

Foxford Parish

St Michael's Foxford
Toomore Church
Attymachugh Church



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Sunday 6th September 2026 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Season of Creation: 1st September - 4th October

Sat 5th Sept 6pm	Toomore	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.
Mon 7th Sept 10am	Foxford	Fr. Heribert Wolf (9th Anniv) R.I.P.
Tues 8th Sept 10am	Foxford	Fr. Pat Fahey R.I.P.
Wed 9th Sept 8am	Convent	David & Attracta Burke (Annivs.) R.I.P.
Wed 9th Sept 7pm	Foxford	Val (10th Anniv) & Patty, Nellie & Jack Coss R.I.P.
Thurs 10th Sept 10am	Foxford	
Fri 11th Sept 10am	Foxford	John Kneafsey (Anniv) R.I.P.
Sat 12th Sept 6pm	Toomore	Pat O'Hara (6th Anniv) Pontoon Rd. R.I.P.
Sat 12th Sept 7.30pm	Foxford	1. Michael Joe Ruddy (1st Anniv) Attymachugh R.I.P. 2. John Joseph & Nora McHale (Annivs) R.I.P. 3. Joe Ginty (1st Anniv) Cluain Aoibhinn R.I.P.
Sun 13th Sept 9am	Attymachugh	
Sun 13th Sept 11am	Foxford	Molly & Pakie Roche & deceased members of the Roche family, Curlomin R. I.P.

THIS WEEKEND:		READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	ALTAR SERVERS
Toomore	Sat 5th Sept 6pm	Helen Clarke	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 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
NEXT WEEKEND:				
Toomore	Sat 12th Sept 6pm	Alice Hennigan	Mary Doherty	
Foxford	Sat 12th Sept 7.30pm	Michael McDonagh	John Horgan / Bridie Howley /	Zoe Corcoran / Grainne McLoughlin / Sean Lally / Keith McDermott
Attymachugh	Sun 13th Sept 9am	Marcus Jones	Chris Sheerin	
Foxford	Sun 13th Sept 11am	Laura Giblin	Stephen Giblin/Paula Ruane/Willie O'Hara/Maureen Lavin/Martha Guiry	Alex Domagala / James Sugrue / Hazel Prendergast / Saorflaith Burke
WEEKDAY READERS:		Monday/Tuesday : Deirdre Hardy	Thursday/ Friday: Margaret Kelly	

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

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.

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Michael's church Tuesdays after 10 am Mass until 11.30 am.
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.
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
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/ True Devotion to Mary: Achonry & Elphin Dioceses' 2026/2027 initiative will be hosted by Boyle parish. For more info see www.achonryelphin.ie/tdm Web page includes details of a 'come and see' meeting on 9th Sept. Everyone welcome.
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.
Coffee Morning in aid of 'Cliona Foundation' on Saturday 12th September from 10 am to 2 pm . Venue: Philomedia Office (Sports Centre) F26 PP40 (Jason Howley). All are welcome
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 .
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.
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.
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 .
Family Carers Ireland's Ballina Carer Support Group meets Thursday September 10th from 10-11.30am in the Green Room at the Ballina Manor Hotel, F26 HY84 . The meeting takes place on the second Thursday of every month. This is a great opportunity to sit and have a cuppa and chat with other carers and also meet Supports Manager for Mayo, Michelle Moriarty. No need to register, just turn up on the morning!
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'.
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
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.
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
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/
Moy Davitts 50/50 draw: Congratulations to Paul Tolan who won a jackpot of €760 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). Moy Davitts are delighted to announce the arrival of Sam Maguire to the club GAA pitch at Srath Garbh, Foxford on Saturday, September 26th . More details to follow.
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
Prescription glasses found in Foxford. If they get in touch with the Parish. My number 0876785810 .
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.

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.
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.
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 at The Ellison Hotel, Castlebar, Mayo 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. This initiative is a collaboration between Croí and the HSE in Mayo.
'Come away to a quiet place'. This 4-day directed residential retreat takes place in the retreat village at Knock Shrine from 14th to 18th September. For more information, visit www.knockshrine.ie or contact John Farrelly, by email at retreatvillage@knockshrine.ie or phone (086) 0108623. Faith Through Film with Brendan O'Regan takes place in the Prayer Centre on Saturday 19th September from 10am to 3pm. This reflective, practical day is designed for RE teachers who want to bring faith to life in the classroom, while also taking time to nourish their own spiritual journey. See www.knockshrine.ie for contact Nicola Mitchell at faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie or telephone (094) 93 88100.
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.
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 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
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.
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.

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St. Vincent de Paul Helpline: 083 8887777

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