

Foxford Parish

St Michael's Foxford
Toomore Church
Attymachugh Church



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Sunday 11th October 2026 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 10th Oct 6pm	Toomore	For the Community
Sat 10th Oct 7.30pm	Foxford	1. John (Anniv) & Paddy Gallagher Rinnaney R.I.P. 2. Anthony Coleman (Birthday rem.) Clossaugh R.I.P.
Sun 11th Oct 9am	Attymachugh	Frank O'Hara (Month's mind), Askilawn R.I.P.
Sun 11th Oct 11.00am	Foxford	1. Christina Lynch (Month's mind), Marino, Dublin R.I.P. 2. Brendan Cafferkey (6th Anniv) Cnoc an Dara & Ballina R.I.P. 3. Tom & Teresa Hallinan, Boherhollagh & their daughter, Bernadette O'Callaghan, Castlebar R.I.P.
Mon 12th Oct 10am	Foxford	
Tues 13th Oct 10am	Foxford	Nancy Burke (1st Anniv), her husband, Tommy, & daughters, Teresa & Mary, Cloongee R.I.P.
Wed 14th Oct 8am	Convent	
Wed 14th Oct 7pm	Foxford	
Thurs 15th Oct 10am	Foxford	Special Intention
Fri 16th Oct 10am	Foxford	
Sat 17th Oct 6pm	Toomore	
Sat 17th Oct 7.30pm	Foxford	1. Michael (32nd Anniv) & Brigid Ormsby, their son, Leo & grandson, Garry Kelly R.I.P. 2. Winnie White (3rd Anniv), Belgarrow R.I.P. 3. Terence Reape (Anniv), Riverside R.I.P. 4. Paddy Joe (Anniv) & Una & Evelyn Gaughan & deceased families, Knockmore R.I.P.
Sun 18th Oct 9am	Attymachugh	For the Community
Sun 18th Oct 11.00am	Foxford	1. Paddy Cosgrave (3rd Anniv) Belass & deceased family members R.I.P. 2. Martin Walsh (Anniv) & deceased family members Churchpark R.I.P. 3. Mary Ryder (29th Anniv) Belass & deceased of the Ryder & Connor families R.I.P. 4. Josephine Barrett (Birthday rem), Belgarrow R.I.P. (requested by her friends) Enrolment for First Holy Communion

THIS WEEKEND:		READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	ALTAR SERVERS
Toomore	Sat 10th Oct 6pm	Carmel Gallagher	Anna Marie Walsh	
Foxford	Sat 10th Oct 7.30pm	Gina Stenson	Annie Burke / Bernie Dunne / Barbara Moore	Zoe Corcoran / Grainne McLoughlin / Sean Lally / Keith McDermott/William Moore/Katie McAndrew
Attymachugh	Sun 11th Oct 9am	Lily Ruddy	Anne Prendergast	
Foxford	Sun 11th Oct 11am	Teresa O'Malley	Martha Guiry/Annie Murray/Pat McHale/Willie O'Hara	James Sugrue / Seren Toolan/Aoife Flannery/Wojciech Sereda/Harvey Donaldson
NEXT WEEKEND:				
Toomore	Sat 17th Oct 6pm	Alice Hennigan	Mary Doherty	
Foxford	Sat 17th Oct 7.30pm	Angela Neary	Seamus Coleman / Maureen Noone / Bernadette Reape	Finnian Kirwan / Ronan Gilroy / Robert Anders/Emma Jane Burke/Culainn Burke-Gallagher
Attymachugh	Sun 18th Oct 9am	Anne Prendergast	Chris Sheerin	
Foxford	Sun 18th Oct 11.00am	Helen Clarke	Bernie Flynn / Geraldine Brett / Helena Murphy / Anna Marie Walsh	Aoife Flannery / Esme Boland / Isla Boland / Zara Bolton / Aine Healy/Roisin Walsh
WEEKDAY READERS:		Monday/Tuesday : John Horgan Thursday/ Friday: Gerri Moore		

