The Parishioner

Sunday 08-November-2026



Thirty Second Sunday In Ordinary Time.
The wisdom of God is given to us if we are open to seek it. Having received it, it teaches us to be always open, alert for the approach and the presence of God. With this wisdom God's coming will not catch us unprepared to receive Him.



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True Wisdom

True wisdom is more than knowledge or cleverness. We have seen many sad examples of cleverness and knowledge without wisdom in Irish eco nomic and political life in recent years, and we all live with the consequences of that foolishness today. This Sunday's reading from the Book of Wisdom tells something about the nature of wisdom. It is available to those who seek it and it is essentially of God. A wise person will have a lightness and brightness of heart, a loving heart is wise. Wisdom is a gift from God, and we may pray with the Psalmist: "give me the Wisdom that sits by your throne.

The more obvious lesson to be taken from the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids in our Gospel reading, is that we should be prepared for and take thought for the future. It reminds us of the danger of loosing everything through thoughtlessness or foolishness. Jesus is speaking in the context of end times, the end of the world and the ending of our lives. The wedding feast was a long-established biblical metaphor for banquet of the Kingdom of God, an image of salvation. Similar wedding customs to those described, lasted until the early twentieth century in the middle east. The maidens in the bridal procession would carry torches made of sticks wrapped in oil-soaked rags or old rope, which were kept lighting, charred pieces being trimmed off and more oil added as necessary. We may wonder if we will be able to rekindle our faith in a time of crisis, will there be a spark left. Without faith we may be unable to hear the words of life, un able to accept the gift of God's salvation. We pray that we will be wise, and keep the light of faith burning in our hearts.

As Christians we face the reality of death, and are not afraid to talk about it. St Paul encourages us to be certain about those who have died in the Lord and not to be like those with no hope. We have a sure and certain hope for ourselves and those we love. Jesus tells us he has prepared a place for each of us and will return to take us to himself, so that, as he says, "where I am you may be too." We live in that hope, in that promise, as we pray for our beloved dead in this month of November.

Prayer for Vocations

Loving God, at baptism you have gifted each of us with a call to serve you and all people in everything we do. Give us the strength to share your message of love, justice, hope and peace in every part of our Diocese of Cork and Ross. We ask you Lord, for the gift of new vocations to priesthood in our Diocese. In your fatherly care, accompany those who are seeking to know your will for them. Inspire those you invite to serve as priests and fill them with the courage to answer that call. Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

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/

For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

Ballincollig Parish Number for Priest on Duty is: 087 4021357
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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :

Gertie Barry, Clonakilty.
Joan McNamara, Farran/Ballincollig.
Breda Connery, Greenfields/Inchigeela.
Christie Lee, Parknamore.
Cathy Horgan, Pine Walk.
Mingo Audreu, Spain.
Declan Holland, Ovens.

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

Nora & Teddy O'Callaghan, Carrigrohane.
Eileen & Ian Carmody, Castlepark.
Lee family, Fergus, Dripsey.
Timmy Cotter, Leo Murphy Tce.
Lily O'Riordan, Beech Park.
Clíona Thuillier (nee Cummins), Douglas/Kinsale.
Cathal O'Neill, Cathedral Road.
Margaret Flanagan, Castlepark.
Dec. mem. of the Flanagan family, Castlepark.
Mary Crowley, Ballyhooly.
John & Hanna O'Connor.
Mary Dineen, Shandon View.
Paddy & Fergal O'Regan, Carrigrohane.
Sonny, Mary & Dec. mem. of O'Regan family, Poulavone.
Joe, Betty & Goretti LeBlanc.

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 began 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

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*

'A Healing Afternoon Retreat'

Ruah Retreats presents 'A Healing Afternoon Retreat' - Remembering our loved ones, healing our losses, releasing stress and finding hope. Guest musicians, healing ministry & candlelit ceremony, taking place on Sunday, November 22, 2026, from 2:30 p.m. - 6p.m. at Vienna Woods Hotel, Cork. Further information & bookings Via www.ruahrest.com

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Thirty Second Week In Ordinary Time

