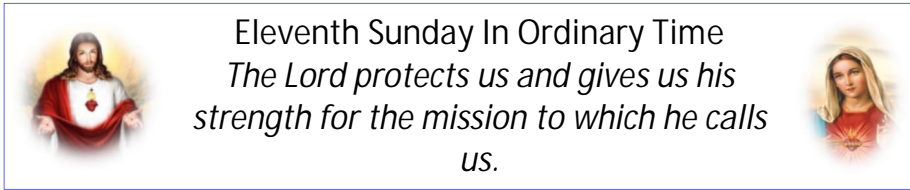


# The Parishioner

Sunday 14-June-2026



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

## From Carlo to Car-Loss

In recent weeks we had the visit of the relics of Saint Carlo Acutis to Cork, including to Christ Our Light church in Ballincollig for the local school children. Father Jojo, Father Kieron, and I were also in the North Cathedral a day later and we saw many people come to pray with the relics, some of whom were on their own journey of ill-health. It was emotional to see their trust and hope as they prayed for strength and courage through the intercession of Saint Carlo, who himself had journeyed with a rare form of leukaemia.

Meeting so many people like this put my subsequent car loss into perspective. In case you're wondering: the clutch went in my Passat, necessitating an elongated stay in the garage (where it remains) and a hefty bill. So, I've largely taken to walking wherever I need to go. Living in Ballincollig means I can get around to most places on foot, thankfully. And I've any number of offers of people to drive me, which has been quite humbling. But I had an insight around this experience. For most of the history of humanity, we didn't have cars. And if we live long enough, most of us will eventually have to surrender our cars and driver's licence. So, walking always wins out in the end, but it's easy to forget that fact in a world of rush and race.

I realise for me it's temporary, but not having my car has forced me to plan better, to whittle down what I need to do from what I simply would like to do, and inevitably to slow down because I have to factor in walking between appointments. Jesus' would-be disciples were invited to 'follow me'. But in all likelihood, that would have involved about three miles per day and no more. So, what are we proving by being constantly on the go? As we enter the summer period, there might be an invitation to slow down and 'be on the go' less. Whether that means forgoing your car or not the odd day is up to you, but it might be a challenge worth pursuing. If nothing else, your step-count will thank you.

As an addendum, I asked a class of the lads in Scoil Eoin if I should pursue acquiring a bicycle or a horse in my car-less state. The vote was overwhelmingly equine. The only compromise, I told them, was that it would have to graze in the back field in which they play sports. Not a problem, they replied. They'd just kick the ball over the horse. One has to admire youthful optimism to embrace every challenge and figure out a solution. Sometimes, our adult minds overthink and overcomplicate matters.

*Fr. Ronan Sheehan*

## Judging Day is fast Approaching—11 days remain.....



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.

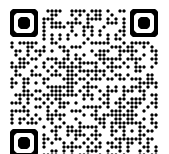


*We Are His People, The Sheep of His Flock.*

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

Sheila Leonard, Railway View, Macroom.  
Gerard O'Neill, Nohoval.  
Frances Healy, Churchfield.

MONTHS MIND - THIS WEEKEND WE REMEMBER:  
Rose Doyle, Glendower Court.

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

Margaret O'Shea.  
Fr. George O'Mahony P.P.  
John Kelleher, Rosewood.  
Seán Feeney, Rosewood/Cobh.  
James O'Sullivan, Tudor Grove.  
John Daly, Ballyburden.  
John Henchy, Ballyburden.  
Jerry Forde, Corbally, Waterfall.  
Raymond Lockhart, Ovens.  
May Barry, Inniscarra.  
Pat Barry, Inniscarra.

*Saints Peter & Paul's  
Young Adult Community*

Are you aged 18 – 35? Do you want to grow in your faith and serve the Church? Would you like to do so with other young Catholics? Live in a Catholic community in the heart of Cork City. Ss Peter and Paul's YA Community could be for you! An opportunity to live with other young Catholics for 9 months to pray together, share meals, receive formation and volunteer in the Cathedral family of parishes. For more information, email [youngadultcommunity@corkandross.org](mailto:youngadultcommunity@corkandross.org)

*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/>

**AL-ANON/A.A.**

An open public meeting will be held in Ballincollig Parish Centre, Station Road on Thursday 18th June at 8.00pm.  
All welcome.

