



Collooney & Ballinacarrow (Kilvarnet) Parish Newsletter

Fr. Martin Convey P.P. (071) 9167235 - Email pp@kilvarnetparish.com

Fr. Gerry Davey C.C. (071) 9167745 – Email gdavey@achonrydiocese.org

Fr. Jim Finan P.E. (071) 9167109 / St. Vincent de Paul (087) 1868494

Web: www.kilvarnetparish.com Facebook: [Collooney Ballinacarrow Kilvarnet Parish](https://www.facebook.com/Collooney-Ballinacarrow-Kilvarnet-Parish)

Webcams: www.churchtv.ie/collooney & www.churchtv.ie/ballinacarrow

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

August 22nd & 23rd 2026 – Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time



Church of the Assumption, Collooney – Masses

Sat. 22 nd 6.45 pm	Michael Gleesan, Main Street
Sun. 23 rd 11.00 am	People of the Parish Community
Mon. 24 th - Fri. 28 th	9.00 am Private Intentions
Sat. 29 th 6.45 pm	May O'Hara (1 st Anniv.) / Ann Mullen (2 nd Anniv.)
Sun. 30 th 11.00 am	People of the Parish Community

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

Sat. 22 nd 6.30 pm	The Davey Family, Fetherneen
Sun. 23 rd 9.30 am	Private Intentions
Sat. 29 th 6.30 pm	Brian Clarke & Seán his brother their father Francie & dec. members of the Clarke family/ St. Bridget Ursula Quigley (2 nd Anniv.)
Sun. 30 th 9.30 am	Private Intention

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

Thanks also – 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.

Ballinacarrow Church

Readers 6.30 pm	Sat. 22 nd Bernadette White	9.30 am	Sun. 23 rd Tony Bolton
6.30 pm	Sat. 29 th Caitriona Coleman	9.30 am	Sun. 30 th Mary Coleman
Ministers of 6.30 pm	Sat. 22 nd Marian Nellaney	9.30 am	Sun. 23 rd Des Brett
Communion 6.30 pm	Sat. 29 th Mairead Burke	9.30 am	Sun. 30 th Mary Coleman
Offertory Baskets: Sept. 6.30 pm	Sat. John O'Donnell	9.30 am	Sun. Liam Coleman

Collooney Church

Readers 6.45 pm	Sat. 22 nd John Walsh	11.00 am	Sun. 23 rd Patricia McCann
6.45 pm	Sat. 29 th Patricia Armstrong	11.00 am	Sun. 30 th Stuart Fallon
Ministers of 6.45 pm	Sat. 22 nd Sheila Gray	11.00 am	Sun. 23 rd Marie O'Connell
Communion 6.45 pm	Sat. 29 th Edward Mullin	11.00 am	Sun. 30 th Mary Doherty

Best Wishes – to all students & staff who are returning to school. May the new year be a happy and productive one.

Ballinacarrow Community Centre: Open Music Session Sat. 15 Aug. 7 pm -10pm. All musician, singers and story tellers welcome. Entry €5, Tea & Refreshments €2. Cash only. All welcome.

Ballinacarrow Church Rota New Rota for Readers & Eucharist Ministers can be picked up at the back of the Church

Thank you - to all you came and contributed to a very successful enjoyable music event in the Ballinacarrow Hall on the 15th..Funds raised will go to repair of playground equipment...We will hope to run a similar event in November.

Walking for all programme - continues on the 30th August. Meet up at 10.30 am at the Community hall.

Congratulations & Best Wishes - to all who received their Leaving Cert. results on Friday. May you embark upon the next stage of your journey with confidence and wisdom, whatever path in life you choose to walk.

A meeting of Kilvarnet Cemetery Care Committee - will take place on Wednesday, August 26th at 9 pm in Ballinacarrow Community Centre. All those interested in the upkeep, maintenance and improvement of the cemetery are warmly invited to attend.

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.

An Information and Recruitment Meeting - for the Knights of St Columbanus will be held in The Pastoral Centre, Charlestown on Tuesday 1st Sept 2026 at 8pm. We invite you to this meeting if you are interested in learning more about your Christian faith and sharing it in your community. We look forward to meeting you.

Thank You – to all who clean our churches on a regular basis. Their work goes on, often unnoticed, but always greatly appreciated. Thank you !

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

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

Thought – Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak. Courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen (Churchill)

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

Beltra Country Market - is hosting a Bubble Painting Workshop -on Saturday 29th August, 10am-12 noon. No experience necessary - all materials provided. The market is open every Saturday Morning from 10:00 to 12:30 where home baking, garden produce, fresh crepes and beautifully handcrafted cards and gifts are available for all occasions. Our Charity Table is currently supporting Sligo Cancer Support. The tea room is open from 10:00- 12:00 where you are assured of a warm welcome and friendly chat. Follow us on Facebook. Please support a local market. F91VX97 - Free Parking

Jubilee of Marriages - Couples celebrating their Silver, Ruby, Golden, Diamond, Platinum or other wedding anniversaries are invited to attend one of two Jubilee Masses, along with their families and friends, on either Sunday 4th October at 2.30pm in Ballaghaderreen Cathedral or Sunday 11th October at 2.30pm in Kiltoom Church. Bishop Kevin will celebrate both Masses. Light refreshments will be served afterwards for all in attendance. As each couple celebrating an Anniversary will receive a certificate from Bishop Kevin, they are asked to register their details at <https://achonryelphin.ie/jubilee-of-marriages/>

Dioceses of Achonry & of Elphin Pilgrimage to Lourdes - will take place from 28th August, 2026 to the 2nd September inclusive, under the leadership of Bishop Kevin Doran. Pilgrimage Highlights includes Mass at the Grotto, Torchlight and Blessed Sacrament Processions, Anointing of the Sick, Water Ceremony. Flights ex Knock Airport. **All booking in relation to the Pilgrimage can be directed to Joe Walsh Tours (JWT) at 016852244 or email info@joewalshstours.ie** The Pilgrimage includes the **Assisted Pilgrim Section**. Those who travel as part of the Assisted Pilgrim Section will stay in Accueil Notre Dame, which is situated near the Grotto and Sanctuary area. They will be cared for by the Diocesan Pilgrimage Care Team whilst in Lourdes. Application forms for the Assisted Pilgrim Section and full details are available from Very Rev. Ray Milton, P.P., Pilgrimage Director, St. John's, Lecarrow, Co. Roscommon. (Telephone – 090 6661115). Closing date for receipt of Application Forms is 11th June.

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 www.walkingforall.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

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.

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.

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.