The Parishioner

Sunday 15-November-2026



Thirty Third Sunday In Ordinary Time
World Day of the Poor
How often fear and anxiety prevent people from producing their best, from using their God-given talents to the full. In today's parable Jesus shows that a God who inspires fear may inspire little else. His image of God as a loving father inspires confidence and so enables us to develop what he has given us.



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World Day of the Poor

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

"The celebration of the World Day of the Poor is meant to remind our communities that the poor are at the heart of all our pastoral activity." Pope Leo IVX
Pope Francis established World Day of the Poor as an annual observance in 2017. After the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis said he wanted to set aside a day so that, throughout the world, Christian communities could become even greater signs of Christ's charity for those in need.

As the Church prepares to observe the Tenth World Day of the Poor on Sunday, 15 November 2026, Pope Leo XIV delivered a message focused on the theme: "The Lord is the refuge of the poor" (Psalm 14:6), and focuses on condemning social injustice, arrogant corruption, and the factors that deepen poverty.

In his message for the 10th World Day of the Poor, Pope Leo XIV contemplates God as "the refuge of the poor." He encourages Christians to re-evaluate the importance of the poor in our lives and to reflect on our dedication to justice, solidarity, and human dignity.

The Pope warns that the cry of the poor is often silenced through "a multitude of increasingly subtle tactics," while the digital world can worsen prejudice and reinforce indifference and that "the poor of our day are the forgotten and the marginalised: robbed not only of bread, but also of a voice and a face."

"The poor have no choice but to cry out to God," he writes, adding that they entrust themselves to Him "certain that they will be heard because God is faithful and rich in mercy."

The Holy Father expresses hope that the Tenth World Day of the Poor will help Christians "rediscover the faces of so many brothers and sisters who seek refuge in God and long to feel at home in our communities." talents in the service of our parish community.

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.

Raising Hope: Laudato Si' Conference for Parishes

Parish communities from across Cork & Ross, Cloyne and Waterford and Lismore are invited to Raising Hope, a Laudato Si' conference on Saturday, 21 November 2026, exploring how Christian faith can inspire action to care for our common home.
Organised by Trócaire on behalf of the Irish Bishops' Conference and in partnership with the Laudato Si' Movement the conference promises inspiring speakers, practical workshops and opportunities to share ideas. Participants will discover ways to put Laudato Si' into practice through parish action, biodiversity initiatives, ecological spirituality and climate justice.
Saturday, 21 November | 10am–4pm | Clayton Hotel Silver Springs, Cork
Places are limited and registration is essential.
To book your place, contact Maria Murphy at maria.murphy@trocaire.org.

"For we know that things can change... Truly, much can be done!"
(Laudato Si', 14, 180)

TRÓCAIRE

Annual Appeal

Society of St Vincent de Paul

Annual Christmas Collection will take place at all Masses in The Family of Parishes on Saturday and Sunday 12th and 13th December 2026.

Forever Loved: Forever Cherished

A Service of Remembrance for families who have experienced the loss of a child at birth or in pregnancy will be held at 7.00 p.m. in the Church of the Resurrection, Farranree, on Friday 27th November 2026. Farranree Parish invites any family that has experienced the heartbreak of losing a child during pregnancy or at birth, no matter whether recently or many years ago, to join us in our Annual Service of Remembrance honouring these precious children in prayer and ritual at 7.00 p.m. on Friday 27th Nov. in Farranree Church [T23 NV97].

All are welcome.

O Blessed Are Those Who Fear The Lord

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 :

Laurence (Larry) Doyle, Rosewood.
Ann O'Leary, Coolroe.
Gertie Barry, Clonakilty.
Rosemary Kidangan Philipose, Ballincollig.
Eleanor Noonan, Ballincollig.

