



Collooney & Ballinacarrow (Kilvarnet) Parish Newsletter

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

March 29th & 30th 2025 – Fourth Sunday of Lent



Church of the Assumption, Collooney – Masses

Sat. 29 th	8.00 pm	Brendan & Mary Mannion & their son Declan
Sun. 30 th	11.00 am	People of the Parish Community
Mon. 31 st – Fri. 4 th	9.00 am	Private Intentions
Sat. 5 th	8.00 pm	Maureen & Tommy Mullen
Sun. 6 th	11.00 am	Fifth Sunday of Lent / People of the Parish Community



LENT
Pray + Fast + Give

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

Sat. 29 th	6.30 pm	Richie, Sadie & Joe Reynolds / John & May Haran / Gerry Scanlon & dec. family members / Brendan Collis (2 nd Ann.) / Una & Paddy Joe Collis & dec. members of Cryan & Collis families
Sun. 30 th	9.30 am	Private Intention
Sat. 5 th	6.30 pm	Private Intention
Sun. 6 th	9.30 am	Private Intention

Offertory (March 22nd & 23rd): Many thanks for your ongoing generosity and support. It is very much appreciated.

Ballinacarrow Church

Readers	6.30 pm	Sat. 29 th	Attracta Madden	9.30 am	Sun. 30 th	Kiernan White
	6.30 pm	Sat. 5 th	Mary Coleman	9.30 am	Sun. 6 th	Tommy Mc Grath
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.30 pm	Sat. 29 th	Mairead Burke	9.30 am	Sun. 30 th	Des Brett
	6.30 pm	Sat. 5 th	Marian O'Donnell	9.30 am	Sun. 5 th	Mary Madden
Offertory Baskets: April.	6.30 pm	Sat.	Michael Frizzell	9.30 am	Sun.	Liam Coleman

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	8.00 pm	Sat. 5 th	Edward Mullin	11.00 am	Sun. 6 th	Rosemary Rogers
Ministers of the Eucharist:	8.00 pm	Sat. 29 th	Mary McGinley	11.00 am	Sun. 30 th	Marion McDermot
	8.00 pm	Sat. 5 th	Roseleen Wynne	11.00 am	Sun. 6 th	Martin Scanlon

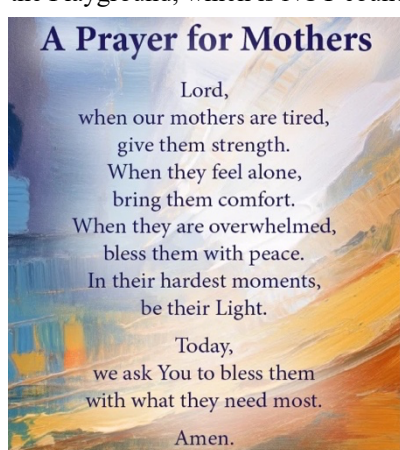
We Pray God's Blessings – upon Bishop Kevin Doran who will be installed as Bishop of Achonry on Sunday 30th. A Letter from him to the Faithful of the Diocese is available at the back of the Church. Please take a copy home.

The Stations of the Cross - will be prayed in Collooney Church every Wednesday morning after 9.00 am daily Mass.

First Saturday Devotions – continue on Saturday, April 5th in Collooney Church (7.00 – 7.50 pm). Confession available.

Collooney Passion Play - will be staged again this year on Good Friday, following the huge success of last year's event. Rehearsals continue on **Monday, March 31st at 8.00 pm** in Collooney Church. All are welcome to get involved.

Collooney Village Redevelopment Ltd (CVR Ltd) - hold their AGM on 22nd April at 8pm in the "Junior School " (beside the Health Centre). The current committee members are standing down and it is imperative that a new committee is formed to prevent the Playground, which is NOT council owned, from possible closure. There will be no LOTTO until further notice.



A Prayer for Mothers

Lord,
when our mothers are tired,
give them strength.
When they feel alone,
bring them comfort.
When they are overwhelmed,
bless them with peace.
In their hardest moments,
be their Light.

Today,
we ask You to bless them
with what they need most.

Amen.

Summer Time begins on Sunday morning. Clocks go forward one hour at 2.00 am.

Collooney Church Easter Cleanup – takes place at **11.00 am on Wed., April 9th.**

Brief Meeting - after 11.00 am Mass on **Sunday, April 6th** to discuss Easter Ceremonies and the Maria Goretti Novena.

Irish Conversation Class for Beginners / Improvers - in Ballintogher Enterprise Centre commencing shortly. To register, please contact - 087 6645509

If you would like to read - at the Easter Ceremonies please advise Fr. Martin.

Hospital / Nursing Home Visitation – If you (or a relative) are in hospital, or in a nursing home, and would like a visit please let Fr. Martin know.

