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Foxford Parish

St Michael's Foxford
Toomore Church
Attymachugh Church



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Sunday 12th October 2025 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 11th Oct 1.00 pm	Foxford	Wedding Mass
Sat 11th Oct 6pm	Toomore	For the Community
Sat 11th Oct 7.30pm	Foxford	1. Pat & Mollie Doocey R.I.P. 2. John Gallagher (Anniv), Rinnaney & deceased members of the Gallagher family R.I.P. 3. Anthony Coleman (Birthday rem.) Belass R.I.P.
Sun 12th Oct 9am	Attymachugh	Thomas & Ellen Quinn, daughters, Ann Brosnihan & Patricia Whitlow & deceased of the Quinn & Gallagher families R.I.P.
Sun 12th Oct 11am	Foxford	Brendan Cafferkey (5th Anniv), Cnoc an Dara, R.I.P.
Mon 13th Oct 10am	Foxford	
Tues 14th Oct 10am	Foxford	Special Intention
Wed 15th Oct 8am	Convent	
Wed 15th Oct 7pm	Foxford	1. Paddy (9th Anniv) & Mike (3rd Anniv) Walsh, Ballinaleck R.I.P. 2. Val, Patti, Nellie & Jack Coss, Swinford Rd. R.I.P.
Thurs 16th Oct 10am	Foxford	
Fri 17th Oct 10am	Foxford	
Sat 18th Oct 6pm	Toomore	
Sat 18th Oct 7.30pm	Foxford	1. Michael (31st Anniv) & Bridget Ormsby, their son, Leo, & grandson Garry Kelly R.I.P. 2. Paddy Cosgrave (2nd Anniv) Belass & deceased family members, R.I.P. 3. Sean (14th Anniv) & Catherine Wallace Station Rd. & deceased family members R.I.P. 4. Terence Reape (20th Anniv), Riverside R.I.P.
Sun 19th Oct 9am	Attymachugh	
Sun 19th Oct 11am	Foxford	1. Mary Ryder (Anniv) & deceased of the Ryder & Connor families R.I.P. 2. Winifred White (2nd Anniv) Belgarrow R.I.P. 3. Damien Murray (12th Anniv), Irishtown R.I.P. Enrolment Mass for the First Holy Communion children

THIS WEEKEND:		READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	ALTAR SERVERS
Toomore	Sat 11th Oct 6pm	Helen Halligan	Mary Doherty	
Foxford	Sat 11th Oct 7.30pm	Frances Gilmore	Seamus Coleman / Maureen Noone / Bernadette Reape	Zoe Corcoran / Grainne McLoughlin
Attymachugh	Sun 12th Oct 9am	Anne Prendergast	Lily Ruddy	
Foxford	Sun 12th Oct 11am	Paula Ruane	Teresa Ormsby / Bernie Flynn / Geraldine Brett / Helena Murphy	Kasia Berlowska / Frank Berkowski / Aoife Flannery / James Sugrue / Abbie McMahon
NEXT WEEKEND:				
Toomore	Sat 18th Oct 6pm	Ciara Byrne	Alice Hennigan	
Foxford	Sat 18th Oct 7.30pm	Martin McDonagh	John Horgan / Bridie Howley / Anna Marie Walsh	Oscar McHugh / Emma Jane Burke / Annalese Ruddy
Attymachugh	Sun 19th Oct 9am	Marcus Jones	Chris Sheerin	
Foxford	Sun 19th Oct 11am	Mary Moylette-Ruane	Stephen Giblin / Paula Ruane / Willie O'Hara / Maureen Lavin / Martha Guiry	Aoife Flannery/ Esme Boland/ Nancy McCready/Aine Healy/ Saorflaith Burke

If you are unable to read please phone Teresa at 087 2739680

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Michael's church on Tuesdays from end of Mass until 11.30 pm

Offertory Collectors		October	Vigil:	Michael McDonagh / Martin Brogan / Gina Stenson
			Sunday:	Joe Davitt / Anthony Ruane / Gerry Moran
		November	Vigil:	Martin McDonagh / Seamus Coleman / Bernadette Reape
			Sunday:	Ben Burke / Siobhan Moran / Jerome Coleman
Recent Death:	Please pray for:	Mary Kelly (nee Noone), Oranmore, sister of Tommy Noone, Belgarrow May she Rest in Peace		

