

Foxford Parish

St Michael's Foxford
Toomore Church
Attymachugh Church



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Sunday 9th August 2026 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 8th Aug 6pm	Toomore	For the Community
Sat 8th Aug 7.30pm	Foxford	1. Terry McNamee (10th Anniv), Cloongee R.I.P. 2. Annie & John Joe Hennigan Rinnaney R.I.P.
Sun 9th Aug 9am	Attymachugh	1. Sean Ruane (Month's Mind), Glanduff R.I.P
Sun 9th Aug 11am	Foxford	1. Bridget (Bridie) Laffey (5th Anniv) Irishtown R.I.P. 2. Nora (50th Anniv) & Patrick Ruane & deceased daughters & sons, Rinnaney R.I.P. 3. Tom & Winnie Lavin, their sons Tommie & Gabriel & deceased of the O'Hara & Lavin families R.I.P.
Mon 10th Aug 10am	Foxford	Gerry (8th Anniv) & Nora Foy & deceased family members R.I.P.
Tues 11th Aug 10am	Foxford	Special Intention R.I.P.
Wed 12th Aug 8am	Convent	
Wed 12th Aug 7pm	Foxford	Bernard Marren R.I.P.
Thurs 13th Aug 10am	Foxford	Mary Kate McDonnell & deceased family members R.I.P.

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 15th August

Fri 14th Aug 6pm	Toomore	
Fr. 14th Aug 7.30pm	Foxford	For the Community
Sat 15th Aug 9am	Attymachugh	
Sat 15th Aug 6pm	Toomore	
Sat 15th Aug 7.30pm	Foxford	1. Tony Coleman (3rd Anniv) & deceased of the Coleman family Curlomin R.I.P. 2. Sean Ruane (1st Anniv) & all deceased family members, Rinnaney 3. Mary (May) McHale (Month's mind) Stonehall R.I.P.
Sun 16th Aug 9am	Attymachugh	For the Community
Sun 16th Aug 11am	Foxford	1. Michael Sheridan (Birthday rem.) Station Rd. R.I.P. 2. Mary, Andrew & Sonny Durkan, Toomore R.I.P. 3. William Murphy, his daughter, Maureen, (Anniv) & deceased family members R.I.P.

THIS WEEKEND:		READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	ALTAR SERVERS
Toomore	Sat 8th Aug 6pm	Ciara Byrne	Alice Hennigan	
Foxford	Sat 8th Aug 7.30pm	Gina Stenson	John Horgan / Bridie Howley / Annie Burke	Finnian Kirwan / Ronan Gilroy / Robert Anders/Emma Jane Burke
Attymachugh	Sun 9th Aug 9am	Kathleen Ruane	Anne Prendergast	
Foxford	Sun 9th Aug 11am	Anna-Marie Walsh	Martha Guiry/Annie Murray/Pat McHale/Willie O'Hara	James Sugrue / Seren Toolan/Aoife Flannery
NEXT WEEKEND:				
Toomore	Sat 15th Aug 6pm	Helen Halligan	Mary Doherty	
Foxford	Sat 15th Aug 7.30pm	Angela Neary	Annie Burke / Bernie Dunne / Barbara Moore	Zoe Corcoran / Grainne McLoughlin / Sean Lally / Keith McDermott
Attymachugh	Sun 16th Aug 9am	Chris Sheerin	Lily Ruddy	
Foxford	Sun 16th Aug 11am	Mary Moylette-Ruane	Bernie Flynn / Geraldine Brett / Helena Murphy / Anna Marie Walsh	Aoife Flannery / Esme Boland / Nancy McCready / Zara Bolton / Aine Healy

Weekday Readers: Monday/Tuesday : Deirdre Hardy 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

Baptism:	Welcome to the Christian community to: Enya Bellomo , daughter of Maeve & Fabio Bellomo, Dispensary Rd & Italy, who was baptised in St. Michael's church on Saturday 1st August.
Advance Notice:	On the weekend of the 29th/30th August there will be Masses in St Michael's church only. No Mass that weekend in Toomore or Attymachugh. Sorry for any inconvenience.

