



The Parishioner

Sunday 11-October-2026

Twenty Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time
Prisoner's Sunday



od promised his people a future of great blessings where death and mourning would be no more. Christ came to issue God's final invitation to this future. Some rejected it, others accepted it but then made light of it. What have we done with our invitation?



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

Vocations for The Diocese of Cork

Last weekend, we had the visit of the Director of Vocations to the parish of Ballincollig. Father Marius O'Reilly was appointed a few weeks ago to this role in a full-time capacity. Part of his ministry initially will be to visit the sixty-eight parishes across the diocese of Cork and Ross. So, I'm sure he'll make it to the folks in Ballinora, Ovens, and Kilmurry in the coming months also. Beyond telling us a little about his own vocation story and narrating the appointments he's held since being ordained, Marius also reached out for people to form a monthly prayer meeting specifically for vocations to the priesthood in the diocese of Cork and Ross. Some 56 people signed up in Ballincollig, which I think is quite encouraging. The Church does need some of its members to serve communities as ordained priests and praying for this is worthwhile, not least because it reminds us to be open to God's will in our lives.

That said, though, I do wonder about the bigger picture. If a lack of vocations were down to a lack of prayer, then the issue would never have arisen: each and every day people tell me that they pray for their priests and for vocations. So, a reasonable person would naturally be led to ask if the Holy Spirit is prompting us to change how we are as a Church. And while no one person can speak definitively for the Spirit, the 'sensus fidelium' ['the shared sense of the faithful'] is worth paying heed to. I know myself that hardly a week goes by without someone asking me about the potential role of married men and women. These are legitimate questions to ask, even if a convincing answer comes frustratingly slowly.

In the meantime, it might be good to ask ourselves what role I can exercise in my local parish: what gifts do I have to share? There is ever and always a need for additional voices to read, more hands to minister Holy Communion, new minds to share vision at the Parish Pastoral Council. All that's asked is that we be open to God's will in our lives – both in what's necessary now, and what's possible in the future.

God bless.

Ronan Sheehan CC

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 Dominicans & 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.com](https://abideinhislove.eventbrite.com) Registration link: <https://abideinhislove.eventbrite.com>

Irish National Synodal Assembly

The Working Document for the Irish National Synodal Assembly, taking place in Gormanston, Co Meath, on 17 October, brings together the fruits of five years of prayer, listening and discernment and will guide delegates as they consider and vote on suggested actions to be presented to the bishops of Ireland. While the Assembly marks an important moment in the journey, the Synodal Pathway is now moving towards a new phase of implementation. Everyone is invited to read, pray with, and reflect on the Working Document and the question: "What does God want from the Church in Ireland at this time?" Please pray for all those taking part in the Assembly and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. To find out more, see www.synod.ie

October - The Month of the Holy Rosary

"Pope Leo has asked us to pray the Rosary for Peace during the Month of October" (CNS/Vatican Media). St. Mary's & St. John's Church Ballincollig 7-8 PM. All are invited to join in prayer for peace just for a short while, or for one Rosary or for the Hour of Prayer.

7:00: Joyful Mysteries - Silence

7:15: Sorrowful Mysteries - Silence

7:30: Glorious Mysteries - Silence

7:45 Mysteries of Light

It is giving people an opportunity to join for whatever time you can manage, or bring your children for a short time.

Notification of second collection at all Masses for dates specified below

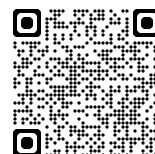
Diocesan needs 10th / 11th October, Propagation of the Faith 17th / 18th October Diocesan Youth Ministry 14th/ 15th November
Applies to all churches in Family of Parishes