OFFERTORY COLLECTORS	October	Vigil:	Michael McDonagh / Martin Brogan / Gina Stenson
		Sunday:	Joe Davitt/ Anthony Ruane / Gerry Moran
	November	Vigil:	Martin McDonagh / Seamus Coleman / Bernadette Reape
		Sunday:	Ben Burke / Siobhan Moran/Jerome Coleman

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Recent Death:	Please pray for: Mark McDonnell, Shanwar.	Rest in Peace
Annual Blessing of Children: Foxford Parish Pastoral Council invites parents of children who were baptised in 2023 to bring your child to St. Michael's Church this Sunday, 11th October at 3 pm for a short Prayer Service and Blessing . Other family members will also be very welcome. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Admiral Brown Hall . Looking forward to seeing you!		
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Michael's church on Tuesdays after 10 am Mass until 11.30 am.		
The Working Document for the Irish National Synodal Assembly , taking place in Gormanston, Co Meath, on 17 October, brings together the fruits of five years of prayer, listening and discernment and will guide delegates as they consider and vote on suggested actions to be presented to the bishops of Ireland. While the Assembly marks an important moment in the journey, the Synodal Pathway is now moving towards a new phase of implementation. Everyone is invited to read, pray with, and reflect on the Working Document and the question: "What does God want from the Church in Ireland at this time?" Please pray for all those taking part in the Assembly and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and find out more on www.synod.ie		
Invitation to Get Involved: At the recent meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council, the desire for greater lay participation in our weekend parish Masses was discussed. We would love to see more families and parishioners getting involved. There are a number of ways you can participate, including: reading at Mass, Leading the Prayers of the Faithful or bringing up the gifts of bread and wine . This can be especially meaningful at Month's Mind or Anniversary Masses, when family members may wish to take part in remembering and praying for a loved one. We warmly invite you to consider getting involved. It would be wonderful to see more people taking an active part in our weekend Masses. If you would like to participate, please contact Fr. Padraig or any member of the Parish Pastoral Council.		
Bereavement Support Group in Ballina: A Bereavement Support Group meeting will be held at the Newman Institute, Ballina on the second Wednesday of each month (October-May), starting on 14 th October at 8pm. Trained facilitators conduct the meetings, which provide guidance and support to all who find loss difficult. All are welcome. Further information from Monica Morley, Knock Shrine on 094-9375320.		
Lighting Votive Candles: In the interests of safety, please ensure that lighted votive candles remain on the candelabra at all times and are not carried elsewhere in the church. Thank you for your cooperation.		
Wishing Good Luck to Moy Davitts and Knockmore Ladies football teams playing in the Intermediate and Senior County Finals in MacHale Park, Castlebar this Sunday.		
Tax Rebate Scheme: This is a great source of revenue to our parish each year. A very sincere word of thanks to all who use the system. Any taxpayer who contributes €250 or more to the parish collections in the year is eligible. The Forms for signing up are available at the church porches. All, regulars and newcomers , are invited to take a form and sign it and drop it in, in the next few weeks.		
The Open Evening of St Joseph's Secondary School Foxford for prospective 1st years for the academic year 27/28 will take place on Wednesday 21st October 2026. Tour of school from 6.30pm, with Principal's Address at 7.45pm. All are welcome to attend. Please contact the school office on 094-9256145 with any queries.		
