



Collooney & Ballinacarrow (Kilvarnet) Parish Newsletter

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

February 14th & 15th 2026 – Sixth Week in Ordinary Time – Temperance Sunday



Church of the Assumption, Collooney – Masses

Sat. 14th 6.45 pm Martha Molloy (Anniv.) /
Paddy & Gertrude Taheny, Carrickbanagher, son-in-law Richard, and extended family

Sun. 15th 11.00 am Gerry O'Connell, Rowantree Gardens

Mon. 16th - Tues. 17th 9.00 am Private Intentions

Wed. 18th 9.00 am Ash Wednesday Wed. 18th 7.00 pm Ash Wednesday

Thur. 19th - Fri. 20th 9.00 am Private Intentions

Sat. 21st 6.45 pm Michael McGovern (Month's Mind)

Sun. 22nd 11.00 am *First Sunday of Lent*

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

Sat. 14th 6.30 pm Tom & Anne O'Grady & son Padraig Sun. 15th 9.30 am Private Intention

Wed. 18th 9.30 am Ash Wednesday Wed. 18th 6.30 pm Ash Wednesday

Sat. 21st 6.30 pm Bill Weir (5th Anniv.) & dec. of Weir & Brennan families / Pat & Katie Scanlon, Carrickbanagher
Betty Hever (2nd Anniv.), Dominic Hever & dec of the Hever & Quigley families

Sun. 22nd 9.30 am *First Sunday of Lent*

(Offertory) Feb. 7th & 8th – Many thanks for your ongoing generosity and support. It is much appreciated.

Ballinacarrow Church

Readers	6.30 pm	Sat. 14 th	Mary Coleman	9.30 am	Sun. 15 th	Kiernan White
	6.30 pm	Sat. 21 st	Peter Kearns	9.30 am	Sun. 22 nd	Tony Bolton
Ministers of Communion	6.30 pm	Sat. 14 th	Mairead Burke	9.30 am	Sun. 15 th	Des Brett
	6.30 pm	Sat. 21 st	Marian O'Donnell	9.30 am	Sun. 22 nd	Mary Coleman
Offertory Baskets: Feb.	6.30 pm	Sat.	Seamus Hogge	9.30 am	Sun.	John Scanlon

Collooney Church

Readers	6.45 pm	Sat. 14 th	Bernadette Morrisroe	11.00 am	Sun. 15 th	Ann Nellany
	6.45 pm	Sat. 21 st	John Walsh	11.00 am	Sun. 22 nd	Patricia McCann
Ministers of Communion	6.45 pm	Sat. 14 th	Mary McGinley	11.00 pm	Sun. 15 th	Martin Scanlon
	6.45 pm	Sat. 21 st	Bernadette Morrisroe	11.00 pm	Sun. 22 nd	Paddy Giblin

We Remember in Our Prayers – the soul of Gerry Currid, Ballintogher (brother of John, Collooney) whose funeral took place in Ballintogher on Saturday. May his soul Rest In Peace.

The Way of Gentleness *A Lenten Faith Enrichment Journey* - takes place on Mondays at 8 pm in St. Patrick's Church, Strandhill on Feb 23rd / March 2nd / March 9th & March 23rd. All are welcome.

Lenten Trocaire Boxes - are available at the church exits. Please consider taking one home.

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>



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

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 (along with an explanatory note) are available at the exit doors. The scheme does not affect your tax liability in any way.

Collooney St. Vincent de Paul – would like to thank all who contributed to their Christmas Collection which raised a very significant amount. Many thanks for your generosity. Contributions can be made at any time throughout the year.

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

The annual Achonry Pioneer Dinner Dance - will be held on Friday 20th March at 8pm sharp at The Yeats County Inn, Curry. Three course meal. Music by *The Duets*. Tickets are €40. Contact Thomas at 087-2344338 to book your tickets. N.B., if anyone is due to receive a silver, gold or diamond Pioneer pin, please contact Thomas at 087-2344338.

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

Thought for the Day – Failure is success if we learn from it (Malcolm Forbes).

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

Rise & Shine Trust (Formerly Irish Pilgrimage Trust) -gratefully acknowledge receipt of €240.85 from their recent Church Gate Collection. Many thanks for you support.

The Stations of the Cross - will be prayed in Collooney Church every Wednesday morning throughout the Season of Lent, following the Rosary after daily 9.00 am Mass. All are welcome.

Irish Conversation Classes for Beginners / Improvers in Ballintogher Enterprise Centre (F91 C2 HT).

Commencing Thursday 12th Feb '26 . Time 7.30pm to 8.45pm. Registration required. Please WhatsApp – 087 6645509 by return or email teresamccorm@hotmail.com

We remember in our prayers – all who have died in recent times and all whose anniversaries occur at this time. R.I.P.
Collooney Church Closes – at 5.00 pm for the winter months.

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.

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

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.

You don't have to be addicted - to suffer from addiction! **M-PACT** (Moving Parents & Children Together) is a free eight-week family programme that (i) supports all family members affected by parental substance misuse and (ii) 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