

Foxford Parish

St Michael's Foxford
Toomore Church
Attymachugh Church



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Sunday 30th August 2026 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 29th Aug 6pm	Toomore	NO MASS
Sat 29th Aug 7.30pm	Foxford	1. Kathleen (4th Anniv) & Jim Maloney Ballina Rd. R.I.P. 2. John Coleman (Anniv), Belass, his parents, Tom & Josie & sisters, Ann & Mary R.I.P. 3. Padraic Ruddy (30th Anniv) & his son, Martin Ruddy (4th Anniv) R.I.P.
Sun 30th Aug 9am	Attymachugh	NO MASS
Sun 30th Aug 11am	Foxford	1. Catherine (9th Anniv) & Tony Gallagher (Anniv) & deceased family members, Crignafila R.I.P. 2. Pat (Anniv) & Bridget Quinn & deceased of the Quinn & O'Donnell families, Glanduff R.I.P.
Mon 31st Aug 10am	Foxford	NO MASS
Tues 1st Sept 10am	Foxford	NO MASS
Wed 2nd Sept 8am	Convent	NO MASS
Wed 2nd Sept 7pm	Foxford	NO MASS
Thurs 3rd Sept 10am	Foxford	Mary Kate McDonnell & deceased, R.I.P.
Fri 4th Sept 10am	Foxford	Special Intention
Sat 5th Sept 6pm	Toomore	1. Charlie (Anniv) & Mae McEnroe & deceased family members R.I.P. 2. Michael John Gallagher (10th Anniv) & Maura Gallagher (7th Anniv) R.I.P.
Sat 5th Sept 7.30pm	Foxford	1. Dan McDermott (Anniv) & Willie & Sabina McDermott & deceased family members R.I.P. 2. Concepta O'Hanlon (Month's mind) Moyview R.I.P. 3. Martin (35th Anniv) & Ann McNulty, their daughter, Carmel & deceased of the McNulty & Dempsey families, Castlebar Rd. R.I.P. 4. Michael Kneafsey (Jnr) (2nd Anniv) Rinnaney R.I.P.
Sun 6th Sept 9am	Attymachugh	Special Intention
Sun 6th Sept 11am	Foxford	1. Seamus Gaffney (1st Anniv) Radharc Na Muidhe R.I.P. 2. Patrick (83rd Anniv) & Nora Ruane Rinnaney & their deceased sons & daughters R.I.P. 3. Margaret & Vin Sheridan Muckroe R.I.P. 4. Seamus (30th Anniv) & Lil Ginty & Tom & Teresa Dempsey R.I.P.

THIS WEEKEND:		READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	ALTAR SERVERS
Foxford	Sat 29th Aug 7.30pm	Anne Marie Coleman	Annie Burke / Maureen Noone / Bernadette Reape	Zoe Corcoran / Grainne McLoughlin / Sean Lally / Keith McDermott
Foxford	Sun 30th Aug 11am	Marion Ryder	Martha Guiry/Annie Murray/Pat McHale/Willie O'Hara	James Sugrue / Seren Toolan/ Aoife Flannery
NEXT WEEKEND:				
Toomore	Sat 5th Sept 6pm	Helen Clkarke	Anna Marie Walsh	
Foxford	Sat 5th Sept 7.30pm	Sean Lavin	Seamus Coleman / Maureen Noone / Bernadette Reape	Finnian Kirwan / Ronan Gilroy / Robert Anders / Emma Jane Burke
Attymachugh	Sun 6th Sept Aug 9am	Anne Prendergast	Lily Ruddy	
Foxford	Sun 6th Sept 11am	Willie O'Hara	Bernie Flynn / Geraldine Brett / Helena Murphy / Anna Marie Walsh	Aoife Flannery / Esme Boland / Nancy McCready / Zara Bolton / Aine Healy
WEEKDAY READERS:		Monday/Tuesday : No Mass Thursday/ Friday: Gerri Moore		

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

Recent Death: Please pray for **Matt Gordon**, Crossmolina, brother of Mary O'Neill, Rinnaney.
Christina Lynch, Dublin, mother of Nuala Ui Laimhin, Brook Rd.
May they Rest in Peace.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Michael's church will resume in 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