Áirc Damhsa will be returning to Foxford Sports Centre this September: Set Dancing Classes , Mondays, starting 28th September, contact: 087 446 9624. Children's Sean Nós Dance Classes Fridays, starting 25th September Contact: 087 703 4584		
Eucharistic Healing Conference 16 th (2-9pm), 17 th (9am-9pm), 18 th (9am-4pm) October in The Great Northern Hotel Bundoran. Phone 087 784 7303, 086 315 2460 or 086 154 6099. Accommodation available at the hotel 07198 41204.		
'Bank of Ireland is inviting people to pop into their local branch on Friday, 16 October for a cup of tea, coffee and treats to support the Sunflower Children's Hospice . The hospice will be the first children's hospice in the region, providing specialist care and support for children and young people with life-limiting illnesses, as well as vital support for their families. To make a donation, visit sunflowerchildrenshospice.ie .		
Studio to Stall with Erris Workability: Studio to Stall is a wonderful initiative with Erris Workability, supporting people to develop their creativity, skills and confidence. Participants turn their ideas and creations from the studio into finished products, learning along the way about teamwork, communication, presentation and selling. The journey from studio to stall provides a valuable opportunity to share their talents with the wider community. The programme takes place in both Ballina and Belmullet, offering a welcoming space to get creative, learn new skills and connect with others. Eligibility criteria apply. If you would like to take part, contact Siobhan on 087 499 6605 to book your place. Come along and be part of the journey from studio to stall!		
"Remembrance by Candlelight" St. Michael's Church Foxford, Friday 20th November @ 7pm. Join Opera singer Sean Ruane , alongside the Cill Aodáin Choral Society, Maria Lynn, John Mc Hugh, The Doherty's and The Doocey's for a candlelight evening of amazing performances. The proceeds from this year's event are in aid of Hugh's House (in memory of baby Cian McHale), along with the Foxford Enhancement Group, Foxford Christmas Lights and St. Michael's Church, Foxford. Advance booking is advisable as we cannot guarantee tickets will be available on the night. Tickets €20 From Sarah 087 7965520 / Irene 087 2795242 .		
Moy Davitts 50/50 draw: Congratulations to Tracey Larkin who won a jackpot of €593 in the Moy Davitts 50/50 draw last Saturday. A huge thank you to everyone who supported last week's draw, it is greatly appreciated. Tickets are available in the usual retail outlets and by playing on the club app (Moy Davitts GAA)		
KNOCK SHRINE: Vivaldi Recomposed: Join the RTE Concert Orchestra and renowned Norwegian violinist Mari Samuelsen for an unforgettable evening in Knock Basilica on Saturday, November 7th. See www.knockshrine.ie for booking details.		
Be United in Mind and Purpose: An evening for parish councils with David Wells takes place in the Prayer Centre at Knock Shrine on Wednesday, October 14th from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. See www.knockshrine.ie for details. Email: faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie		
Whisper of God Silent Day Retreat: takes place in the Prayer Centre at Knock Shrine on Saturday, October 17th from 10am to 5pm. See www.knockshrine.ie for more details. Email prayerguidance@knockshrine.ie		
October at The Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass, Ballina Co. Mayo F26 X884		
One Day Rosary Retreat: Saturday October 17th. The Rosary: A Gift that keeps on Giving. Beginning at 11am, and concluding at 4.30pm, the day includes: spiritual talks, reflection, quiet time, rosary and Mass. The cost is €25, which includes tea, coffee on arrival & light lunch. Booking is essential. For enquiries and booking contact Fina 096 45374 / 087 681 6821		