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

First Holy Communion Children: Children who wish to receive First Holy Communion next May will enrol for the Sacrament at the 11 am Mass next Sunday . An important meeting for their parents will take place in Foxford National School on next Thursday, 16th October at 8 pm	
Wedding Bells:	Congratulations to Maire Ni Laimhin , Foxford & Diarmuid Coyne , Dysart, Co. Roscommon, who were married in St. Michael's church on Friday, 3rd October 2025.
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 mobile 087 904 0463 or on her landline 094 925 6614 .	
Urgent: Drivers needed for delivering meals. One hour, twice in the month. Please contact the above number. Thank you.	
Annual Blessing of Children: Foxford Parish Pastoral Council invites parents of children who were baptised in 2022 to bring your child to St. Michael's Church this Sunday 12th October at 3 pm for a short Prayer Service and Blessing. Other family members will also be very welcome. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Admiral Brown Hall.	
Church of Ireland, Foxford: The Harvest Thanksgiving Service will take place this Sunday 12th October at 4.00 p.m. The preacher is Rev. Canon Doris Clements . Everyone is most welcome at this special annual service continuing the tradition of many previous generations and giving thanks for God's bounty.	
Moy Davitts 50/50 draw : Congratulations to Thomas Mountney & Laura O'Donnell , who won a jackpot of €553 in the Moy Davitts 50/50 draw last Sunday. A huge thank you to everyone who supported last week's draw, it is greatly appreciated. Moy Davitts v Ardnaree in James Stephen's Park, Ballina this Sunday at 4 pm in the Mayo Intermediate Football Semi-Final.	
St. Joseph's Secondary School, Foxford School Reunion Class of JC 1996 & LC 98/99: Sunday 26th October. All welcome to meet in Guiry's from 6pm to 9pm and to the Moy Hotel after. For queries contact Gráinne 087 051 6346 or Colleen 087 7722842.	
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	
Foxford Bridge Club: Wednesdays at 7 pm in the Social Services. All are welcome.	
"Remembrance by Candlelight", St. Michael's church, Foxford, Wednesday 29th October @ 7pm. Join Opera singer Sean Ruane and Bernadette Ruddy alongside St. Anne's choir (UK), Maria Lynn, The Doherty's & The Doocey's for a candlelit evening of amazing performances. Proceeds towards Foxford & District Alzheimer's Trust (FACT) and Foxford's Search and Rescue. Tickets €20. Contact Sarah 087 7965520 or Irene 087 2795242	
Help Urgently Needed - Foxford Foroige (a youth led group for 12-17 year olds) may not run fully this year, if we do not have enough volunteer leaders. Adult volunteer leaders can be from 18-70 years old. A minimum commitment of once per month is needed. We meet weekly on a Friday in Brown Memorial Hall from 7.30pm to 9pm. Free training and Garda vetting is given. Please contact any of the following leaders if you are interested : Taragh 0876471919, Mary 0868895144, Ann 08683022975, Joyce 0863921249	
Foxford Woollen Mills Night of Nostalgia for past and present workers and friends will take place in Cruisers Bar on Friday 7th of November. Entertainment provided by Pat Boyle's Country Roadshow. Looking forward to meeting old friends and reminiscing on times gone by. For further information contact Margaret on 083-3747146. Ann on 086-880921. Or Larry on 087-7544610.	
Do you love to sing? Come and sing with Bella Capella . We are a community based choir, taking part in local events & fundraisers. We rehearse on a Wednesday 5.30pm - 7.30pm at Music West in Castlebar . For more information contact Sara Lawrence bellacapella.choir@gmail.com	
Pre Marriage Courses by Accord in Sligo & Co. Galway: Oranmore & Ballinasloe, & Online. Check for availability, by county, on www.accord.ie . Sligo , Glass House Hotel: 4 places Fri. 21st./ Sat. 22 Nov.; 12 places Fri. 5th./ Sat. 6 Dec.; 12 places Fri. 30th./ Sat. 31 Jan. Oranmore , Maldron Hotel: 1 place Fri. 24th. & Sat. 25 Oct. Places available on 3 weekends of Nov. Ballinasloe , Shearwater Hotel: 14 places Fri. 17th. & 18 Oct.; 6 places Fri. 14th. & 15 Nov. Online courses 3 eves: Mon. 17th., Wed. 19th. & Thurs. 20 Nov. Also, Mon. 24th., Wed. 26th. & Thurs. 27 Nov.	
October @ Fr Peyton Centre, Attymass, Ballina Co. Mayo F26 X884 - Guided Prayer Afternoon on Thursday, October 9th from 2pm to 4.30pm. The afternoon will include: rosary, meditation, silent time and Mass. For information contact: Fina 096 45374 / 087 681 6821 - The Rosary a Path to Peace -- One Day retreat Saturday, October 18th. Join us to explore how the Rosary can open your heart to the peace of God's presence. 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 / 087 681 682	
Handel's Messiah at Knock Basilica , Saturday 22 November 2025. Featuring the RTÉ Concert Orchestra, Nicholas Chalmers – Conductor, Soprano Aoife Miskelly, Alto Anne Marie Gibbons, Tenor Andrew Gavin, Rory Musgrave, Baritone and vocal ensemble, Resurgam. Tickets available online https://knockmessiah2025.eventbrite.ie	
Breast Cancer Awareness Month takes place October 1st-31st . For further information, please log onto www.breastcancerireland.com	
Mayo Cancer Support Men's Support Group - The next meeting of the Men's Support Group is scheduled for Tuesday @7.30pm October 14th in Rock Rose House, Castlebar Any Queries : 094 9038407 All Welcome	
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 .	
Knock Shrine - 'Whisper of God' one-day silent day retreat takes place on Saturday, November 1st in the Prayer Centre . Cost: €70 includes lunch and refreshments. For more information, contact John Farrelly, Prayer Guides Coordinator at Knock Shrine. Tel. 086 0108623 or email prayerguidance@knockshrine.ie - A workshop for Choirs at Knock Shrine with Dr. John O'Keeffe, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth and Una Nolan, Knock Shrine, will take place on Saturday, November 15th . Advanced booking is essential. Cost: €20 includes resource pack. See www.knockshrine.ie for more details. - Prayer Guidance Training Course: Interviews are now underway for the new training programme for prayer guides which begins in Knock Shrine in January 2026. For further information, dates and application form please email prayerguidancetraining@gmail.com	

