The Parishioner

Sunday 29-November-2026



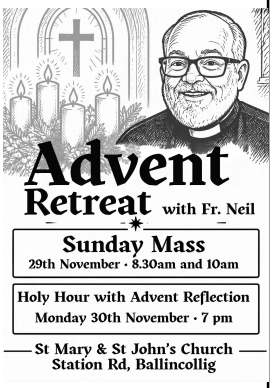
First Sunday of Advent

God comes to those who wait for him. Our waiting needs to be prayerful if we are to be truly ready to receive him when he comes.



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Fruitful Waiting



For the last number of years, I've ordered an Advent door wreath from the same florist. I'm not a fussy person (usually), so all I ask is that the wreath not be glitzy in any way and that it simply contain a dark green base with four flowers: three violet and one rose. Each year, I smile as I collect the wreath because while in principle it's the same order and set of directions, the wreath is different every year. Most likely because a different florist takes the order or puts it together from twelve months ago. This year was much bigger than any previous year, for example (a reward for loyalty, I was told!). I thought there was something symbolic in that, though. Each year we come to the season of Advent and Christmas, and we're tempted to think that's it's the same thing every year. We follow the same cycle, the same patterns, the same rituals. But a bit like my door wreath, while in principle it's the same, every year it really is different.

Each year, Advent offers us something new: a fresh start; a time to renew our sense of hope and expectation; an opportunity to experience a fruitful waiting. The waiting we experience in Advent is not like the waiting we've been hearing about on the radio these days ('22 hours spent on an Emergency Department trolley'), it's more like the waiting we experience as we accompany a pregnancy. It's a waiting that can be stressful and worrying, but, ultimately, it's a fruitful waiting that urges us to look forward with great expectation as well as savouring the present moment. So, perhaps the take-away is to enter Advent with fresh eyes and a felt-sense that God is working something new in your life, even if everything seems familiar.

To help us explore a little bit more the Advent season, Father Neil O'Donoghue, a native of Ballincollig parish and a lecturer at Maynooth College, will lead a reflective hour on Monday 30th of November in the Church of Saint Mary and Saint John from 19:00-20:00.

May this Advent be for you a time of fruitful waiting, savouring each moment as we prepare for Christ to come more and more into our lives.

God bless. Ronan Sheehan CC





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God of hosts, bring us back; Let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Vincent Scanlon, Bandon/Bishopstown.
Marie Heeney (nee Burrows), Murphy's Square.
Bernadette O'Driscoll, Westcourt Heights.
Nuala Dulea, Bandon.
Bill Maher, Lucan, Dublin.

MONTHS MIND - THIS WEEKEND WE REMEMBER:

Kathy Horgan, Pine Walk.
Ann O'Leary, Coolroe.

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

Pawel Put, Ovens.
Mary Barrett, Inniscarra View.
Vinci Drumm, Ballincollig.
Nora & Sean Roche, Togher.
Tommy Daly, Leemount.
Paul Wall, Churchfield.
Mai Murphy, Blarney.
Rita Kinsella, Carrigrohane.
Michael Twohig, Sweetbriar Lane.
Denis & Kathleen Murphy, The Crescent.
Stephen & Mary Murray, Pinecroft.
Ned & Eily Fitton, Maglin & Beech Park.
Marie Holmes, Hodders Villas.
Dave & Bridget Parker, Glandore.
Christy Callanan, Muskerry Est.
Nuala Harte, Rosscarbery.
Sean Slowey, Carrigrohane.
Olive O'Leary, Beech Road.
Mary Lehane, Ovens & Ballincollig.
Iza Murphy, Maglin.
Tim Kelly, Coolroe Heights.
James O Donovan, Enniskeane.
John O Mahony, Leeview, Carrigrohane.
Michael and Julia Healy, Cathedral Rd.
Christina Burke, Florida & Tullamore.
John Harrington, Bishopstown & Castletownbere.

