



The Parishioner

Sunday 20-September-2026



Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our human horizons are so limited! So often we calculate the cost of our generosity – giving only to the DESERVING – afraid that our 'goodness' may be wasted. Our God is not limited. He takes the risk of his love being wasted and it is only because of such love that we can have hope.



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The Generosity of God

This morning's gospel from Matthew is preceded by a great bold question asked by Peter; "What about us, we have left everything and followed you. What are we to have then?" Jesus said to him, "I tell you solemnly, Everyone who has left father, mother, brother, sister for the sake of my name will receive a hundred times over and also inherit eternal life."

"Many who are first will be last, and the last, first."

Christ goes on then to tell the parable of the Landowner, the workers and the vineyard. This great parable tells us in a dramatic way about the generosity of God. Peter and his companions took a very courageous step in life; they left the familiar life of boats, fishing, companions and many familiar places to search for a new life with the Christ, the Messiah. The new life brought happiness, fulfilment and many challenges. However from time to time there were niggling doubts and questions hence the question, "what about us, we have left everything."

The first lesson from the word of God today is that it is important to put words on our questions. Raising questions provides opportunities for us to learn and in today's gospel Peter's question provides the context for the great teaching on the generosity of God.

The culture and society of the 21st century continually reinforces the correctness of asking the question "what about us, we have left everything". The culture of the day goes even further and ask "What about me, what is my reward going to be". The world of achievement and success finds it difficult to accommodate the generosity of God. Help us to realise that I do not have to earn or deserve the generosity of God's love in my life, thankfully it is freely available to me twenty four seven.

"Rejoice with me I have found my sheep that was lost."

DOES GOD EXIST OR NOT?

The answer to this and many other questions
Are you carrying regrets? Feeling Lonely?
No matter where you've been or what you
have faced you are invited to listen to an-
swers that will change your life for the better.

ST. MARK'S CENTRE BALLINCOLLIG
(P31AT45)

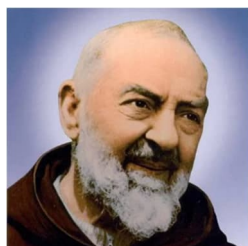
Continuing every Sunday and Wednesday
From 7.30pm. to 8.30pm.

YOU WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED

Ballincollig - Volunteers for Church Ministries.

We would be very grateful if on reflection you might like to help out in our churches in any of the following areas. Over time we lose some of our Ministers, so we are appealing to all who feel able to think about and see if you could commit. We are appealing in particular to Secondary School students to become Ministers of the Word. We have seen many of you, wonderful readers read for various occasions but very few commit to reading at weekend Masses. It would help you become a more confident public speaker and also good for your CV's in later years. There is a rota system so it would not be every Sunday. Also for students in transition or above if you are a regular Mass goer, you might consider becoming a Minister of the Eucharist. Training will be provided for both.

Ministers of the Word and Eucharistic Ministers are needed in both churches. Would you like to help out with church cleaning, Collectors in both churches and flowers in St. Mary & St. John (speak to the Sacristan re details). Please give your names to the Parish Office with your contact details for all volunteers by Wednesday 30th. September.



St. Padre Pio

The Church will celebrate the liturgical memorial of St. Pio of Pietrelcina, popularly known as Padre Pio, on next Wednesday September 23rd his 58th anniversary.

The date marks the anniversary of his death, or his "birth into heaven," on September 23rd, 1968.

St. Padre Pio will be remembered for his profound life of prayer, love for the Eucharist, ministry in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and his witness of faithfully carrying Christ's Cross.

As his feast day approaches, may his life inspire us to deepen our prayer, trust in God, and pursue holiness.

St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, pray for us!

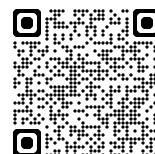
The Lord is close to all who call him.

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 :

Kathleen Murphy, Tournafulla, Co Limerick.
Anne Hanley, Glanmire.
Kathleen Morrissey, Ballyphehane.
Teresa Leggett, Montenotte.
Seán Kelleher, Inniscarra/Ballingeary.
Philip O'Connell, Ballymacoda.
James (Jim) Dennehy, Model Farm Road.
Emily Clifford (nee Higgins), Cork City/Rochestown.

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

Tadhg (Tim) O'Regan, Leemount Cross.
John Coughlan, Clash.

Cristine Coady, Rosewood.
Eileen & James O'Donovan, Leap.
Kathleen Horgan, Castlepark.
Katrina Horgan Heaphy, Castlepark.
Mai Devereux, Clogheen, Co Tipperary.
Thankamnn Joseph, India.
Patrick & Joan O'Keeffe, Bantry.
Denis & Kathleen O'Riordan, Dunmanway.
Catherine & John Buckley, Ballyshoneen.
Cornelius & Nora Murphy, Kilmurry.
Bernice McCarthy, Distillery Court.
Joe Donovan, Inniscarra.

