



## Collooney & Ballinacarrow (Kilvarnet) Parish Newsletter

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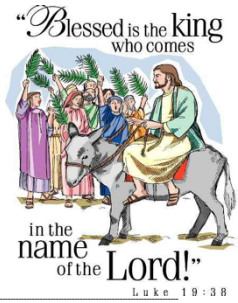
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Office Hours (Secretary present): 9.30 am – 12.30 pm (Monday – Friday)

March 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> 2026 – Palm Sunday



### Church of the Assumption, Collooney – Masses

Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> 6.45 pm Michael Taheny(2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv) / John & Margaret Davey, Main St., their son Michael & May Benson  
Maureen & Tommy Mullen / Dan & Phyllis Gilmartin, Knockbeg

Sun. 29<sup>th</sup> 11.00 am *Palm Sunday* Confessions 5.00 - 5.45pm (Fr. Cyran Ballisodare)

Mon. 30<sup>th</sup> - Wed. 1<sup>st</sup> 9.00 am Private Intentions

Thur. 2<sup>nd</sup> 8.00 pm Holy Thursday Mass of the Last Supper followed by *Adoration at the Altar of Repose*

Fri. 3<sup>rd</sup> 3.00 pm Good Friday *Passion of the Lord* Fri. 3<sup>rd</sup> 8.00 pm Good Friday *Way of the Cross*

Sat. 4<sup>th</sup> 8.00 pm Easter Vigil Mass Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> 11.00 am Easter Sunday

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

Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> 6.30 pm Paddy Joe, Úna & Brendan Collis & dec. members of the extended Collis & Cryan families.

Sun. 29<sup>th</sup> 9.30 am *Palm Sunday*

Thur. 2<sup>nd</sup> 7.00pm Holy Thursday Mass of the Last Supper followed by *Adoration at the Altar of Repose*

Fri. 3<sup>rd</sup> 7.00 pm Good Friday *Stations of the Cross*

Sat. 4<sup>th</sup> 11.15am - 12.00 pm Confessions (Fr. Martin) (No Sat. Evening Mass) Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> 9.30 am Easter Sunday

(Offertory) Mar. 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> - Many thanks you for your ongoing generosity and support. It is much appreciated.

### Ballinacarrow Church

Readers 6.30 pm Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> Caitriona Coleman 9.30 am Sun. 29<sup>th</sup> Martina Scanlon

7.00 pm Thur. 2<sup>nd</sup> Mary Coleman

6.30 pm Sat. 4<sup>th</sup> No Mass 9.30 am Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> Tommy McGrath

Ministers of 6.30 pm Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> Marian O'Donnell 9.30 am Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup> Mary Coleman

7.00 pm Thur. 2<sup>nd</sup> Mairead Burke

Communion 6.30 pm Sat. 4<sup>th</sup> No Mass 9.30 am Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> Martina Scanlon

Offertory Baskets: April 6.30 pm Sat. Liam Coleman 9.30 am Sun. Des Brett

### Collooney Church

Readers 6.45 pm Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> John Walsh 11.00 am Sun. 29<sup>th</sup> Patricia Mc Cann

6.45 pm Sat. 4<sup>th</sup> Edward Mullin 11.00 am Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> Rosemary Rogers

Ministers of 6.45 pm Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> Paddy Giblin 11.00 pm Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup> Pasty Sweeney

8.00 pm Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Mary Doherty

Communion 6.45 pm Sat. 4<sup>th</sup> Sheila Gray 11.00 pm Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> Marie O'Connell

**We Remember in our Prayers** – the soul of Phyllis Kelly, Castlebaldwin (mother of Teresa Kelly, St. Mary's Green) who died recently. May she Rest in Peace.