*Ballincollig Alzheimer Café*

The Ballincollig Alzheimer Café will take place in The Chapel Gate Café, Ballincollig (P31 XP38) on Thursday, 18th June from 3.00pm – 5.00pm with guest speaker Deirdre Phelan /Phelan Pharmacy, who will discuss: Mobility Aids. 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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Eleventhth Week In Ordinary Time

14 Sunday Ex. 19:2-6. Ps. 99. Rom. 5:6-11. Mt. 9:36-10:8. Lect I: 666  
15 Monday 1 K. 21:1-16. Ps. 5. Mt. 5:38-42. Lect II: 587  
16 Tuesday 1 K. 21 :17-29. Ps. 50. Mt. 5:43-48. Lect II: 589  
17 Wednesday 2 K. 2:1,6-14. Ps. 30. Mt. 6:1-6,16-18. Lect II: 591  
18 Thursday Eccles (Sir). 48:1-14. Ps. 96. Mt. 6:7-15. Lect II: 594  
19 Friday 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20. Ps 131. Mt 6:19-23. Lect II: 596  
20 Saturday 2 Chron 24:17-25. Ps 88. Mt 6:24-34. Lect II: 599

Next Sunday's Readings 21-June-2026

Jer, 20:10-13. Ps. 68. Rom. 5:12-15. Mt. 10:26-33. Lect I: 668

*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*

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 13th / 14th June*

Farran 09.30am: Dan Regan, Rooves.

Ovens 11.30am: Jean Kearney, Ballincollig

Matt O Driscoll, Mylane, [Months Mind](#)

Farran 09:30am Thurs 18th June Margaret Hayes, Lower Farran

**Recent Baptism**

Lucas Quaid, Ovens.

*We congratulate his parents and welcome him 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 Weekend**

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*

**Cemetery Masses:**

Athnowen: 3rd July 7.30

Aglish: 7th August 7.30

Ovens: 4th Sept 7pm

**Holy Hour—Ovens**

The Holy Hour takes place every Tuesday from 8pm to 9pm

**Eucharistic Adoration—Ovens**

Takes place on Friday Mornings 10am to 11.am after the 9.30 Mass.

**Parish Assembly**

The June Meeting of the Ovens/Farran Parish Assembly is on Monday 15th June at 8pm In the Parish Centre

**Hickeys Bar Aherla**

A night of singing music and storytelling, this Wednesday 17th June.

Starting at 9pm Sharp. Féar an Tí, Jim Murphy. All welcome

**Farran Darkness into light Walk**

€1634.00 was raised for the Farran darkness into light walk, €834.00 online and a further 800 in cash. Many thanks to those who contributed and who took part in the walk.

**Athnowen Cemetery**

A Clean up is being organised for Athnowen Cemetery on Wed 24th June at 7pm. All help would be much appreciated.

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 20<sup>th</sup> June: Connie & Mona Forde
- ◆ Sun 21<sup>st</sup> June: Eileen O'Neill
- ◆ Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> June: Rickie Di Comecico
- ◆ Sun 28<sup>th</sup> June: Tim Hourihane
- ◆ Wed 1<sup>st</sup> July: Liam O'Regan

**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

*The Weaver of Dreams*

A Teller of tales and a dreamer of dreams,  
 A builder of bridges, a planner of schemes  
 Could this be one person? You think it untrue?  
 But just look again, for that person is you  
 Look back on your life and take stock of the years  
 And all you accomplished through courage and fears.

Remember the children, they took your hand?  
 Remember the stories, adventures you planned  
 And how you helped someone in sickness and pain,  
 No thought of reward and no question of gain?

You may not feel clever; stand out in the crowd,  
 But count your achievements, be thankful and proud,  
 And look to the future, there's much to be done  
 There's joy to be earned and love to be won.  
 Keep building your bridges and planning your schemes  
 Remember that you are the weaver of dreams.

(Iris Hesselden)

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

**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



First Reading: Exodus 19:2-6  
 God said to Moses, "Tell the Israelites: You have seen for yourselves how I treated the Egyptians and how I bore you up on eagles wings. . . Therefore, if you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people, though all the earth is mine. You shall be to me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation."

Second Reading: Romans 5:6-11  
 While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Now we are justified by his blood and saved by his life.

Gospel: Matthew 9:36-10:8  
 Jesus called the twelve disciples and sent them as missionaries to continue the work God began in him. The disciples were to go out to the people and proclaim the Good News of the coming Kingdom.

*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.

*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