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.
'Faith in Bloom' a conference about the Church Return to Nature initiative takes place on Saturday, August 29th from 10am – 3pm in St. John's Centre at Knock Shrine in partnership with Mayo County Council, The Heritage Council and NPWS. Free event. For programme and bookings, see www.knockshrine.ie for details.
Children's Rosary with Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction on Friday 4th September at 5:30 - 6:15 pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Knock Shrine. For children and teens of all ages. Everyone is welcome to come and join in prayer. Under 18's must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. For any questions, please call or text: 087 2299 623. Website: www.ChildrensRosary.org
An Information and Recruitment Meeting for the Knights of St Columbanus will be held in The Pastoral Centre, Charlestown on Tuesday 1st Sept 2026 at 8pm.. We invite you to this Meeting if you are interested in learning more about your Christian faith and sharing it in your Community. We look forward to meeting you.
"Samaritans are currently recruiting Volunteers to support the Castlebar Branch of Samaritans. No experience necessary, as we will train, mentor and support you. Information session take place at the Branch, 21 Thomas St, Castlebar on Thursday, Sep 3rd, 5-7pm. For more information please call 086 2468203."
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/
Poor Clares Galway, Half-Day Retreat for women 18-40 with Women's spirituality speaker Louise Mc Guinness, An opportunity to encounter God's love and deepen your life of prayer and communion with God. The event will take place from 2pm to 6pm on Sunday the 6th of September For more information and to register: https://cherisheddaughters.eventbrite.ie
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.
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.
CHILDMINDER REQUIRED: To mind 2 1/2 yr old and 1 yr old to cover shift work. Hours would be 06:30am-7:30pm 2/3 days per week with days varying: contact Caitriona at Caitriona23@yahoo.co.uk.
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.
Class of 96, St Joseph's Secondary School, Foxford are celebrating their 30 year anniversary with a reunion on Saturday 12th September, from 8pm in the Riverbank, Foxford. All welcome for a night of music, memories and more.. Please check out our Facebook page Class of 1996 Reunion or email classof96stjosephs@gmail.com for further information. Looking forward to hearing from you'.
Backs Parish Tractor, Vintage & Vehicles Run: In Knockmore on Sunday, 13th Sept. Registration at 11am. Fee per motorised vehicle is €20. An Auction will take place at 12.15pm. All proceeds in aid of parish funds. Your participation and support would be much appreciated.
Moy Davitts 50/50 draw: Congratulations to Marian McDermott who won a jackpot of €1117 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).
Recruitment Week with Atlantic Care . Are the children heading back to school and you find you have a few hours available, and you are interested in a Caregiver role in your community with flexible consistent hours contact Nollag 0949014028.
safeTALK (suicide alertness for everyone) Date: Tuesday, 8 Sept. Venue: The Family Centre, Castlebar F23 PH39. Time: 10am-1.30pm. To book, email darlene@breakingthrough.org Understanding Self Harm Date: Wednesday, 16 Sept. Venue: The Family Centre, Castlebar F23 PH39. Time: 10am-5pm. To book, email darlene@breakingthrough.org.
St Joseph Men's Camino - Every Camino changes us in ways we don't expect, every man needs one. Join men from across Ireland on Saturday 12th September for a 25km pilgrimage through the Boyne Valley, beginning in Drogheda. The day includes Mass, Adoration, Rosary, Confessions, fraternity, lunch and dinner, with after-dinner speaker Fr. Mark Quinn. Open to men aged 18+. Cost: €65 (student € 55). Registration, accommodation and details: www.dominicans.ie/events. Enquiries: op.evangelisation@gmail.com
Mayo Older Persons Council are holding an AGM/Information day in the TF Royal Hotel, Castlebar on Monday 7th September 2026. We would appreciate it if you could advertise this in your parish newsletter. This is a free event and there will be refreshments provided on the day.
Smartphone Classes RETURN to Craoibhín Ballina! Our popular Smartphone Classes are returning on Monday, September 7th, from 2.30pm to 4pm. Tutors Susan and Declan will show you how to: Download apps onto your phone Stay safe with internet security Get more from your smartphone and much more! Cost: €5 per class Places are limited to 10 participants, so booking is essential. We look forward to welcoming back our old members and new members to Craoibhín's Smartphone Classes! Contact Craoibhín Ballina to book your place on 0872785365.
Foxford Bridge Club is pleased to announce Bridge Classes commencing on 30th September 2026 @ 07:30 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.
Are you Recovering from a Cardiac Event? You're Not Alone. Join the Croí Heart & Stroke Charity, Mayo Cardiac Peer Support Group, for heart recovery and support. Location: The Ellison Hotel, Castlebar, Mayo.Date: Wednesday 16th September from 6.30pm - 8.30pm.Meeting Topic: Information will be shared on local resources to support you to manage your condition. Connect with others who understand, share experiences & learn together.<i>This initiative is a collaboration between Croí and the HSE in Mayo.</i>
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.

<u>Parking on church grounds:</u> 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.
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"
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.
Minister of the Word: Would you like to read at Mass in any of our Churches? Please contact Fr. Costello on (087) 242 2273
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 <i>your</i> 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.
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
Moy Davitt's Cian McHale on winning All-Ireland team Moy Davitts GAA are extremely proud of club member Cian McHale who was on the victorious Mayo team which won the All-Ireland Football Final on Sunday last. A special welcome party will be organised by the club as soon as Mayo GAA confirms the schedule. Full details will be communicated in due course.
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.
Call for Nominations - Be Your Community Voice! Nominations are now being sought from Mayo Public Participation Network (PPN) member groups for Representatives to the Mayo PPN Secretariat Committee, Mayo County Council Strategic Policy Committees, and the Western Region Drug & Alcohol Task Force (WRDATF) Committee. The closing date for receipt of completed nomination forms is Friday 4th of September 2026 at 4pm. Follow the link for more information and to download nomination forms: https://mayoppn.ie/be-your-community-voice/
Lighting Votive Candles: In the interests of safety, please, leave lighted candles on the candelabra at all times. Thank you.
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.
Fleadh Cheoil: Congratulations to the members of Foxford Admiral Brown Comhaltas on their wonderful success at the All Ireland Fleadh held in Belfast. We are so proud of all of you.
Burren Outdoor Retreat, Friday 4th September to Sunday 6th September. Would you like to come with us on a journey through the Burren with its limestone pavements, rare flora and ancient sacred sites? Let the beauty of this place renew you in body and soul. Residential (people within easy reach may commute). Contact Mary at 087 970 1130 for information or Des at 085 161 4951 for bookings.
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. <i>Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest.</i>
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.

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St. Vincent de Paul Helpline: 083 8887777

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 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.

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. 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 Padraig on 087 242 2273