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

William Barry, Ballyvolane.
Jim Walsh, Beech Park.
Dec. Mem. of Ballincollig Active Retirement.
Dec. Mem. of the Barry-Murphy family, Carriganarra.
John O'Sullivan, Curraheen, Bishopstown.
Maria Auta Soares, India.
Abbie McCarthy, Avoncourt.
Dec. Mem. of the Parish Choir.
Betty Casey, Park Rd.
Michael Twohig & Dec. Mem's of the Twohig family, Inniscarra View.
James Ellis McDermott, Poulavone.
Siobhán Moynihan, Albert Rd.
Timothy O'Callaghan, Inchigaggin, Carrigrohane.
Tony Whelan, Maglin.
Hugh Collins, Innishmore Drive/Dunmanway.
Kitty Hartnett, Dublin/Limerick.
Geraldine & Willie Hawkes, Knockavilla.
Charles O'Leary, Minister's Cross.
Dave & Abina Sheehan, Kilcorney.

Radio Maria Ireland

Radio Maria Ireland is holding a Christmas Party Fundraiser in the Hibernian Hotel in Mallow, Co. Cork on Thursday, 3rd December. It promises to be a joyful and celebratory afternoon, all in support of the evangelising mission of Radio Maria. Doors open at 1pm, followed by a 3-course meal, live entertainment and great raffle prizes! Tickets are €50pp. To purchase tickets,
contact the station on 01-4123456 or via iDonate at https://www.idonate.ie/event/corkfundraiser1.
Saturday, 21 November | 10am–4pm | Clayton Hotel Silver Springs, Cork
Places are limited and registration is essential. To book your place, contact Maria Murphy at maria.murphy@trocaire.org.
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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 Third Week In Ordinary Time

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

16 Monday Apoc. 1:1-4, 2:1-5. Ps. 1. Lk. 18:35-43. Lect II: 875

17 Tuesday Apoc. 3:1-6, 14-22. Ps. 14. Lk. 19:1-10. Lect II: 877

18 Wednesday Apoc. 4:1-11. Ps. 150. Lk. 19:11-28. Lect II: 880

19 Thursday Apoc. 5:1-10. Ps. 149. Lk. 19:41-44 Lect II: 883

20 Friday Apoc. 10:8-11. Ps. 118. Lk. 19:45-48. Lect II: 885

21 Saturday Zech. 2:14-17. Ps. Lk. 1:46-55. Mt. 12:46-50. Lect II: 1271

Next Sunday's Readings 22-November-2026
Ez. 34:11-12, 15-17. Ps. 22. 1 Car. 15:20-26, 28. Mt. 25:31-46. Lect I: 729

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.

Diocesan Youth Ministry Envelope Collection

The Youth Ministry Special Collection will take place this weekend 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 Youth 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.

Offertory Collection Boxes

The Offertory Collection is solely for the upkeep, maintenance, insurance, lighting, heating and related expenses of both churches. Could the people who have a box number allocated to them, please collect them from Ballincollig Parish Office, Ballincollig Parish Centre, Station Road Postcode: P31 KV63?
Mon. – Wed. 9.30am – 12.30pm.

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: 11.00 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

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

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

Holy Hour

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 14th Nov/5th 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

Youth Ministry Special Collection

The Youth Ministry collection will take place this weekend the 14th/15th Nov.

Feast of Christ the King

On Sunday 22nd of November, we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 12.00pm to 5.00pm in Ovens Church. Rosary will be recited every hour on the Hour.

Ministers of the Eucharist

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

Ovens/Farran 7th Parish Assembly

The November meeting of the Ovens/Farran Parish Assembly is on Monday the 16th of November at 8pm in the Parish Centre.

Hickeys Bar Aherla

A night of music, singing and storytelling,this Wednesday the 18th of November. Starting at 9pm sharp.
Fear an Tí, Jim Murphy
All welcome

Christmas Craft Fair

There will be a Christmas craft fair held on:
Date: Saturday 21st November in the Crann Centre
Time: 12pm-4pm
All funds raised go to the Crann 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

15th November Richard Dineen
21st November Carol Mulcahy
28th November Peter Mulcahy

St. Vincent De Paul Collection

Monthly Collection will be held the first weekend in each. (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.

