

Foxford Parish

St Michael's Foxford
Toomore Church
Attymachugh Church



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Sunday 26th April 2026 - Fourth Sunday of Easter - Vocations Sunday

Sat 25th April 6pm	Toomore	For the Community
Sat 25th April 7.30pm	Foxford	1. Michael Glynn (2nd Anniv), New Jersey & Riverside R.I.P. 2. John (10th Anniv) & Brenda Kennedy & Eddie Kennedy (16th Anniv) R.I.P. 3. Molly Hughes & deceased of the Hughes & Devaney families R.I.P. 4. Mary Murray (Month's mind), Belgarrow R.I.P.
Sun 26th April 9am	Attymachugh	For the Community
Sun 26th April 11am	Foxford	1. Thomas & Margaret Lally, Belmullet R.I.P. 2. Patrick & Mary Casey, Surrey R.I.P. 3. Marcus Park (2nd Anniv) Dundalk & Stockport R.I.P. First Holy Communion children
Mon 27th April 10am	Foxford	Biddy (20th Anniv) & John Heneghan R.I.P.
Tues 28th April 10am	Foxford	Special Intention
Wed 29th April 8am	Convent	
Wed 29th April 7pm	Foxford	
Thurs 30th April 10am	Foxford	Nancy Burke, Cloongee R.I.P.
Thurs 30th April 3pm		Mass in the Blackrocks Nursing Home at 3 pm
Fri 1st May 10am	Foxford	Feast of St. Joseph the Worker
Sat 2nd May 6pm	Toomore	Paddy Kelly (4th Anniv) Belass R.I.P.
Sat 2nd May 7.30pm	Foxford	1. John Gerard Devaney (12th Anniv) & deceased of the Hughes & Devaney families R.I.P. 2. Kevin Reape (3rd Anniv) R.I.P. 3. Billy Nolan (4th Anniv), Sweetwell R.I.P. 4. Michael Kneafsey (Birthday rem.), Rinnaney R.I.P.
Sun 3rd May 9am	Attymachugh	Tom & Nora Dempsey, Derreen, their grandson, Paul Sheerin, John & Bridie Sheerin & deceased of the Dempsey & Sheerin families R.I.P.
Sun 3rd May 11am	Foxford	1. Sinead Boyle (Birthday rem.), Cashel R.I.P. 2. Martin (30th Anniv) & Noreen Cosgrave & deceased, Ballina Rd. R.I.P. 3. Nancy (Anniv) & Jim McDonnell, Lower Main St. R.I.P. 4. Maureen Bourke (100th Birthday rem.) Cuinbeg R.I.P.

THIS WEEKEND:		READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	ALTAR SERVERS
Toomore	Sat 25th Apr 6pm	Ciara Byrne	Alice Hennigan	
Foxford	Sat 25th Apr 7.30pm	Gina Stenson	John Horgan / Bridie Howley /	Zoe Corcoran / Grainne McLoughlin / Sean Lally / Keith McDermott
Attymachugh	Sun 26th Apr 9am	Lily Ruddy	Anne Prendergast	
Foxford	Sun 26th Apr 11am	Aoife Burke	Stephen Giblin / Paula Ruane / Willie O'Hara / Maureen Lavin / Martha Guiry	James Sugrue / Abbie McMahon / Seren Toolan/Aoife Flannery
NEXT WEEKEND:				
Toomore	Sat 2nd May 6pm	Helen Halligan	Mary Doherty	
Foxford	Sat 2nd May 7.30pm	Julie McGeever	Annie Burke / Bernie Dunne / Barbara Moore	Finnian Kirwan / Ronan Gilroy / Robert Anders/Emma Jane Burke
Attymachugh	Sun 3rd May 9am	Anne Prendergast	Lily Ruddy	
Foxford	Sun 3rd May 11am	Margaret Reilly	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	April	Vigil:	Michael McDonagh / Martin Brogan / Gina Stenson
		Sunday:	Joe Davitt / Anthony Ruane / Gerry Moran
	May	Vigil:	Martin McDonagh / Seamus Coleman / Bernadette Reape
		Sunday:	Ben Burke / Siobhan Moran/Jerome Coleman

