

Foxford Parish

St Michael's Foxford
Toomore Church
Attymachugh Church



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6th Sunday of Ordinary Time - 15th February 2026

Sat 14th Feb 6pm	Toomore	Kevin O'Sullivan, England & Toomore R.I.P.
Sat 14th Feb 7.30pm	Foxford	1. Carmel McNulty-Reilly (Month's mind) Castlebar Rd. R.I.P. 2. Josephine Costello (9th Anniv), Culmore, R.I.P.
Sun 15th Feb 9am	Attymachugh	For the Community
Sun 15th Feb 11am	Foxford	1. William & Mary Ormsby Stonepark R.I.P. 2. Sr. Marie Molloy (1st Anniv) Boherhollagh R.I.P. 3. Tommie Lavin (Anniv), his uncle, John (Anniv), his brother, Gabriel (Birthday rem.), & deceased of the Lavin & O'Hara families R.I.P. 4. Peter O'Hanlon (Month's mind), Cnoc an Dara R.I.P.
Mon 16th Feb 10am	Foxford	Pat & Kathleen Kirby Moyview & their son, Bernard, Birmingham R.I.P.
Tues 17th Feb 10am	Foxford	John (3rd Anniv) & Carmel Nestor, Swinford Rd. R.I.P.
Wed 18th Feb 8am	Convent	Ash Wednesday 1. Deceased of the Peyton & Laffey families, & Mike Kennedy, R.I.P. 2. Annie & Robert Hardy, Main St. R.I.P.
Wed 18th Feb. 10am	Foxford	For the Community
Wed 18th Feb 7pm	Foxford	Winifred & William Dorrian & their son, Gerard, R.I.P.
Thurs 19th Feb 10am	Foxford	
Fri 20th Feb 10am	Foxford	
Sat 21st Feb 6pm	Toomore	1 May (Anniv) & Charlie McEnroe R.I.P. 2. Michael (Anniv) & Mary Hayes, Tuam & Renbrack West, R.I.P.
Sat 21st Feb 7.30pm	Foxford	1. Owen O'Neill (Anniv) Rinnaney & deceased family members R.I.P. 2. Margaret Maloney (Month's mind), Stonehall R.I.P.
Sun 22nd Feb 9am	Attymachugh	Paddy Timlin (1st Anniv), Prebaun & Dublin, his parents, Patrick & Bridget, his brothers, Frank & Joe & his sister-in-law, Sadie, R.I.P.
Sun 22nd Feb 11am	Foxford	1. Teresa Melia (Months mind), her parents, John & Delia, & deceased of the Melia & Ruddy families R.I.P. 2. Pat Mahon (Month's mind), Mulberry Grove R.I.P. 3. Marcus Ruane (Month's mind) Toomore R.I.P. 4. Jim (Anniv) & Kathleen Maloney, Ballina Rd. R.I.P. First Holy Communion children

Ash Wednesday, 18th February - Lent begins. This is a day of **Fast from food** and **abstinence from meat**. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at **Masses** today. Lent gives us a great opportunity to grow in the knowledge and love of Jesus. Why not make use of this **Holy Season** by giving a little more time to **prayer** and taking on some special **penance**. Perhaps doing a bit of fasting! Helping those who have very little. **Trocaire Boxes are available in the porches**. Why not take one and place it in a prominent place in your home. **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** takes place in St. Michael's on **Tuesday mornings from 10.30 am to 11.30 am**. **Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings at 7 pm.** (unless otherwise announced)

