



Collooney & Ballinacarrow (Kilvarnet) Parish Newsletter

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

May 2nd & 3rd 2026 – Fifth Sunday of Easter



Church of the Assumption, Collooney – Masses

Sat. 2 nd 6.45 pm	Robert Anderson & dec. of Anderson family, Carrickbanagher / Baby & Mick Nellany / Mary & Malachy O'Connell / Gabriel Walsh, St. Mary's Green, Collooney
Sun. 3 rd 11.00 am	Michael Leydon (9 th Anniv.) & dec. family members
Mon. 4 th 10.00 am*	Private Intentions (Note later time)
Sat. 9 th 6.45 pm	Mary McKenna, Knockbeg (6 th anniv)
Tues. 5 th - Fri. 8 th 9.00am	Private Intentions
Sun. 10 th 11.00 am	Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

Sat. 2 nd 6.30 pm	Private Intentions	Sun. 3 rd 9.30 am	Fifth Sunday of Easter
Sat. 9 th 11.00 am	First Holy Communion	Sun. 10 th 9.30 am	Sixth Sunday of Easter
Sat. 9 th 6.30 pm	Private Intentions		

Offertory (April 25th & 26th) – Many thanks for your ongoing generosity and support. It is very much appreciated.

Ballinacarrow Church

Readers 6.30 pm	Sat. 2 nd Caitriona Coleman	9.30 am	Sun. 3 rd Sinead Wims
6.30 pm	Sat. 9 th Geraldine Dowling	9.30 am	Sun. 10 th Tommy McGrath
Ministers of Communion 6.30 pm	Sat. 2 nd Marian Nellany	9.30 am	Sun. 3 rd Des Brett
6.30 pm	Sat. 9 th Mairead Burke	9.30 am	Sun. 10 th Mary Coleman
Offertory Baskets: May 6.30 pm	Sat. Dermot O'Grady	9.30 am	Sun. Ciarán Duibhír

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Readers 6.45 pm	Sat. 2 nd Kate Henry	11.00 am	Sun. 3 rd Jacinta Walsh
6.45 pm	Sat. 9 th Edward Mullin	11.00 am	Sun. 10 th Rosemary Rogers
Ministers of Communion 6.45 pm	Sat. 2 nd Mary Doherty	11.00 pm	Sun. 3 rd Martin Scanlon
6.45 pm	Sat. 9 th Bernadette Morrisroe	11.00 pm	Sun. 10 th Paddy Gilbin

We Remember in our Prayers – the soul of **Martina Wilkson**, formerly of Half Quarter Coolaney – who has died in England. She is the sister of Liam McGowan, Rowantree Gardens, Collooney. May she Rest in Peace.

The St Nathy's Cemetery Committee - would like to sincerely thank all those that have contributed to the *Path Resurfacing Fund* to date. So far, just over €5,000 has been collected, which is the half way point to reaching our target. It is hoped to organise the resurfacing work during early June, so we would encourage any other families that wish to be associated with this really important project, to get their contributions in. For information, the average payment level has been €100 per family. If contributing by bank transfer please reference the family plot name. Bank details: **IBAN:IE03 AIBK 93725821591039, BIC: AIBKIE2D**

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.

Cemetery Masses 2026 – **Collooney:** 8.00 pm on Friday, July 31st / **Kilvarnet:** 8.00 pm on Wednesday, August 5th.

Those 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.

Saturday Devotions – continue this Saturday (May 2nd) before the evening Mass 5.45 pm – 6.35 pm. All are welcome.

Achonry & Elphin 3-day pilgrimage to Lough Derg: Friday, June 12th to Sunday, June 14th. For more details, including bus options, visit www.achonrydiocese.org/lough-derg. All welcome.

Dioceses of Achonry & of Elphin Pilgrimage to Lourdes - will take place from 28th August, 2026 to the 2nd September inclusive, under the leadership of Bishop Kevin Doran. Pilgrimage Highlights includes Mass at the Grotto, Torchlight and Blessed Sacrament Processions, Anointing of the Sick, Water Ceremony. Flights ex Knock Airport. **All booking in relation to the Pilgrimage can be directed to Joe Walsh Tours (JWT) at 016852244 or email info@joewalshstours.ie** The Pilgrimage includes the **Assisted Pilgrim Section**. Application forms for the Assisted Pilgrim Section and full details are available from Very Rev. Ray Milton, P.P., Pilgrimage Director, St. John's, Lecarrow, Co. Roscommon. (Telephone – 090 6661115). Closing date for receipt of Applications is 11th June

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

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

Thought for the Day – To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow (Audrey Hepburn).

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

Anyone 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.

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