

Foxford Parish

St Michael's Foxford
Toomore Church
Attymachugh Church



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Sunday 23rd November 2025 - Feast of Christ The King

Sat 22nd Nov 6pm	Toomore	1. Teresa (Anniv) & Patrick McHale & deceased of the Gallagher family R.I.P. 2. John & Patrick Murphy (Anniv), Ballycrovane, Cork R.I.P.
Sat 22nd Nov 7.30pm	Foxford	1. Maureen Nolan (nee Hall) (3rd Anniv), Manchester & Irishtown, R.I.P. 2. Michael Glynn (Birthday rem.) New Jersey & Riverside R.I.P. 3. Martin & Isa Moran, Cashel & Scotland R.I.P. 4. Mary (2nd Anniv) & Paddy Jones Irishtown R.I.P.
Sun 23rd Nov 9am	Attymachugh	John O'Donnell (28th Anniv.), late of Glanduff R.I.P.
Sun 23rd Nov 11am	Foxford	1. Jim (Anniv) & Nancy McDonnell, Main St. R.I.P. 2. Madeline (10th Anniv) & Tom Langan Assumpta Place R.I.P. 3. Mary & William Ormsby, Stonepark R.I.P. 4. Mary (9th Anniv) & Sean (2nd Anniv) Boylan, Station Rd. R.I.P.
Mon 24th Nov 10am	Foxford	Holy Souls
Tues 25th Nov 10am	Foxford	Holy Souls
Wed 26th Nov 8am	Convent	Holy Souls
Wed 26th Nov 7pm	Foxford	1. Michael Noone, his daughter, Frances Abigail & his parents, Michael & Ellen Noone R.I.P. 2. Margaret & Bridget O'Brien, Ann Leahy & Breda Seidl R.I.P.
Thurs 27th Nov 10am	Foxford	Seamus Gaffney (Birthday rem.) , Radharc na Muaidhe & Belass R.I.P.
Thurs 27th Nov 3 pm		Mass in the Blackrocks Nursing Home at 3 pm
Fri 28th Nov 7pm	Foxford	Holy Souls
Sat 29th Nov 6pm	Toomore	Tom & Julia Fallon, their son, Thomas & their daughter, Mary Forde R.I.P.
Sat 29th Nov 7.30pm	Foxford	1. Tom (Anniv) & Helen Durcan & their daughter, Maura Gaughan R.I.P. 2. Padraig & Margaret Hunter & family, John, Jane & Fr. Seamus, Coolaggagh R.I.P. 3. William & Elizabeth Noone & Patrick & Mary Reynolds & deceased of both families R.I.P. 4. Patsy Doherty (Month's mind), Mill Park & Charlestown R.I.P.
Sun 30th Nov 9am	Attymachugh	1. Mary, Pat, John & Tony McGreal & deceased of the McGreal & Convey families R.I.P. 2. Paul Sheerin, his grandparents, Tom & Nora Dempsey & John & Bridie Sheerin, Christina Murphy & Jim Spallin R.I.P.
Sun 30th Nov 11am	Foxford	1. Elaine Tolan (3rd Anniv) Castleknock & Foxford R.I.P. 2. Tony Ormsby (25th Anniv) R.I.P. 3. Philip Murphy (36th Anniv) & deceased of the McNulty & Murphy families R.I.P. 4. Kevin McHugh (6th Anniv) Rinnaney R.I.P. Enrolment for the Sacrament of Confirmation

THIS WEEKEND:		READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	ALTAR SERVERS
Toomore	Sat 22nd Nov 6pm	Helen Halligan	Mary Doherty	
Foxford	Sat 22nd Nov 7.30pm	Helen Clarke	Seamus Coleman / Maureen Noone / Bernadette Reape	Zoe Corcoran / Grainne McLoughlin / Sean Lally / Keith McDermott
Attymachugh	Sun 23rd Nov 9am	Marcus Jones	Anne Prendergast	
Foxford	Sun 23rd Nov 11am	Yvonne Ruane	Teresa Ormsby / Bernie Flynn / Geraldine Brett / Helena Murphy	Aoife Flannery / James Sugrue / Abbie McMahon / Kasia Berkowska / Frank Berkowski
NEXT WEEKEND:				
Toomore	Sat 29th Nov 6pm	Carmel Gallagher	Mary Doherty	
Foxford	Sat 29th Nov 7.30pm	Michael McDonagh	John Horgan / Bridie Howley / Teresa Ormsby	Oscar McHugh / Finnian Kirwan / Rory Kilroy
Attymachugh	Sun 30th Nov 9am	Kathleen Ruane	Lily Ruddy	
Foxford	Sun 30th Nov 11am	Angela Neary	Stephen Giblin / Paula Ruane / Willie O'Hara / Maureen Lavin / Martha Guiry	Alex Domagala / James Sugrue / Hazel Prendergast / Saoirflaith Burke / Emma Jane Burke

