



Collooney & Ballinacarrow (Kilvarnet) Parish

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Office Hours (Secretary present): 10.00 am – 1.00 pm (Monday – Friday)

February 17th & 18th 2024 – First Sunday of Lent



Church of the Assumption, Collooney - Masses

Sat. 17th 8.00 pm Martha Molloy (Anniv.) / Frances Breslin / Paddy Jennings

Sun. 18th 11.00 am Gerry O'Connell, Rowantree Gardens

Mon. 19th - Fri 23rd 9.00am Private Intentions

Sat. 24th 8.00 pm Michael Lavin

Sun. 25th 11.00 am First Communion Preparation Mass

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

Sat. 17th 6.30 pm Private Intention

Sun. 18th 9.30 am Private Intention

Sat. 24th 6.30 pm Bill Weir, Ropefied (3rd Anniv) & dec. of Weir family /Martin Culkin Dromore West, (Anniv)

Sun. 25th 9.30 am First Communion Preparation Mass

LENT

Pray + Fast + Give

Offertory Collection: Many thanks for your ongoing generosity and support – and, especially, for your donations to the Collooney Church Conservation fund.

Thanks also to the donor of a new nativity set for Collooney Church. The old one, made of chalk, was disintegrating.

Ballinacarrow Church

Readers	6.30 pm Sat. 17 th	Sharon Callaghan	9.30 am Sun. 18 th	Tony Bolton
	6.30 pm Sat. 24 th	Caitriona Coleman	9.30 am Sun. 25 th	Attracta Madden
Ministers of the Eucharist:	6.30 pm Sat. 17 th	Mairéad Bourke	9.30 am Sun. 18 th	Martina Scanlon
	6.30 pm Sat. 24 th	Mary Coleman	9.30 am Sun. 25 th	Mary Madden
Offertory Baskets:	Feb: 6.30 pm Sat.	Seamus Hogge	9.30 am Sun.	George Faney

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Readers	8.00 pm Sat. 17 th	Bernadette Morris Roe	11.00 am Sun. 18 th	Jacinta Walsh
	8.00 pm Sat. 24 th	Edward Mullin	11.00 am Sun. 25 th	Patricia Mc Cormack
Ministers of the Eucharist:	8.00 pm Sat. 17 th	Kathleen White	11.00 am Sun. 18 th	Mary Doherty
	8.00 pm Sat. 24 th	Mary McGinley	11.00 am Sun. 25 th	Chris O'Grady

We Remember in our Prayers – the souls of Colm Dwyer, Riverstown (uncle of Anne, Mary & Attracta Madden, Ballinacarrow) and John Feeny, Ballinafull whose funerals took place during the week. May they Rest in Peace.

Next Sunday's Masses (Collooney & Ballinacarrow) are special preparatory Masses for the First communion Children.

Sunday, 18th February at 4pm in St. Nathy's Cathedral, Ballaghaderreen - Blessing of engaged couples and those celebrating significant anniversaries of marriage (e.g. 10 years, 20 years, 25 years, 40 years, 50 years and longer!).

Trocaire Boxes – are available at the exit doors in both churches. Please consider taking one home.

A Fashion Masterclass - St. Brigid's Hall Tubbercurry 7.30pm on Feb. 23rd for those who would like to find or elevate their own personal style, be a savvy shopper & build a great wardrobe. Tickets: Gillespies or www.eventbrite.ie

Are you affected - by the misuse of alcohol or other drugs by another individual? **5 Step Support Service** can help manage stressful, difficult & emotional issues. Call (071) 9150578; (085) 875 9319; E. sligoleitrim@alcoholforum.com

Tax Rebate Scheme – If you pay tax and contribute to the parish and if you haven't signed a CHY (tax from) last year please consider doing so now. Forms are available at the back of the church. Please return to Fr. Martin or to the office.

Down Syndrome Sligo – are holding a church gate collection this weekend, February 17th and 18th.

Training for Parish Pastoral Councils – will take place in the Gateway Hotel, Swinford on Monday, February 26th at 7.30 pm. A presentation will be given by Justin Harkin (Elphin Diocese). All members of Pastoral Councils are invited.

