



Collooney & Ballinacarrow (Kilvarnet) Parish

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

February 24th & 25th 2024 – Second Sunday of Lent



Church of the Assumption, Collooney - Masses

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| Sat. 24 th 8.00 pm | Michael Lavin |
| Sun. 25 th 11.00 am | First Communion Preparation Mass |
| Mon. 26 th - Fri. 1 st 9.00 am | Private Intentions |
| Wed. 28 th 9.00 am | Lena and James Kirrane and deceased of the Kirrane, Nolan & Dunne families |
| Sat. 2 nd 8.00 pm | People of the Parish Community |
| Sun. 3 rd 11.00 am | Sandra Nealis / Joe Hargadon & dec. of the Hargadon & Brady families. |

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

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| Sat. 24 th 6.30 pm | Bill Weir, Ropefied (3 rd Anniv) & dec. of Weir family /Martin Culkin Dromore West, (Anniv |
| Sun. 25 th 9.30 am | First Communion Preparation Mass |
| Sat. 2 nd 6.30 pm | Robbie & Frank Anderson, Carrickbanagher & dec. of the Anderson family |
| Sun. 3 rd 9.30 pm | Private Intention |



Offertory Collection – Many thanks for your ongoing generosity and support. It is much appreciated.

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

Ballinacarrow Church

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| Readers 6.30 pm Sat. 24 th | Caitriona Coleman | 9.30 am Sun. 25 th | Attracta Madden |
| 6.30 pm Sat. 2 nd | Mary Coleman | 9.30 am Sun. 3 rd | Kiernan White |
| Ministers of the Eucharist: 6.30 pm Sat. 24 th | Mary Coleman | 9.30 am Sun. 25 th | Mary Madden |
| 6.30 pm Sat. 2 nd | Mary Coleman | 9.30 am Sun. 3 rd | Martina Coleman |
| Offertory Baskets: Mar: 6.30 pm Sat. | Johnny O'Donnell | 9.30 am Sun. | Al White |

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| Readers 8.00 pm Sat. 24 th | Edward Mullin | 11.00 am Sun. 25 th | Patricia Mc Cormack |
| 8.00 pm Sat. 2 nd | Patricia Armstrong | 11.00 am Sun. 3 th | Patricia Mc Cann |
| Ministers of the Eucharist: 8.00 pm Sat. 24 th | Mary McGinley | 11.00 am Sun. 25 th | Chris O'Grady |
| 8.00 pm Sat. 2 nd | Roselynn Wynne | 11.00 am Sun. 3 th | Mary McGerrick |

We Remember in our Prayers – the souls of the recently deceased: Mary O'Connor Calry (grandmother of Erin, Rachael & Patrick O'Connor, Ballinacarrow), Joe Kelly Carrowcrin Dromahair (sister of Mary McMorro, Collooney), Betty Hever, Carrickbanagher and Carol Roache, Kiltimagh (sister of Denise Mullen, Knockbeg) R.I.P.

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

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

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.

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.

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

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.

Passion Play 2024 – Great to see so many new and former members who turned up on Wednesday night last for the first rehearsal of the *Good Friday Passion Play* of old, previously staged in Cloonamahon. Next rehearsals are on **Monday 26th at 8.00 pm** and **Wednesday 29th at 8.45 pm**. More actors / volunteers needed.

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.

Lourdes Pilgrimage Trust – gratefully acknowledge receipt of €194.75 from its recent Church Gate Collection.

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.

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 from our Facebook page.

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

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.