

The Parishioner

Sunday 28-June-2026



Cead míle fáilte
Cead míle fáilte, we say, and let us hope we mean it. Christ bids us welcome, those who come in his name. This demands more than mere hospitality; it means openness to the other and to the message. Each member of the Church has received a mission so we must accept each other in spirit of faith and love.



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

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Last Sunday, the 21st of June, was the longest day of the year. As I mentioned in Ballinora, and at the 8:30 and 10:00 am Masses in Ballincollig, the summer solstice more or less corresponds to the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist (24 June). Thus, our 'grand stretch in the evening' will slowly start to ebb away again. It's interesting that in six months' time, we celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord at Christmas, which more or less corresponds to the winter solstice. It gives added weight to the word of John the Baptist: 'I must decrease, he must increase', and is another example of how God's word can ring true in all kinds of ways for us and for the world.

Taking our queue from John the Baptist's words on 'decreasing', most of us will try to do less over these summer months. Fewer meetings, less traffic, long evenings, bring a welcome respite. But there remains twenty-four hours in the day, so why not make an added effort to come to daily Mass in the morning or visit one of the many places of pilgrimage we have in the country (like Gougane Barra). I always enjoy the challenging of climbing Croagh Patrick in August. It's a good test of my fitness levels, as well as a spiritual journey.

'Decreasing' over the summer also extends to The Parishioner, which pauses until September. My thanks to Con O'Sullivan and those from the four parishes (Ballincollig, Ballinora, Ovens, and Kilmurry), who contribute each week to this unified publication. Enjoy the summer and see you around.

Fr. Ronan Sheehan CC

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.

Ballincollig 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

Our apology for print error in last weeks edition

A Holiday Prayer

O God, who after completing the wonders of creation, rested on the seventh day, I thank you for the opportunity you have given me to get away from my usual surroundings, to spend this holiday, this time, apart from daily work and worry. I ask of you dear Lord, to let my time of rest be a time of closer union with you and help me not to lose sight of you in my pursuit of pleasure. Let me recognise you in my joy and let me see on this holiday, Lord, the beauty, power, majesty and wonder of your creation. Let me see you in the sun and sea, snow and stars, and above all in my fellow pilgrims through life. Grant me Lord to lay down my cross a while and gather strength to take it up more willingly, when I resume my usual path through life. Let me see clearly in the fleetness of this holiday my Lord, the shortness of time and the length of eternity. Finally, O Lord grant me the grace of a safe journey through life to my eternal home in the glory of your kingdom. Amen

Parishioner Summer Break

Today is our last print edition for the current season 25/26. We will take a break for summer and will resume again on Sunday 13th September for 26/27 season. The Parishioner now covers our Family of Parishes and I wish to thank the following for their weekly input for their respective parishes.

Ballincollig Diarmuid, Miriam & Katie.
Ovens / Farran Nellie & Mary.
Ballinora Anna.
Kilmurry Peter.
Website Denis.

Wishing all our readers a safe and wonderful summer.

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The angel of the Lord rescues those who revere him.

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† IN SYMPATHY †
 PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :
 Liam Masters, Grange.
 Kathleen Lowry, Blackrock.
 Seán Mullan, Holly Road/Derry.
 Madeline Powell, Glincool.
 Gemma Whelan, Ballincollig/Bishopstown.
 Norma Long (nee Murphy), Station Rd., Ballincollig/Blackrock.

MONTHS MIND - THIS WEEKEND WE REMEMBER:
 Patrick O'Driscoll, Castlepark.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS OR OTHERWISE REMEMBERED:
 Tom Farrell, Beech Park.
 Bill Long, Dunmanway.
 John & Lena Gaffney, Carrigrohane.
 Con Coughlan, Tower St.
 William Murphy, Blarney.
 Tim Hassett, Station Road.
 Martin Calnan, Rosewood.
 Gerard Pascal & Noreen Cronin, Bishopstown.
 Paddy Egan, Glincool Park.
 Finbarr O'Neill, Station Road.
 Sheila O'Keeffe, Model Farm Rd.
 Dave O'Keeffe, Model Farm Rd.
 Tim O'Donovan, Innishmore (6 mths).
 Michael O'Sullivan, Manor Hill.
 Imelda McGinn, Muskerry Estate.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Thirteenth Week In Ordinary Time

