



Collooney & Ballinacarrow (Kilvarnet) Parish Newsletter

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

Oct. 18th & 19th 2025 – Mission Sunday



Church of the Assumption, Collooney – Masses

- Sat. 18th 8.00 pm** Paddy & Mary Mulligan, Belcorie, Lackagh & deceased family members
Michael John & Evelyn Haran, Lugnamaken, their son Michael & deceased family members
Mona O'Grady & Jo O'Grady, Rathrippon
- Sun. 19th 11.00 am** First Holy Communion *Enrolment Ceremony* for Collooney NS.
- Mon. 20th - Tues. 21st 9.00 am** Private Intentions **Wed. 22nd 9.00 am** John McManus (R.I.P.)
- Thur. 23rd - Fri. 24th 9.00 am** Private Intentions
- Sat. 25th 8.00 pm** Tommy Breheny (late of Knockbeg & London) and son, Paul Breheny (late of London)
- Sun. 26th 11.00 am** Larry and Margaret Davey, their grandson Baby Stephen and the intentions of the Davey family

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

- Sat. 18th 6.30 pm** Patricia Fane, Finlough (10th Anniversary) / John Mc Grath
- Sun. 19th 9.30 am** First Holy Communion *Enrolment Ceremony* for Ballinacarrow NS.
- Sat. 25th 6.30 pm** Vinnie Mullen, Ballinbole, his parents Tom & Mai & brother Paddy
- Sun. 26th 9.30 am** Private Intention

Offertory Collection (Oct. 11th & 12th) Many thanks for your ongoing generosity & support. It is much appreciated.

Ballinacarrow Church

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| Readers | 6.30 pm | Sat. 18th | Catriona Coleman | 9.30 am | Sun. 19th | Attracta Madden |
| | 6.30 pm | Sat. 25th | Mary Coleman | 9.30 am | Sun. 26th | Kiernan White |
| Ministers of | 6.30 pm | Sat. 18th | Mairead Burke | 9.30 am | Sun. 19th | Des Brett |
| Communion. | 6.30 pm | Sat. 25th | Marian Nellany | 9.30 am | Sun. 26th | Mary Coleman |
| Offertory Baskets: Oct. | 6.30 pm Sat. | | Ciarán Duibhí | 9.30 am | Sun. | Dermot O'Grady |

Collooney Church

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| Readers | 8.00 pm | Sat. 18th | John Walsh | 11.00 am | Sun. 19th | Patricia McCann |
| | 8.00 pm | Sat. 25th | Patricia Armstrong | 11.00 am | Sun. 26th | Stuart Fallon |
| Ministers of | 8.00 pm | Sat. 18th | Paddy Gilbin | 11.00 am | Sun. 19th | Pasty Sweeney |
| Communion | 8.00 pm | Sat. 25th | Chris O'Grady | 11.00 am | Sun. 26th | Patricia McCann |

We Remember in our Prayers – the soul of **Mary Clarke**, Balinabole whose Funeral took place Wednesday, also **Michael (Mickey) Mullin** (formally of St. Mary's Green, Collooney) who died recently in Chicago.

November Masses for the Dead – will be said, as usual, in November. Lists for names of the dead and envelopes are available at the back of the churches. Daily Mass each morning in November will be offered for the Holy Souls.

Meeting – (for exploratory discussions on synchronising Mass times between Collooney and Coolaney parishes) will take place at **after 11.00 am Mass on Sunday, October 26th** next in Collooney Church. All are welcome. No change to Mass times in Ballinacarrow is envisaged unless requested. Parishioners from Ballinacarrow Pastoral Area welcome

Mission Sunday – falls on this Sunday, 19th October. We pray for all who serve in the Missionary activities of the Church. The annual Mission Sunday collection is taken up this weekend. There is an envelope for this purpose in the Box of Offertory Envelopes. Loose envelopes are also available at the exit doors for those who do not use this system.

Sligo Sport & Recreation Partnership – is exploring the idea of setting up a South Sligo Walking Club and would love to hear from local people. Come along on Monday, 20th at 8pm to Ballinacarrow Community Centre. All are welcome to come along, no commitment, just a friendly chat to see if there's interest in forming a walking group in the area. No registration, however, please contact Geraldine at 086 364 1599 to let us know you're interested.

Dates for your diary (November & December 2025)

Rosary in both Cemeteries – after 9.30 am and 11.00 am Masses respectively on Sun. Nov 16th (weather permitting)

Service of Remembrance of the Dead – 5.00 pm on Sunday, November 16th (Collooney Church)

Service of Carols & Readings – 5.00 pm Sunday, on December 14th (Collooney Church)

Annual Medjugorje Retreat Weekend – October 24th to 26th - Knock Shrine - €30 - Enquiries: (085) 7839388

Gathering of Pastoral Councils (Achonry & Elphin) in Abbey Hotel, Roscommon 10.00 am on Saturday Nov. 8th

Please Note – No 9.00 am Mass on the day 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 for the Day: Having Truth Decay? Brush up on your Bible !! (Anon.)

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

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>



Healing Service with Eddie Stones – 7.00 pm on Fri., Oct. 24th in Sligo Cathedral. Enquiries (085) 7765294.

Achonry Pioneer Total Abstinence Association - If anyone in the parish would like to receive their Silver, Gold or Diamond Pioneer pin or become a member, please email achonrypioneers@gmail.com or call Thomas at 0872344338

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.

Church Carpark – every effort is being made to ensure the carpark is free & available for church goers when needed.

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

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.

A gathering of the Parish Pastoral Councils from the dioceses of Achonry & Elphin will be held in the Abbey Hotel, Roscommon on Sat., Nov. 8th, starting at 10.00 a.m. and finishing with lunch. The day will be facilitated by Gráinne Doherty, who has previously facilitated the Achonry PPC members at our gathering in Kiltimagh, a year ago. This day will be an opportunity for the members of PPCs across the two dioceses to get to know one another.

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.

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Five Step Support Service - Are you affected by the misuse of alcohol or other drugs by another individual? *5 Step Support* can help you. It is a free, non-judgemental, one to one consultation service. It puts your needs and wellbeing first, helping you manage often stressful, difficult and emotional issues. If you would like further information please contact (071) 9150578 / (085) 875 9319 or email sligoleitrim@alcoholforum.com. You don't have to be addicted to suffer from addiction! '5-Step' is a free, one-to-one consultation service for any adult affected by the misuse of alcohol or other drugs by another individual, either family member or friend. '5-Step' recognises the impact that addiction has on everyone, including family members, friends and others. This could be physical and mental health, social life, finances, home life and employment. '5-Step' offers support, knowledge and guidance in helping to manage often confusing and emotional situations.