Corpus Christi)  
*The sacrifice of Christ re-united us with Christ, once for all.  
Every time we celebrate the Lord's Supper and receive his body  
and blood then through him our union with God is renewed.*



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## The Body and Blood of Christ



The Last Supper is best understood in the context of Christ's life up to and including Jesus' final meal with his companions. This meal incorporated the Passover meal; for the Jews this meal recalls the long and torturous road over many decades that lead the chosen people from slavery and hardship to freedom and a new life. The people discovered that God accompanied and supported them in their travails in various ways. God supported them with bread (the Manna) giving them strength to carry on. Last Sunday God spoke to Moses from the cloud and spoke of "a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger and rich in mercy".

Paul reminds us of the fact "that there is only one loaf, means that though there are many of us, we form a single body because we share in the one loaf," This is at the kernel of the Eucharist, that all who share in the Eucharist are bound together in one people.

St John's account of the institution of the Eucharist gives us an account of Christ washing and wiping his disciples' feet and inviting us to do the same and live a life of service to our fellow human beings.

Christ speaks in today's gospel of drawing life from the father "so whoever eats me will draw life from me". May we be aware of the life we draw from the Eucharist may it give us strength, courage, hope and faith to live life Christ.

## Judging Day is fast Approaching



Following its success in the 2024 Tidy Towns Competition, Ballincollig has been selected to take part in the Communities in Bloom International Challenge, a world-level competition that brings together award-winning towns and cities from across the globe.

This is far more than a flower competition. International judges will visit Ballincollig on Friday, 25 June to assess how our whole community works together across six key areas:

Community Appearance, Environmental Action, Heritage Conservation, Tree Management, Landscape, and Plant & Floral Displays. They will meet local stakeholders and tour both public and private spaces throughout the town. Taking part offers us a wonderful opportunity to showcase everything that makes Ballincollig a great place to live, attract positive attention for local tourism and businesses, and receive expert feedback on how we can continue to improve.

### How You Can Help

The judges place a strong emphasis on community participation, so every resident can make a real difference:

- Tidy up your property — a well-maintained front garden or window box goes a long way
- Pick up litter on your road or in your local green space
- Plant flowers or native species to support biodiversity
- Volunteer with local tidy towns or community groups
- Talk to your neighbours and encourage them to get involved
- Support local businesses that are making sustainability efforts

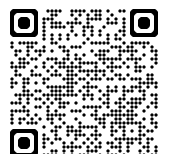


*O Praise The Lord, Jerusalem!*

Ballincollig Parish Number for Priest on Duty is: 087 4021357  
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† IN SYMPATHY †  
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :

Anne Twomey, Spriggs Rd., Fairhill.

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

Tommy O'Connor, Ballincollig/Farranree.

Peggy & Dan Lordan, Inniscarra View.

William Boyce, Muskerry Est.

Maireád Boyce, Milford.

Timothy O'Keeffe, Muskerry Est.

Patricia Murphy, Aylsbury.

Sheila Walsh & her daughter Eileen, Holly Road.

Fr. George O'Mahony P.P.

Thomas O'Sullivan, Kanturk.

John Bowen, Sunday's Well.

Bernard, Margaret & Richard Flanagan, Castlepark.

Michael & Rita & John Barry, Ladysbridge.

William & Statia Manning, Ladysbridge.

Denis Horgan, St. Theresa's Rd.

Pearl Collins, Brighton/Dunmanway.

### **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.

### **Update from the Irish Synodal Pathway**

The National Synodal Pathway has reached an important moment in its journey. Currently, the working groups are meeting periodically to explore more deeply the seven priorities identified by the Catholic Church in discerning what God is asking of the Church in Ireland today. To learn more about this journey, please follow this link: <https://theway.ie/julieann-moran-shares-update-as-national-synodal-pathway-reaches-important-phase/>

### **Diocesan Pioneer Mass & Information Meeting**

The Annual Diocesan Pioneer Mass will take place on Friday night 12th June at 7.30p.m. in The Church of The Sacred Heart, Glounthane. If you or a member of your family are due to receive an emblem for your Pioneer membership as Diamond, Golden or Silver Jubilarian or if you would like to join the Pioneers as an Adult or a Young Pioneer, please contact Sorcha Uí Laoghaire at 086 36 42619 / email [sorchaol@gmail.com](mailto:sorchaol@gmail.com) or Aislinn Cogan 087 969 9488 / [Aislinncogan@gmail.com](mailto:Aislinncogan@gmail.com) as soon as possible as there will be a presentation of pins after this Mass.

