

Foxford Parish

St Michael's Foxford
Toomore Church
Attymachugh Church



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Sunday 17th May 2026 - The Ascension of The Lord

Sat 16th May 6pm	Toomore	Bridie & Tom Maloney, Cregnafilea R.I.P.
Sat 16th May 7.30pm	Foxford	1. Trish Dempsey-Ruane (20th Anniv) R.I.P. 2. Finn Ginty (7th Anniv) & his grandparents, John (8th Anniv) & Kate (10th Anniv) Igoe, R.I.P. 3. Kitty & Frank Turnbull, Lower Main St. & their daughter, Lourda Lambe R.I.P.
Sun 17th May 9am	Attymachugh	Special Intention
Sun 17th May 11am	Foxford	1. John Murphy (Birthday rem.) & deceased family members R.I.P. 2. Maura Henry (Month's mind) Belass R.I.P. 3. Jack & Ellen McNicholas, Rinnaney & deceased R.I.P. 4. Patrick & Nora Doherty, their son, Jimmy & daughter, Margaret Boyd R.I.P.
Mon 18th May 10am	Foxford	No Mass
Tues 19th May 10am	Foxford	No Mass
Wed 20th May 8am	Convent	No Mass
Wed 20th May 7pm	Foxford	No Mass
Thurs 21st May 6pm	Foxford	St. Joseph's Secondary School - Graduation Mass
Fri 22nd May 10am	Foxford	Dessie Langan (1st Anniv) R.I.P.
Sat 23rd May 6pm	Toomore	
Sat 23rd May 7.30pm	Foxford	1. Patsy (Anniv) & John (Anniv) & Ann Ruane Preston & Manchester R.I.P. 2. Mary & Jim Boyle & deceased members of the Maloney & Boyle families R.I.P. 3. Bill Moore (Birthday rem.) R.I.P. 4. Michael Clarke & deceased family members, Culmore, R.I.P.
Sun 24th May 9am	Attymachugh	
Sun 24th May 11am	Foxford	1. Mary Hanbury, London, & her parents, Annie & John Sheerin, Churchpark R.I.P. 2. Kieran Ryan (13th Anniv) Ballinisland R.I.P. 3. Michael Bourke (12th Anniv) & deceased members of the Bourke & McGreal families R.I.P. 4. Patricia McGowan (2nd Anniv), Moyview R.I.P.

THIS WEEKEND:		READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	ALTAR SERVERS
Toomore	Sat 16th May 6pm	Helen Clarke	Anna Marie Walsh	
Foxford	Sat 16th May 7.30pm	Frances Gilmore	John Horgan / Bridie Howley /	Finnian Kirwan / Ronan Gilroy / Robert Anders/Emma Jane Burke
Attymachugh	Sun 17th May 9am	Kathleen Ruane	Anne Prendergast	
Foxford	Sun 17th May 11am	Paula Ruane	Stephen Giblin / Paula Ruane / Willie O'Hara / Maureen Lavin / Martha Guiry	James Sugrue / Abbie McMahon / Seren Toolan/Aoife Flannery
NEXT WEEKEND:				
Toomore	Sat 23rd May 6pm	Alice Hennigan	Mary Doherty	
Foxford	Sat 23rd May 7.30pm	Martin McDonagh	Annie Burke / Bernie Dunne / Barbara Moore	Zoe Corcoran / Grainne McLoughlin / Sean Lally / Keith McDermott
Attymachugh	Sun 24th May 9am	Chris Sheerin	Lily Ruddy	
Foxford	Sun 24th May 11am	Mary Moylette-Ruane	Helena Murphy / Laura Giblin / Annie Murray / Sylvia Neary	Aoife Flannery / Esme Boland / Nancy McCready / Zara Bolton / Aine Healy

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

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

Recent Deaths: Please pray for:

Josephine Clarke, Belgarrow
Tom Fleming, Assumpta Place

May they Rest in Peace

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

<p>Rosary at the Grotto: The Rosary will be recited at the Grotto on the Swinford Rd. each Friday evening at 7 pm during May.</p>
<p>First Holy Communion: We congratulate and keep in our prayers the young girls and boys who received First Holy Communion at the 11 am Mass in St. Michael's church last Saturday, 9th May: Ava Antley, Eimhin Burke, Donnacha Burke, Daithi Carey, Lilac Casserley, Liam Conway, Ava Gilmore, Paige Gilnagh, Rory Gilroy, Roisin Glennon, Odhran Holland, Patrick Lawrence, Sophia Lawrence, Evan Maloney, Daniel McDermott, Rylee-Mae McLaughlin, Bobby Moore, James Murphy, Alan Reape, Aoibheann Gaughan-Reape, Nell Rowland, Alicia Sereda, Sean Timlin, Matthew Walsh, Dominik Wolski, Adam Wynne, Noah Wynne and Naoimi Sweeting</p>
<p>Foxford Community Games Athletics day for ages 6 to 16 will be held this Sunday 17th May, at Swinford Athletics Track. First race 1pm, check in from 12.30. Please visit our Facebook page for registration and event details. Please note registration closes on Wednesday 13th May. There will be no registration on the day. Looking forward to seeing you. Foxford community games recent churchgate collection raised €450.77. Thank you for your continued support.</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>Achonry & Elphin 2026 3-day pilgrimage to Lough Derg will take place from Friday 12th June to Sunday 14th June 2026. More details including bus options at www.achonrydiocese.org/lough-derg. All welcome.</p>
<p>DIOCESAN OF ACHONRY AND ELPHIN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES will take place from 28th August, 2026 to the 2nd September, 2026 inclusive, under the leadership of Bishop Kevin Doran. Pilgrimage Highlights include Mass at the Grotto, Torchlight and Blessed Sacrament Processions, Anointing of the Sick, Water Ceremony. Flights ex Knock Airport. All booking in relation to the Pilgrimage can be directed to Joe Walsh Tours (JWT) at 01 6852244 or email info@joewalshstours.ie The Pilgrimage includes the Assisted Pilgrim Section. Those who travel as part of the Assisted Pilgrim Section will stay in Accueil Notre Dame, which is situated near the Grotto and Sanctuary area. They will be cared for by the Diocesan Pilgrimage Care Team whilst in Lourdes. Application forms for the Assisted Pilgrim Section and full details are available from Very Rev. Ray Milton, P.P., Pilgrimage Director, St. John's, Lecarrow, Co. Roscommon. (Telephone – 090 6661115). Closing date for receipt of completed Application Forms is 11th June 2026.</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>Trocaire: To Date: €2680. Many thanks for your generosity.</p>
<p>Kilmovee Parish Day pilgrimage to Lough Derg on Monday May 25th. Bus leaving from Kilmovee Church at 7am. Cost 60 euro. Please contact Fr Joseph at 086 160 5373.</p>
<p>Mahony Montessori School, Slieve Na Gréine, Swinford Road Foxford, Children 2 and a half to 5 and a half years old Morning class 9.15-12.15 : Afternoon class 1.00-4.00. Free pre school year available. Call Rachel 0879125372.</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>Pray for Life Novena: The <i>Pray for Life</i> Novena is an invitation to join thousands of people across Ireland to pray for the protection of human life, from Saturday 23rd May to Sunday 31st May. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life in Ireland. Visit www.prayforlife.ie for the daily novena prayers and to sign up for daily reminders. The prayers will also be posted on facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena and @prayforlifenovena on Instagram. This is an initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference.</p>
<p>National Epilepsy Week 2026 takes place on 18th May - 25th May. For further information, please visit www.epilepsy.ie/content/national-epilepsy-week-2026-epilepsyweek.</p>
<p>Organ Donor Awareness Week takes place from 16th–23rd May 2026. Organ Donor Awareness Week is an important national event that helps highlight the life-saving impact of organ donation and encourages families to have the conversation about their wishes. This year's theme is " Don't leave your loved ones in doubt" .</p>
<p>The annual Mass for Organ Donors and their families takes place on Sunday, May 17th at 12pm in Knock Basilica. All are welcome.</p>
<p>Lough Derg Day of Friendship and Prayer on Wednesday 20th May from 10am until 3pm on Station Island. This special annual event promotes Christian unity. Archbishop Eamon Martin and Archbishop John McDowell, two close friends and partners in ministry, join Fr La Flynn, Prior of Lough Derg, for a day of spirituality, friendship and reflection. Admission fee of €25 includes boat fare, refreshments and lunch. Advance booking is essential. www.loughderg.org info@loughderg.org tel. (353) 071 9861518.</p>
<p>Moy Davitts 50/50 draw Congratulations to Davey McHale, Bohola who won a jackpot of €568 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).</p>
<p>Volunteer Opportunity – Spanish Conversation Facilitator: Craoibhín Ballina is looking for a volunteer who is fluent in, or confident speaking, Spanish to help facilitate their Spanish Conversation Group. Time: Wednesdays, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM Role: Support friendly and relaxed Spanish conversation sessions for participants interested in practicing and improving their language skills. This is a great opportunity for someone who enjoys languages, culture, and community engagement. If you are interested or would like more information, please get in touch with Craoibhín Ballina on 0872785365</p>
<p>Meditate in Pink online meditation retreat led by Mary Lally, in collaboration with the National Breast Cancer Research Institute. 11am-3pm Sunday, 24th May, €28 – all proceeds to charity. Call Mary 0872764539 for details.</p>
<p>Set Dancing Classes on Wednesday nights at 7pm in the Brown Memorial Hall. New Beginners Welcome!</p>
<p>Foxford Bridge Club: Wednesdays at 7 pm in the Social Services. All are welcome.</p>
<p>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</p>
<p>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.</p>