Would you like to become a member of the Admiral Brown Branch of Comhaltas which is based in Foxford? We are now accepting Comhaltas membership for the year ahead. Email ceadmiralbrown@gmail.com. Everyone welcome. Annual Comhaltas Membership Fees: Junior Member (Under 18) - €6 Adult - €12 Family - €20
St. Joseph's Secondary School Reunion for Class 1981 - 1986 will take place on Sunday 25th October 2026 @ 8.30pm in Moy Hotel, Foxford. If you are interested in attending please contact : Noeline Ruane 087 2506 762, Majella Molloy 086 1562 760, Majella Ruane 086 8896 961 or Agnes Burke 087 9492 785. Looking forward to seeing as many as possible for a catch up.
Dioceses of Achonry & Elphin 2026/2027 Scripture Initiative: New groups and facilitators being sought. Please consider. Enquiries welcome. More information @ www.achonryelphin.ie/scripture
Bereavement Support Group: A Bereavement Support Group meets at the Family Centre, Knock Shrine each Wednesday morning at 11am. Trained facilitators conduct the meetings, which provide guidance and support to all who find loss difficult. All are welcome. Further information from Monica Morley on 094-9375320.
Custom House Studios + Gallery is holding an Anonymous Art Sale in aid of Mayo Hospice and in memory of Margaret Adams, former Chairperson and a great supporter of the arts in Westport. To take part: collect a free 16 x 20 cm primed board from Custom House Studios + Gallery, create your artwork and return the completed work to the gallery by 4pm on Monday 19 October. All artworks will be sold anonymously for €50, with the artist's name revealed only after purchase. All proceeds go to Mayo Hospice, in recognition of the care and support Margaret and her family received. Date: Thursday 22 October. Time: 7–10pm Venue: Custom House Studios + Gallery, The Quay, Westport. Contact info@customhousestudios.ie or 098 28735
Looking for a fresh start, new opportunities, or support on your journey towards work? Erris Workability offers a range of support tailored to you, including Weekly Workspace, Life Lab, Studio to Stall and one-to-one support to help build confidence, develop skills, explore employment or self-employment, and achieve your goals. The programme is available to people who meet the eligibility criteria, and if you're unsure whether you qualify, we're happy to have a chat and talk you through it. Take the first step and find out what's possible with Erris Workability. Contact Siobhan on 087 499 6605.
Supporting Children (8 - 11 years) grow in faith and friendship: New and emerging Faith & Fun Clubs in the Achonry and Elphin Dioceses now enrolling for 2026/2027 school year. For more info please visit: https://achonryelphin.ie/fafc/
Is your anger hurting you or others? Knock Counselling Centre will run an Anger Management Programme on Fri 9th & Sat 10th October. Contact: Peter Devers, 094 93 75032 or log onto www.knockshrine.ie/counselling
Grow Meetings: A self-help group helping people suffering from stress, anxiety, depression, panic attacks, loneliness etc meet every Tuesday night at 7.30 pm in Ballina Community Centre.
Foxford Meals on Wheels Service: We can provide meals from Monday to Saturday at a cost of €7 per meal. To avail of this service please contact Geraldine on 087 904 0463 or Carmel on 086 606 4670.
Western Alzheimers urgently need Volunteer Befrienders in your area. Do you have one to two hours per week to spare ? Contact Lucy at 094-9364900 or 087-3694477.
Friends of Carmel Gathering at Holy Hill Hermitage F91 CA24 on Saturday 17 October 2026 from 10am to 4pm. To book email friendsofcarmel@gmail.com.
PADRE PIO HEALING MASS Friday, 9 October 7pm, St. Cuan's Church, Ahascragh, Co. Galway.
Medjugorje Weekend Retreat led by Fr Jason Lewis (Medjugorje Chaplain) in St John's Day Care Centre, Knock Shrine, from Friday 23 October to Sunday 25th October, Booking is essential, for more info contact Nicola 087 9622800.
Saint Faustina Weekend on 3rd and 4th October in St Mary's Church, Convoy, Co Donegal F93FX66. Prayer and reflection on Divine Mercy Devotions. All welcome to come to all or part of the weekend. For details, phone 087 9077985 or email raphoeparish@gmail.com.
Keyboard/piano lessons for kids aged 4-12 available in the Foxford area. Group lessons and 1-1 lessons available. Beginners welcome. Contact Amy on 087 6234946"
Join Our Caring Team! Dementia Support Worker (Care in the Community) Looking for meaningful, flexible work? We're seeking compassionate, honest, reliable people to support individuals living with dementia in their own homes in Co. Mayo Locations: Crossmolina, Ballina, Foxford, Co. Mayo What You'll Do: •Offer companionship and social connection •Assist with daily living activities •Support meaningful activities •Give primary carers a well-deserved break Flexible hours – work around your schedule! Make a real difference, one visit at a time. Essential :Previous experience in caring Desirable: QQI Level 5 modules in Care Skills & Care of the Older Person Interested? Get in touch today! Email Helen, Client Care Coordinator clientcarecoordinator@westernalzheimers.ie
Parking on Church Grounds: As you may have noticed, two new parking spaces have recently been marked for wheelchair users only. We kindly ask that these spaces are kept clear for those who need them. Please also ensure that clear access is maintained around the church at all times for cars and, most importantly, for emergency vehicles such as an ambulance. Thank you for your cooperation and consideration.
Ballina Author Neil Tully - Artist Talk & Reading. Ballina-born writer Neil Tully reads from his acclaimed debut novel The Visit, set during JFK's 1963 visit to Ireland, in conversation with Finola Cahill. Q&A and book signing. Book sales on the day by Pangur Ban bookshop of Ballina. Sunday 4 October, 3pm, Ballina Methodist Church, Hill Street. Tickets €10 on the door. Presented as part of Ballina Fringe Festival.
Minister of the Word: Would you like to read at Mass in any of our Churches? Please contact Fr. Costello on (087) 242 2273
The Irish Catholic weekly newspaper. Have you ever thought of getting a copy each week? Many interesting articles each week about our faith etc. Let me know if you wish me to keep a copy for you each week. Also extra copies are available in the church porch each week.
"Free Training: Wondering what to do next? Interested in expanding your skills? National Learning Network Castlebar can help you gain QQI Certification and assist with finding employment. Your Social Welfare payment will remain protected. Ring/Message Sharon on 087 290 9064 to discuss"
St Joseph's Secondary School Lotto €2.50 per line (€5 for 3). Lines can be purchased online at https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/stjosephsfoxford/ All support gratefully accepted. Please contact 094 9256145 for more details.
Fr. Peyton Centre Opening Hours: Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 9.30am to 5.30pm. Tel: 096-45374.

