The Parishioner

Sunday 22-November-2026



Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

Jesus, the Lord of all creation cared so much for those in his domain, that he was willing to die, in order to care for them. Those who will finally belong to him, will be those who have shared his care for the hungry, the naked, the lost, the crippled and the strays of this world.



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The Feast of Christ The King.

Pope Pius XI introduced the feast of Christ the King in 1925. This was a period of great tension and stress in Europe; many nations were still badly divided and people were living their lives in fear. Throughout Europe totalitarianism and fascism had taken hold and their encouragement for intolerance, racism and persecution brought suffering and fear to many. In Russia communism had taken hold and restricted people's freedom in varied ways. The feast of Christ the King reminds us that for believers there is a real gospel value, an allegiance higher than any other, an allegiance which prompts us to question all the ideologies or loyalties that would claim us.

Christ can only be truly called King as the crucified one. That the group gathered around him could truly be the children of the kingdom undermines our assumptions about who is worthy and who is to be excluded. None of those who jeer at him or reject him are placed outside his concern or shepherding care. The promise to the good thief is a symbol of Christ exercising his kingly power to deliver his people from those who would deprive them of their freedom - just as the prime duty for a political king is to ensure the security of his people.

The qualities central to the kingdom of Christ are Love, Peace, Justice and Forgiveness. The central proclamation of Christianity is the victory of the Love of God. What does it mean in today's world to talk about the reign of Christ, when so many ideologies and things seem to reign? Certainly, weapons seem to rule; power seems to rule at times; terrorism seems to rule in many areas; violence rules in other quarters. For some, economics with its twin advertising and marketing rules; for others an addiction may rule the roost. However, on days like today let us reflect on the question, who or what is my master?



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.

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.

East Cork Choral Society (Eccs)

Vivaldi's Gloria and Charpentier's Messe De Minuit will be performed By East Cork Choral Society on Sunday November 29th in Dennehy's Cross Church at 7.30pm Tickets €20, available from Promusica, Eventbrite, Eccs members and at the door.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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

Niall Cronin, Carrig Na bhFear & Kilmurry.
Rosemary Kildangan Philipose.
Dolores McNamara, Carrigrohane & Ballincollig.
Donie O'Regan, Island Way.

MONTHS MIND - THIS WEEKEND WE REMEMBER:

May Delaney, Model Farm Road.
Siobhan Burke, West Village.

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

John Herlihy, Inchigeela.
Phil Coughlan, Tower St.
Jim Hickey, Cranford Grove & Aherla.
Brendan Lawlor, Inniscarra View.
Des McCarthy, Ballinhassig.
Willie Coleman, Ballinhassig.
Ann Gallagher, Mayo.
Dec's members of the Hanney & Reilly families.
Maud & Michael Glynn, Dunmanway.
Joan & Brendan Hennigan, Inniscarra View.
Kathleen Murphy, Glounthaune.
Drewy Forde, Corbally, Waterfall.
Martin Hennigan, Inniscarra View.
Thomas Farrell, Beech Park.
Dan Kidney Muskerry Est.
Michael & Mary Costello, Greenfields.
Gary Yelverton, Cedar Vale.
John A O'Sullivan.
Larry Power, Wyndham Lawn.
Betty Casey, Muskerry Est.
Mary Harrington, Douglas St
John O'Connor, Powder Mills.
Marie Byrne, Inniscarra.
Edward Durkin, Clash Road.
Jerry O'Sullivan
Chris O' Sullivan Clash
Kevin, David & Sive McCarthy, Rosewood.

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 today Sunday, Nov. 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 Fourth Week In Ordinary Time

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

23 Monday Apoc 14:1-5. Ps23. Lk 21:1-4. Lect II: 889

24 Tuesday Apoc 14:14-19. Ps 95. Lk 21:5-11. Lect II: 890

25 Wednesday Apoc 15:1-4. Ps97. Lk. 21:12-19. Lect II: 892

26 Thursday Apoc. 18:1-2, 21-23, 19:1-3, 9. Ps. 99. Lk. 21:20- 28. Lect II: 894

27 Friday Apoc 20:1-4, 11-21:2. Ps 83. Lk 21:29-33. Lect II: 897

28 Saturday Apoc 22:1-7. Ps 94. Lk 21:34-36. Lect II: 899

Next Sunday's Readings 29-November-2026
Is 63:16-17. 64:1, 3-8. Ps 79. 1 Car 1:-9. Mk 13:33-37. Lect I: 5

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 which took place last weekend, November 14th and 15th amounted to €1,580. We appreciate your generosity.

