

Foxford Parish

St Michael's Foxford
Toomore Church
Attymachugh Church



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Sunday 20th September 2026 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Season of Creation: 1st September - 4th October

Sat 19th Sept 6pm	Toomore	Joe & Annie Hennigan (Anniv.), Ballinisland & family members, Breda, Pat & Caoimin, R.I.P.
Sat 19th Sept 7.30pm	Foxford	1. Ann Murray (7th Anniv) Rinnaney R.I.P. 2. Paddy (10th Anniv) & Michael Walsh Ballinaleck R.I.P. 3. Joe Mangan (2nd Anniv) & his wife, Nora, Riverside R.I.P.
Sun 20th Sept 9am	Attymachugh	1. Kathleen Kilbarry & Eileen Cronogue R.I.P. 2. Francis Horkan & deceased members of the Horkan family, Wigan & Attymachugh R.I.P.
Sun 20th Sept 11am	Foxford	Deceased members of the Thompson family, Cullen & the O'Sullivan family, Limerick R.I.P.
Mon 21st Sept 10am	Foxford	
Tues 22nd Sept 10am	Foxford	Martin (Anniv) & Mary Brogan Rinnaney R.I.P.
Wed 23rd Sept 8am	Convent	Deceased of the Walsh, McDonnell, Guilfoyle & McGlynn families R.I.P.
Wed 23rd Sept 7pm	Foxford	
Thurs 24th Sept 10am	Foxford	Nora Foy (1st Anniv) Belass R.I.P.
Thurs 24th Sept 3pm		Mass in the Blackrocks Nursing Home at 3 pm
Fri 25th Sept 10am	Foxford	Foxford National School - Beginning of School Year Mass
Sat 26th Sept 6pm	Toomore	For the Community
Sat 26th Sept 7.30pm	Foxford	1. Kathleen Clarke & deceased of the Clarke & Gorman families R.I.P. 2. Mary Cosgrave (6th Anniv) Belass R.I.P. 3. Aine Cosgrave (5th Anniv) Belass & Meelick R.I.P. 4. Michael Cosgrave (1st Anniv), Belass R.I.P.
Sun 27th Sept 9am	Attymachugh	
Sun 27th Sept 11am	Foxford	For the Community

THIS WEEKEND:		READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	ALTAR SERVERS
Toomore	Sat 19th Sept 6pm	Ciara Byrne	Alice Hennigan	
Foxford	Sat 19th Sept 7.30pm	Frances Gilmore	Annie Burke / Bernie Dunne / Barbara Moore	Finnian Kirwan / Ronan Gilroy Robert Anders / Emma Jane Burke
Attymachugh	Sun 20th Sept 9am	Kathleen Ruane	Anne Prendergast	
Foxford	Sun 20th Sept 11am	Yvonne Ruane	Martha Guiry / Annie Murray / Pat McHale / Willie O'Hara	James Sugrue / Seren Toolan Aoife Flannery
NEXT WEEKEND:				
Toomore	Sat 26th Sept 6pm	Anna Marie Walsh	Mary Doherty	
Foxford	Sat 26th Sept 7.30pm	Martin McDonagh	Seamus Coleman / Maureen Noone Bernadette Reape	Zoe Corcoran / Grainne McLoughlin Sean Lally / Keith McDermott
Attymachugh	Sun 27th Sept 9am	Chris Sheerin	Lily Ruddy	
Foxford	Sun 27th Sept 11am	Aoife Burke	Bernie Flynn / Geraldine Brett / Helena Murphy / Anna Marie Walsh	Aoife Flannery / Esme Boland / Nancy McCready / Zara Bolton / Aine Healy
WEEKDAY READERS:		Monday/Tuesday : John Horgan Thursday/ Friday: Gerri Moore		

OFFERTORY COLLECTORS	September	Vigil: Bridie Howley / Sean Lavin / John Horgan Sunday: Brian Doherty / Willie O'Hara / Kieran Staunton
	October	Vigil: Michael McDonagh / Martin Brogan / Gina Stenson Sunday: Joe Davitt/ Anthony Ruane / Gerry Moran

Recent Deaths: Please pray for: **James Kelly**, Parke. brother of Noel, Column and Padraig, Aughaward.
May he Rest in Peace.

Baptism: Welcome to the Christian Community to: **Arlo James Howley**, son of Miriam and Marc, Rooskey,
who was baptised in St. Michael's church on Saturday 12th September.

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

Dioceses of Achonry & Elphin 2026/2027 Scripture Initiative: New groups and facilitators being sought. Please consider. Enquiries welcome. More information @ www.achonryelphin.ie/scripture

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** on **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!

Jubilee of Marriages : Couples celebrating their **Silver, Ruby, Golden, Diamond, Platinum or other wedding anniversaries** are invited to attend one of two Jubilee Masses, along with their families and friends. **Sunday 4 th October at 2.30pm in Ballaghaderreen Cathedral F45 FW27**
Sunday 11 th October at 2.30pm in Kiltoom Church N37 NY36. Bishop Kevin will celebrate both Masses and light refreshments will be served afterwards for all in attendance. As each couple celebrating an Anniversary will receive a certificate from Bishop Kevin, they are asked to register their details by clicking on the button on the Achonry/Elphin website. achonrydiocese.org

CONNACHT P.T.A.A. MINI-VIGIL IN THE PARISH CHURCH, KNOCK on 25th September from 8:30pm - 12 midnight. Everyone welcome. All Pioneer centres are asked to be represented on the night.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Michael's church on Tuesdays after 10 am Mass until 11.30 am.