Visitation of the Sick and Housebound during this coming week

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

Enrolment for Confirmation: Pupils preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation next March are invited to enrol for the Sacrament at the 11 am Mass in St. Michael's church next Sunday 7th December

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

Recent Deaths: Please pray for: **Gerard Gallagher**, Newport, late of Glanduff, brother of Paul, Manchester.
Frances Healy Walkinstown, Dublin & Toomore
Tom McHugh, Foxford and Kiltimagh
Nuala Molloy, Tourlestrane, mother of Sinead Barrett.

May they Rest in Peace

Offertory Collectors	November	Vigil:	Martin McDonagh / Seamus Coleman / Bernadette Reape
		Sunday:	Ben Burke / Siobhan Moran / Jerome Coleman
Offertory Collectors	December	Vigil:	Bridie Howley / Sean Lavin / John Horgan
		Sunday:	Brian Doherty / Willie O'Hara / Kieran Staunton

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.

Ministers of the Eucharist: We greatly appreciate your work in our parish community. It would be very much appreciated if we had Ministers taking **Holy Communion to the residents of the Blackrocks Nursing Home each Sunday**. To do that we need a number of you to volunteer. There will be a Vulnerable Adult Training session for those who are willing to be involved. It will take place in **The Yeats County Hotel in Curry on Tuesday 2nd December at 3 pm**. Please let me know by Tuesday evening, 25th November, if you would be willing to be involved.

Foxford Traditional Singing & Poetry Group will meet in **Guiry's Bar** on **Thursday 27th November at 8.30 pm**. All are welcome

Moy Davitts 50/50 draw : Congratulations to **Loren Devers**, who won a jackpot of **€590** 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 GAA AGM: The Moy Davitts AGM 2025 will take place this **Sunday, 23 November '25 at 5.00pm in Bohola Community Centre**. If you wish to attend, please confirm your attendance by email to: secretary.moydavitts.mayo@gaa.ie. Only club members who have paid their membership prior to 31 March '25 are eligible to vote at the AGM.

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.

"Meeting Christ in and through St. Matthew's Gospel": As part of a new diocesan initiative the **Parochial House, Swinford, will host a scripture group from 8-9pm on six consecutive Wednesdays beginning Wed. 5th November**. Meetings will embrace learning, conversation and prayer. Everyone welcome. For more information see www.achonrydiocese.org/matthew

Fr Benny McHale will provide a four-night introduction to the **Gospel for next year, St. Matthews Gospel**. No previous knowledge is needed – all you have to do is bring a copy of the Bible with you (if you do not have a copy, one will be provided). Takes place on Tuesday nights - Nov 25th and Dec 2nd, 9th and 16th in the Prayer Centre at Knock Shrine from 7:30pm – 9:30pm. Booking is recommended, as places are limited. Contact Nicola at faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie or telephone 094 93 88100

10th Anniversary Community Christmas Concert with the **Foxford Brass & Reed Band**, joined by the CCE Admiral Brown and the St. Michael's Choir. **Sunday, 30th November at 6:00 pm in St. Michael's Church, Foxford**. Free admission, but donations are gratefully accepted.

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.

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: Places available on 3 weekends of Nov.

Online courses 3 eves: Mon. 24th., Wed. 26th. & Thurs. 27 Nov.

ACRES West Connacht event: 'Life on the River Moy Through the Ages' with Western People Columnist Pat McCarrick.

November 25th 7pm in the Foxford Leisure Centre. All are welcome to Pat's engaging evening of stories, history, and images from the River Moy's rich heritage. For Information 085 268 3630.