08 Sunday Wis. 6:12-16. Ps. 62. 1 Thess. 4:13-18. Mt. 25:1 13. Lect I: 722

09 Monday Ez. 47:1-2, 8-9, 12, Ps. 45. 1 Cor.3:9-11,16-17. In. 2:13-22. Lect II: 1250 or Lect I:1006

10 Tuesday Tit 2:1-8, 11-14. Ps 36. Lk 17:7-10. Lect II: 864

11 Wednesday Tit. 3:1-7. Ps. 22. Lk. 17:11-19. Lect II: 866

12 Thursday Philem. 7-20. Ps. 145. Lk. 17:20-25. Lect II: 869

13 Friday 2 Jn. 4-9. Ps. 118. Lk. 17:26-37. Lect II: 871

14 Saturday 3 Jn. 5-8. Ps. 111. Lk. 18:1-8. Lect II: 873

Next Sunday's Readings 15-November-2026

Prov. 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31. Ps. 127. 1 Thess. 5:1-6. Mt. 25:14-30. Lect I: 725

Ballincollig Mass Times

St. Mary & St. John		Christ Our Light
8:30 am, 10 am	Sunday	11 am, 12:30 pm
9:30 am & 7:30 pm	Monday	No Morning Mass
9:30 am & 7:30 pm	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.

The November Novena for the Holy Souls concludes on 10th Nov

See above table for Mass timings this week for Ballincollig.

Diocesan Youth Ministry Envelope Collection

The Youth Ministry Special Collection will take place on the weekend of November 14th and 15th, 2026. It is important for us to support and encourage our young people in every way we can and encourage them to take part in their local Parish. This collection directly supports the work of Sheila Kelleher, our Diocesan You th Ministry Coordinator, and the many volunteers dedicated to nurturing faith among our youth. Over the past year, new initiatives have taken root, including Altar Server Workshops, Alpha Youth (fostering collaboration between schools and parishes), Maranatha (a faith-based high-energy music event for Post-Primary school students), the continuation of the Sycamore & Foundations in Theology programmes, Lourdes pilgrimage, the Jubilee of Youth and Connect (for young adults). Please be as generous as you can as we cannot do this without your support. Investing in our young people is vital for the future of the Church.

Cork City – Garda Mass

The Annual Garda Mass for deceased members and staff of An Garda Síochána will be celebrated at 7.30pm on Thursday, 12th November 2026 in the SMA Church, Wilton, Cork.

Ovens & Farran Parish

Parish Contact Details

Parish Phone No's.
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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: 11.00 am
Farran: 9.30am

Weekday Masses

Ovens: 9.30 am Wednesday and Friday
Farran: 9.30 am Tuesday and Thursdays

Vigil Masses for Nov 2026

7th Nov	14th Nov	21st Nov	28th Nov
Ovens	Farran	Ovens	Ovens

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 7th Nov/8th Nov

Farran: 6pm Mary Murphy, Rooves
Farran: 9.30am Brendan Sheehan, Ballineadig, 2nd Anniversary
Ovens: 11.am Ellen O'Callaghan, Aglish

Recently Deceased

Dan Joe Gleeson, Currabeg
Joan McNamara, Aglish
Declan Holland, Knockane

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.

November Envelopes:

The November Envelopes are now available in porches of both Ovens and Farran Churches .

Ministers of the Eucharist

New Rota for the Ministers of the Eucharist, Ovens 11.am Mass, now available in sacristy.

Ovens/Farran Book Club Meeting

The meeting of the Ovens/Farran Book club will take place on Monday Next, 9th Nov. at 7.30 pm in the Parish centre.

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

14th November Aidan Goggin
15th November Richard Dineen
21st November Carol Mulcahy
28th November Peter Mulcahy

Recently Deceased

Please keep the family and friends of the recently deceased below in your prayers
Mona Brady
Aidan Goggin
Pauline Conway
Barbara O'Meara

Recent Baptisms

Oisin Kelleher son of Mark Kelleher & LouJane Livesey
Saoirse Collins daughter of Shane Collins & Catherine O'Keeffe
Jay Hourihane son of Eoin Hourihane & Laura Kennefick
Benjamin O'Connor son of Cathal O'Connor & Kathy Kilgallon
Rio Lougheed son of Colin Lougheed & Nicole Keary
Conor Rock son of Shane Rock & Sarah Cullinane
Seán Kelleher son of Fergus Kelleher & Sharon Kelly
Daragh, Conor & Liam Power sons of Owen Power & Susan O'Connor
Daniel McKeogh son of John McKeogh & Eimear Moloney

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 Mon 9th November

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

Ballinora Men's Shed & Ballinora Community Association

Both groups picked up an award at the annual Muintir na Tire ceremony held in the Kingsley Hotel. The event was held in a packed ballroom with representatives from all over Cork City and County. Pat Tuite representing the Ballinora Men's Shed group won the overall prize for his entry. Pat received a medal a certificate and a cash prize. Ballinora Community Association picked up another prize for the Heritage category for the new dry stone wall across from Ballinora Church. e received a certificate and a cash prize. This year there were over 75 entries from all over Cork City and County up from 45 last year.