THIS WEEKEND:		READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	ALTAR SERVERS
Toomore	Sat 14th Feb 6pm	Carmel Gallagher	Mary Doherty	
Foxford	Sat 14th Feb 7.30pm	Martin McDonagh	Seamus Coleman / Maureen Noone / Bernadette Reape	Zoe Corcoran / Grainne McLoughlin / Sean Lally / Keith McDermott
Attymachugh	Sun 15th Feb 9am	Marcus Jones	Chris Sheerin	
Foxford	Sun 15th Feb 11am	Laura Giblin	Teresa Ormsby / Bernie Flynn / Geraldine Brett / Helena Murphy / Anna Marie Walsh	Aoife Flannery / James Sugrue / Abbie McMahon / Aine Healy/Seren Toolan
NEXT WEEKEND:				
Toomore	Sat 21st Feb 6pm	Ciara Byrne	Mary Geraghty	
Foxford	Sat 21st Feb 7.30pm	Gina Stenson	John Horgan / Bridie Howley / Teresa Ormsby	Finnian Kirwan / Ronan Gilroy / Robert Anders/Emma Jane Burke
Attymachugh	Sun 22nd Feb 9am	Kathleen Ruane	Anne Prendergast	
Foxford	Sun 22nd Feb 11am	Yvonne Ruane	Stephen Giblin / Paula Ruane / Willie O'Hara / Maureen Lavin / Martha Guiry	Alex Domagala / James Sugrue / Hazel Prendergast / Saorflaith Burke

Hospital Visits: If you wish the priest to visit relatives or friends in hospital or at home leave a message at the priest's house.

Family Deaths: To put a notice of family deaths or general notices in the newsletter please email foxfordparishnewsletter@gmail.com

If you are unable to read please contact Teresa at 087 273 9680

OFFERTORY COLLECTORS	February	Vigil:	Martin McDonagh / Seamus Coleman / Bernadette Reape
		Sunday:	Ben Burke / Siobhan Moran / Jerome Coleman
	March	Vigil:	Bridie Howley / Sean Lavin / John Horgan
		Sunday:	Brian Doherty / Willie O'Hara / Kieran Staunton

You Shall Be My Witnesses Confirmation programme continues in Foxford National School on **Tuesday evenings at 8 pm**. Parents join the pupils in the school at **8.50 for the concluding prayers**.

Foxford Brass and Reed Band Annual General Meeting will be held in the bandroom (Old Court House) on **Thursday, Feb. 19th at 7pm**. This meeting is open to all Band members and members of the public.

Lenten Scripture Initiative – The Gospel of Matthew: for all dates and venues, see <https://achonrydiocese.org/matthew>.

SWINFORD PARISH (Evenings) – Thursdays 19th & 26th Feb., 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th March. 8 – 9 pm. The Parochial House, Swinford, F12 NH98
Facilitator: **Stephen Giblin**. To reserve a place please contact Stephen on **0894653543**.

The annual Achonry Pioneer dinner dance will be held on Friday 20th March at 8pm sharp at The Yeats County Inn, Curry. Three course meal with tea/coffee and raffle on the night. Music by The Duets. Tickets are €40 per person. Please contact Thomas at 087-2344338 for more information and to book your tickets. **Please note**, if anyone is due to receive a **silver, gold or diamond Pioneer pin**, please contact **Thomas at 087-2344338** as soon as possible to arrange this.

Parking on church grounds: As you may have observed **two new parking lots** have been marked out for **wheelchair users**.
Also, please leave free access for cars (or an ambulance) around the church at all times.

Ignatian Retreat in Daily Life: February 8th - March 8th. For information contact Kathleen at **087 679 8839**. Places limited.

Moy Davitts 50/50 draw : Congratulations to **Finbarr Ryan** who won a jackpot of **€424** in the Moy Davitts 50/50 draw last Sunday. A huge thank you to everyone who supported last week's draw, it is greatly appreciated.

"Strengthen your skills for gaining employment. Join our Computer & Office Skills course. QQI Level 4/5. If you or someone you know has an additional support need and are registered with the Department of Social Protection you are entitled to free upskilling. Contact: Mary Hanlon (087 361 1096) or Castlebar@nlm.ie. NLN, Breafoy Road, Castlebar."