**Summertime** – begins at 2.00 am on Sunday. Clocks go forward by one hour. Mass on Sunday will be at the new time.

**Spring Clean** – Many thanks to all who turned out during the week to clean both churches. Much appreciated.

**Ballinacarrow N.S. Bake Sale Fundraiser** - will take place Easter Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup> 10am -12pm. A chance to meet your neighbour have a cuppa & a chat. (Cash facilities only)

**Ballinacarrow Parents Association** - are having a *Cash for Clobber* collection in aid of the school. Donations of unwanted clothes can be dropped in black bags to the Community Centre in Ballinacarrow from 11am to 1pm on Sat. 11<sup>th</sup> & Sun. 12<sup>th</sup> April and Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> & Sun. 19<sup>th</sup> April. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

**Thank you** - to all who helped with recent *Daffodil Day* fundraiser: the collectors, contributors & to The Junction (Fallons), Centra (Cecils) & The Post Office (McKims), who allowed the collection on their premises. €2,722.51 raised

**Stations of the Cross** – are prayed Wednesday mornings after Mass throughout the season of Lent.

**Easter Collection** – will be taken up over Easter weekend for the priests of the parish. An envelope for this purpose is included in the Offertory Box of Envelopes. Loose envelopes are also available for those who do not use the offertory envelope system. If paying my cheque please make payable to *Collooney Parish Priests Wages A/C*. Thank You.

**The Mass of Chrism**, at which the Holy Oils are blessed for the sacraments, takes place at St. Nathy's Cathedral, on Monday March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Parishioners from all parishes welcome. Light refreshments in St Nathy's College after.

**Please note** – No 9.00 am Mass on the morning of a funeral unless there is a named intention.

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

**Thought** – Apart from the cross, there is no other ladder by which we may get to heaven (St. Rose of Lima).

**Additional news items** - are available on the online Newsletter. See [www.kilvarnetparish.com/newsletters](http://www.kilvarnetparish.com/newsletters)

**Beltra Country Market** - are hosting their annual Daffodil Day Coffee Morning on Saturday 28th March when all proceeds from our tea room will be supporting this charity. Tea room is open from 10:00- 12:00 and you are assured of a warm welcome and chat. The Market will be open as usual in the main hall where home baking, garden produce, fresh crepes and beautifully handcrafted cards and gifts are available for all occasions. F91VX97 - Free Parking. Follow us on Facebook. Please support local markets.

**Tax Rebate Scheme** – brought in a very significant amount for the year 2024. If you donate to the church and pay tax and did not sign a CHY3 form since 2022, please consider doing so now. Forms are available at the exit doors.

**Confirmation** – takes place in the parish at 11.00 am on Thursday, April 23.

**First Holy Communion** – takes place on April 25<sup>th</sup> (Collooney) and May 9<sup>th</sup> (Ballinacarrow). Blessings to all.

**Lenten Scripture Initiative** – *The Gospel of Matthew*: for all dates and venues - <https://achonrydiocese.org/matthew>

**St Nathy's Cemetery:** The Committee continue to work on building a fund to make path improvements and wish to thank those who have already contributed. 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 IE03 AIBK 93725821591039

Music at 10am followed by singing & storytelling. See full programme & details

- [ballintogherfest.ie](http://ballintogherfest.ie) & [ceolnanogorchestra.com](http://ceolnanogorchestra.com). Enquiries – (087) 6645509 / (086) 2435653.

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

**St. Lassara's NS, Ballinacarrow:** are now enrolling for September, 2026. Please contact the school on 071 9130350 / 086 7932306 or email [office@ballinacarrowns.ie](mailto:office@ballinacarrowns.ie).

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

**St Nathys Cemetery** - Significant work has been achieved by the local cemetery committee in keeping the area to a high standard and during 2025 two different schemes that were applied for, resulted in much needed resurfacing works, both outside and inside the grounds. The Cemetery Committee wish to acknowledge the help of Sligo County Council, and the local area councillors that participated in assigning some of their annual discretionary funding to the fantastic work achieved.

The next project that is hoped to be achieved is to lay tarmac on each of the side paths in the new area of the Cemetery. However this will require significant work behind the scenes and with sixteen paths to be done will need a lot of co-operation in gathering the funding to attain this goal. The ask is to gather €1200 per path so if we could get contributions of €50 to €100 per Gravestone it would be really appreciated. The intention is to ask a volunteer from each row to spearhead their respective paths in order to make this project manageable. Offers of help or contributions can be made to Joe Corcoran on 087 2604494. A full account of this work will be reported in due course.

**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](http://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.