Ballinacarrow N.S. Band - celebrate their 50th birthday in the Coach House Hotel, Ballymote at 3pm on Sat 5th April. Tickets (at €5) available from the school.

Deadline for submission of News items / Mass Intentions for the following weekend is 12.00 pm on the previous Wed.

Youth Pilgrimage to Italy - for the Jubilee Year for Achonry, Elphin, Galway & Clonfert dioceses 29 July to 8 Aug. (18 - 35's). Cost €995 p.p. Info & booking form on www.elphindiocese.ie

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

Thought: Mothers are like glue, even when you can't see them they are still there holding the family together (S.Gale)

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

Message from Bishop Kevin Doran to the Faithful of the Diocese of Achonry



Dear Friends,

Today, Laetare Sunday, I will be installed as Bishop of Achonry. This also marks the moment when our two dioceses of Achonry and Elphin are united “in persona episcopi” which is a Latin term meaning “in the person of the Bishop”. This term is used by the Catholic Church to designate the union of two or more dioceses, under one bishop. This has also happened in recent years in the dioceses of Galway and Clonfert. The dioceses of Tuam and Killala are on a similar path.

While the Ceremony of Installation focuses on the Bishop and his role, it is also about all of you who make up the people of God in the Diocese. I look forward to welcoming lay representatives who have been invited from all across the Diocese. It would have been good to have gathered you all in the Cathedral today but, of course, space is limited. You will all be in my prayers.

The Parable of the Prodigal Son that we heard in the Gospel, begins with the words: “A man had two sons....” The parable is really more about the Father than about the Sons. In telling this story, Jesus wants us to notice the love that the Father has for each of his sons. He loves them both, he loves them equally, but he loves each of them in a unique way. I think the image of the Father, who stands on the doorstep waiting for one son, and goes out into the field to be close to

the other, challenges each one of us, as sons and daughters, to grow into the image of the Father. As St. Paul says: “For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here”.

As you will appreciate, the image of the Father who “has two sons”, has a particular resonance for a Bishop who has two Dioceses. The mission of a Bishop, in the traditional language of the Church is to “teach”, to “sanctify” and to “govern”. I understand that, in order to do those three things, I must be open to “learning”; I must become more “holy” and “prayerful” and I must be “obedient”, particularly to the Holy Spirit, to the Word of God and to the essential faith of the Church. As bishop, I am called to be a sign and a means of unity. Like the Father with the two Sons, it will be my responsibility to gather together the people of God. Each diocese still retains its own unique identity, but gradually over the coming years, while respecting the culture and the history and the unique gifts of each, our two dioceses of Achonry and Elphin will become one diocese.

I would like to share with you a short message I received on behalf of Pope Francis last week which was not just for me but for all of us:

“His Holiness wishes to assure you of his prayers as you take up your episcopal ministry in the dioceses of Achonry and Elphin, united in persona episcopi, and cordially imparts his Apostolic Blessing to you and to the faithful of the dioceses of Achonry and Elphin”.

As I renew my commitment today to serve you, the people of our two Dioceses, I ask your prayers and your practical support in being the Bishop I am called to be.

Finally, on this Mother’s Day, I would like to send my prayerful good wishes to all mothers across our two dioceses.

May God bless you all.

+Kevin

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 national charity supporting Ireland’s 500,000+ family carers nationwide. Contact 057 93 70221 and hear how we can support you or for more info visit www.familycarers.ie.

Beltra Country Market - is open every Saturday 10-12:30. Home baking, garden produce, fresh crepes and beautifully handcrafted gifts and cards are now available. The Tea Room is open 10-12 noon where you are assured of a warm welcome and chat. Free Parking. Beltra Hall F91 VX97. New members always welcome. *Please support your local market.*

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Jubilee Year Prayer - May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

Catholic Charismatic Renewal – Maria Vadia, powerful speaker and intercessor for healing with the Holy Spirit, will be in the Clayton Hotel, Sligo on March 22nd (9.30 am – 6.00 pm). The day will include Praise & Worship, Talks, Music & Song, Confessions and Mass (Vigil Mass for Sunday at 5.00 pm). Enquiries and more information from (085) 7765294 / (087) 6998397.

'Live Life' National Youth Retreat at Knock Shrine. On May 8th students from all over the country will gather in Knock Shrine to celebrate the life of Donal Walsh and to reflect on his message - to 'Live Life!'. If you are interested in learning more about the day or registering a group please email youthministry@knockshrine.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.

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.

Ballinacarrow School Band - St. Patrick's Day 2025 will mark the 50th year of the school band. Volunteers are needed to help arrange a celebratory event. For more information email band50@ballinacarrowns.ie

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.

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.