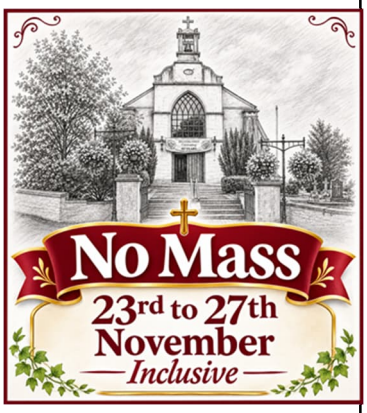
Hour of Adoration

Every Tuesday there will be a Service of Word and Eucharist at 7pm followed by an Hour of Adoration in the Church

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





Christian Meditation Cork

A morning of talks and Meditation. Sacred Heart Hall Western Road on 21st November 2026 @ 10 am.
Fr Donagh O'Shea OP, registration 9:30, Donation €10
Will conclude with Mass at 1 pm.

Ballincollig Alzheimer Café

The Ballincollig Alzheimer Café will take place this Thursday, 19th November from 3:00 – 5:00 PM in The Chapel Gate Café, Ballincollig, Cork (P13 XP38) with guest speaker Olwyn Patterson. Topic: Carer Experience on filling in Fair Deal Application. Alzheimer Cafés provide a relaxed and friendly space for people living with dementia, their families, friends, and healthcare professionals to come together, share experiences, and learn from one another. Alzheimer Cafés provide a relaxed and friendly space for people living with dementia, their families, friends, and healthcare professionals to come together, share experiences, and learn from one another.

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

The National Tidy Towns 2026 Competition

Aherla village improved their overall result by 11 points from 2025. The adjudicator had lots of positive comments on all the work that the committee have been doing over the last few years and looks forward to future improvements to enhance the village further.

Kilmurry Crookstown Community Alert

We note that some participants are being contacted by their landline phone providers to let them know that their landline will be changing from copper lines to fibre. If any participants with base and pendant landline equipment are wondering if they need to do anything with their alarms as a result of the change, they are advised to contact their supplier before the changeover happens. This will ensure that any required changes to equipment can be made in advance and reduces the risk of equipment not working after the change happens.
Supplier Contact Details
The suppliers will phone from one of these numbers to arrange installation. We are sharing this information in advance to ensure that participants know in advance to expect a call from one of these numbers, helping them feel comfortable and confident answering.
• Care Direct: +44 (or 0044) 28 89531663 or 087 346 6014
• TASK: 01 8435889
Please also be advised that the alarm installer may call them directly in relation to their installation and to be aware that they may receive a call from a mobile number.

Kilmurry Annual Bereavement Mass

Will be celebrated in St. Joseph's Church, Cloughduv on Friday, November 20th at 7.30pm

Legion of Mary

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

First Reading: Prov. 31: 10-13. 19-20. 30-31
This reading from the Book of Proverbs may need a little 'translation' for today's world! Is the ideal marriage partner hidden here?

Second Reading: Thess. 5:1-6
This reading will have many echoes during Advent. The message is: 'Be alert!'

Gospel: Matthew 24:36, 25:14-30
In this story, a man went away on a journey. He must have been very wealthy because he entrusted large portions of his money to three of his servants. The first two servants invested the money during the master's absence and it yielded great returns. The third servant, however, was fearful of investing (or some scholars say he was lazy). In either case, the servant buried the money he was given and returned the full amount to the master when he came home. The master was pleased with the investments of the first two servants, but was very upset with the third one. To those who have much, much more will be given. To those who have little, even that little will be taken away.

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

God has given each one of us talents. Sometimes out of laziness or lack of ambition, or sometimes because we are afraid of failure or ridicule, we do not share our talents. The gospel today challenges us to take a risk and invest our gifts for the greater good of God's people. We do this ourselves as adults, but we must also try to help our children recognize their talents and use them in a productive way.

Belief:

Trust yourself, then you will know how to live.

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