



The Parishioner

Sunday 25-October-2026



Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

The Pharisees fault was not gratitude for doing good but contempt for those less successful, a lack of humility before the grace of God. Paul too could 'boast' and give thanks that he had kept the faith, but he recognised that this had not been simply his own doing but because 'the Lord stood by me.' We too should thank God for any good we have been able to do. It is with his help that we do it, and it gives us no grounds for complacency or a sense of superiority.



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'Love One Another As I Have Loved You'

The Scripture Readings today challenge us to reflect on our response to God's commandment of love.

In the first Reading we hear of the loving relationship the people of Israel were expected to have towards the under privileged and vulnerable. Widows and orphans; people forced to leave their Countries due to circumstances such as wars, plagues or famines; as well as the poor who had to borrow to survive. The Israelite people had been treated compassionately by a God of love in their times of vulnerability and now were to treat others as they themselves were treated.

In the second reading, St Paul praises the Thessalonians for remaining faithful to the Gospel in spite of obstacles. The life that they lived by the power of the Holy Spirit enabled them to spread their loving faith in God to surrounding places; becoming a model for others by the witness of their lives. We too are called to do the same. May we witness to others the joy of the Gospel both in word and deed.

In the Gospel, the Pharisees put a question to Jesus asking 'which is the greatest commandment of the law'. In response, Jesus says 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself'. To love God with our whole being means having God as the centre of our life. If God is at the centre of our lives then loving our neighbour ought to flow from that. It sounds simple but it is very challenging! I'm sure we all face situations where we find it difficult to love our neighbour as ourselves - our neighbour may be someone we work with, live with - yet Jesus also created that person out of love and Jesus died for that person. The love we know God has for ourselves is also the love God has for the person beside me, for the people I may not particularly like, and the people who may not particularly like me. If we really think about God loving everyone as much as he loves us, we'd see everyone in a new way! Everyone is special to God.

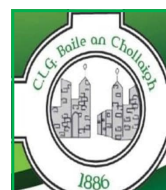
Last weekend was a Phenomenal one for Ballincollig winning below Illustrated Treble of events



Ballincollig RFC
J2 Team
Won The
Muskerry Cup



At the Communities in Bloom International Challenge Showcase Awards in Quebec, Canada, Ballincollig Tidy Towns won the Best International Town in its medium towns category, and we also won the Outstanding Achievement Award for International Plant and Floral Displays.



Ballincollig won the
Premier
Intermediate
Hurling
Championship

We congratulate Ballincollig Tidy Towns and its volunteer, the Rugby & GAA Clubs and their players who all played a huge part in achieving this tremendous result



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'. 1 hour per week for 6 weeks. 2 small groups of 6 participants each. Wednesday (Men) Thursdays (Women)

Initial Contact: Fr Alan O'Leary PP or any priest in the family of parishes of Ballinora, Ballincollig, Ovens/Farran & Kilmurry or

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Abide in His Love Women's Conference

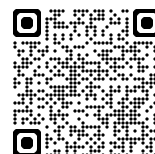
Abide Women's Conference, November 20-22, the Great Northern Hotel Bundoran, Co. Donegal. Speakers include: Sarah Swafford, Fr Barry Braum, Fr Mark Wharton, Kimberlee WooLing, Danielle Noonan, Nashville Dominicans & more, Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Fintan Gavin, from Cork & Ross Diocese. We would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

I love you, Lord, my strength.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Thirtieth Week In Ordinary Time

25 Sunday Ex 22:20-28. Ps 17. 1 Thess 1:5-10. Mt 22:34-40. Lect I: 717

26 Monday Eph. 4:32-5:8. Ps. 1. Lk. 13:10-17. Lect II: 838

27 Tuesday Eph. 5:21-33. Ps. 127. Lk. 13: 18-21. Lect II: 840

28 Wednesday Eph. 6: 1-9. Ps. 144. Lk. 13:22-30 Lect II: 842

29 Thursday Eph 6:10-20. Ps 143. Lk 13:31-35. Lect II: 844

30 Friday Phil. 1: 1-11. Ps. 110. Lk. 14: 1-6. Lect II: 846

31 Saturday Phil 1:18-26. Ps 41. Lk 14:1-7-11. Lect II: 848

Next Sunday's Readings 01/November/2026

Is 25:6-9. Ps 26. Rom 5:5-11. Mt 11:25-30. Lect I: 1002

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.

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 Oct. at 12 noon.

The November Novena for the Holy Souls

Sunday 1st November is All Saints Day. Masses are as per usual Sat. /Sun. Mon. 2nd The Feast of All Souls, Tues. 3rd, Wed. 4th, Thurs. 5th, Fri. 6th, Mon. 9th & Tues. 10th November - There will be weekday morning Masses as usual (excluding Monday and Tuesday morning at Christ Our Light): in both churches during the Novena 8.30am in Christ our Light and 9.30am in St. Mary & St. John. There will also be evening Mass at 7.30pm in St. Mary & St John's church each day except Saturday and Sunday.