Cantairí Mhúscraí is a mixed voice choir based here in Ballincollig and have a wide repertoire of music including church, classical, popular and showtunes. Apart from other performances we sing in St. Mary's & St. John's Church at the 6.00pm Mass on the 3rd Saturday of every month.

We welcome new members to all lines, without formal audition. Ability to read music is not essential, we just need singers who can hold a tune and blend into the overall sound. We rehearse every Wednesday night from 7.20 to 9.20pm at Ballincollig Community School.

Joining at this time of year is ideal as we begin to learn new music. See you there!

The Irish Cancer Society is seeking compassionate volunteer drivers to join our pool of drivers. As a volunteer driver you would be bringing patients undergoing chemotherapy to the hospital and back home for their treatment. Gifting your time means that cancer patients will have comfortable (one on one) transport to attend appointments for their lifesaving treatment.

If you can spare 2 days per month, have a valid driving licence, and a safe, reliable vehicle, you are the perfect candidate to make a significant difference. The Irish Cancer Society will provide you with training before you start as a driver for us. Your generosity not only eases the journey for many during a challenging time but also offers comfort and support when it's needed most.

For more information and to become a volunteer driver, please contact Monica or Emily at volunteer@irishcancer.ie

Gardening Event at The Pavilion

On Saturday, 26th September, award-winning garden designer Jo Thompson will give a morning talk exploring 'How to Create a Garden with Atmosphere' sharing insights from her long career in garden and landscape design. Drawing on some of her most captivating projects, Jo will share how she approaches a landscape – considering proportion, setting and structure alongside the richly layered, romantic planting for which her work is so well known. The event takes place from 11am – 1pm. Further details on our website (www.thepavilion.ie)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Twenty Fifth Week In Ordinary Time

20 Sunday Is. 55:6-9. Ps. 144. Phil. 1:20-24, 27. Mt. 20: 1-16. Lect I: 702

21 Monday Eph. 4:1-7. Ps. 18. Mt. 9:9-13. Lect II: 1198

22 Tuesday Prov 21 :1-6,10-13. Ps 1 18. Lk 8:19-21. Lect II: 778

23 Wednesday Prov. 30:5-9. Ps. 118. Lk. 9:1-6. Lect II: 780

24 Thursday Eccles (Qoh). 1 :2-11. Ps. 89. Lk. 9:7-9. Lect II: 782

25 Friday Eccles (Qoh). 3: 1-11. Ps. 143. Lk. 9: 18-22. Lect II: 784

26 Saturday Eccles (Qoh). 11 :9-12:8. Ps. 89. Lk. 9:43-45. Lect II: 786

Next Sunday's Readings 27-September-2026

Ez. 18:25-28. Ps. 24. Phil. 2: 1-11. Mt. 21:28-32. Lect I: 705

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.

Envelope Collection

For funds which support seminarians and deacons

The annual collection for the Priesthood Education Fund will take place across the Diocese this weekend 19th/20th September.

This fund plays a vital role in supporting the formation and ongoing education of those serving in priestly and diaconal ministry. In addition the fund also supports the ongoing training and education of priests in the Diocese. We are deeply aware of the financial challenges many individuals and families face at this time. Nevertheless, we kindly ask you to support this important collection as generously as possible. Your continued support in promoting vocations is sincerely appreciated.

Reflection for Parents

How many times a day do our children point out that someone got more than they did? Enough, I'm sure, for us to know that today's Gospel illustrates a human response! But our human ways are not God's ways. God's generosity is sometimes beyond our understanding. But imagine what a world it would be if we rejoiced in generosity and good fortune of others.

Ovens & Farran Parish

Parish Contact Details

Parish Phone No's.

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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 Sept / Oct 2026

Farran 26 th Sept	Ovens 3 rd Oct	Farran 10 th Oct	Ovens 17 th Oct	Farran 24 th Oct	Ovens 31 st Oct
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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 19th/20th Sept

Ovens: 6pm: Dan Joe Kelleher and his daughter Catherine, Currabeg

Ovens: 11.30am Ted and Cathy O'Leary, Knockanemore

Farran: 9.30 Con Twomey, Lower Farran, 1st Anniversary
And His wife Elma on her 3rd Anniversary

Gougane Barra Sunday: 27th September 2026

Confessions: 1.30pm Rosary 2.30pm

Mass: 3.00pm Celebrated by Bishop Fintan Gavin

Ovens/Farran Parish Assembly Meeting:

The Current Parish Assembly will have their final meeting on Monday, 21st September, at 8pm, in the Parish Centre. Anyone interested in joining the new group, please come along to find out what it is about. Loraine Buckley (Faith Development Co-Ordinator) will join us for two sessions in October

Ministers of the Word:

The new Rota for the 11.30am Ministers of the Word (Ovens), may be collected in the sacristy after Mass.