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.

A Prayer for Peace in our Troubled World

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
For it is in giving that we receive
in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Ovens & Farran Parish

Parish Contact Details

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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: 11.00 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

21st Nov	28th Nov
Ovens	Farran

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 21st Nov/22nd Nov

Ovens: 6pm Eugene and Nora O'Connor, Ballygroman upper also their Son John and daughter Eileen.
Ovens: 11am: The late Mary Buckley, Grange Tce, on the occasion of her 100th Birthday
Farran: 9:30am: Arthur and Noreen Kelleher, Farran

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 Parish Assembly Toy Collection in aid of Edel House. Will be held on Saturday the 5th and Sunday 6th December. New Toys are very much appreciated, as are new pyjamas for children or ladies. Toys etc can be left in the Parish Centre on Saturday night 5th before and after 6pm mass and Sunday 6th before or after 11am mass The toy collection will also take place in Farran on Sunday 6th December and toys etc. may be left at the church before or after the 9.30am mass. Your support would be greatly appreciated. Thank You

Ovens/Farran 7th Parish Assembly

The Ovens/Farran 7th Parish Assembly has been formed. The members are Fr. John McCarthy, Kathleen Daly (chairperson), Geraldine Collins (vice chairperson), Alacoque Holmes (secretary), Jackie Boyle, Martina Hutchinson, Clodagh Ní Thuama, Geraldine McCarthy, Eileen McSweeney, Mary Corkery, Clare Healy Fox, Paul Healy, Teresa Lordan, Mary Aldworth and Maria Harrington.

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

21st November Carol Mulcahy
28th November Peter Murphy
29th November Elizabeth Burns
3rd December John Owg & Dermot Crowley
4th December John Dineen
5th December Naura Comerford
11th December Gerry & Lena Casey
12th December Pat & Nellie Murphy/ Paddy & Mary Fitton
13th December John Dineen
14th December Ellen Kirby
16th December Shirley Cahill
19th December Denis O'Brien
20th December Mary Keegan

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.

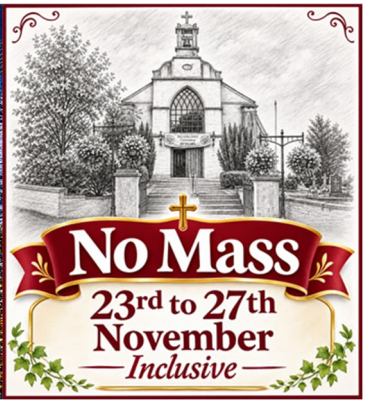
Hour of Adoration

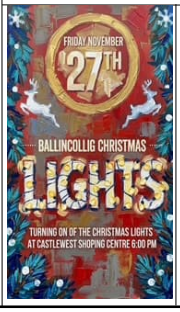
Every Tuesday there will be a Service of Word and Eucharist at 7pm followed by an Hour of Adoration in the Church

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







Reflection

I pray Lord, for the needy of our world: come among us as one who will help, and call us all to help the hungry and sick, the uneducated and homeless, those who are victims of violence and war, the lonely and depressed. May your coming this Christmas be for them a time of peace and love; may we bring to them, in what way we can the joy of your coming.

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.
uv Church Sacristy.

First Reading: Ezek. 34:11-12. 15-17
The divine shepherd keeps all of the flock in view and cares especially for those who stray.