Special Remembrance Mass

There will be a Special Mass to remember all our loved ones who died during the past year on Friday November 6th at 7.30pm in St Mary & St John. All those whose funerals took place in the Parish will be remembered at this Mass. Families whose relatives' funerals didn't take place in Ballincollig parish and wish to have deceased family members (who died during the past 12 months) included in this Mass are invited to hand in their names to the Sacristy or Parish Office during the week. Please include a contact name and address. Families and individuals are invited to partake

† IN SYMPATHY †

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :

Michéal Devane, Annascaul, Kerry.
Cathy Horgan, Pine Walk.
Brenda Quigley, Glincool.
Siobhán Burke, West Village.

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

Nicola Callaghan, Maple Lawn.
Finbarr Harrington, Poulavone.
Jerry O'Leary, Knockburden.
Beth Walsh, Sweetbriar Lane.
Statia O'Callaghan, The Old Square & Innishmore.
Una & John Murphy, Blackrock.
Mary Downey, Lough Villas.
Sheila Collins, The Lough.
Larry Williamson, Rosewood Estate.
Finbarr Harrington, Poulavone.
Gerald & Chris Lenihan, Ballyvolane.
Breda O'Donoghue, West Village.
Marie O'Flaherty, Coolroe Meadows.
James O'Sullivan, Kilmichael.
Catherine O'Sullivan, Adrigole.
John & Eugene Cremin, Inniscarra.
Ted O'Regan, Muskerry Estate.
Sheila & Tim Coakley, Castlehaven.
John Coakley, London/Castlehaven.

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:

- Sycamore Formation Series: A video-based programme with guided group discussion on Catholic formation.
- Foundations in Theology: A lecture-based introduction to Catholic theology.
- 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

The Irish Cancer Society

The 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

Mission Sunday Envelope Collection

The envelope collection for the propagation of the faith which was taken up at all churches last weekend 18th/19th October amounted to €1,800. We appreciate your continued generosity.

Ovens & Farran Parish

Parish Contact Details

Parish Phone No's.

Fr. John McCarthy Co-PP 021 4871180

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Parish Centre / Sacristy: 021 4289768

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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 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

Change of Mass Times from next weekend

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 24th/25th Oct

Farran: 6pm: Paddy and Mona Coughlan, Bishopstown

Farran: 9.30am: May Leahy, Ballineadig, 1st Anniversary

Ovens: 11.30am: Tom and Jean Byrne, Killavullen

Recent Baptisms:

Kevin Liam Murphy

Remembrance Mass on Friday 6th of November

We remember all those who died during the year in our parish and also family members from outside the parish. The names will be placed on the Remembrance Tree on the 1st of Nov. The names will be called out on the night of the Mass and family members will be invited to place a lighted candle on the altar. The candle can be taken home after Mass. If you would like to have a loved one prayed for from outside the Parish on the night, please give name, address and date of death into the parish office, or either Ovens or Farran Sacristy not later than 28th of October. The lights and the names for the Tree of Remembrance must be prepared beforehand.

Novena for the Dead: 2nd to 10th November:

Farran: Mon-to Friday 9.30

Ovens: Monday-Friday 7pm

Cemetery Prayers and Blessing of Graves on Sunday 8th of November after:

9.30am Mass: Aglish.

11.00am Mass: Ovens

12.15am approx. in Athnowen

3.00pm in Kilcrea

Mass Bookings for 2027

Mass Bookings in Ovens are currently being taken for January and February of 2027 only. A first Anniversary Mass in may be booked at any time.

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

25th October Barry O'Mahony

31st October Mona Brady

1st November Maura Cronin

14th November Aidan Goggin

15th November Richard Dineen

21st November Carol Mulcahy

28th November Peter Mulcahy

November Novena

The best gift that we can give anyone is "The Mass"

This is a beautiful gift for the living and also for those who have passed on. The November Novena starts on Monday 2nd, Feast of The Holy Souls, with our annual Remembrance Mass and will continue for 9 Masses.

November Blessings of Graves

Blessings of the Church Cemetery, Inniskenny Cemetery and Corbally Cemetery will take after Mass on Monday 9th November

Ballinora Waterfall Community Association

Ballinora Waterfall Community Association AGM will be held in the men's shed on Wednesday the 28th of October at 7.00pm.

This is an open meeting and everyone is invited

Second Collection

Diocesan Youth Ministry 15th November

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

Remembrance Mass 6th November at 7pm

Tom Griffin, Currabeg

Caite O'Connor, chapel Road

Nora Glavin, Beverly

Frank Metcalfe Ovens/Ballincollig

Paddy McCarthy, Aglish

Aidan Ring, Ballincollig/Kilcrohane

Kathleen McCarthy, Abbey rd.