28 Sunday 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

29 Monday Acts 12:1-11. Ps. 33.2 Tim. 4:6-8, 17-18. Mt. 16: 13-19. Lect I: 981 or Lect II: 1082

30 Tuesday Am 3: 1-8, 4: 11-12. Ps 5:5-8, R/ v 9. Mt 8:23-27. Lect II: 618

01 Wednesday Amos 5:14-15, 21-24. Ps. 49. Mt. 8:28-34. Lect II: 620

02 Thursday Amos 7:10-17. Ps. 18. Mt. 9:1-8. Lect II: 622

03 Friday Eph. 2:19-22. Ps. 116. In. 20:24-29. Lect II: 1087

04 Saturday Am 9:11-15. Ps 84:11-14, R/ v 9. Mt 9:14-17. Lect II: 627

Next Sunday's Readings 05-July-2026

Zec 9:9-10. Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14, R/ v 2. 1 Rm 8:9: 11-13. Mt 11:25-30. Lect Lect I:

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)

*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,

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/>

A Prayer to Christ the Healer

In the comfort of your love I pour out to you my saviour,
 The memories that haunt me, The anxieties that perplex me,
 The fears that stifle me, The sickness that prevails upon me,
 And the frustration of all the pain that weaves about within me.
 Lord help me to see your peace in my turmoil,
 Your compassion in my sorrow, Your forgiveness in my weakness,
 And your love in my need.
 Touch me, O Lord, with your healing power and strength.
 Amen.

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 this weekend the 27th/28th June.

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.

First Friday
 Friday 3rd July is the first Friday of the month. There is Mass in St. Mary & St. John's church on Friday evening at 7.30pm. The priests of the parish visit the sick of the parish on the first Friday of each month; please let us know if you have a family member or neighbour who is sick or housebound.

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

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 July 2026

Farran 27 th June	Ovens 4 th July	Farran 11 th July	Ovens 18 th July	Farran 25 th July
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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 27th / 28th June

Farran: 6pm Jerry Murphy, Currahaly, 2nd Anniversary
 Ovens: 11.30am: Mary O'Sullivan, Lower Farran, 1st Anniversary

Recent Baptism

Áine Reilly, Carrigadrochid
We congratulate her parents and welcome her to our family of parishes

Cemetery Masses:

Athnawen: 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.

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

Irish Guide Dogs Fundraiser

There will be a fundraising Concert in City Hall by the European Doctors Orchestra, featuring the works of Stravinsky, Sibelius and Wagner. The Performance will take place on Sunday the 28th of June between 3pm and 5pm. Tickets available from Eventbrite or Promusica. Seated €25, Balcony €35. All proceeds to Irish Guide dogs.

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*

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

- ◆ 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



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: 2 Kings 4:8-11. 14-16

We like to be careful about making donations to causes, we like to be sure they are worthy. The woman who offered Elisha hospitality waited for some time before making her judgement on his holiness. She was rewarded for her prudent hospitality.

Second Reading: Romans 6:3-4. 8-11

The model for the baptismal font here is the tomb. With Christ we die to sin through the water of baptism in order to rise with him to new life.

Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42

Each aspect of this gospel passage is against selfishness in our lives. We must exercise generosity in following Christ, whether in giving up our own desires or in gladly what we have to the more need.

Follow the SunSmart Code

Getting too much sun can be harmful whatever your age. You probably protect your skin when on holidays abroad or on really hot sunny days at home. But that isn't enough. Get into the habit of protecting your skin every day from April to September, whatever the weather. The 5 steps of the Irish Cancer Society's SunSmart code is an effective way to protect you from UV damage:

1. Slop on sunscreen. The best sunscreens protect against UV-B rays and UV-A rays. The Irish Cancer Society advises that adults use sunscreen with SPF 15 or higher (SPF 30 or higher for children). What to think about when choosing and using sunscreen

- Apply to dry skin 20-30 mins before going outside.
- Be extra careful of those areas that do not get much exposure as they tend to burn more easily.
- Reapply every two hours
- Choose a water resistant type if sweating or you are involved in water sports

2. Slip on sun protective clothing and slap on a hat. One of the simplest things you can do to protect your skin from UV rays is to cover it with clothes. Choose clothes that cover as much skin as possible and ensure hats gives shade to the face, neck, head and ears.

3. Seek shade. UV rays are usually at their strongest between 11am and 3pm. Plan your day so that you know you will be able to go into the shade as much as possible between those times.

4. Wear sunglasses and check the label to ensure they give UV protection.

5. Check the UV index. When the UV Index is 3 or more you are at greater risk of skin damage that can lead to skin cancer. Get into the habit of checking the UV Index as a reminder of the need to be SunSmart. Check out the UV index at: <http://www.cancer.ie/reduceyour-risk/sunsmart/uv-index>.

Further information on SunSmart can be found on www.cancer.ie

Mobile Phone Etiquette

We ask all parishioners to ensure mobile phones are switched off when attending church; this can be hugely distracting especially during Mass.