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 Pdraig on 087 242 2273

<p>Bereavement Support Meeting: The weekly bereavement support group resumes at Knock Shrine on Wednesday morning, Sept 10th at 11am in the Family Centre. This meeting provides an opportunity for those who have lost a loved one to meet others who are bereaved and to share and talk about their experience of loss as well as find hope and healing again in their lives.</p> <p>No appointment is needed and all are welcome. Further information from Monica Morley on 094 9375320</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>MyMind provides mental health professional therapy with Free appointments for homeowners in Mayo affected by Defective Concrete Blocks: https://www.mymind.org/free-counselling/. New location in Mayo North East Office, Kevin St, Ballina since January 6th 2025, other location is 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 welcome.</p> <p><i>Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest.</i></p>
<p>The Irish Catholic newspaper is available each week. It costs €3, increasing to €3.50 in October</p>
<p>Preparing for Marriage? Weekend residential courses available. 21-23 November 2025, 6-8 March 2026 and 13-15 November 2026. Details: www.grasta.org or at info@grasta.org</p>
<p>Married Couples course? Weekend residential courses available. 22-23 November 2025, 7-8 March 2026 and 14-15 November 2026. Details: www.grasta.org or at info@grasta.org</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>Calling all community groups in Mayo! Have you an event this Autumn that you'd like to promote? Email a jpg along with a short description of the event to mavoppn@mavococo.ie and the Mayo PPN will include it in our Autumn 2025 newsletter.</p>
<p>Foxford Inclusion Project. If you have recently moved to Foxford and noticed your country's flag is not included in our International flags flying at the Social Services Centre, please contact Marion on 087 9233 928 where we will be happy to have your flag included.</p>
<p>Charity Donations: The Foxford Alzheimer's and Community Trust has asked supporters not to leave donations outside the door of its Charity Shop in Foxford as it leaves the area untidy and hinders the walkway for residents. Instead, please note the drop off times of 11am to 5pm on Tuesday to Saturday. Items accepted include clothing for all ages, shoes in wearable condition, crockery, glassware, kitchen utensils, books, records, jewellery and handbags. The Trust is sincerely grateful to everyone who donates their items to support Foxford Alzheimer's and Community Trust Support Services.</p>
<p>Mayo's Creamery Years Project - The project is preserving the voices and memories of people who remember life around Mayo's creameries. Supported by the Heritage Council, and led by Mayo County Council, it welcomes contributions from anyone with memories to share. To get involved, contact Mac Conmara Heritage Consulting at 086 274 7230 or tara.macconmaraheritage@gmail.com.</p>
<p>The Growing Tree, Foxford, require a relief School Aged Childcare worker to supervise and engage with children. A Level 5 qualification in early childhood education would be an advantage but not essential. Please apply with CV to thegrowingtreefoxford@gmail.com</p>
<p>North Mayo CE have a vacancy for an Administrator for their Community Employment scheme based in Knockmore Resource Centre. Usual CE criteria applies. Please register with your local Intreo office or contact Marie Claire on 087 990 5717 for details.</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>St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth has a range of postgraduate programmes for those interested in Theology, Philosophy, Youth Ministry and more. Visit their website for more details at www.sppu.ie/courses.</p>
<p>1. Marriage Enrichment Weekend in The Focolare Centre, Curryhills, Prosperous, Co. Kildare, Nov. 7th-9th, 2025. Open to all married couples. For info/booking: www.marriageencounter.ie</p> <p>2. Living Well - free HSE programme helps people living with a long-term health condition to manage their condition and improve their overall wellbeing. Anyone with any chronic illness such as diabetes, arthritis, COPD, cardiac illness, anxiety, etc. can benefit from these workshops. The next programme commences on Tuesday the 14th of October in Castlerea Family Resource Centre. The programme is delivered over six weekly workshops (2.5 hrs x 6) by trained leaders. Advance registration is required. To find out more, please contact Liam Gildea on 086 014 2675 or by email at lgildea@southmayo.com.</p> <p>3. Friends of Carmel Retreat Day, Saturday 11th October 2025, 10am to 4pm At Holy Hill Hermitage, Skreen, Sligo, F91 CA24. Programme: 10am Coffee on arrival; 12.15 Mass; 1pm Lunch (Please bring packed lunch); 3.45pm Closing Prayer. To book email friendsofcarmelhh@gmail.com (Donations appreciated.) All Welcome!</p>
<p>Fr. Peyton Centre Opening Hours: Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 9.30am to 5.30pm. Tel: 096-45374.</p>
<p>Craoibhin Ballina:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Want to learn a musical instrument, why not join teacher Maria in Craoibhin Ballina on Monday mornings from 11.30 am to 12.30 pm. Cost is €10 per person. All are welcome. To book a place or for more info call the Centre on 087 2785365. - Line Dancing classes start back in Craoibhin Ballina on Tuesdays with instructor Maria from 12.30 pm to 1.30 pm. Cost is €10 per person, bring a friend. For more info call the Centre on 087 2785365.
<p>Kilmovee Heritage Presents Cois Tine Night. A relaxed community evening with live music, food, and a raffle, held on the second Monday of each month. The next Cois Tine night is on Monday, 13th October. Kilmovee Community Centre.</p>
<p>Oral Recordings of times past: To compile a list of Mayo related voice recordings of folklore, oral history, tradition etc, the Heritage Office of Mayo County Council wants to hear from anyone with information on collections or recordings. To contribute or find out more, please contact Mac Conmara Heritage Consulting, at macconmaraheritage@gmail.com or 086 778 4669.</p>