Donal Garvey, Kilumney

John O'Mahony, Kilcrea

Abina Conway, Shanagarr Ballincollig

Abina McCarthy, Garryhesta

Austin Barrett, Farnanes

Jerry o'Leary, Aglish Cross

Mathew O'Driscoll, Ovens/Fairhill

Mary Lynch, Currabeg,

Sheila Griffin, Currabeg

Martin O'Carroll, Farran

Gussie Sheehan, Lower Farran

Mary Buckley, Ballineadig

Ina Murphy, Barnagore

Patricia Casey, Beverly,

Marie Mangan, Lisheens

Kay Donovan, Farran

Muriel O'Riordan, Farran

Anne Finnegan, Aglish

Ita Lehane, Lackenareague

Con Corkery, Dripsey

Anthony Dwyer, Ballinhassig

Cornie McSweeney, Kealkill

Sheila Mangan, Ardnacrusha

Ovens/ Farran 7th Parish Assembly

The new Parish Assembly will have another information evening with Lorraine Buckley, Faith Development Co-ordinator, on Tuesday, 27th October at 7.30pm, in the Parish Centre. Everyone is welcome. Thank you.

November Envelopes:

The November Envelopes will be available in porches of both Ovens and Farran Churches from this weekend.

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.

Legion of Mary

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

Autumn Dues Envelopes

Envelopes are available at Church doors in Kilmurry, Cloughdub 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.

Singing for fun and meeting new people who love music.

Enjoy nights of singing for fun and meeting new people who love music too. Every Tuesday evening at 6 15pm in The Kilmurry Museum
Everyone welcome. For details 087 2331255

October: The Month of the Holy Rosary

Rosary will be recited at the Grotto in Crookstown at 8pm every Tuesday night during the month of October. All are welcome

Ireland's 3rd National First Saturdays Conference.

This year's conference will take place in Knock on Saturday November 28th. The day begins at 10am and finishes at 5pm. It includes Holy Mass, adoration, talks, and a healing service. Speakers include: Fr Patrick Cahill, Geraldine O'Donnell, Fr Leon Pereira OP, Nikki Kingsley, Fr Marius O'Reilly, Fr. Jaimie Twohig, Christine O'Hara, Fr. Mark Quinn, and Fr Philip Kemmy. Fr. John Keane will lead a Eucharistic Healing Service. More information and the list of buses going are available on www.firstsaturdays.ie. At Fatima Our Lady promised that if we did what she asked there would be peace in the world and that many souls would be saved.

Bus from Togher Church, to book contact John Joe on 087 1302763.

First Reading: Exodus 22:20-28

God calls for sensitivity for the needs of others. A social morality is demanded. It singles out those for whom God has a special love, as should God's chosen people; a love for the stranger, widow, orphan, poor. Often these do not enjoy full civil rights and are victims of oppression and exploitation. Members of a truly just society must be compassionate and provide for its weakest members.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

Paul is fulsome in his praise for the Christian community of the Thessalonians. He had come to them with the Good News. With the power of the Spirit and in spite of much suffering they received his teaching with open minds and generous hearts. Their way of life radically changed. They were now an example of the life of love to other Christian communities.

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

Trying to trick Jesus into saying something contrary to Moses, the Pharisees asked Jesus which was the greatest commandment. Jesus responded by saying that we are to love God with all our heart, our soul, and mind. Secondly, we are to love our neighbour as our self.

TRÓCAIRE

Annual Trócaire Remembrance Mass

November is the Month of the Holy Souls and a precious time to remember those no longer with us. It is always a deeply poignant time of year, but especially this year as millions of people around the world cope with the devastating impact of conflict, climate change and hunger.

Each November, Trócaire holds a Remembrance Mass in Maynooth and in Belfast for our deceased supporters and friends. It is an **opportunity** to remember those who are part of the **Trócaire** family, and who are no longer with us today.

We invite you to join us in person or online:

Belfast:

1pm, Wednesday 11th November
St Mary's Church, 2-4 Chapel Lane, Belfast, BT1 1HH
Celebrant: Fr Tim Bartlett

You can also join us online at <http://www.stmarysbelfast.org/webcam/>

Maynooth:

10am Thursday 12th November
St Mary's Church, Moyglare Road, Maynooth, Co Kildare
Celebrant: Fr. Tom Dalzell You can also join us online at <https://maynoothparish.org/webcam-2/>

Muskerry Local History Society

Ballincollig & Carrigrohane Castles

Who built these castles? What was it like to live in them? What were Ballincollig and Carrigrohane like in medieval times? These and other questions will be answered by Paul MacCotter in his illustrated lecture on Ballincollig and Carrigrohane Castles, organised by Muskerry Local History Society. The lecture will be held in Ballincollig Rugby Club P31 DA38 on Mon, 2nd Nov. at 7.00 pm.



Reflection for Parents

Our children see us live out this gospel message in the every-day things we do for other people. How often do they quietly notice us help an elderly relative, take food to a sick neighbour, or visit someone in a nursing home. We don't really have to preach this gospel message to our children, but sometimes just inviting them along is witness enough to shape their lives.