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.

"Charlie and Christina Gallagher Currower are holding their annual **Hospice Coffee Day** in their home on **Saturday the 26th September** from **10am-4pm**. All welcome to attend."

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/>

Foxford Bridge Club is pleased to announce Bridge Classes commencing on **30th September 2026 @ 7:30 pm** in the **Foxford Social Centre (Old Boys School)** presented by John McCrohan (CBAI certified). Contact John on mayocdo@gmail.com, text 087 242945 or email foxfordbridgesec@gmail.com for further information

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.

"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 **John McGloin** who won a jackpot of **€562** 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).

Intermediate Championship Quarter Final (HOME): Moy Davitts play Parke Keellogues Crimlin at home in the IFC Quarter Final this Sunday (20 Sept) at 3.30pm. Please come out and support the team and management. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Moy Davitts are delighted to announce the arrival of Sam Maguire to the club GAA pitch at Srath Garbh, **Foxford** on **Saturday, September 26th**. Gates open at **9am**. Please keep an eye on our social media for further updates.

"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"**

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 ccemirbrown@gmail.com. Everyone welcome. Annual Comhaltas Membership Fees: Junior Member (Under 18) - €6 | Adult - €12 | Family - €20

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**.

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. Agnes Burke 087 9492 785. Looking forward to seeing as many as possible for a catch up.

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.

We are celebrating the **International Day of the Older Person** on **Thursday 1st October 2026** with a free event in the **Great National Hotel in Ballina**. It promises to be an enjoyable day with information for aging well in Mayo. All welcome.

Visit of First-Class Relic of St Carlo Acutis to St Nathys Cathedral

We are privileged to welcome a **First-Class Relic of St Carlo Acutis** to St Nathys Cathedral from **Friday 25th to Sunday 27th September**. The relic will be available for **veneration after the 10am Mass** on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and also **after the 6pm Mass on Saturday evening**. There will also be two opportunities for special times of prayer in the Cathedral:

- **Friday 25th September at 8pm**
- **Saturday 26th September at 3pm**

This is a wonderful opportunity to come together in prayer and to seek the intercession of St Carlo Acutis, a young saint whose deep love for the Eucharist continues to inspire people throughout the world. **All are very welcome.**

Coffee Morning for Hospice: Mayo Roscommon Hospice are looking for community groups, individuals, schools or workplace etc to host a coffee morning/evening on National Coffee morning for Hospice Thursday 24th September or any date that suits. Coffee & posters will be provided. Contact 0949388666 or email info@hospice.ie. or register online at <https://www.hospice.ie/fundraising/coffee-morning/>

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.
PADRE PIO HEALING MASS Friday, 9 October 7pm, St. Cuan's Church, Ahascragh, Co. Galway.
Season of Creation: Each year, from 1 September to 4 October, Christians around the world unite in this special season of prayer and action to care for our common home. It is a time to celebrate God as Creator and to reflect on our shared vocation to protect and cherish all of creation. This year's theme, "Living Water," is inspired by Ezekiel 47:9, 12 - a powerful biblical vision of hope and ecological renewal. Set against the backdrop of exile and loss, the prophet's image of living water flowing from God's sanctuary reveals God's healing presence, bringing new life to rivers, land, biodiversity and communities, while calling us to renewed care for the whole Earth community.
The Mayo branch of the Alzheimer Society of Ireland will be holding a Memory Walk on Sunday, 20th September, 2026 around Lough Lannagh, Castlebar - suitable for all levels. We are looking for walkers from all across Mayo to join us to help raise funds for vital services that support so many people living with dementia and those who care for them. Meeting point is at 12 noon at Lough Lannagh Leisure Complex, Castlebar, Co. Mayo, F23 A257. Register for the Memory Walk on www.alzheimer.ie
Saint Faustina Weekend on 3rd and 4th October in St Mary's Church, Convoys, 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 .
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.
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.
Minister of the Word: Would you like to read at Mass in any of our Churches? Please contact Fr. Costello on (087) 242 2273
Gynaecological Cancer Awareness Month: Gynaecological Cancer Awareness Month is an opportunity to learn more about the 5 gynaecological cancers –womb (endometrial), ovarian, cervical, vulval and vaginal cancer. Our new flipbook provides information on risk factors, signs and symptoms, and the importance of knowing what is normal for you . Taking a few minutes to learn the signs and symptoms could make a huge difference. If you notice any unusual or persistent changes for you, speak to your GP.
"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.
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.
Don't die with your song still inside you." A morning workshop to reflect on the gifts in you seeking expression. Saturday, September 19th, 10am - 2pm, Croi Nua, Taylor's Hill, Galway . €40 + Eventbrite booking fee. Advance booking required. Any questions, please contact Maria at 085-8357566, mariakingguidance@gmail.com
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 .
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
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 .

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St. Vincent de Paul Helpline: 083 8887777

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.

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

Additional newsletter notices can be found on <https://foxfordparish.com/newsletter>

If you are a newcomer to the parish/community and would like a box of offertory envelopes please contact Fr Pdraig on 087 242 2273