



Collooney & Ballinacarrow (Kilvarnet) Parish Newsletter

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Office Hours (Secretary present): 9.30 am – 12.30 pm (Monday – Friday)

Nov. 22nd & 23rd 2025 – Feast of Christ the King



Church of the Assumption, Collooney – Masses

Sat. 22nd 8.00 pm Kathleen, Gerry, Dermot & Marian O'Grady / Michael & Julia Finn, Knockbeg

Sun. 23rd 11.00 am People of the Parish Community

Mon. 24th - Fri. 28th 9.00 am Holy Souls

Sat. 29th 8.00 pm Michael & Annie Nellany & deceased members of the Nellany & Lang families

Sun. 30th 11.00 am First Sunday of Advent

Church of St. Fechin & St. Lassara, Ballinacarrow - Masses

Sat. 22nd 6.30 pm Private Intention

Sun. 23rd 9.30 am Patrick Madden, Cloonacurra / Charles Madden, Rathnarrow.

Sat. 29th 6.30 pm Joe & Eileen Langan & deceased of the Langan family, Ropefield / Tom & Teresa Nellany and daughters Louisa, Eileen & Margaret.

Sun. 30th 9.30 pm First Sunday of Advent

Offertory Collection (Nov. 15th & 16th) Many thanks for your ongoing generosity and support. It is much appreciated

Ballinacarrow Church

Readers	6.30 pm	Sat. 22 nd	Mary Coleman	9.30 am	Sun. 23 rd	Tony Bolton
	6.30 pm	Sat. 29 th	Peter Kearns	9.30 am	Sun. 30 th	Sinead Wims
Ministers	6.30 pm	Sat. 22 nd	Marian O'Donnell	9.30 am	Sun. 23 rd	Mary Coleman
Communion	6.30 pm	Sat. 29 th	Ellen Conway	9.30 am	Sun. 30 th	Mary Madden
Offertory Baskets: Nov.	6.30 pm	Sat.	Seamus Hogge	9.30 am	Sun.	Al White

Collooney Church

Readers	8.00 pm	Sat. 22 nd	John Walsh	11.00 am	Sun. 23 rd	Patricia McCann
	8.00 pm	Sat. 29 th	Patricia Armstrong	11.00 am	Sun. 30 th	Stuart Fallon
Ministers of	8.00 pm	Sat. 22 nd	Roseleen Wynne	11.00 am	Sun. 23 rd	Roseleen O'Connell
Communion	8.00 pm	Sat. 29 th	Marie O'Connell	11.00 am	Sun. 30 th	Mary Doherty

We Remember in our Prayers – the soul of **Tom O'Brien** of Strokestown (formerly of Ballinagare and Collooney - where he was sergeant) who died recently. May his soul Rest in Peace.

November Masses for the Dead – are said each morning in November. Lists and envelopes available in the churches.

Sligo for Life - would like to acknowledge receipt of €3,057.51 from their recent Church Gate collections at 10 Sligo churches - including Collooney, Thanks to all who supported.

Parish Consultation on Mass Times — there will be a brief meeting after the 11.00 am Mass in Collooney to discuss the outcome of the recent parish consultation. All are welcome.

Collooney Church Closes – at 5.00 pm for the winter months.

Collooney-Ballinacarrow Christmas Cards – are now on sale. Two separate selections of 4 different cards. Available from Collooney Church sacristy after each Mass and from the Parochial House. Price same as last year. 4 cards for €10.

Limited Number of Cards – also available from Fr. Jim after weekend Masses in Ballinacarrow.

Ballinacarrow Development Committee – are holding a Quiz Night on Saturday, November 29th at 9.00 pm in Ballinacarrow Community. Raffle and Prizes on offer. All welcome.

Upcoming Events in Ballinacarrow

Christmas Fair 6th Dec - 11am -2pm – Parents' Association / **Christmas Dance 6th Dec 9pm** - Hall Committee
Exercise Classes - 5 Tuesdays starting 11th Nov - Mairead Keane in conjunction with Sligo Sports and Partnership
Sligo South Walking Club - meetings held in Ballinacarrow Com. Centre – Nov. walking Series starting 9th Nov.
Learn to Play 25 - continues for next 3 Mondays 8pm - Hall Committee.

