Collooney & Ballinacarrow (Kilvarnet) Parish Newsletter

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Office Hours (Secretary present): 9.30 am – 12.30 pm (Monday – Friday)
November 7th & 8th 2026 – Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Church of the Assumption, Collooney – Masses

Sat. 7th 6.45 pm Molly Gill, nee Bonner (3rd Anniv.) / Anne O'Connor, nee Farrell, Ardcurley (10th Anniv.) Vivienne Hennessy / Pat & Margaret Watters their daughter Ann & dec. family members
Sun. 8th 11.00 am Dympna Moynihan (nee Nellany), Boston / St. Mary's Green / *First Communion Prep. Mass*
Mon. 9th - Fri. 13th 9.00 am Holy Souls **Sat. 14th 6.45 pm** Holy Souls
Sun. 15th 11.00 am Brian O'Connell, Collooney followed by *Rosary in St. Nathy's Cemetery after Mass*
Sun. 15th 5.00 pm ***Service of Remembrance of the Dead.***

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

Sat 7th 6.30 pm Kathleen & William Melvin & their grandson Ian
Sun. 8th 9.30 am *Preparation Mass for First Holy Communion*
Sat. 14th 6.30 pm Mattie Brennan, Cloonacurra
Sun. 15th 9.30 am Patrick Madden, Cloonacurra, Charles Madden, Rathnarrow (Anniv.) *Rosary in Kilvarnt Cemetery*

Offertory (Oct. 31st & Nov. 1st) – Many thanks for your ongoing generosity and support. It is much appreciated.

				Ballinacarrow Church				
Readers	**6.30 pm**	**Sat.**	**7th**	Caitriona Coleman	**9.30 am**	**Sun.**	**8th**	Mary Madden
	6.30 pm	**Sat.**	**14th**	Geraldine Dowling	**9.30 am**	**Sun.**	**15th**	Tommy McGrath
Ministers of	**6.30 pm**	**Sat.**	**7th**	Ellen Conway	**9.30 am**	**Sun.**	**8th**	Mary Madden
Communion	**6.30 pm**	**Sat.**	**14th**	Marian Nellaney	**9.30 am**	**Sun.**	**15th**	Martina Scanlon
Offertory Baskets: Nov.	**6.30 pm**	**Sat.**		Volunteer Needed	**9.30 am**	**Sun.**		Al White
				Collooney Church				
Readers	**6.45 pm**	**Sat.**	**7th**	Edward Mullin	**11.00 am**	**Sun.**	**8th**	Rosemary Rogers
	6.45 pm	**Sat.**	**14th**	Bernadette Morrisroe	**11.00 am**	**Sun.**	**15th**	Ann Nellany
Ministers of	**6.45 pm**	**Sat.**	**7th**	Bernadette Morrisroe	**11.00 am**	**Sun.**	**8th**	Kathleen White
Communion	**6.45 pm**	**Sat.**	**14th**	Marian McDermott	**11.00 am**	**Sun.**	**15th**	Evelyn Marren

We are delighted - to welcome the *Coolaney Gospel Choir* to join with us in Collooney and sing at the Sat. evening 6.45pm Mass on Nov. 21st. The choir are celebrating the 10th anniversary of their getting together. A wonderful treat.
Offertory Boxes – for 2027 are available at the exit doors. A huge *Thank You* for your support in 2026. A statement of account for 2026 will follow in early 2027. If contributing to the church please use the offertory envelope system, as it can provide an invaluable source of additional revenue under the *Charity Tax Rebate Scheme* – 45 cents for every €1.00 donated by a taxpayer. If your box is not left out, please ask. Boxes are put out only for those who have made use of their envelopes at least once over the past two years. Thanks, also, to all who donate online. It is the equivalent of donating in an envelope. Sadly, we have had to extend the monthly *Yellow Envelope* in Collooney for another (final) year in order to cover the cost of painting the church interior next autumn. There are also other minor works yet to be completed –in the sacristy area, on the roof over baptistry & in stabilising the masonry on the gable of the east transept. The church now needs time to dry out before painting. Painting is scheduled for October 2027.
Eddie Stones – will conduct a *Healing Service* in Sligo Cathedral on Friday, Dec 13th Nov. at 7.00 pm. All Welcome.