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:- 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

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**

December @ Fr Peyton Centre, Attymass, Ballina Co. Mayo F26 X884. One Day retreat Saturday, December 6th

Advent -- Prepare the Way of the Lord -- Join us to explore the journey through Advent. 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.

Guided Prayer Afternoon on Thursday, December 11th from 2pm to 4.30pm. The afternoon will include: rosary, meditation, silent time and Mass. For information contact: Fina 096 45374 / 087 681 6821.

Fr. Peyton Centre Opening Hours: Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 9.30am to 5.30pm. Tel: 096-45374.

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

The Irish Catholic newspaper is available each week. It costs **€3.50**. Payment can be put in the candelabras.

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.

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

Mayo Pyrite Action Group: Free campaign bus to Dáil Éireann Dublin from Mayo (multiple departure locations) Tues 25th November Belmullet 6.30am, Crossmolina 7.15am, Ballina 7.30am, Foxford 7.45am, Swinford 8am, Charlestown 8.15am. Contact 0861201605 for more details.
Workability: Since Workability was launched in July 2024, we have celebrated lots of achievements for employers and clients alike, for example: 4 clients got part-time jobs, 30 people trained in Disability Awareness, 1 client set up own business, 1 employer benefitting from Wage Subsidy Scheme, and all our clients have completed a variety of courses or training workshops, such as Fire Safety, Customer Service, First Aid and QQI L5 modules. Do you have a medical condition or difficulty, and are you looking for work, or wanting to improve your employment prospects? If you are an employer, find out more about how we can help your business! The Mayo North East Workability programme is based in Erris but we cover a large part of Mayo, including Foxford. Email rosemariamangan@mayonortheastldc.com or call Siobhán 087 499 6605 for more info. Labhair linn i módh ruin. All confidential.
Family Carers Ireland Christmas Raffle - you could win €1,000 cash, €500 select hotels voucher or a hotel voucher. Please support family carers in your community by purchasing a ticket at www.familycarers.ie/christmas
Living Well is a free HSE programme which helps people living with a long-term health condition to manage their symptoms and improve their overall wellbeing. Anyone with any chronic illness such as diabetes, arthritis, COPD, cardiac illness, anxiety, etc. can benefit from these workshops. A new programme will commence in Swinford on Thursday 11th of November 2025, 10 am – 12.30 pm, continuing weekly at that time for six weeks. The programme is free but it is essential to register in advance. To find out more, please contact Liam on 086 014 2675, email: lgildea@southmayo.com; or Fiona on 087 7185615, email: fcunnane@southmayo.com
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.
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.
Enable Ireland Mayo Services require Family support workers/PA in all areas of County Mayo to work with Children with a disability. Our staff usually work one-to-one with a child within their home but also within their community or at centres throughout Mayo. Hours required are usually afternoon/evenings and Saturdays. Training is also provided. If you are interested please email shahir@enableireland.ie for further information. This is a very rewarding role and our Staff are very positive about their experience.
Do you know a person or a community group who deserve to see their efforts recognised at Mayo County Council's civic awards? We are delighted to announce the Cathaoirleach's Awards 2025 are now open for nominations! The Cathaoirleach's Awards honour and celebrate the many groups that work quietly behind the scenes to make our communities stronger, more vibrant and caring, often inspiring and motivating others to become actively involved in their communities. Unsung heroes are to be found in every town, village, street and road in County Mayo. All winners will be presented with a specially commissioned trophy, hand crafted in Mayo, at the Cathaoirleach's Awards Presentation Evening in early 2026. Winners in each category will also receive a financial bursary to use for their community work. Details of the Cathaoirleach Awards, including the Information Booklet and Nomination Form, are available at https://www.mayo.ie/cathaoirleachsawards2025
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.
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.
Balla Bingo – Every Sunday Night! Join us online or in the hall for a great night of fun and prizes! Every Sunday. Eyes down at 8 PM Get your bingo books online at https://shorturl.at/4GBMM
The Adoration Chapel at St. Muredach's Cathedral, Ballina is open: Mon - Fri 2 - 8 pm. Sat - Sun 2 - 7pm. All welcome. <i>Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest.</i>
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 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
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.
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.
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.
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.

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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**.

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 is 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**.

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