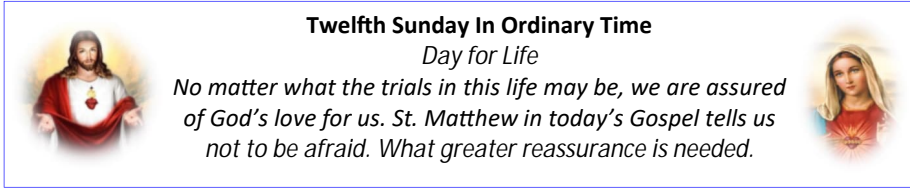


The Parishioner

Sunday 21-June-2026



Twelfth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Day for Life

No matter what the trials in this life may be, we are assured of God's love for us. St. Matthew in today's Gospel tells us not to be afraid. What greater reassurance is needed.

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The Humanity of The Unborn Child

Every year our Day for Life falls on Father's Day and we wish our fathers a blessed day. Today we remember with gratitude the loving care and direction our parents gave to us, whether they are still with us or have gone to the Lord. Parenthood is a vocation of joys and hopes, of griefs and anxieties. On this year's Day for Life, we would like to acknowledge the particular grief of mothers and fathers who have lost a child before birth or in infancy. Mother's Day and Father's Day can be especially difficult for parents who experience the loss of an infant. Such loss often takes its bodily toll upon the mother, and it can leave fathers feeling helpless and unsure of how to support their family, or of how to express their own grief. The Church wants to be especially close to parents who have suffered the loss of an infant. We try to offer spiritual support through the pastoral care and blessing of our priests, and through the comfort of our liturgy. You only have to reach out to your priest or deacon if you would like to know more about this. Just as importantly, many parents find consolation in their faith and its assurance that God has created, willed and deeply loves from all eternity every child, including those who lose their life before they are born or soon after. We have the LORD's promise from the Scriptures that: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born, I consecrated you" (Jer 1:5). The Word of GOD reveals the sacred humanity of the unborn child and perhaps helps us understand why we feel such profound grief at the loss of a baby. Parents instinctively grasp how precious and unique the child is whom they have lost and whom they often name. They know how no other child can ever replace them. From this perspective, how inconsistent is the language that the life in the mother's womb is just a clump of cells. How can that life be someone so precious and loved to parents and at the same time a mere something to be disregarded as worthless. Science is clear that life begins at fertilisation when a new and unique living human being comes into existence. Every technological development in recent decades has given us insight into how life in the womb unfolds for each of us. At conception, our gender, genetic makeup, and eye and hair colour are already determined. As early as five weeks, our heart begins to beat. By ten weeks, we can move and respond to touch and, beginning two weeks later, we have the capacity to feel pain. By eighteen weeks, our mother can sense our movement in the womb. By twenty-seven weeks, we can recognise the voices of our parents. For some decades, parents have been able to observe some of these stages through ultrasound scans during pregnancy. The more we learn about the science, the more we understand the teaching of the Church on the unique value of the unborn baby. This understanding, however, is not complete without the recognition that, from the beginning, every human being is not just a body but also an immortal soul, with a unique and eternal connection with God, our Creator. It is because of what both science and faith reveal to us that the Church and many people of good will have always held that the unborn child merits the full protection of the law, and why we have always rejected elective abortion. This Day for Life 2026, we reflect on the wonder of human life from the moment of fertilisation. We remember how the LORD Jesus Christ Himself sanctified and experienced the beginning of life in the world as an unborn child, hidden in the womb of Mary. Mary knew that she was carrying the Son of God – God and man – as soon as He was conceived. John the Baptist leapt in his mother Elizabeth's womb when Mary greeted her. Our Lady treasured Our Lord in her heart and womb until His birth. We, in our turn, commit ourselves to work and pray for our society to cherish the value of every little one, especially those at the earliest stage of human life, and to help our parish communities support all those in our midst who have suffered the loss of a child.

Irish Catholic Bishops

Vacancy for Caretaker in Ballincollig Youth/Social Project

There is a vacancy for a caretaker in Ballincollig Community Hall, Station Road, Ballincollig on the Community Employment Scheme. If you are interested in applying for this position and you are eligible for Community Employment Please contact Irene Morrissey on 087 183 2033 or email Irene.morrissey@bysp.ie This position can be viewed on www.jobsireland.ie Ref. No. CES: 245 1293.