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

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 : Peter Duffy, Willow Drive & Monaghan. Philip Rowell, Beech Park. Mary O’Keeffe, Ballinhassig/Powdermills Nursing Home. PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS OR OTHERWISE REMEMBERED: John & Mabel Garrett, Ballincollig. Carmel Kelly, The Crescent. Oliver O’Donovan, Beech Park. Fr Paul O’Donoghue. May Fortuin, Cathedral Rd. Michael Healy, Cloghroe. Maureen Kelly, Newcestown. Dr Timothy O’Connell, Ballingulley & Ballinhassig. Mary O’Sullivan, Glenleigh, Kilcorney. Marjorie Kinsella, Ballyshoneen. Ann Kidney, Greenfields. Elizabeth Barrett, Coolroe. Margaret, David, Frank & Martin Muldoon. Joe Guerin & his parents Hannah & Tade, Knocknagree.		READINGS FOR THE WEEK Twenty Eighth Week In Ordinary Time 11 Sunday Is. 25:6-10. Phil. 4: 12-14, 19-20. Mt. 22: 1.14. Lect I: 711 12 Monday Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1. Ps 112. Lk 11:29-32. Lect II: 814 13 Tuesday Gal 5:1-6. Ps 118. Lk 11:37-41. Lect II: 816 14 Wednesday Gal. 5:18-25. Ps. 1. Lk. 11 :42-46. Lect II: 817 15 Thursday Eph 1:1-10. Ps 97. Lk 11:47-54. Lect II: 819 16 Friday Eph 1:11-14. Ps 32. Lk 12:1-7. Lect II: 822 17 Saturday Eph. 1: 15-23. Ps. 8. Lk. 12:8-12. Lect II: 824 Next Sunday's Readings 18-October-2026 Is 45:1, 4-6. Ps 95:1, 3-5, 7-10, R/ v 7. 1 Th 1:1-5. Mt 22:15-21. Lect I:714																									
Formation in Faith for Young Adults The Diocese of Cork and Ross, in collaboration with UCC Chaplaincy and the Presentation Brothers LEAF Project, is delighted to offer a Formation in Faith programme for young adults (18–35 years). The programme begins on Wednesday, 30 September 2026, and will run for 9 weeks, from 5.45–8.00pm in Mardyke House, Cork (T12 W8RP). Participants can choose between two concurrent pathways: a) Sycamore Formation Series: A video-based programme with guided group discussion on Catholic formation. b) Foundations in Theology: A lecture-based introduction to Catholic theology. c) Each session begins with food and refreshments, and provide participants with an opportunity to engage in meaningful discussion. To sign-up or for more information, email Sheila at youthministry@corkandross.org		Ballincollig Mass Times <table><tr><td>St. Mary & St. John</td><td></td><td>Christ Our Light</td></tr><tr><td>8:30 am, 10 am</td><td>Sunday</td><td>11 am, 12:30 pm</td></tr><tr><td>9:30 am</td><td>Monday</td><td>No Morning Mass</td></tr><tr><td>9:30 am</td><td>Tuesday</td><td>No Morning Mass</td></tr><tr><td>9:30 am</td><td>Wednesday</td><td>8:30 am</td></tr><tr><td>9:30 am</td><td>Thursday</td><td>8:30 am</td></tr><tr><td>9:30 am</td><td>Friday</td><td>8:30 am</td></tr><tr><td>6:00 pm (Vigil)</td><td>Saturday</td><td>7:30 pm (Vigil)</td></tr></table>		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)
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Discovery A faith study as part of the Cork and Ross Diocese faith development. Through Discovery you can deepen your daily life with God and learn a new awareness of just who you are, and how you can live. As the Evangelist John says in 10:10; 'have life and have it all in its fullness'. The Catholic belief is that God knows us and loves us - that we have been loved into being, that love is holding us and that love is calling us to be one with God for eternity. 1 hour per week for 6 weeks. 2 small groups of 6 participants each. Wednesday (Men) Thursdays (Women). For the people in the family of parishes of Ballincollig, Ballinora, Oven/ Farran, and Kilmurry. Initial Contact Fr. Alan O’Leary PP, Ballincollig or any priest in the family of parishes.		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. Cemetery Masses and The Blessing of The Graves Mass in St. Oliver’s Cemetery Sat. November 7th at 2pm. Mass in St. Mary & St. John’s Cemetery Sat. 31st October at 12 noon.																									
Prisoners' Sunday Prisoners' Sunday in Ireland and the Catholic Church will be observed on today Sunday, 11 October 2026. This annual national day of prayer and action focuses on supporting prisoners, their children, and families, as well as reflecting on the social and living conditions within the penal system.		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																									

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

www.ovensfarranparish.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 Oct 2026

Farran	Ovens	Farran	Ovens
10 th Oct	17 th Oct	24 th Oct	31 st Oct

Vigil Mass is held in Ovens every 1st 3rd and 5th Saturday and every 2nd and 4th Saturday in Farran

Please note following changes

Change of Mass Times

As From the 1st of November 2026, Mass at St. John the Baptist Church Ovens will be changed from 11.30 to 11.am.

Holy Hour Change of Time

Please note there is a change of time for the Holy Hour.

It now commences Tuesdays from 7.30pm to 8.30pm

Rosary

Recited every Friday Morning at 9.10am before 9.30am Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday Morning after Mass between 10.am and 11.am.

Weekend Anniversaries 10th/11th Oct

Farran: 6pm Muriel O' Riordan, the Wood, Farran, Months Mind.

Farran: 9.30am Rose Murphy, Farran Hill

Ovens: 11.30am Robert O'Leary, Killumney

Recent Baptisms:

Daniel Peter Murphy, Megan Sadie Cunningham, Jody James Hallissey

Ministers of the Word

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

Ovens/Farran Parish Assembly

The Current Parish Assembly will hold its final meeting on Monday, 12th October, at 8pm in The Parish Centre. Anyone interested in joining the new Parish Assembly is very welcome to come along to find out more about what it involves. Alternatively, you can contact the Parish Office for further information. There will also be two information evenings with Lorraine Buckley, Faith Development Co-Ordinator, on Tuesday 20th October, and Tuesday, 27th October.

Everyone is welcome. Thank you

Crann Centre Coffee Morning

There will be a Coffee Morning on Sunday the 18th of October at 12 noon after mass, in the Ovens parish Centre.

Everyone is welcome and there will be information about what this formidable charity does for those with neuro-physical disabilities and also their families. All welcome.

