

Foxford Parish

St Michael's Foxford
Toomore Church
Attymachugh Church



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Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion - 29th March 2026

Sat 28th March 6pm	Toomore	1. Mary Teresa (14th Anniv) & Michael John Gallagher & their daughter, Bernadette, (Birthday rem.) Toomore R.I.P.
Sat 28th Mar 7.30pm	Foxford	1. Peter Glynn (Birthday rem.) Riverside R.I.P. 2. Maureen & Michael O'Hara & deceased family members R.I.P. 3. Anne Gallagher (6th Anniv) Rinnaney & Dominick & Annie (Snr) Gallagher R.I.P. 4. Breda Hennigan (20th Anniv), Aughaward) R.I.P.
Sun 29th Mar 9am	Attymachugh	
Sun 29th Mar 11am	Foxford	1. Ellen Murphy (26th Anniv) & deceased family members R.I.P. 2. Tom, Biddy & Michael Burke, Aikenhead, R.I.P. 3. Jimmie Sheerin (1st Anniv) New York & Attymachugh, R.I.P. 4. Pat Brady (13th Anniv) Clooneygowan, R.I.P.
Mon 30th March 10am	Foxford	
Tues 31st March 10am	Foxford	Kathleen McDonnell (10th Anniv), Charlestown R.I.P.
Wed 1st April 8am	Convent	John Brogan Castlebar Rd, & Peggy Flannery, Castlebar, R.I.P.
Wed 1st April		Mass in the Blackrocks Nursing Home at 3 pm
Wed 1st April 7pm	Foxford	Mary Kate McDonnell & deceased family members R.I.P.
Thurs 2nd April 8pm	Foxford	<u>Easter Triduum</u> Mass of the Lord's Supper - First Holy Communion Children
Fri 3rd April 3pm Fri 3rd April 7pm	Foxford	<u>Good Friday</u> Commemoration of the Passion of Our Lord Stations from Swinford Rd. to Braid at 7 pm
Sat 4th April 12.30 pm Sat 4th April 6pm	St. Michael's Toomore	<u>Holy Saturday</u> Blessing of Polish Food For the Community
Sat 4th April 9 pm	Foxford	Easter Vigil and Mass: For the Community
Sun 5th April 7 am Sun 5th April 9am	Craggagh Attymachugh	<u>Easter Sunday Masses</u> Mass in Craggagh Cemetery at 7 am (weather permitting; otherwise transferred to St. Michael's) For the Community
Sun 5th April 11am	Foxford	1. Liam Thornton (13th Anniv), Assumpta Place R.I.P. 2.. Tim Killeen & deceased members of the Killeen family R.I.P. 3. Paddy Bohan (5th Anniv) Irishtown R.I.P.

THIS WEEKEND:		READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	ALTAR SERVERS
Toomore	Sat 28th March 6pm	Helen Halligan	Mary Geraghty	
Foxford	Sat 28th March 7.30pm	Frances Gilmore	Seamus Coleman / Maureen Noone / Bernadette Reape	Zoe Corcoran / Grainne McLoughlin / Sean Lally / Keith McDermott
Attymachugh	Sun 29th March 9am	Marcus Jones	Chris Sheerin	
Foxford	Sun 29th March 11am	Sylvia Neary	Bernie Flynn / Geraldine Brett / Helena Murphy / Anna Marie Walsh	Alex Domagala / James Sugrue / Hazel Prendergast / Saorflaith Burke
NEXT WEEKEND:				
Toomore	Sat 4th April 6pm	Carmel Gallagher	Mary Doherty	
Foxford	Sat 4th April 7.30pm	Martin McDonagh	John Horgan / Bridie Howley / Annie Burke	Finnian Kirwan / Ronan Gilroy / Robert Anders / Emma Jane Burke
Attymachugh	Sun 5th April 9am	Kathleen Ruane	Anne Prendergast	
Foxford	Sun 5th April 11am	Marion Ryder	Stephen Giblyn / Paula Ruane / Willie O'Hara / Maureen Lavin / Martha Guiry	James Sugrue / Abbie McMahon / Seren Toolan / Aoife Flannery

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

Confessions available in St. Michael's church on Holy Saturday from 1 pm to 1.30 pm

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

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays from 10.30 am to 11.30 am