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*

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

First Sunday Of Advent

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

30 Monday Rom 10:9-18. Ps 18. Mt 4:18-22. Lect II: 1279

01 Tuesday Is 11:1-10. Ps 71. Lk 10:21-24. Lect I: 13

02 Wednesday Is. 25:6-10. Ps. 22. Mt. 15:29-37. Lect I: 15

03 Thursday Is 26:1-6. Ps 117. Mt 7:21, 24-27. Lect I: 18

04 Friday Is 29:17-24. Ps 26. Mt 9:27-31. Lect I: 20

05 Saturday Is 30:19-21, 23-26. Ps 146 Mt 9:35-10:1, 6-8. Lect I: 22

Next Sunday's Readings 06-December-2026
Is 40:1-5, 9-11. Ps 84.2 Pet3:8-14. Mk 1:1-8. Lect I: 27

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.

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.

Prayer for Vocations

Prayer for Vocations are conducted at the end of the 9.30am morning Mass, every Monday at St. Mary & St. John's church.

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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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 & Dec 2026

28th Nov	5th Dec	12th Dec	19th Dec
Farran	Ovens	Farran	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: 28th/29th November

Farran: 6pm John and Mary McCarthy, Leeview
Farran: 9.30am: Bill Coughlan, Aglish
Ovens: 11.00am : Danny Crowley, London
Declan Holland, Knockane—Months Mind
Joe Gleeson Currabeg— Months Mind

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

Next meeting which is the 14th December in Parish Centre.
Ovens/Farran meeting on Monday the 30th at 2.30pm.

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

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



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.

The Bible should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. The Bible is meant not to inform, but to transform. Men do not reject the Bible because it contradicts itself but because it contradicts them.

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

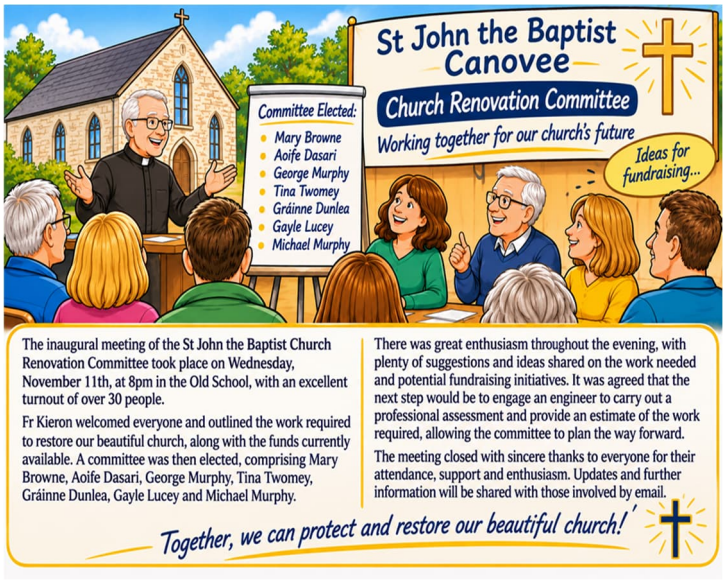
Mass Times Saturday 6:30pm Vigil
Weekday Mass Tuesday 10am
Please note Mass Times may vary.
Confession by appointment
Sacristy: Nuala Crowley

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
New members welcome

Carrigadrohid Christmas Lights

Switch-On – Sunday, December 6th at 5:30pm!
It's that magical time of year again, and we'd love you all to join us in Carrigadrohid village on Sunday, December 6th at 5:30pm as Rueben Gallaher from Canovee NS has the honour of turning on our Christmas lights!
There'll be tea, coffee and mulled wine for the grown-ups, and Mo will be back with her infamous crepes for everyone to enjoy!
After a lot of negotiating, we are delighted to announce that Santa will be joining us too – and this year, he's staying! He'll be taking the time to listen to all the children tell him just how good they've been and what they're hoping he might bring on Christmas morning!
This is always such a magical evening, bringing friends, families and the whole community together to kick off the Christmas season. So wrap up warm, bring the little ones and pop down to join in the fun!
We look forward to seeing you all there



First Reading: Is. 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8
The first reading from the Prophet Isaiah expresses sentiments of longing for the coming of the Saviour.

Second Reading:1 Cor 1:3-9
St Paul gives a word of encouragement to all who are waiting for Jesus.

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37
We are reminded in today's gospel that the world as we know it will pass away, and God's Kingdom will come in full. Jesus tells a parable about a master who went away and left each of his servants with a specific task to do. No one knew when the owner would return, just as no one can know when God's plan will be fulfilled. The words of Jesus were quite clear to the early Christians and to us today. We must be watchful and always ready for Jesus' return.

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