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

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

17th October Dan Collins

25th October Barry O'Mahony

31st October Mona Brady

40th Anniversary Celebrations

What a lovely couple of weeks we've had here in Ballinora! On Sunday September 13th we were very lucky to welcome Bishop Fintan to lead our Anniversary Celebration Mass. It was wonderful to have Bishop Fintan joined by Fr John, Fr Alan , Fr Declan and Deacon Frank.

It really was a beautiful Mass. We must take this opportunity to thank our amazing choir under the leadership of Ursula Mulvihill and accompanied by organist Ruth Healy. Their presence always adds so much to our celebrations here in Ballinora and this Sunday was no exception. Thanks also to our wonderful readers and to Noreen and Eamon Lane for bringing forward the offertory gifts. There was a table on the steps near the altar with symbols of some of the many active groups here in our parish. All these things enhanced our celebration.

After the Mass refreshments were served in the Scout Den. It was great to see such a huge turnout and lovely to see Bishop Fintan and all the other celebrants enjoying our hospitality. We must thank our local ICA for their wonderful baking. We are so lucky to have so many gifted people in our community. Thanks also to the Scouts for their generosity in sharing The Den with us all.

Then on Friday September 18th we continued our celebrations with our Dinner Dance in The Talbot Hotel in Ballincollig. I think everyone that was there will agree that a great night was had by all. It was a lovely social occasion. An opportunity to catch up with people that we hadn't seen for a while. A tasty dinner was enjoyed before The Irish Weavers started playing and had the dance floor hopping all night!!! Congrats to those who won Spot Prizes!! Again it was lovely to see Fr John, Fr Alan, Fr Ronan, Fr Jojo and Fr Declan enjoying such a lovely social occasion. Seeing some parishioners in a completely new light!!!

Many thanks to the Parish Council and The Parish Social Committee for all their hard work in bringing these events to fruition.



Ballinora/Ballincollig Red Cross will hold a Cardiac First Response course in Ballinora GAA hall on Saturday 17 October 2026 from 9.30 - 1.30 pm.

This is a 4 hour course will cover CPR, and the use of a defibrillator (AED). Cost €60.00 cash or cheque only please. Text 086/3129486 if you're interested in attending.

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.

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 involved.
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

Legion of Mary

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

Weekend of Prayer and Healing

on Saturday and Sunday 17th and 18th October in the Charleville Park Hotel, 9.30 am to 5.30pm both days - With Praise, Worship, Teaching, Confessions and Holy Mass - Guest speaker Ros Powell (Catholic Evangelist) along with Monsignor Finbarr O'Leary, Fr. John Keane and other priests - All welcome

Info:- Pat (087) 2505528, Tom (087) 6468658 or Mary (087) 2898518

Kilmurry Active Retirement

There will be an open meeting in the Kilmurry museum on Tue 13th. Cork Samaritans will be giving a talk on mental Health and Empowerment followed by a Q&A when they will endeavour to answer all the questions asked.

Please come along, everybody is welcome.

Tue 13th Oct. @7:30 pm

Autumn Dues Envelopes

are available at Church doors in Kilmurry, Cloughduv and Canovee for the support of our priests. These along with Christmas and Easter offerings are the means by which our priests are supported. This envelope can be handed in over the next few weeks. Thanking you for your financial and personal support always.

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10

The prophet Isaiah presents a vision of a feast prepared for us by the Lord.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

St Paul tells us confidently that anything is possible for him because his strength comes from God.

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Matthew dealt harshly with the wedding guests who made excuses for not attending the king's son's wedding. Not only did they refuse the invitation, but they beat the servant who went in search of them. The king knew that there would be those who appreciated the banquet and sent more servants out to the crossroads to find anyone willing to come. Matthew ended his Gospel with what was probably a separate parable. Someone dressed inappropriately was removed from the banquet. Most likely, Matthew intended his listeners to respond appropriately to God's invitation.

CUH Volunteer Opportunity

Become the Primary Handler (or second handler) for the
Cork University Hospital Community Dog ☺

CUH Volunteer Service is attempting to expand, and to offer our patients a visit from a community dog. To do this, we need volunteers to home the community dog, and if possible to volunteer in the hospital for a few hours 3-4 times weekly. Could you, or a person you know, provide a loving home for a specially trained community dog and help bring comfort to our patients? We are seeking expressions of interest from people who may be willing to:

 Provide a permanent home for a community dog trained by Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind. To become a primary handler for the community dog.

 Volunteer to accompany the dog into the hospital to visit patients for approx. 2 hours, 3-4 days per week

 Receive professional training from Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind on how to handle and work with the dog in a healthcare setting OR

 Volunteer as a second handler to accompany the dog into the hospital to visit patients for approx. 2 hours, 3-4 days per week. This person would not home the dog, but arrange to collect the dog, visit the designated wards in CUH and return the dog to the primary handler.

 Receive professional training from Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind on how to handle and work with the dog alongside the primary handler in a healthcare setting. For more information or to express your interest, please contact:

Elaine Forde, Patient Advocacy Liaison Manager, CUH ☎
021 492 2822 or Email: CUH.volunteerservice@hse.ie

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