



Collooney & Ballinacarrow (Kilvarnet) Parish Newsletter

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

April 4th & 5th 2026 – Easter Sunday



Church of the Assumption, Collooney – Masses

Sat. 4 th 8.00 pm	Easter Vigil Mass	Sun. 5 th 11.00 am	Easter Sunday
Mon. 6 th 10.00 am	Pat Galligan (1 st Anniv.) & dec. members of the Collis family (Note later Mass time)		
Tues. 7 th -Thur. 9 th	9.00 am Private Intentions		
Fri. 10 th 9.00 am	John, Julia & Padraig McGarry & dec. family members		
Sat. 11 th 6.45 pm	Liam Flynn		
Sun. 12 th 11.00 am	Siobhán Finan, her parents Mary & Michael & dec. of the Finan family / Christina Gunning.		

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

Sat. 4 th	No evening Mass	Sun. 5 th 9.30 am	Easter Sunday
Sat. 11 th 6.30 pm	Gerry Scanlon & family / Michael, Maria, Patrick & Dorothy Faney		
Sun. 12 th 9.30 am	Private Intention		

Offertory (Mar. 28th & 29th) – Many thanks for your ongoing generosity and support. It is much appreciated.

Ballinacarrow Church

Readers	6.30 pm	Sat. 4 th	----- No Mass	9.30 am	Sun. 5 th	Tommy McGrath
	6.30 pm	Sat. 11 th	Geraldine Dowling	9.30 am	Sun. 12 th	Attracta Madden
Ministers of Communion	6.30 pm	Sat. 4 th	No Mass	9.30 am	Sun. 5 th	Martina Scanlon
	6.30 pm	Sat. 11 th	Ellen Conway	9.30 am	Sun. 12 th	Des Brett
Offertory Baskets: April	6.30 pm	Sat.	Liam Coleman	9.30 am	Sun.	Des Brett

Collooney Church

Readers	6.45 pm	Sat. 4 th	Edward Mullin	11.00 am	Sun. 5 th	Rosemary Rogers
	6.45 pm	Sat. 11 th	Bernie Morrisroe	11.00 am	Sun. 12 th	Ann Nellany
Ministers of Communion	6.45 pm	Sat. 4 th	Sheila Gray	11.00 pm	Sun. 5 th	Marie O'Connell
	6.45 pm	Sat. 11 th	Patricia Mc Cann	11.00 pm	Sun. 12 th	Roseleen O'Connell

We remember in our prayers – the soul of Shirley Redican. Ballymurray, Ballinacarrow whose funeral took place on Thursday last. Rest in Peace. Sympathies go to her family, especially to her sons Trevor & Nigel, their wives & children.

Ballinacarrow N.S. Bake Sale Fundraiser - will take place Easter Sunday April 5th 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. 11th & Sun. 12th April and Sat. 18th & Sun. 19th April. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks to the Ministers of Holy Communion - in both churches who renewed their vows on Holy Thursday. Your dedication and ministry is very much appreciated in our parish community.

Priests Easter Collection – is being taken up at Masses this weekend. It is one of four such collections in the year. A purple envelope is included in the box of offertory envelopes for this purpose. Loose envelopes are available in both churches for those who do not use the offertory envelope system. If paying by cheque, please make payable to *Collooney Parish Priests Wages*. Many thanks for your ongoing generosity & support. It is much appreciated.

A Huge Big Thank You – to all who cleaned and decorated our churches for Easter. What a great job was done in both churches. Well done to the very dedicated and hardworking teams in Ballinacarrow and Collooney!

Good Friday Collection For The Holy Land - It is a universal custom that a collection for the Holy Places is taken up on Good Friday. The plight of Christians in the Holy Land is becoming more difficult and their numbers have reduced significantly & worryingly. Collections are up taken world-wide on Good Friday to support churches and Christians of the Holy Land at a time of great need for them. Thanks to all who donated. Donations can still be made.

Passion Play 2026 – A *Huge Thanks* to all who participated in, and who helped out with, the re-imagined Good Friday Passion Play. What a wonderful production it was. Thanks to one and all for the commitment and hard work.

Please Return Trocaire Boxes - to Fr. Martin / Fr. Jim / the Parochial House as soon as is convenient. Last year the parish raised €2,110.29. Many thanks. Funds are overseen and used by the Irish Bishops to help the most needy in the Third World.

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

Thanks - to all who attended and who helped out in any way with the Holy Week and Easter ceremonies.

Thought for the Day – From death came life, from sorrow came joy. This is the hope of Easter.

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

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

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 25th (Collooney) and May 9th (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 & 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@ballinacarrows.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.

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.