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St. Vincent de Paul Helpline: 083 8887777

Foxford Brass & Reed Band are celebrating **130 years** in existence this year. A committee has been formed to write a book on the Band's history. We are appealing to the public to help us with this publication by furnishing us (or any band member) with photographs, newspaper articles, your family ties and memories. Every photograph will be copied and returned to you immediately. We appreciate your help.

Please contact Seamus Burke (Chairperson) 086 858 2726

FACT Social Club: We are an independent community-based service here in Foxford, Co Mayo, and we support people living with Dementia or in rural isolation. We are open Mondays to Friday and provide social interaction, activities and much more in a safe and supported environment. If you would like more information on the services we offer, please contact us at: factsocialclub1@gmail.com or telephone **094 925 6662**.

Western Care Home Share Service are looking for people, single/couples/families, to provide short respite breaks to children and adults across County Mayo, in **your** own home. Training and support is provided and a non-taxable allowance is payable for each home share arrangement. If you are interested and/or would like further information about Home Sharing, please contact Ruth Kneafsey, Home share Co-ordinator, 0949029148 or 0876811261.

The Sacrament of Marriage Course - online programme from Maryvale Institute offering theological formation, open to anyone, no prior study required, from September 2026 to April 2027. For more information see <https://www.maryvale.ac.uk/marriage.html>.

Craoibhín Ballina (F26AEC5) is hosting a **Halloween coffee afternoon** on Thursday October 22nd from 1 pm to 3 pm. Refreshments and raffle on the day. Music by Pdraig Moran. Cost is €5 per person. Everyone is very welcome.

Fully Escorted Trip to Medjugorje with Marian Pilgrimages-Led by Sharon O Leary. Direct flights from Knock to Mostar. **October 21st- 28th**. Spiritual Director Fr Séan Sheehy (native of Listowel) and accompanied by Fr Nelson Joseph (Louisburgh, Co Mayo) Contact Sharon **086 0523014**.

Foster Care: Have you ever thought about fostering? Change a child's life by becoming a Tusla Foster Carer. Talk to Tusla Fostering today by freephone **1800 226 771** or visit www.fostering.ie to learn more.

Let's Talk Menopause – A free women's wellness evening will take place on Thursday, 8 October at 7.30pm in Áras Inis Gluaire, Belmullet. Catherine O'Keeffe, The Wellness Warrior, will lead a friendly and practical discussion on perimenopause and menopause, covering sleep, mood, hormones, treatment and lifestyle options, with plenty of time for questions. Booking is essential – text 087 184 0214 to reserve your place.