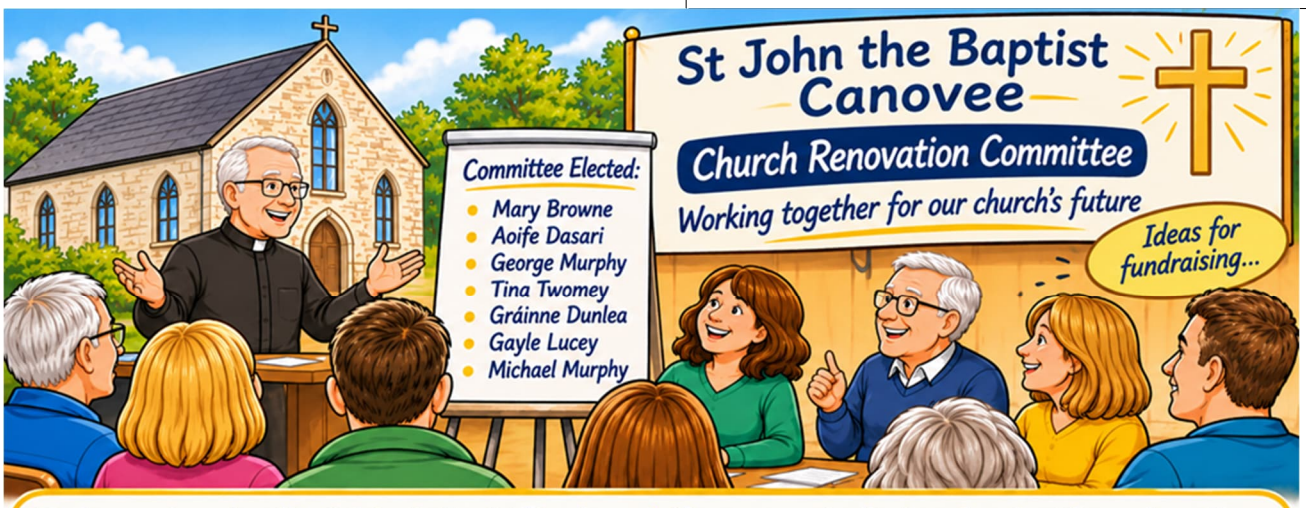
Second Reading: 1 Cor. 15:20-26. 28
Christ our Saviour is Lord of the universe. Everything is subject to him.

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46.
On this final Sunday of the Church year, the feast of Christ the King, we learn most definitely how our lives will be measured. They will be measured by the love we show. Whenever we offer a drink of water to the thirsty, food to the hungry, clothing to the naked, or whenever we visit the sick or imprisoned, or take in the stranger, we show our love to God. Through our actions toward the poor, vulnerable, estranged and discouraged we show our love of God. If we ignore these people, we also ignore God.

Muskerry Local Historical Society

A Night of Historical Artefacts

Muskerry Local History Society is presenting A Night of Historical Artefacts on Monday, 7 December at 7.00 pm in Ballincollig Rugby Club. A number of members will each talk briefly - 5 to 7 minutes - about an historical artefact which they possess. You will be familiar with some of these artefacts and each one provides information on how people lived, worked and played over the past 100 or more years. Photos of the artefacts will be displayed on screen during each presentation, and they will be available to inspect at the end of the presentation. This promises to be a very interesting night as previous nights of historical artefacts have shown



The inaugural meeting of the St John the Baptist Church Renovation Committee took place on Wednesday, November 11th, at 8pm in the Old School, with an excellent turnout of over 30 people.

Fr Kieron welcomed everyone and outlined the work required to restore our beautiful church, along with the funds currently available. A committee was then elected, comprising Mary Browne, Aoife Dasari, George Murphy, Tina Twomey, Gráinne Dunlea, Gayle Lucey and Michael Murphy.

There was great enthusiasm throughout the evening, with plenty of suggestions and ideas shared on the work needed and potential fundraising initiatives. It was agreed that the next step would be to engage an engineer to carry out a professional assessment and provide an estimate of the work required, allowing the committee to plan the way forward.

The meeting closed with sincere thanks to everyone for their attendance, support and enthusiasm. Updates and further information will be shared with those involved by email.

Together, we can protect and restore our beautiful church!