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Family Carers Ireland: Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional needs? A spouse, partner, child, close relative or neighbour? Then you are a family carer! Become a member of Family Carers Ireland , the national charity supporting Ireland's 500,000+ family carers nationwide. Contact 057 9370221 and hear how we can support you or for more info visit www.familycarers.ie		
Atlantic Care are urgently recruiting compassionate Caregivers in the Foxford area to provide quality support, companionship, and assistance for seniors, ensuring comfort within their own homes. Competitive rates of pay, flexible hours and support network. If you are interested contact Nollag 0949014028. www.atlanticcare.ie		
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.		
RHS Home Care are recruiting for care staff to provide Home Care in clients house in your area If you are interested or require more details, please email jobs@rhshomecare.ie or phone our Head office on 090 6625988		
Defective Concrete Block (DCB) Support Group : Homeowner led initiative, wishes to create emotional support for Widowed / Divorced / Separated / Single property owners in Mayo affected by Pyrite / DCB, navigating this process alone. This will be an independent and confidential support group. All expressions of interest welcome, please contact Anne on: 089 2666389.		
Mindspace Outreach Service in Ballina: Mindspace Mayo offers a support service to young people (12-25yrs) in Co. Mayo, presenting with anything from common concerns (e.g. dealing with break-up, exam stress, bullying) to emerging mental health difficulties like mild depression and anxiety. are located in Castlebar and an outreach service runs three days a week (Monday-Wednesday) in Ballina Family Resource Centre and anyone can make a referral. Visit www.mindspacemayo.ie or call 094 9067001.		
Need support with Bookkeeping, Payroll or Admin? Contact Assist You – 086 352 6348		
Do you have a community event or activity coming up? Avail of FREE advertising with Mayo PPN. It's simple – email mayoppn@mayococo.ie and include a Jpeg poster. Mayo PPN will be delighted to promote your 1000 plus community groups.		
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/		
Get Paid to Learn in Ballina Looking for a fresh start? A FREE training course is starting soon in our modern training centre right in the middle of Ballina town. - Full training allowance — up to €240 per week - Travel supports available - Practical skills - Meet new people and boost your confidence Great step into work or further training Who's it for? > Early school leavers. >Past Youthreach learners. >Young people who want to build skills and a brighter future. >Anybody that wants to gain an entry qualification into the Manufacturing sector. Location: Central Ballina (easy to get to) . Starting in the next few weeks. Spaces are limited! Call/Text Sonia Walsh 086 1271172 Email: soniawalsh@fit.ie or drop into Community Training Hub Teeling Street, Ballina to secure your place.		
Need to advertise your community event for FREE ? Send a jpeg poster and a short piece of text to mayoppn@mayococo.ie Mayo PPN will share it with our 1,200 plus Community Groups. www.mayoppn.ie		
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