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<p>The Knock Youth Leadership Programme (Knock Shrine) is for adults interested in setting up or developing youth ministry initiatives in their parish. Participants will gain the skills, knowledge, and confidence to journey with young people, supporting them as they explore their faith in a safe and welcoming environment. Starting in September 2026 (application deadline May 22nd). For more information, please contact: youthministry@knockshrine.ie</p>
<p>Fashion show hosted by Newtownwhite ETNS school featuring ladies' and children's clothing, with Mickey Mouse helping the little ones strut their stuff! Browse stalls with homemade jewellery, chocolates, pottery, handbags and much more. Come along for a brilliant afternoon of entertainment! Grand National Hotel . Sunday 17th May. Doors Open 2pm. Adults €10, Children/Student €5 Family €20.</p>
<p>Coffee morning in aid of Foxford Alzheimer's & Community Trust CLG on Sunday 31st May starting at 11.30am in Ardagh Community Centre (Eircode F26 W521). Your support would be greatly appreciated. The Annual Charity Cycle: Lisheen Cooneal Crossmolina Cycling Club - Brian Cawley, Patrick McHale & Christine Irwin Memorial Cycle 2026 takes place on Monday 1st June from Ardagh Community Centre (Eircode F26 W521) starting at 10am. This cycle is suitable for all levels with a 50k route around the beautiful Lough Conn and a 30k route from Ardagh into Knockmore along a level course. Refreshments served afterwards for everyone. All welcome. Always guaranteed to be a good social day out.</p>
<p>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</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Michael's church on Tuesdays from after 10 am Mass until 11.30 am.</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>Sunflower Days for Hospice: Mayo Roscommon Hospice would appreciate your kind assistance in helping them raise funds on National Sunflower Days for Hospice on Friday & Saturday 12th & 13th June. Sunflowers will be on sale at local stores in Mayo on both dates. Any time you can give on any of those dates would be most appreciated. Contact 0949388666 or email info@hospice.ie.</p>
<p>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</p>
<p>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/</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>Create a more inclusive environment by attending a Disability Awareness Training workshop delivered by expert facilitators. This practical and engaging training is designed for anyone who wants to better understand disability, break down barriers, and create an accessible work or community environment. Whether you're an employer, employee or community volunteer, this training offers valuable insights you can apply every day. Previous attendees have said the workshops "exceeded my expectations" and it was "an eye-opener". Oilíúint fheabhas do gach duine is ea é Erris Workability will be running a number of these workshops in various locations between May and November 2026. Please contact us NOW to register your interest. Email siobhanscanlon@mayornortheastldc.com or text / call 087 499 6605.</p>
<p>ENCOUNTER WEEKEND DONEGAL, Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny. 6.00pm - 10.30pm Friday 5th June. 9.00am - 10.30pm. Saturday 6th June. Expect to experience the presence of God through the celebration of the Sacraments, Spirit-led worship, inspiring talks, healing service, and fellowship. Come and be refreshed and empowered by the Holy Spirit and learn from the Saints how to live the lifestyle God intended you to live. Keynote Speakers: Patrick Reis: co-founder and Executive Director of Encounter Ministries USA & Fr. Patrick Gonyeau who serves with the U.S. Province of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood in Ohio. Bookings at https://encounterschoolofministrydonegal.regfox.com/encounter-conference-donegal For more info, email donegal@encounterschool.org.</p>
<p>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</p>
<p>The Irish Catholic newspaper is available each week. It costs €3.50. Payment can be put in the candelabras.</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>Community Employment Positions Available at the Michael Davitt Museum, Straide. Community Employment positions available at the Michael Davitt Museum in areas such as Tour Guiding, Reception, Marketing and Research. Full training provided. For further details contact John on 087 937 1827.</p>
<p>Atlantic Care are urgently recruiting Caregivers to provide quality support, companionship, and assistance for seniors, ensuring comfort within their own homes. Competitive rates of pay and support network. If you are interested contact Nollag 0949014028</p>