Priesthood Collection:

The annual collection for the priesthood will be held this weekend the 19th/20th September.

Hope Foundation

There will be a coffee Morning/cake sale on Sunday 27th Sept after 11.30am Mass to raise funds for the Hope foundation which works with children in Calcutta. So, lots of creamy cakes, maybe a cup of tea and a chat, nice way to spend a Sunday Morning.

Cork Scripture Group

Cork Scripture Group would like to invite anyone who is interested in Scripture to join us for the following course.

4 Monday nights (28th September, 5th, 12th and 19th October) on 'I, Paul . . . The Life and Letters of St Paul.' Presenters: Sean O'Sullivan, Marian Mortell, Phil Mortell.

Saturday workshop (October 10th) on 'Two contrasting prison letters: Philemon and Philippians' facilitated by Sr. Mary T. Brien PBVM.

Cost: €50 for the entire course including workshop (€10 for those who wish to attend the workshop only)

To book a place please email corkscripturegroup@gmail.com.

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

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

Prayer in Time of Bereavement

Lord, you are close to the broken-hearted.
Be with me now in my grief and loneliness.
Give me the courage to face my loss and not to grieve in silence.
Be with me as I struggle
With many different and painful feelings.
Ease the hurt in my heart.
Encircle me in your love.
Help me to believe that one day
I will no longer have this deep sorrow.
May I find comfort in sharing my grief
With those who understand the strong bonds of love.
Stay with me, Lord, support me.
Help me to know that your power is at work within me
As I deal with my grief. Amen.

Abide in His Love Women's Conference

Abide Women's Conference, November 20-22, the Great Northern Hotel Bundoran, Co. Donegal. Speakers include: Sarah Swafford, Fr Barry Braum, Fr Mark Wharton, Kimberlee Wooling, Danielle Noonan, Nashville Domincans & more, Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Fintan Gavin, from Cork & Ross Diocese. We would love to welcome you this weekend. For more details please visit [Abide in His Love at eventbrite.ie](https://abideinhislove.eventbrite.com) Registration link: <https://abideinhislove.eventbrite.com>

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 Cloughdub

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.

Cloughdub Church 155th Commemoration

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

Coffee Day

The Annual Coffee Day in aid of Marymount Hospice in Independence Museum Kilmurry on Thursday 24th September 2026 from 9.00am to 3.30pm. All Welcome

Coffee Morning in aid of Marymount Hospice, at Donnovan's, Coolmakee, Farnanes. Thursday 24th of September from 9am until late

Legion of Mary

Weekly Meeting: Tuesday 7.15pm in Cloughdub Church Sacristy.
New members welcome

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

God's wisdom and goodness are beyond our understanding.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:20-24, 27

St Paul tries to put in words what Christ means to him.

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16.

The vineyard owner hired five groups of labourers. Each subsequent group began work later in the day. When the owner hired the first group, they agreed on a fair wage. At the end of the day, he called in the workers and began paying them, the last ones first. Of course, the early morning crew saw the later ones getting a full day's wage and excitedly anticipated a bonus for themselves. When they were paid, they received only the negotiated amount. "It's not fair!" was their cry.

Diocese of Cork and Ross

**Is God calling you to be a
Diocesan Priest?**

**Discernment Group for
Young Men aged 18-40**



Monthly Meetings

Beginning Saturday
26th September

To register, email
vocations@corkandross.org



Coffee Morning for Marymount Hospice



Ireland's biggest coffee morning for your local hospice. A coffee morning will be held in Ballincollig GAA club on Thursday, 24th September for Marymount Hospice from 9.30am until 2.00pm. Please support this very worthy cause.

***Thinking about being a Priest
In the Diocese of Cork & Ross?***

If you are between the ages of 18 and 40 and feel there is a possibility that God may be calling you to be a diocesan priest, then our monthly Discernment Group Meetings may be a good way to help you to discern this call. It is a gentle non-committal first step in the process which takes the form of a monthly meeting with other men discerning their call. The monthly meetings offer an opportunity for prayer, conversation, fellowship and accompaniment. An experienced spiritual director will also be provided to help guide you along the path.

The first meeting takes place on Saturday September 26th. To find more, have a chat, or to register your interest, please email:

Fr Marius at vocations@corkandross.org