"Free Training: IT & Business Skills, Sports and Gym Instructor Studies, Personal Development, Jobstart, Employer Based Training and more. QQI and ECDL accredited courses. If you have an additional support need and are registered with the Department of Social Protection you could be entitled to the free training. Contact: Castlebar@nlm.ie; (094) 9022770; NLN, Breafoy Road, Castlebar."

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 mobile 087 904 0463 or on her landline 094 925 6614.

"Mayo Cancer Support Church Gate Collection: Mayo Cancer Support Association will be holding a Church Gate Collection on the weekend of February 28th and March 1st at Foxford Church. We would appreciate your continued support for this local registered charity that offers free emotional support to people affected by cancer and their families. See www.mayocancersupport.ie for more. If anyone can volunteer to assist with the collections please call Orla on (087)9246875."

Wanted: Full-time bookkeeper/accountant required to support with day-to-day tasks in a long established business in Belmullet area. Contact tjlennon@lennonquarries.com or 087 2545364

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

Foxford Bridge Club: Wednesdays at 7 pm in the Social Services. All are welcome.

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**.

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**

Fr. Peyton Centre Opening Hours: Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 9.30am to 5.30pm. Tel: 096-45374.

Feb Toastmasters meeting will be held in the Great National Hotel on Thurs 12 FEB 2026 at 7:45. If you are thinking of taking that first step to improve self confidence, come along and join us in a relaxed and supportive environment where fun and encouragement prevails.

The Irish Catholic newspaper is available each week. It costs **€3.50**. Payment can be put in the candelabras.

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. Contact 094 9256145 for more details.

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.**

Anger Issues? Knock Counselling Centre, in conjunction with the Irish Association for Anger Management are running a two-day Anger Management Programme on **Friday 27 February (5.30 pm to 9.00 pm) & Saturday 28th February (10.00 am to 3.30 pm)**
For further information, contact us by phone on 094 93 75032 or email counsellingoffice@knockshrine.ie

We Can Quit – Stop Smoking Group Ballina – (Starting Ash Wednesday): The HSE under the Sláintecare Healthy Communities initiative are offering a FREE stop smoking programme in **Ballina** starting on **February 18th for 7 weeks from 2-3.30pm**. We Can Quit is a FREE Group Based Stop Smoking Programme. FREE nicotine replacement medication, group support and one to one Support will be offered to all participants. For more information or to book a place please contact Brenda Mc Nicholas on 087 4484711 or email brenda.mcnicholas1@hse.ie

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

Home Sharers Required: Western Care Ass. is looking for people to provide respite breaks for children and adults across Co. Mayo, in your own home. If interested or would like further information, please contact Ruth Kneafsey, Home Share co-ordinator on 094 9029148.

Parke Arts & Drama Group Presents: Pretend Sick, A 3-Act Comedy by Michael Joe Ginnelly in **Parke Community Hall** on **Fri. 27th & Sat. 28th February**. Doors Open 8.00pm | Curtain Up 8.30pm. Admission €15.00

Nia Dance Class. Gentle on joints. Great for fitness and well-being. Classes are barefoot to music. Mondays 10am at Swinford Cultural Centre & Tuesdays 10am at Ballina Arts Centre. Contact Siobhan at 089 4182740.'

The Mother and Baby Institutions Payment Scheme launched in March 2024 following the Government agreed actions arising from the Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby homes and certain related matters. The Payment scheme provides financial payments, and health supports to eligible people who spent time in Mother and Baby and County Home Institutions in Ireland. Eligibility criteria can be found online, and applications can be made via an online portal (website below) or by post Visit: www.gov.ie/en/department-of-children-disability-and-equality/campaigns/mother-and-baby-institutions-payment-scheme/. **Contact Helpline: 01 522 9922** (call to request application pack) All applications are handled with care, dignity and full confidentiality.