Women's Wellness Group

Sunday afternoon 21st June 2-3.30pm

Time to Pause, Breathe, Reconnect. Space in Nature with Horses. Hosted in Top Barkz Bridgestown, Inniscarra, Co. Cork. Come spend time with our horses, in a small group of like-minded women, guided by trained professionals and experience the benefits. These often include calmness, reduced stress and improved mood. No riding involved, no horse experience necessary. Tea/coffee/snacks provided. €55 p.p. Limited places. Early bird discount available. Book online on Eventbrite: [HTTPS://WWW.EVENTBRITE.COM/E/1991135738594?AFF=ODDTDCREATOR](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1991135738594?aff=ODDTDCREATOR) Contact: Anne 087 686 1632 or Siobhan 087 330 0046

21ST June 2026

Day for Life

Father's Day

Longest day of the Year

In Your Great Love, Answer Me, O God.

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 :

Jerry Keane, Ballincollig & Ballylongford, Kerry.
Betty Ryan, The Lough.
Kathleen Donegan, Mayfield & Castletownbere.
Matty Dobbyn, Ballincollig & New Zealand.

MONTHS MIND - THIS WEEKEND WE REMEMBER:
Noreen Browne, Parknamore Heights.

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

Tom & Rose Scanlan, Bishopstown.
John & Peggy Dempsey, Beech Park.
Nancy Manning, Farranree.
Sheila Dineen, Curraheen Cross.
Joan Daly, Ballyburden.
Rena O'Connor, Beech Road.
Liam Murray, Carrigrohane Rd.
Thomas Murray, Carrigrohane Rd.
Bridget & Sonny Crowley, Rathmore.
John Kellher, Rosewood.
Sadie Cleary Ballincollig & Ferns.
KM Mathew, India.
Michael & Pauline Carroll, Coolroe Heights.
Margaret Monica O'Connell, Innishmore Park.
Finbarr Dalton, Flynn's Cross.
Paul Murray, Westcliffe.
Denis McCormack, Rosewood.
Hannah O'Donovan, Castleview House, Carriganarra/Crookstown.
Joseph O'Shea, Scotch Farm, Carrigrohane.
Jerry Kelly, Newcestown.

**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

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/>

Communities in Bloom

Five more days to Communities in Bloom competition. Please support Ballincollig Tidy Towns by cleaning the area around your house/business/school. Ballincollig Tidy Towns appreciates all the help everyone has given up to now and hope you all will continue to support us and the Ballincollig Community in the future. "Up the Village".

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Twelfth Week In Ordinary Time

21 Sunday Jer, 20:10-13. Ps. 68. Rom. 5:12-15. Mt. 10:26-33. Lect I: 668
22 Monday 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15, 18. Ps. 59. Mt. 7:1-5. Lect II: 601
23 Tuesday 2 K. 19:9-36. Ps. 47. Mt. 7:6.12-14. Lect II: 603
24 Wednesday Is. 49: 1-6. Ps. 138. Acts 13:22-26. Lk. 1 :57-66, 80. Lect I: 976 or Lect II: 1073
25 Thursday 2 Kgs 24:8-17. Ps 78. Mt 7:2 1-29. Lect II: 608
26 Friday 2 Kgs 25: 1-12. Ps. 136. Mt. 8: 1-4. Lect II: 610
27 Saturday Jam. 2:2.10-14, 18-19. Ps. 73. Mt. 8:5-17. Lect II: 613

Next Sunday's Readings 28-June-2026

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16. Ps 88:2-3, 16-19, R/ v 2. Rm 6:3-4, 8-11, Mt 10:37-42, lect I : 671

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.

Peter's Pence Envelope Collection

The Peter's pence envelope collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend the 27th/28th. We appreciate your continued generosity.

Ministers of The Word

We are looking for people to volunteer to become ministers of the Word at 11.00am Mass in Christ our Light Church. Training can be given if required. Please email ballincolligparish@gmail.com with your name, telephone number and email address.

Summer Weekday Mass Schedule 2026

Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri
S.M.S.J.	S.M.S.J.	C.O.L.	C.O.L.	S.M.S.J.
9.30am	9.30am	8.30am	8.30am	9.30am

Effective from Mon. 29th June until Fri. 28th August 2026 inclusive.

S.M.S.J. St. Mary & St. John's Church
C.O.L. Christ Our Light Church

Belief: Trust yourself, then you will know how to live. *Goethe*

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 20 th June	Farran 27 th 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 20th / 21st June

Farran 9.30am: P.J. O' Hea, Timoleague
 Jim O' Hea, Bandon
 Barry O' Hea, Dublin

Ovens: 6.00pm: Riche McCarthy and his daughter Linda, Ballineadig
 11.30am: Michael O' Callaghan, Ballineadig

Recently Deceased

Martin O'Carroll, late of Farran. May he rest in peace

Recent Baptism

Sunnie Davis, Ovens
 John Stephen Buckley, Kilcrea
We congratulate their parents and welcome him to our family of parishes

Parish Office opening hours:

The parish office will reopen on Tuesday June 23rd at 6pm.