Safeguarding Newsletter – from the Western Dioceses is available at the exit doors. Please take a copy

Deadline for submission of News items / Mass Intentions - is 12.00 pm on the previous Wednesday.

Dates for your diary (November & December 2025)

Collooney Church Clean-up – 11.00am, Tuesday, Dec, 2nd (Please note the change of date from the original day)

Collooney Church Sanctuary & Crib - decorating for Christmas on Thursday 4th & Friday 5th December

Service of Carols & Readings – 5.00 pm Sunday, on December 14th (Collooney Church)

Please Note – No 9.00 am Mass on the day of a funeral unless there is a named Mass intention.

Additional news items - are available on the online Newsletter. See www.kilvarnetparish.com/newsletters

Online Payments - to either church can be made securely and conveniently by scanning the QR Code opposite or by visiting the parish website: <https://kilvarnetparish.com/donate-online>



New 5-week Adult Fitness Programme starting Tue Nov. 11th in Ballinacarrow Community Centre 7.00 – 8.00 pm. Cost: €30 for 5 weeks. The fitness programme is designed for adults (over 18yrs) of all fitness levels, men and women welcome, and offers a fun, supportive environment to get active, build strength, and improve overall fitness. The sessions will include a mix of strength, cardio, and mobility exercises, perfect for anyone looking to get moving and feel healthier in a friendly group setting. For more info. or to register call Mairead (087) 961 5023 or Weronica (086) 813 1773.

December at the 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.

Rambling House Night in Ballintogher Enterprise Centre (F91 C2 HT) on Friday 21st Nov. at 8.00 pm. Taking a trip down memory lane!! with music, story, song, chat etc. All Welcome to come along, bring your talent and a friend **Those in hospital / a nursing home** - who would like a visit, please let Fr. Martin know.

Irish Conversation Class – Beginners / Improvers in Ballintogher Enterprise Centre F91 C2HT. Thursday evenings. Commencing shortly. To register please contact (087) 6645509 or email ballintogherhub@yhoo.com

Achonry Pioneer Total Abstinence Association - If anyone in the parish would like to receive their Silver, Gold or Diamond Pioneer pin or become a member, please email achonrypioneers@gmail.com or call Thomas at 0872344338

Healing Service with Eddie Stones – 7.00 pm on Fri., Oct. 24th in Sligo Cathedral. Enquiries (085) 7765294.
Would you like someone to talk to? *SeniorLine* is Ireland's national telephone service for older people and is open every day of the year 10am -10pm, Freephone 1800 80 45 91. Callers may feel isolated, alone, wish to discuss a problem in confidence, or for company during their day. *SeniorLine's* older volunteers are trained to listen, to support, to discuss options & to refer caller to other helpful services if necessary. So don't be alone. It helps to share a problem.

Thought for the Day: To trust God in the light is nothing, but to trust him in the dark. That is true faith (C. Spurgeon)

The weekly bereavement support group – meets at Knock Shrine on Wednesday mornings at 11am in the Family Centre. It 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. No appointment is needed.

Please Note – if receiving Holy Communion, it must be consumed *immediately* and *must not* be brought back to your seat or brought away. Holy Communion is so sacred and so precious that it must always be shown total respect.

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 charity supporting Ireland's 500,000+ family carers nationwide. For more info call 057 93 70221 or visit www.familycarers.ie.

A Prayerful Atmosphere – should prevail at all times in our churches, especially when Masses are being celebrated. Mobile phones should be turned off & there should be no talking. People who come to pray should not be distracted.

Church Carpark – every effort is being made to ensure the carpark is free & available for church goers when needed.

Five Step Support Service - Are you affected by the misuse of alcohol or other drugs by another individual? *5 Step Support* can help you. It is a free, non-judgemental, one to one consultation service. It puts your needs and wellbeing first, helping you manage often stressful, difficult and emotional issues. If you would like further information please contact (071) 9150578 / (085) 875 9319 or email sligoleitrim@alcoholforum.com. You don't have to be addicted to suffer from addiction! '5-Step' is a free, one-to-one consultation service for any adult affected by the misuse of alcohol or other drugs by another individual, either family member or friend. '5-Step' recognises the impact that addiction has on everyone, including family members, friends and others. This could be physical and mental health, social life, finances, home life and employment. '5-Step' offers support, knowledge and guidance in helping to manage often confusing and emotional situations.