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St. Vincent de Paul Helpline: 083 8887777

Home Sharers Required: Western Care Association 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.

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.

Dovida Care:We are looking for Caregivers across Mayo. Help us provide care to those most in need. Competitive Pay. Mileage Payment. Full Training provided. Full Support from the office. No experience required as we provide full training. Check out our website: www.dovida.ie or Email: hr.mayo@dovida.ie

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.*

Considering a Postgraduate Programme in 2026? For those interested in Parish and Community work, St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth offers Diploma , Higher Diploma and Master's programmes specialising in education and formation in the fields of Theological Studies, Pastoral Ministry, Healthcare Chaplaincy, Youth Ministry, Liturgy, and Liturgical Music. For more visit www.sppu.ie

Strengthen your skills for gaining employment. Join our Computer 7 Office Skills course. QQ1 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: Centre Manager, Mary Hanlon (087 361 10960) or Castlebar@nin.ie NLN, Breaffy Road, Castlebar.

The Year Ahead: 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 the rest of 2026? Not sure where to start? Contact the **Mayo North East Workability** programme now to find out how we can assist you. Email rosemariemangan@mayortheastldc.com or call Siobhán 087 499 6605 for more info. Labhair linn i módh ruin. All confidential.

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.

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

Ward Agricultural Consultants and Forestry Service Ltd are taking expressions of interest for the new forestry knowledge transfer discussion groups - Focus area B – forest management plans and forest certification. Earn up to €560 to learning all about managing your forestry, this course will also help you draw up a forestry management plant and apply for the forestry certification grant of €1200. Call, text, or whatsapp your name and forestry number to 0879193371. Any questions please call the same number. We are also available to help you with BISS 2026 application.

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.'

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.

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.*

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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