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

Cemetery Masses: Many thanks to all who were involved in preparing our cemeteries for Mass last weekend. Your time and work is greatly appreciated. And thanks to all who participated. It was great to see so many present. Also many thanks for your contributions to the upkeep of the cemeteries.	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Michael's church will resume in September.	
The Achonry and Elphin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Sunday 16th August 2026 . As part of the Annual Knock Novena, this date coincides with the Family Day , offering various activities for families with children of all ages. We extend a particular welcome to our Altar Servers and their families .	
Thanks from Spiritans Missionary Order: Following Fr. Augustine's talk at weekend Masses recently a total of €623 was contributed towards their work. The Order greatly appreciates your generosity.	
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.	
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.	
All Ireland Champions! Congratulations to Mayo on winning their fourth All Ireland title! A special congratulations to our own Cian McHale . What a wonderful achievement bringing the Sam Maguire Cup back to Mayo!	
Minister of the Word: Would you like to read at Mass in any of our Churches? Please contact Fr. Costello on (087) 242 2273	
The National Novena at Knock Shrine takes place from August 13th to 21st . Daily Novena ceremonies at 3pm and 8pm . Daily workshops at 12.45pm. For full programme, see www.knockshrine.ie .	
Family Day at Knock Shrine takes place on Sunday, August 16th . Blessing of Families at 11am in the Parish Church. Free games and activities at Basilica Green from 11am to 3pm. See www.knockshrine.ie for more details.	
'Sheltered in God's Love' The National Novena to Our Lady of Knock takes place 13 to 21 August 2026 . Daily ceremonies, with guest speakers, take place at 3pm and 8pm . Daily Workshops at 12.45pm. See www.knockshrine.ie for more details.	
Global School Feeding Charity Mary's Meals will hold their annual Step By Step to Feed the Next Child - Walk to Knock from 7th to 15th August . Walkers will be arriving in Foxford around 3.30pm on Friday 7th August , and will leave at 8.30am on Saturday 8th August, heading to Castlebar. Please come out and encourage the walkers, and if you're able to do so, donate in the buckets or visit marysmeals.ie to donate online . It costs just €22 to feed a child for a whole school year, and 11c provides one school meal. All donations, big or small, are very welcome.	
"Youth 2000 Summer Festival 13th–16th August : Calling all young people aged 16–35! Join us at the Youth 2000 Summer Festival in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. This is a donation-only event, with free buses available across the country and all meals included. Expect inspiring talks and workshops, Mass, music, prayer, and plenty of opportunities to chill out and meet other young Catholics. Whether you are new to the faith or looking to be refreshed, all are welcome. To register or find out more, visit youth2000.ie or follow @Youth2000Ireland."	
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 01 6852244 or email info@joewalshstours.ie	
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.	
Summer @ Fr Peyton Centre, Attymass, Ballina Co. Mayo F26 X884 Guided Prayer Afternoon: Join the Fr Peyton Centre for Guided Prayer Afternoon on Thursday, August 13th from 2pm to 4.30pm . The afternoon will include: rosary, meditation, silent time and Mass. For information contact: Fina 096 45374 / 087 681 6821	
N26 Foxford to Mount Falcon - Public Consultation Event No.3 Mayo County Council is holding a Public Consultation Event from Wednesday 19th August to Friday 4th September in respect of the Emerging Preferred Option Corridor for the N26 Foxford to Mount Falcon Project. An in-person public consultation event will be held at the Great National Hotel, Ballina on 19th August where the Emerging Preferred Option Corridor will be on display and members of staff from Mayo National Roads Office and the project consultant will be available to answer questions. A virtual public consultation room will also be available at: www.n26foxfordtomountfalcon.ie from Wednesday 19th August to Friday 4th September. All interested parties are invited to participate.	
'Embrace the Grace' Young Adult Catholic Conference on 29 August 2026 is a Legion of Mary conference on faith and culture for young adults (18-40) with talks, prayer, Mass, confession, workshops, food and social in the historic Legion of Mary headquarters at De Montfort House, North Brunswick Street, Dublin 7. It will be a chance to build faith in friendship with young adults from across the country. This event takes place on Saturday 29 August from 9.30am to 6.00pm with a social afterward. Tickets cost €20 and can be booked on the eventbrite website by looking up 'Embrace the Grace'. Any queries can be directed towards deusetpatria@gmail.com .	
Fr. Peyton Centre Opening Hours: Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 9.30am to 5.30pm. Tel: 096-45374.	
Moy Davitts 50/50 draw: Congratulations to Anne Davey who won a jackpot of €577 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 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.	
"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"	

Mountbellew Ag. Show, Co. Galway will be held on Sat 22 Aug 2026 in the Mountbellew Ag. College (H53 WE00). Entries on-line. Closing Date for entries is Sat 15 Aug 2026. Dog and Cat Entries plus Junior Class Entries only taken on Show Day. Great Family Day Out. Free children's entertainment including magic, scarecrow competition & pony rides. Fashion Show. Well worth a visit. For more information & details on classes etc, please see our website www.mountbellewagrishow.ie
Chair Yoga returns to Craoibhín Ballina on Tuesdays from 2 pm to 3 pm with instructor Elle May. Starts Tuesday August 11th. Cost is €10 per person. To book a place call the Centre on 0872785365. All are welcome.
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.
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.
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
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.
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.
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.
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.
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/
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.
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.
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.

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St. Vincent de Paul Helpline: 083 8887777

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