<p>Recent Deaths: Please pray for: Declan Walsh, Ballina, Mary Murray, Belgarrow, Michael Deasy, Cullen, Killasser. May they Rest in Peace.</p>
<p>Baptism: Congratulations and welcome to the Christian community to Derry Kevin Ruane, Castlebar, son of Maria & Conor, who was baptised in St. Michael's church on Saturday 21st March</p>
<p>Wedding Bells: Congratulations & Best Wishes to: Sean Hynes Brook Rd. and Kate Rankin, Co. Laois, married in the Church of the Holy Cross, Rathiniska, Co. Laois on 14th March and to Niamh Walsh, Lower Main St. and Craig Muckell, Co. Limerick, married in St. Andrews Church, Crikstown, Curraha, Co. Meath on 20th March.</p>
<p>Readers: If you would like to read at Mass in any of our churches, please contact Fr. Padraig on 087 242 2273</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>Retreat for Ministers of the Eucharist and Scripture Readers: The Annual Retreat for those in the Fr. Peyton Cluster (Foxford, Attymass & Bonniclon) will take place in St. Michael's church, Foxford, on Sunday 19th April beginning at 2 pm and ending at 4 pm. It will be conducted by Fr. Tom Grufferty, Knock.</p>
<p>The annual An Taisce Spring clean up is taking place on Monday 6th April 2026 in Foxford at 11.00am. Meeting in the Pharmacy car park. Please come along and volunteer to help litter pick on the four approach roads to the town. Teams will be organised and allocated to each approach road. If you have gloves and a litter picker please bring them with you as we have limited supplies. High Viz vests will be available. We would also encourage residents associations to organise a clean up of their estates on that day too, or on an alternate date which suits the residents. Let's make our town look well as we approach summer.</p>
<p>Foxtrot 2026! Foxtrot is back on Sunday 19th April 2026 at 1pm from the Foxford Leisure Centre. This year is a 5km fun run for all the family! Prizes and raffle on the day!</p> <p>This is an opportunity to raise funds for Brenda Walsh Grealis as well as the local community. Brenda, originally from Callow, was recently diagnosed with PERM Stiff Person Syndrome (SPS). This is an extremely rare, severe neurological disease that causes extreme muscle rigidity, painful spasms, and progressive loss of mobility. A gifted singer and musician, she is a wife and mother of four children. We, the communities of Callow, Foxford and the surrounding area are coming together with Foxtrot in an effort to raise much needed funds to assist Brenda and her family with this life changing condition. Any enquiries please contact Ann @ 086-8302975 or Helen @ 085-8282000.</p>
<p>A Youth 2000 day retreat takes place on April 25th at Knock Shrine, Co. Mayo. Youth 2000 provides an opportunity for young people (16-35) to develop their relationship with God, learn more about the Catholic faith & meet other young people through a structured retreat programme. Talks, testimonies & games. Donation only. Check out Youth2000.ie to register or contact connaught@youth2000.ie for more information. ""</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 Helen Clarke who won a jackpot of €512 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>Gear Swap - have you any pre-loved sports gear? Are you clearing out old sports clothes and boots from Gaelic, soccer, rugby or any other sports? Moy Davitts are holding a Gear Swap on Easter Monday in Bohola Community Centre. Over the next few weeks, we will be looking for all your pre-loved jerseys, jackets, goodies, football shorts, football boots etc. If you have any sports items that you'd like to donate to the Gear Swap, please contact Mike Kelly on 0871967360. Please ensure all gear donated is in a clean and in usable condition. Thank you.</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>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>Spring @ Fr Peyton Centre, Attymass, Ballina Co. Mayo F26 X884- One Day Retreat- Saturday March 21st - Waiting in hope on the journey through Lent. Beginning at 11am, and concluding at 4.30pm, the day includes: spiritual talks, reflection, quiet time, rosary and Mass. The cost is €25, which includes tea, coffee on arrival & light lunch. Booking is essential. For enquiries and booking contact Fina 096 45374 / 087 681 6821-</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>Guided Prayer Afternoon Join the Fr Peyton Centre for Guided Prayer Afternoon on Thursday, April 9th from 2m to 4.30pm. The afternoon will include: rosary, meditation, silent time and Mass. For information contact: Fina 096 45374 / 087 681 6821.</p>
<p>Ignatian Retreat in Fr. Peyton Centre on Saurday. 25th April from 10 am to 5 pm. Contact: 087 6798839.</p>
<p>Annual pilgrimage to Knock - "The Church as the People of God, a priestly, prophetic and royal people" - Saturday 18th April. See www.catechism.ie for more information.</p>
<p>Come join Craoibhín Ballina F26C9E8 on Thursday April 2nd from 12 pm to 2 pm for the Easter music afternoon. Refreshments, raffle and music on the day. €5 entry fee. All are welcome.</p>
<p>The Irish Catholic newspaper is available each week. It costs €3.50 . Payment can be put in the candelabras.</p>

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 Padraig on 087 242 2273

<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>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>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>Fr. Peyton Centre Opening Hours: Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 9.30am to 5.30pm. Tel: 096-45374.</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. <i>If you are over 60 and would like to know more about the services ALONE can offer you, please call 0818 222 024.</i></p>
<p>GET INTO GOLF for ladies at Ballina Golf Club begins on Wed 15th April at 7pm. €80 for 8 weeks under the guidance of Golf Professional Eddie Tracey and experience on the course with other lady members. Contact Mary at 085 7809816 or Tina 096 21050</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>Carramore N S: Enrolments for the 2026/2027 School Year / Open Day. We are now taking Enrolments for the 2026/2027 school year. Please Contact us on 071 9181435 or by email – carramorenationalschool@gmail.com for more information or an Enrolment Form. We are only 10 minutes from Foxford! Open Day. Our Open Day for new pupils and their families is on Friday, 13th March from 1pm – 2:30pm. We hope you can join us! F12 CX29. More information on Facebook @CarramoreNS.</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 rosemariemangan@mayortheastldc.com or call Siobhán 087 499 6605 for more info. Labhair linn i módh ruin. All confidential.</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>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 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.</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 rosemariemangan@mayortheastldc.com or call Siobhán 087 499 6605. Labhair linn i módh ruin. All confidential.</p>

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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.

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>

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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