Passion Play 2024 – It is hoped that it will be possible to revive the *Cloonamahon Passion Play* of old and stage it in in Collooney Church this coming Good Friday. All previous cast members, as well as new faces, are invited to the first rehearsal at 8.00 pm on Wednesday, February 21st in Collooney Church. It would be great to revive this lovely tradition.

Retreat for Readers & Eucharistic Ministers withing the three parishes of Collooney, Coolaney and Ballisodare takes place in Ballisodare Church on Sunday, March 3rd (5.00 pm– 6.00 pm). All readers and ministers are asked to attend.

Ballinacarrow N.S. Parent Association - are holding a 25 card game for children 7+ in the Ballinacarrow Community Centre on Sun. Feb. 18th from 10am-11am (after mass). Anyone from 7 up who wants to learn how to play 25 are invited. Admission Free. Parent supervision essential. Also, anyone wishing to donate clothing to Ballinacarrow School's clothing collection can drop them to Ballinacarrow Community Centre between 10am and 11am on Sun. 18th after Mass.

The annual Achonry Pioneer Dinner Dance - will be held on Friday 8th March at 8pm sharp at The Yeats County Inn, Curry. Music by *The Duets*. Tickets are €35 per person. Please contact Thomas at 087-2344338 to book tickets.

St. Vincent de Paul – can be contacted on (087) 1868494. Leave your name & number on the answering service.

Ballymote St Patrick's Day Parade will take place on Sunday the 17th of March at 3.30 pm. Entries are now being accepted. To get an application form email ballymotestpatricksparade@gmail.com or follow our Facebook page and message us there.

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

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

The Synodal Journey - was launched in October 2021. Many parishioners attended gatherings in our diocese (and throughout the country) to share their ideas about the Church. These were very helpful meetings and I appreciate the efforts people made to come along and join in the conversations. In order to feedback to parishioners on what has happened since, a very helpful video has been produced. It is entitled: "The Synodal Pathway, the Journey So Far" This can be found on our Diocesan Website, www.achonrydiocese.org. I hope this will be helpful in outlining the process so far and charting the next steps on the journey.

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.

Catholic Charismatic Renewal – with Maria Vadia in Clayton Hotel, Sligo on Saturday, March 16th 9.30 am to 6.00 pm. Mass at 5.00 pm. Contact (085) 7765294 or (087) 6998397.

Please consider volunteering with SVP - and become part of the largest charitable organisation in the country. Offering a little bit of help at the right time can give people hope for the future. Volunteers sharing their time and skills can change lives forever! SVP will host an open meeting in SVP Ozanam House, 45 John Street Sligo, from 7p.m - 8.30pm on the 13th of February for people who are interested in joining SVP across county Sligo. For more information, please call membership support officer Orla Beirne on 087 775 7426 or email: orla.beirne@svp.ie

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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.

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.

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

Invitation to Friends of Carmel - gathering at Holy Hill on Saturday 24th February 2024. Theme: '*Sons and Daughters of your Father in Heaven*'. Begin at 10.30 with coffee and finish at 4pm with a soup lunch provided by the community. (Donations invited on the day). All are very welcome! Please let us know if you would like to join us by emailing friendsofcarmelhh@gmail.com

St Lassara's NS, Ballinacarrow are holding a clothes collection between now and March to raise money for the school. They would love if you could gather up your unused clothes and drop them to the school. They can also accept PAIRS of shoes, handbags and belts but PLEASE no duvets or pillows. Any queries to (071) 9130350.

Collooney Church – will close at 5 pm for the duration of the winter months.

Reminder - Sunday Morning Masses in both churches can be booked for Mass Intentions, as for Saturday evenings.

Living Well is a free HSE programme which helps people living with a long-term health condition to manage their condition and improve their overall wellbeing. Anyone with any chronic illness such as diabetes, arthritis, COPD, cardiac illness, anxiety, etc. can benefit from these workshops. The next programme is in Boyle. It commences on Tuesday March 12th. The programme is delivered over six weekly workshops (2.5 hrs x 6) by trained leaders. Advance registration is required. For more info. contact Liam Gildea on (086) 0142675 or by email at lgildea@southmayo.com

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

First Holy Communion Dates 2024: Ballinacarrow 11.00 am Sat., April 27th **Collooney** 11.00 am Sat., May 11th

The Sacrament of Confirmation - will be administered on Saturday, May 18th 2024 at 11.00 am for both schools

Confessions available – after each Mass or by appointment.