Dates for your diary (November & December 2026)
Rosary in both Cemeteries – after 9.30 am and 11.00 am Masses respectively on **Sun. Nov 15th** (weather permitting)
Service of Remembrance of the Dead – 5.00 pm on **Sunday, November 15th** (Collooney Church)
Saturday Evening Mass – 6.45 pm – with guests *Coolaney Gospel Choir* on **Sat. November 24th**(Collooney Church)
Collooney Church Clean-up – 11.00 am, **Wednesday, December 9th** – Volunteers needed. Many hands etc., etc.
Service of Carols & Readings – 5.00 pm **Sunday, on December 13th** (Collooney Church)

November Masses for the Dead – will be said throughout November. If you would like to have your loved ones remembered by name, you can do so by using the envelopes available at the exit doors of the church.

Parish Christmas Cards – are now on sale. All new designs sold in separate packs of 4 cards. Pack of 4 cards for €10. Three packs of 4 cards for €25 (best value – works out at €2.08 a card !). Available after all Masses in Collooney Church or directly from Collooney parish office – (071) 9167235. Limited number also available in Ballinacarrow.

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

Thought for the Day - In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life: it goes on (Robert Frost)

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

Please note – No 9.00 am Mass in Collooney on the morning of a funeral unless there is a named Mass intention.
The Monthly Bereavement Support Group Meetings - commenced on 15th October at 8pm in the Newman Institute, Ballina and will meet every second Wednesday of each month from October 2026 to May 2027 inclusive.
A Bereavement Course - presented by Monica Morley, Director of the Knock Shrine Family Centre and Broadcaster at Midwest Radio commences on Tuesday 3rd November at 8pm at The Newman Institute, Ballina. The cost of the course is €60 and will run for the 4 Tuesday nights in November. To book a place please phone 096 72066.
Ballinacarrow Church - New Rotas for Readers & Ministers can be picked up at the back of the Church.
Irish Conversation Classes for Beginners / Improvers in Ballintogher Enterprise Centre -F91 C2 HT Thursday nights - Time 7.30pm to 8.45pm. Enq - 087 6645509 or Email teresamccorm@hotmail.com
Cloonacool Players - Watch this space as Cloonacool Players, our stars of comedy, are now in rehearsals and will soon announce their staging of two hilarious farces. Mighty surprises and laughs galore are on the horizon.
Supporting Children (8 - 11 years) grow in faith and friendship: New and emerging *Faith & Fun Clubs* in the Achonry and Elphin Dioceses now enrolling for 2026/2027 school year. More info at https://achonryelphin.ie/fafc/
Dioceses of Achonry & Elphin 2026/2027 Scripture Initiative: New groups and facilitators being sought. Please consider. Enquiries welcome. More information at www.achonryelphin.ie/scripture
Thanks – to all, from far and near, who watch services online and who have contributed to our online appeal to keep the service available. Your contributions are much appreciated and help in the provision of this outreach service.
Thank You – to all who clean our churches on a regular basis. Their work goes on, often unnoticed, but always greatly appreciated. Thank you !

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.

Receipts – for those who contributed by cash to *Collooney Cemetery Footpath Appeal* are available from the sacristy.
Walk – every second week - starting at 10.30 am from Ballinacarrow Community Centre led by a trained Walk Leader. Free to join. Spend time outdoors. Meet others. Let us know you are coming on **wwwwalkingforall.com**

The St Nathy's Cemetery Committee in Collooney would like to thank all those that have contributed to the Path Improvement Fund so far and remind families who wish be associated with this project to get their contribution in as soon as practical. The general contribution level to date has been €100 per family plot. Further information, if required, from Joe on (087) 2604494. If people wish to donate using a bank transfer please use the following dedicated account for this purpose. Please ensure to put a name for reference with the payment.
AIB Bank. St Nathy's Cemetery IBAN IE03AIBK93725821591039

Moving Parents And Children Together (M-PACT) - You don't have to be addicted to suffer from addiction! M-PACT is a free eight-week family programme which supports all family members affected by parental substance misuse and helps to improve relationships, communication and recovery for all. If interested, or would like further information, please contact (071) 9150578 / (085) 875 9313 or email sligoleitrim@alcoholforum.com
Anyone 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.

Collooney Church Conservation – Many thanks to all for your very generous response to the monthly collection.
Loose Envelopes – are available in Collooney Church for those who wish to support the project and who do not currently use the offertory envelope system. Also available in Ballinacarrow for anyone who would like to support the project.

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.**