



Collooney & Ballinacarrow (Kilvarnet) Parish

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

April 27th & 28th 2024 – Fifth Sunday of Easter



Church of the Assumption, Collooney - Masses

Sat. 27 th 8.00 pm	Nuala Gallagher, Cloonamahon / Sheila Gallagher, Main Street (2 nd Anniv.) / Gabriel Walsh, St. Mary's Green
Sun. 28 th 11.00 am	People of the Parish Community
Mon. 29 th - Fri 3 rd 9.00 am	Private Intention
Sat. 4 th 12.00 pm	Michael Taheny (Month's Mind)
Sat. 4 th 8.00 pm	Mary O'Connell (1 st Anniv.) / Robert Anderson, Carrickbanagher / Baby & Mick Nellany / Kathleen & Michael Flynn, Main Street / Michael Leydon, Church View (7 th Anniv.)
Sun. 5 th 11.00 am	Kevin & Dermot Darcy (Anniv.) & deceased of the Darcy & Farrell families

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

Sat. 27 th 6.30 pm	Private Intention	Sun. 28 th 9.30 am	Private Intention
Sat. 4 th 6.30 pm	Esther McGrath	Sun. 5 th 9.30 am	Private Intention

Collections - Many thanks for your ongoing generosity and support. It is very much appreciated.

Secure Online Donations - can now be made through the parish website at www.kilvarnetparish.com/donate-online

Ballinacarrow Church

Readers	6.30 pm Sat. 27 th	Caitriona Coleman	9.30 am Sun. 28 th	Attracta Madden
	6.30 pm Sat. 4 th	Mary Coleman	9.30 am Sun. 5 th	Tony Bolton
Ministers of the Eucharist:	6.30 pm Sat. 27 th	Ann Collery	9.30 am Sun. 28 th	Mary Madden
	6.30 pm Sat. 4 th	Mary Coleman	9.30 am Sun. 5 th	Des Brett
Offertory Baskets: May	6.30 pm Sat.	Ciarán Duibhí	9.30 am Sun.	Dermot O'Grady

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Readers	8.00 pm Sat. 27 th	Edward Mullin	11.00 am Sun. 28 th	Patricia McCann
	8.00 pm Sat. 4 th	Sr. Margaret Ruddy	11.00 am Sun. 5 th	Stuart Fallon
Ministers of the Eucharist:	8.00 pm Sat. 27 th	Geraldine Flynn	11.00 am Sun. 28 th	Michaél Molloy
	8.00 pm Sat. 4 th	Evelyn Marren	11.00 am Sun. 5 th	Rosemary Rogers

Please arrange a replacement / cover - if you are unable to act as Reader or Eucharistic Minister.

We remember in our Prayers –the soul of **Eugene Nellany** (Wolverhampton) who died recently. He is an uncle of Gerry Nellany, Cloonamahon. Also, **Fr. Sean Flannery** (Devon) England, formally of Ardcotton, Collooney (son of the late Bernard and Bridget Flannery, Ardcotton) Fr. Sean died recently. His funeral will take place in Devon. R.I.P.

Congratulations - to the First Communion class in Ballinacarrow who received the Sacrament on Saturday.

We wish the best of luck and God's Blessings - to all the children from the parish community who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 18th. We are delighted that bishop Doran of Elphin diocese is free to administer the sacrament. Collooney is one of three parishes in this diocese where he is able to honour the time and date originally given by the previous bishop, Bishop Dempsey. We have 78 children for Confirmation this year. The church capacity is 306 maximum. Sadly, it is necessary to confine attendance to the child, their sponsor and two parents. This will give us an attendance of 312 on the day. If there are two children from the same family being confirmed, the second child can have two guests in addition to their own sponsor. Thankfully, the ceremony can be live-streamed and, hopefully, provide an opportunity to be watched by all who would like to be present.

Thanks – to all who contributed to the Vocations Sunday collection last weekend. Donations can still be made.

St. Lassara's NS, Ballinacarrow - is delighted to be taking part in this year's *Our Shoes* campaign. Drop your used, but in good condition, sports shoes into the school. They will be donated to children in the townships in Southern Africa!

Conservation works on Collooney Church are, at present, at tender stage. The results will be known in early May.

Please Return Trocaire Boxes - to Fr. Martin / Fr. Jim / the Parochial House as soon as is convenient.

Anyone who wishes - to be added to the monthly Holy Communion visitation list, please let Fr. Martin or Fr. Jim know

Cemetery Masses 2024 – Collooney: 8.00 pm on Friday, August 2nd / Kilvarnet: 8.00 pm on Wednesday, August 7th.

Irish Catholic Newspaper – is available through the parish to those who wish to get a weekly copy. Price €3.00.

A Gathering of Adoration Committees - for each parish will be held in Charlestown Pastoral Centre on Sunday 28th April from 3.00 pm to 5 pm.

Thought for the Day – The best mirror we can ever have is, undoubtedly, the eye of a friend.

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

Start your May Bank Holiday weekend - at Beltra Country Market on Saturday 4th from 10 am -12:30 pm with a wide variety of beautiful home produced bread, cakes and savory treats. Jams and all locally produced crafts - all available. Flowers and plants also for the keen gardeners. You are assured of a warm welcome and chat in our tea room. New members always welcome - follow us on facebook.

The first National Pilgrimage for Life, organised by the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, will be celebrated on Saturday 4th May in Knock Shrine. The pilgrimage begins with Anointing of the Sick in the Basilica at 2.30pm, followed by Mass at 3pm and Rosary Procession after Mass, weather permitting. Main celebrant and homilist will be Archbishop Francis Duffy. We invite you to join us in Knock to celebrate the gift of life and to pray for the protection of all human life.

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 and to refer caller to other helpful services if necessary. So don't be alone if sharing a problem would help. Phone *SeniorLine* 1800 80 45 91, open every day of the year 10 am-10 pm.

Confessions available – after each Mass or by appointment

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Beltra Country Market - is open every Saturday 10am-12:30 with a variety of home produced break and cakes, locally grown vegetables and plants ,and locally produced Crafts available. New members always welcome.

To Guarantee Mass Intentions - being included in the weekend newsletter, they should be requested no later than two weeks prior to the Mass being offered. Weekend Newsletters are often printed early in the week.

The All-Ireland Rosary Rally is indeed an occasion for families to come together to pray and be inspired. Please encourage the faithful to join us on this prayer-filled occasion at Knock Shrine on Saturday, 1st June 2024. The day will start at 1pm with a talk by Mother Adela Galindo (servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary), and the Main Celebrant will be Bishop Phonsie Cullinan, Bishop of Waterford, and Lismore.

Santiago de Compostello Camino 2024 - Join Focus Ireland *‘In the Footsteps of St James’* on a fully guided walk from Sarria to Santiago de Compostela along the Camino de Frances and help support families in our community’s experiencing homelessness. Dates 27 May to 3 June. Ex Dublin. Contact Monica on 087 954 7007 or email events@focusireland.ie for details and bookings.

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.

You don’t have to be addicted to suffer from addiction! M-PACT supports the whole family, helping to improve relationships, communication and recovery. A free eight-week programme begins on Tuesday 9th April. For further information contact (071 9150578 / 085 875 9319 or email sligoleitrim@alcoholforum.com

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