Ballinora Tidy Towns

We increased our points by 12 to 348 points. We are very happy with that and is a reflection of all the hard work put in by all our volunteers. This work is carried out by a small dedicated group. More volunteers are needed in the Community Association and in Tidy Towns if this work is to continue

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.

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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.

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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 newsletter, send before lunchtime on the previous Wednesday to Peter at kilmurry.parish1@gmail.com

Autumn Dues

Fr. Kieron thanks everyone for the Autumn Dues. Your support is very much appreciated.

Schedule of Masses for the Faithful Departed for the Novena:

Monday, November 9th St. Mary's church Kilmurry @ 10am.
Tuesday, November 10th St. John the Baptist church Canovee @ 10am.
Wednesday, November 11th St. Joseph's church Cloughduv 10am.

Congrats to the Canovee and Kilmurry footballers on winning their respective County finals.

Kilmurry Annual Bereavement Mass will be celebrated in St. Joseph's Church, Cloughduv on Friday, November 20th at 7.30pm

The Macroom Branch of the Irish Guide Dogs invites you to join us for an exciting Bingo Night Fundraiser. Friday 13th November 7.30pm in the Castle Hotel, Macroom. The evening will feature 10 rounds of bingo plus a Jackpot Round with all proceeds supporting the incredible Irish Guide Dogs. This event is organised by Macroom Branch and promises a night of fun prizes and community spirit. Mark your calendars and bring your friends for a great causes.

Independence Museum Kilmurry

Are thrilled to launch a modern online way to join and renew through our website. Membership is €20/year for individuals, or €40/year for a family. You can also scan the QR code opposite, or you can pay at the Museum. Our members join us from across Ireland and around the world. Share this with a friend, a neighbour, a cousin abroad with Kilmurry roots? We receive no statutory funding and rely entirely on the generosity of our community.

First Reading: Wis. 6:12-16
The gift of wisdom is freely given to all who seek it.

Second Reading: 1 Thess. 4:13-18
People of faith do not grieve like others who have no hope.

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13
Jesus told the story about ten maidens waiting for a bridegroom to return home with his new bride. Most likely he had been delayed at her home working out the negotiations for her with the bride's father. Five of the maidens came with enough oil to keep their lamps burning through the night. The other five foolishly brought none. This passage is clearly about the end times and our being ready for it. The maidens needed oil to keep their lamps burning in order to be ready for the bridegroom. The message for us relates back to the Great Commandment we read about two weeks ago. We need to love God and our neighbours to insure that our lamps are ready for the end time.

Muskerry Local Historical Society

Launch of Times Past, our local History Journal Daniel Breen, Curator, Cork Public Museum, launched the latest edition of Times Past, 2025-26, Journal of Muskerry Local History Society, in Ballincollig Rugby Club. He congratulated the Society and its contributors for producing another excellent journal. The 104 page journal has a great variety of articles which include the story of Robert Gibbings (Carrigrohane), writer and engraver, the Pikes of Cork, a history of Ballincollig Soccer Club, Domhnall Ó Murchadha (Carrigrohane), sculptor, the forges of Ovens and Farran, the story of a serial prankster from Ballincollig, the building of Carrigdene, the 1926 Census on Ballincollig and Ovens and many more. The journal is available in local shops, particularly Ballincollig Post Office, Quish's SuperValu, Cloghroe Post Office and O'Callaghans, Ovens as well as at the Society's lectures. Cost of Journal is €10.



Contributors to Times Past, 2025-26, and Daniel Breen, Curator, Cork Public Museum, at the launch of the local history journal in Ballincollig Rugby Club.

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.

Reflection for Parents Sometimes we grow impatient when we read the scriptures that anticipate Christ's return. After all, it's been two thousand years and not a word! It's easy for all of us to be lulled into complacency by such silence. But we not only have a responsibility to ourselves to be prepared, we must impress upon our children the importance of being ready for Jesus when he returns. One way to do this is show our children how the Kingdom of God has already begun. Even though the Kingdom is not complete yet, we can point out signs where life today is in some ways already like the Kingdom. For example people loving one another, caring for one another, and reaching out to one another in kindness, are all ways that point toward the coming Kingdom.