



Collooney & Ballinacarrow (Kilvarnet) Parish Newsletter

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

Dec. 27th & 28th 2025 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph



Church of the Assumption, Collooney – Masses

Sat. 27 th	8.00 pm	Michael Haran & parents Michael John & Evelyn & dec. family. Jim Meredith, Cloonamahon Pauline Mulane (30 th anniv.) & her brother John Joe Leydon who died 7 th Dec. Fechin & Evelyn McMorrogh & deceased members of McMorrogh family.
Sun. 28 th	11.00 am	<i>Feast of The Family Holy.</i>
Mon. 29 th	9.00 am	Private Intention / Tue 30 th 11.00 am Funeral Mass of Tommy Banks (N.B. No 9.00 am Mass)
Thur. 1 st	10.00 am	Jim O'Brien, Kiernan Avenue (Note later time) Fri. 2 nd 9.00 am Private Intention
Sat. 3 rd	6.45 pm*	Private Intention - (Note later time)
Sun. 4 th	11.00 am	People of the Parish Community

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

Sat. 27 th	6.30 pm	Private Intentions	Sun. 28 th 9.30 am	Mary Fahey (2 nd Anniv.)
Mon. 29 th	12.00 pm	Funeral Mass of Gerry Durkin		
Sat. 3 rd	6.30 pm	John Madden, Fetherneen / Pat Madden, Cloonacurra.	Sun. 4 th 9.30 am	Private Intention

Offertory (Dec. 24th & 25th): Many thanks for your ongoing generosity and support. It is very much appreciated.

Ballinacarrow Church

Readers	6.30 pm	Sat. 27 th	Peter Kearns	9.30 am	Sun. 28 th	Tommy McGrath
	6.30 pm	Sat. 3 rd	Bernadette White	9.30 am	Sun. 4 th	Attracta Madden
Ministers	6.30 pm	Sat. 27 th	Mairead Burke	9.30 am	Sun. 28 th	Des Brett
Communion	6.30 pm	Sat. 3 rd	Marian O'Donnell	9.30 am	Sun. 4 th	Mary Coleman
Offertory Baskets: Jan.	6.30 pm Sat.		Seamus Hogge	9.30 am	Sun.	Pat Collery

Collooney Church

Readers	8.00 pm	Sat. 27 th	John Walsh	11.00 am	Sun. 28 th	Patricia McCann
	6.45 pm	Sat. 3 rd	Edward Mullin	11.00 am	Sun. 4 th	Rosemary Rogers
Ministers of	8.00 pm	Sat. 27 th	Kathleen White	11.00 am	Sun. 28 th	Rosemary Rogers
Communion	6.45 pm	Sat. 3 rd	Roseleen O'Connell	11.00 pm	Sun. 4 th	Louise McKenna

We remember in our Prayers – the souls of **Gerry Durkin** whose funeral takes place on Monday at 12 pm (Ballinacarrow Church) and **Tommy Banks** whose funeral takes place on Tuesday at 11am (Collooney Church) R.I.P.

From Jan 1st 2026 Collooney Vigil Mass will be at 6.45 pm. Sunday morning Mass will remain at 11.00 am.

Offertory Boxes for 2026 – are available at the exit doors in both churches. Many thanks for your generous support.

A BIG THANK YOU - to all who helped make the Christmas Masses so very dignified and elevating and to all who help out throughout the entire year and give of their time, energy, expertise and enthusiasm in helping to run our parish. Without your help and support it would not be possible to have the very vibrant parish community we are so proud to have here in Collooney - Ballinacarrow.

Thanks for your financial support and for all the many other supports given.

Thanks to the Sacristans, the Altar Societies, the Choirs and guest singers & musicians (especially at Christmas time), the Cleaners, the Collectors & Counters, the Finance Committees, the Pastoral Councils, the Ministers of the Eucharist, the Readers, the Safeguarding Children Personnel, the Staff of the Primary Schools, those who donate flowers, those who decorate inside & outside of the Church for Christmas (with flowers, lights & trees), those who erected the cribs, those who clean the brass, the silverware & altar linen in the Churches and all those others who help quietly behind the scenes and whose good deeds are known only to God alone. May God Bless you all and reward you for your wonderful work (Fr. Martin).

Pastoral Message from Bishop Doran – on progress on amalgamation of the 2 dioceses is available at the exits.

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>

Many thanks – for the Christmas Collection that was taken up for the priests of the parish. Much appreciated.



2026: Happy New Year & God's Blessings to All: 2026

Thought for the day – What the New Year brings to you will depend on what you bring to the New Year!



Christmas Collection for the priests of the parish was taken up at Christmas Masses. Many thanks for your very generous response. Contributions can still be made. An envelope for that purpose is available in the Offertory Box of Envelopes. Loose Envelopes are available at the exit doors for those who do not use the Offertory Envelope system. If paying by cheque please make the cheque payable as follows: Offertory Collection A/C is *Parish of Kilvarnet (Collooney)*. Priests' Offerings A/C is *Collooney Parish Priest Wages*

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

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

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

Offertory Boxes for 2026 – are available at the exit doors in both churches. Many thanks for your generous support in 2025. All contributions (no matter how little or large) are equally welcome. If you pay income tax (PAYE or Self Employed) and do not use the Offertory Envelope system **please consider doing so**. For every €1 contributed, *Revenue* will add €0.45 to it from the tax you have **already paid** on your contribution from your taxed income. If not claimed by the parish, your tax component remains with *Revenue* and will be spent by them on other things. This in no way affects your own tax liability. The parish only advises *Revenue* of contributions made. It doesn't give or receive any other information. Grouped refunds come back from *Revenue*. The parish has no details of individual refunds.

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

Those in hospital / a nursing home - who would like a visit, please let Fr. Martin know.

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.

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.