Workability: Making Plans for 2026

Do you have a medical condition, difficulty or disability? Are you looking for work, or wanting to improve your employment prospects? Do you want to make plans for 2026? Not sure where to start? Contact the Mayo North East Workability programme now to find out how we can assist you. Email rosemariamangan@mayonortheastldc.com or call Siobhán 087 499 6605 for more info. Labhair linn i módh ruin. All confidential

Baptism Teams: The Diocese of Achonry has requested that each parish would get Volunteers to train and become part of a Baptism team in the parish. The Baptism team is expected to help the local priest and be a support to the parents in preparing for the child's Baptism. We have four people who have done the training and been Garda vetted for this specific ministry in Foxford Parish/Community. I am very grateful to them. Their work entails two of the team visiting the parents, (at a time suitable to the parents) before the Baptism and explaining the various aspects of the Baptism ceremony and trying to answer any questions the parents may have. It is to be an informal visit and will last about fifteen minutes. Our Baptism Team members are: Geraldine Carroll, Annie Murray, Angela Neary and Marion Ryder.

"**Walking with Families**" online program designed to provide high-quality theological and pastoral formation on marriage and family life. The program runs from mid-February to the end of May 2026. Classes will be held live on Zoom every Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Rome time, for a total of 48 class hours. Classes will not be held during Holy Week and Easter Week. For more information see www.istitutogp2.it or email: pathways@istitutogp2.it. "Families are the cradle of the future of humanity" Pope Leo XIV.

Spiritual Exercises: 5 Day Silent Ignatian Retreat for Men

Led Benedictine monks from St. Joseph Abbey, in France. Starts Thursday 30th April (3pm). Benburb Priory, Co. Tyrone (1.5 hrs from Dublin). €450 (all meals & single room included). Daily Mass - Ordinary Form (Latin & ad orientem). Discover the strength that only comes when you stop running and let God speak. Book at: <https://soutenir.clairval.com/retreat-benburb-priory>

FREE COURSE IN MANUFACTURING: GAIN QQI CERTIFICATION.

This comprehensive, 9-month course is designed to provide students with essential knowledge and hands-on skills in manufacturing, boosting their employability and career prospects.

Course Details: Title: Introduction to Manufacturing Processes LTI Programme. Start Date: 3rd February 2026 . Duration: 9 Months

Location: Community Training Hub, Teeling Street Ballina F26 F2Y9 Course Link: Please click this link to do the application process on fetch courses [Level 4 Introduction to Manufacturing Processes, Fulltime Course, Ballina, Mayo](#)

This programme is ideal for those looking to start or advance their careers in manufacturing or improve their overall employability skills. There is no cost to students, and if they are on social welfare, MSLETB takes over the payment while ensuring they retain full benefits. We also offer additional supports and learning opportunities throughout the course.

If you'd like to arrange a visit or need any further information, feel free to reach out to Sonia at 086 1271172.

For Young Women (18-40yrs) who are discerning a Vocation to Religious/Consecrated Life, monthly meetings are held in Charleville Retreat Centre, Cork. The day includes prayer, talks, Holy Mass, Adoration and a chance to meet and chat with religious sisters of different communities. If you are interested in attending please email womendiscern@corkandross.org

Many Thanks for your generous contributions to the collections during the Christmas. **Note** that the priests collection envelope is **purple colour**, other envelopes and loose money goes to the offertory collection. **They are two separate accounts.** Those paying **online**, please, **name the collection** and, if you have an **envelope number**, include that throughout the year.

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**.

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.

Enable Ireland Mayo Services require Family support workers/PA in all areas of County Mayo to work with Children with a disability. Our staff usually work one-to-one with a child within their home but also within their community or at centres throughout Mayo. Hours required are usually afternoon/evenings and Saturdays. Training is also provided. If you are interested please email shehir@enableireland.ie for further information. This is a very rewarding role and our Staff are very positive about their experience.

MyMind provide 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.