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](mailto:sorchaol@gmail.com)/ 0863642619.

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Tenth Week In Ordinary Time

07 Sunday Deut. 8:2-3, 14-16. Ps. 147. 1 Cor. 10:16-17. Jn. 6:51-58. Lect I: 617

08 Monday 1 Kgs 17:1-6. Ps 120. Mt 5:1-12. Lect II: 574

09 Tuesday Rom 12:1-2, 9-13 or 2 Cor 5:14-21. Ps 33. Mt 19:27-29

10 Wednesday 1 Kgs 18:20-39. Ps 15. Mt 5:17-19. Lect II: 579

11 Thursday Acts 11:21-26, 13: 1-3. Ps 97. Mt 10:7- 13. Lect II: 1058

12 Friday Deut. 7:6-11. Ps. 102. 1 In. 4:1-16. Mt. 11: 25-30. Lect I: 628

13 Saturday Is. 61 :9-11. Ps. 1 Sam. 2. Lk. 2:41-51. Lect II: 1043

Next Sunday's Readings 14-June-2026

Ex. 19:2-6. Ps. 99. Rom. 5:6-11. Mt. 9:36-10:8. Lect I: 666

### **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.

### **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](mailto:lourdes@corkandross.org) or 085 2525 040.

Ovens & Farran Parish

*Parish Contact Details*

Parish Phone No's.  
Fr. John McCarthy Co-PP 021 4871180  
Mobile No.: 087 0956190  
Parish Centre / Sacristy: 021 4289768  
Email: ovensfarranparish@gmail.com

Ring for bookings : Baptisms & Marriages etc.

Farran contact is Ann Brennan after Saturday / Sunday Masses.

Parish Centre office Hours: Tues, 5-7pm, Weds/Thurs 10am-12pm

**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 June 2026*

Ovens 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Farran 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Ovens 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Farran 27 <sup>th</sup> June
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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 6th / 7th June*

Ovens: 6pm: Daniel and Ellen Collins, Ballyroman Lower and Ellens sister, Mary Price, Lemington Spa.

Ovens: :11.30am: Jamie O'Keeffe, Kilcrea.

**Recent Baptism**

Zoey Manas, Ovens.

*We congratulate her parents and welcome her to our family of parishes*

**Parish Office opening hours:**

The parish office will be closed on 16th 17th and 18th of June and will reopen on Tuesday June 23rd at 6pm.

**Ice Cream Sunday**

Fundraiser for Down Syndrome Ireland

The Parish Assembly will have ice cream sales after all masses on the 13th/14th June. Farran: after the 6pm Vigil Mass on Saturday and after the 9.30am Mass on Sunday. Ovens: after 11.30 am Mass on Sunday.

*Please support this very worthy cause. Thank you*

**Crann Centre, Ovens**

The Crann Centre, supports individuals and families affected by a wide range of conditions including Spina Bifida, Hydrocephalus, Cerebral Palsy, Muscular Dystrophy, Osteogenesis Impefecta, Arthrogryposis, Spinal Muscular Atrophy, Spinal Cord injury, Stroke and Multiple Sclerosis.

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>



Rosary Gathering at Farran Grotto

Ballinora Parish

Fr. John Collins PE

*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 6th June: Mary & Denis O'Mahony
- Sun 7th June: Kathleen O'Callaghan
- Wed 10th June: Patrick O'Shea
- Sat 20th June: Connie & Mona Forde
- Sun 21st June: Eileen O'Neill

**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

Next newsletter deadline is 10th June at 5pm

**Legion of Mary**

Weekly Meeting: Wednesday 12.30pm in the church. New Members always welcome.

**St. Vincent De Paul Collection**

Monthly Collection will be held the first weekend in each month (Except January, July and December) Volunteers urgently needed!!