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.

Athnowen Cemetery

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

Pioneer Commemoration

The Annual Pioneer Commemoration in honour of Fr.Mathew will take place at 7.30 in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Tory Top Road T12 HW89 on Tuesday 7th July There will be refreshments afterwards in Togher Community Centre T12 TX 2Y.

Childminder Required – Ovens Area

Local family seeking a reliable and caring childminder for three school-going children in our home from September 2026. Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons during the school term. Requirements: Full driving licence and own transport essential. Childcare experience desirable. For further information, please contact 0876534766

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

Upcoming Events for 40th Anniversary

- Ticket launch for Dinner Dance: after Mass Sat 20th/Sun 21st/ Sat 27th / Sun 28th/Sun 5th July (CASH ONLY)
- St James Day Breakfast: 26th July
- Special Mass for Anniversary of Parish: 13th September
- Dinner Dance: 18th September

The History Of Fathers Day

While listening to a Mother's Day sermon in 1909, Sonora Dodd, of Washington, first had the idea of a father's day. Sonora wanted a special day to honour her father, William Smart, who was a Civil War veteran, was widowed when his wife, died while giving birth to their sixth child. He was left to raise the newborn and his other five children on a rural farm in eastern Washington state. Sonora became an adult she realised how unselfish her father had been in raising his children as a single parent. It was her father that made all the parental sacrifices and was, in the eyes of his daughter, a courageous, unselfish, and loving man. Sonora's father was born in June, so she chose to hold the first Father's Day celebration in Spokane, Washington on the 19th of June 1910. President Calvin Coolidge, in 1924, supported the idea of a national Father's Day. In 1966 President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the 3rd Sunday of June as Father's Day.

We wish all families a very happy day today

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.

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: Jeremiah 20:10-13
 Jeremiah found comfort and strength in the Lord though his friends sought to trap him and take vengeance on him. He praised God and entrusted his cause to the Lord.

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-15
 Paul the apostle believed death entered the world through sin, but life comes as a gracious gift from God through Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33
 There are people who do not yet know the Good News. Jesus assured his disciples and us that we will bring the light of the Kingdom into their darkness by sharing Jesus with them. Even if some people, even our families, ridicule us for our proclamation, God will care for us until the end.

Deaths of Apostles Based on Early Church Tradition

While the Bible doesn't explicitly describe their deaths, historical accounts and church traditions suggest the following fates:

- Peter: Traditionally believed to have been crucified upside down in Rome under Emperor Nero. He requested this because he felt unworthy to die in the exact same manner as Jesus.
- Andrew: Martyred in Greece, traditionally said to have been tied to an X-shaped cross to prolong his suffering.
- Thomas: Believed to have travelled to India to spread the gospel and was martyred by being stabbed with a spear.
- **Matthew:** Reportedly martyred in Ethiopia, with several traditions suggesting he was killed with a sword or an axe.
- Bartholomew: According to tradition, he was flayed alive (skinned) and beheaded in Armenia for his missionary work.
- Philip: Fates vary, but many traditions hold that he was martyred in Hierapolis, possibly by crucifixion or stoning.
- Simon the Zealot: Tradition suggests he was martyred in Persia, with some accounts saying he was sawed in half.
- Thaddaeus (Jude): According to early reports, he was martyred in Armenia or Lebanon, often believed to be killed with arrows or an axe.
- James (Son of Alphaeus): Often associated with James the Less, he is believed to have been martyred in Egypt or Jerusalem by stoning and being beaten to death.
- **Matthias (The replacement for Judas):** Tradition suggests he was stoned and then beheaded in Syrian Antioch or Cappadocia.
- John: Widely considered the only apostle to survive his martyrdom attempts (such as being boiled in oil) and die a natural death in his old age, while exiled on the island of Patmos
- Judas Iscariot: Died by suicide

Reflection for Parents

As an old saying goes, "If you don't stand for something, you'll fall for anything." This is not only the message we need to convey to our children, but through our own actions, they will see that we believe this to be true. Sometimes we have to take an unpopular stand with our children when we know that they are being tempted by their peers and culture. You will find among parents of older children, that your children will one day express their gratitude for your courage.