Defective Concrete Block (DCB) Alone Support Group: Homeowner led initiative, emotional support for Widowed / Divorced / Separated / Single property owners in Mayo affected by Pyrite / DCB, navigating this process alone. This is an independent and confidential support group. Please contact Anne on: 089 2666389

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Line Dancing Classes: Saturday Evenings 7-8pm Contact Balla CRD 09493-65846 or 087-1850860

Balla Bingo: every Sunday night online or in the hall.

Balla Bingo – Every Sunday Night! Special €12,500 Prize fund for the month of February. €50 Bonus house on every game. Join us **online or in the hall** for a great night of fun and prizes! **Every Sunday. Eyes down at 8 PM.** Get your bingo books online at <https://shorturl.at/4GBMM>

The Adoration Chapel at St. Muredach's Cathedral, Ballina is open: Mon - Fri 2 - 8 pm. Sat - Sun 2 - 7pm. :All welcome.

Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest.

Preparing for Marriage? Weekend residential courses available. 6-8 March 2026 and 13-15 November 2026. Details: www.grasta.org or at info@grasta.org

Married Couples course? Weekend residential courses available. 7-8 March 2026 and 14-15 November 2026. Details: www.grasta.org or at info@grasta.org

'Picking Up My Pen – Finding God In Writing' overnight retreat takes place at Knock Shrine on **Saturday 21 st and & Sunday, 22 nd February 2026.** Facilitated by Deirdre Rowe & Sr. Moira McDowall. This retreat will focus on writing as a way of praying. No previous writing experience necessary. For more information see www.knockshrine.ie or email Nicola at faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie

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.

Foxford Inclusion Project. If you have recently moved to Foxford and noticed your country's flag is not included in our International flags flying at the Social Services Centre, please contact **Marion on 087 9233 928** where we will be happy to have your flag included.

Charity Donations: The Foxford Alzheimer's and Community Trust has asked supporters not to leave donations outside the door of its Charity Shop in Foxford as it leaves the area untidy and hinders the walkway for residents. Instead, please note the drop off times of 11am to 5pm on Tuesday to Saturday. Items accepted include clothing for all ages, shoes in wearable condition, crockery, glassware, kitchen utensils, books, records, jewellery and handbags. The Trust is sincerely grateful to everyone who donates their items to support Foxford Alzheimer's and Community Trust Support Services.

Craoibhín Ballina is on the move. They are moving to **St. Anne's school building on the grounds of St. Mary's Old Secondary School McDermott Street Ballina.** Turn in left at F26C9E8, keep left, Craoibhín Ballina Centre is between the Involve Centre and Ballina Men's Shed. They will be opening there on Monday the 12th of January 2026 at 9 am. If you need to get in touch with Craoibhín Ballina call them on 0872785365.

Mayo's Creamery Years Project - The project is preserving the voices and memories of people who remember life around Mayo's creameries. Supported by the Heritage Council, and led by Mayo County Council, it welcomes contributions from anyone with memories to share. To get involved, contact Mac Conmara Heritage Consulting at 086 274 7230 or tara.macconmaraheritage@gmail.com.

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Oral Recordings of times past: To compile a list of Mayo related voice recordings of folklore, oral history, tradition etc, the Heritage Office of Mayo County Council wants to hear from anyone with information on collections or recordings. To contribute or find out more, please contact Mac Conmara Heritage Consulting, at macconmaraheritage@gmail.com or **086 778 4669**.

Family Carers Ireland: Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional needs? A spouse, partner, child, close relative or neighbour? Then you are a family carer! Become a member of **Family Carers Ireland**, the national charity supporting Ireland's 500,000+ family carers nationwide. **Contact 057 9370221** and hear how we can support you or for more info visit www.familycarers.ie

Atlantic Care is urgently recruiting compassionate Caregivers in the Foxford area to provide quality support, companionship, and assistance for seniors, ensuring comfort within their own homes. Competitive rates of pay, flexible hours and support network. If you are interested contact Nollag 0949014028. www.atlanticcare.ie

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.**

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/>

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