Accord Ballaghaderreen offers a confidential counselling service where couples can explore family relationships. Accord counsellors can help if relationships are under stress. For online counselling please visit www.accord.ie. Alternatively to book a face to face counselling session call Accord Ballaghaderreen on **0879972503**.

The Adoration Chapel at St. Muredach's Cathedral, Ballina is open: Mon - Fri 2 - 8 pm. Sat - Sun 2 - 7pm. All are welcome. *Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest.*

Shine Peer Support Groups - Peer support groups for individuals experiencing mental health difficulties and individuals supporting people living with mental health challenges. We offer regular groups in Ballina, Ballinrobe and Castlebar. Email support@shine.ie or call **086 040 7701** for information

Alone Volunteers: Would you be willing to provide companionship to an older person locally? ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided. If interested, please apply via the ALONE website at www.alone.ie or for further information please contact us on volunteer@alone.ie or call 0818 222 024. **If you are over 60 and would like to know more about the services ALONE can offer you, please call 0818 222 024.**

Would you like someone to talk to? **SeniorLine** is Ireland's national telephone service for older people open every day of the year 10am-10pm, Freephone **1800 80 45 91**. You may feel isolated, alone, bereaved or far from family. SeniorLine's older volunteers are trained to listen, to support and refer to other helpful services if necessary. So don't be alone, and lift the phone. Phone **SeniorLine 1800 80 45 91**, No problem too big or too small.

Bereavement Support Meeting in the Family Centre, Knock on Wednesdays at 11 am. No appointment is needed and all are welcome. **Further information from Monica Morley on 094 9375320**

Experienced a cardiac event? 'It's Cardiac Rehab!' A podcast series for you developed by the **Irish Association of Cardiac Rehabilitation and Irish Heart Foundation** to support your recovery. It's all about getting you better than before. <https://irishheart.ie/services-for-you/its-cardiac-rehab-podcast/>

MyMind provides mental health professional therapy with **Free appointments** for homeowners in Mayo affected by Defective Concrete Blocks: <https://www.mymind.org/free-counselling/>. Location in Mayo North East (MNE) Office, Kevin St, Ballina and Tacu Ballinrobe. Registration and appointment: www.mymind.org or call 0818 500 800.

Westcare Homecare are currently recruiting staff in your local area and would love to hear from interested applicants. To apply or find out more, please contact recruitment@westcarehomecare.ie or call **071 9300034**.

'Experience enjoyable movement with Nia. Gentle on joints, for fitness and well-being. Classes are barefoot to music. Mondays 10am at Swinford **Cultural Centre** & Wednesdays 10:30am at **Ballina Arts Centre**. Contact Siobhan at 089 4182740.'

Set Dancing Classes on Wednesday nights at 7pm in the **Brown Memorial Hall**. New Beginners Welcome!

Line Dancing Classes for Beginners on **Thursday nights at 8pm** in the **Brown Memorial Hall**, Modern and Country Line Dances. €10 per class. Enjoy a night of fun and exercise. All Welcome! Christopher Beirne (tutor) 086-8474744

Studio to Stall in Ballina: Are you interested in a weekly workshop creating a range of arts and crafts to sell at Christmas Markets at the end of 2026? This is a unique initiative by Workability (Mayo North East). Eligibility criteria applies. Contact us to find out more now! Email: carolynohara@mayonortheastldc.com Text: 087 499 6606 or Call: 087 398 0575

SUPPORT HELPLINES

St. Vincent de Paul: 083 8887777 www.svp.ie Samaritans: 116 123 www.samaritans.ie Womens Aid: 1800 341 900 www.womensaid.ie

Pieta House: 1800 247 247 www.pieta.ie

Childline: 1800 66 66 66 www.childline.ie

SeniorLine: 1800 80 45 91 www.thirdageireland.ie

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