Visitation of the sick and housebound during this week

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>Wedding Bells: Congratulations and Best Wishes to: Helen Killen & Joseph Hannon, Sleive Na Greinne, who were married in St. Michael's on Friday 17th April</p>
<p>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Michael's church on Tuesdays from after Mass until 11.30 am.</p>
<p>Rosary at the Grotto: The Rosary will be recited at the Grotto on the Swinford Rd. each Friday evening at 7 pm during the month of May.</p>
<p>Retreat for Ministers of the Eucharist and Scripture Readers: Many thanks to all who attended the Retreat last Sunday. Fr. Tom Grufferty sent on a Power Point copy of his presentation. If anybody wishes to get a copy please send your request to: stmichaelsfoxford@gmail.com or foxfordparishnewslette@gmail.com</p>
<p>Easter Priest's Collection: Many thanks for your generous contributions at the recent Easter collection</p>
<p>Trocaire: To Date: €1790. Many thanks for your generosity.</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>The May Mini Vigil takes place at Knock Shrine on Friday, May 1 st 2026. Confessions available from 8pm to 9pm. Vigil proper takes place from 9pm to Midnight in the Parish Church. Beautiful Words with John and Mary Farrelly. This overnight residential retreat takes place in the Retreat Village at Knock Shrine on May 2nd and 3rd 2026. If you are longing for a slower pace, space to breathe, and time to reconnect with God's quiet presence in your life, this gentle residential retreat offers exactly that. For more information, see www.knockshrine.ie</p>
<p>Class of 2006 - St. Joseph's Secondary School: 20 year reunion. Date: Saturday 2 May 2026. If you want more information please contact: Michael John 086 378 1424 Valerie 086 157 8755</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://encounterschoolofministrydoneg.regfox.com/encounter-conference-donegal For more info, email donegal@encounterschool.org.</p>
<p>Mahony Montessori School, Slieve Na Gréine, Swinford Road Foxford, Children 2 and a half- 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>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>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>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>Moy Davitts 50/50 draw Congratulations to Eva Clarke, Bohola who won a jackpot of €636 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>St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth, provides postgraduate Theology and Philosophy and ministries programmes suitable for those in parish roles. Applications for some programmes close from April 30th, see sppu.ie for more details.</p>
<p>Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Tuesday 28th April at 7.30pm in the TF Royal Hotel, Castlebar, Co. Mayo.</p>
<p>ACRES West Connacht Local Clinic - An open-door local clinic for farmers in the ACES Co Cooperation area will be held in An Croi Tubbercurry F91 X772 from 9am to 5pm on Thursday April 30th. For any queries call 085 268 3630.</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>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@mayonortheastldc.com or text / call 087 499 6605.</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>Foxford Traditional Singing and Poetry Group will meet in Guiry's Bar on Thursday 30th April at 8.30pm. All Welcome.</p>
<p>DIOCESES OF ACHONRY AND ELPHIN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES – ASSISTED PILGRIM SECTION The Dioceses 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 016852244 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>

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<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>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>SAVE THE DATE – 8 TH AND 9 TH May - TURAS NA mBAN Free Event in Erris Coast Hotel, Geesala. All welcome – reserve your tickets on Eventbrite or contact maynortheast.com. Email: info@maynortheast.com – call 094 9256745 or 087 7702337.</p>
<p>The Irish Catholic newspaper is available each week. It costs €3.50 . Payment can be put in the candelabras.</p>
<p>Art classes in Craioibhín Ballina on Friday's from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm with our art facilitator starting on Friday May 1st. Anyone interested in doing the classes call the Centre to book a place or for more info on 087 2785365.</p>
<p>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</p>
<p>Could you take on 7,000 steps a day throughout April? Walk anywhere, anytime, and help support Family Carers Ireland while raising awareness for carers nationwide. Sign up at www.familycarers.ie/get-involved For more information, see www.familycarers.ie/stepup</p>
<p>Bowel Cancer Awareness Month: Bowel cancer is one of the most common cancers, but when detected early, it is highly treatable. You can reduce your risk of bowel cancer by eating healthy (high fibre, limit processed meat/red meat), limiting alcohol, maintaining a healthy weight, being physically active, and getting help to quit smoking. Bowel screening is available to everyone aged 57-71 years. See www.hse.ie/bowelscreen It is important to be aware of changes in your body and seek medical advice if you notice: A change in bowel habit that lasts more than 6 weeks (diarrhoea, constipation, or a change in stool consistency), feeling like you have to pass stool even when you know your bowel is empty, unexplained bleeding from your back passage. Unexplained pain or lump in tummy or back passage, unexplained tiredness more than is normal for you or unexplained weight loss. These symptoms don't always mean cancer, but they should never be ignored. See www.hse.ie/preventcancer.</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>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>
<p>Fr. Peyton Centre Opening Hours: Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 9.30am to 5.30pm. Tel: 096-45374.</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>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 plan 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.</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>New Table Tennis Club: A new table tennis club will be formed in Foxford in the coming weeks. Presently we are taking names of interested parties. If you or any family member is interested in getting involved and developing your skills or learning from scratch let us know. Whatsapp name/age to 0868373646</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. Contact 094 9256145 for more details.</p>
<p>Wanted: Full-time bookkeeper/accountant required to support day-to-day tasks in a long established business in Belmullet area. Contact tjlennon@lennonquarries.com or 087 2545364</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>
<p>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.</p>
<p>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 roseariamangan@maynortheastldc.com or call Siobhán 087 499 6605 for more info. Labhair linn i módh ruin. All confidential.</p>

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<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>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>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.</p>
<p>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.'</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>Workability is here to Help: Workability is a community-based service dedicated to supporting people with disabilities, injuries, or long-term health conditions to access and maintain employment. With personalised guidance and one-to-one support, the team works closely with each participant to match their skills, interests, and goals with real job opportunities. The Workability team understands that everyone's journey is different. Our supportive and confidential approach ensures you are encouraged every step of the way — building confidence, developing skills, and opening doors to sustainable employment. Take the next step toward your future and find out more by contacting us today! Email rosemariamangan@mayonortheastldc.com or call Siobhán 087 499 6605. Labhair linn i módh ruin. All confidential.</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>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</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>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>MyMind provide mental health professional therapy with <u>Free appointments</u> 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>The Adoration Chapel at St. Muredach's Cathedral, Ballina is open: Mon - Fri 2 - 8 pm. Sat - Sun 2 - 7pm. All are welcome. <i>Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest.</i></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>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.</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 style="text-align: center;">SUPPORT HELPLINES</p> <p>St. Vincent de Paul: 083 8887777 www.svp.ie Samaritans: 116 123 www.samaritans.ie Womens Aid: 1800 341 900 www.womensaid.ie</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pieta House: 1800 247 247 www.pieta.ie Childline: 1800 66 66 66 www.childline.ie</p> <p>SeniorLine: 1800 80 45 91 www.thirdageireland.ie</p>