If you are willing to help with the monthly collections in Ballinora or Ballincollig, please call Des Hickey on 086-8347149

**First Friday**

The first Friday of each month there will be a Rosary recited in the church at 9.30am before Mass. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place after Mass until 11am.

**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

*I Chose To Look The Other Way*

I could have saved a life that day,  
But I chose to look the other way.  
It wasn't that I didn't care;  
I had the time, and I was there.  
But I didn't want to seem a fool,  
Or argue over a safety rule.  
I knew he'd done the job before;  
If I spoke up he might get sore.  
The chances didn't seem that bad;  
I'd done the same, he knew I had.  
So I shook my head and walked by;  
He knew the risks as well as I.  
He took the chance, I closed an eye;  
And with that act, I let him die.  
I could have saved a life that day,  
But I chose to look the other way.  
Now every time I see his wife,  
I know I should have saved his life.  
That guilt is something I must bear;  
But isn't something you need to share.  
If you see a risk that others take  
That puts their health or life at stake,  
The question asked or thing you say;  
Could help them live another day.  
If you see a risk and walk away,  
Then hope you never have to say,  
I could have saved a life that day,  
But I chose to look the other way.

by: Don Merrill

**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.

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*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.

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*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.

*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

*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

**Cloughduv Church 155th Commemoration**

The Commemoration for Cloughduv church and the book launch of Kilmurry parish history was a great success and thanks to all that attended.  
 The book can be purchased in all the local shops or from the Church Sacristies of Canovee, Kilmurry or Cloughduv after weekend masses at €15 each

**Kilmurry GAA**

5km Fun run takes place on the Friday 12th of June in Kilmurry Village at 7:30pm. Registration from 6pm in Seanos Bar. Adults €10, child €5, Family €20. Run/Jog or walk the 5km a great evening of exercise in store.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16  
 Moses reminded the people that for forty years God tested them in the desert. The Lord let them be hungry and fed them manna, showing that God's people do not live by bread alone.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17  
 By sharing in the Eucharistic bread, Christians, though many, are one body in Christ.

Gospel: John: 6:51-58  
 As much as Jesus' listeners didn't understand how Jesus could really mean that they were to eat his body and drink his blood, Jesus made it very clear that that was precisely what he did mean. Once again, it was hard for the people of Jesus' day (and still hard for us today, too) to understand what Jesus tried to say because they only thought in earthly, literal terms. This Gospel passage gives us one of our firm foundations for the institution of the Eucharist so that, in faith, we will eat the bread that will give us everlasting life.

*A Student's Prayer at Exam Time*

You know Lord, no matter how often exams come along, it's always the same. I've been through all this before: the late nights, the cramming, the funny feeling in the pit of my stomach; and there always seems to be so much still left to do. You would think I might be getting used to it now. I'm not asking you to make up for what I have not done Lord. What I am asking is a restful night's sleep and freedom from useless worrying. Help me to have confidence in what I have done, and to get it down during the exam in some kind of order. And while I think of it Lord, take care of all the others too! Amen.

- "God is not far from any of us since it is in him that we live and move and exist. We are all his children." (Acts 17:28) And so in confidence and trust, heavenly Father, we pray:
- We pray for our families, teachers and friends who have supported us, especially when we were struggling or just getting by. May we too be there for each other in the coming days.
- Jesus said: "Peace is what I leave you, it is my own peace that I give you". John 14:27) We pray for all those who are anxious about what lies ahead or are worried. Give us the peace of mind and heart we need to do our best.
- "And so, I prayed and understanding was given to me." (Book of Wisdom 7:7) Father, pour out your spirit of understanding and truth. Help us to strive with all our hearts to know what is pleasing to you, and when we know your will, grant us the courage and determination to do it. We pray this with our futures in mind, and we place it into your hands.

*Thought for Today*

This weekend we are celebrating a solemn feast that expresses the awe-some wonder of the People of God: a wonder filled with gratitude for the gift of the Eucharist. In the Sacrament of the Altar, Jesus wanted to perpetuate his living presence in our midst in the same form in which he gave himself to the Apostles in the Upper Room. He left to us what he did at the Last Supper and we faithfully renew his action.

*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.

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