



Collooney & Ballinacarrow (Kilvarnet) Parish Newsletter

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

March 8th & 9th 2025 – First Sunday of Lent



Church of the Assumption, Collooney – Masses

- Sat. 8th 8.00 pm Pearse Ewing (2nd Anniv.) Nora Ewing (4th Anniv.) / Mairead Flynn / Micheál Doyle, Cartron John Séan Taheny, Union / Lena & James Kirrane & all dec. members of the Kirrane, Nolan & Dunne families, whose anniversaries occur at this time.
- Sun. 9th 11.00 am Mairead Flynn
- Mon. 10th - Fri. 14th 9.00 am Private Intentions
- Sat. 15th 8.00 pm Robert Anderson, Carrickbanagher, his grandchildren Robert & Marian, their father Paddy & their uncle Roland. / John, Kate & Rita Sweeney, Coolteen / Packie & Maureen Flynn / Paddy Kerins, Thomas & Teresa & Mary Ellen Anderson, Carrickbanagher / Jim Doherty
- Sun. 16th 11.00 am People of the Parish Community **Mon. 17th 10.00 am Feast of Saint Patrick** (Note later time)

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

- Sat. 8th 6.30 pm Pat & Katie Scanlon, Carrickbanagher / Pat & Myra, Rathnarrow / Nicholas Mullen, Rathnarrow
- Sun. 8th 9.30 am Private Intention
- Sat. 15th 6.30 pm Tom Kilcoyne **Sun. 16th 9.30 am Private Intention**
- Sun. 16th 6.30 pm Vigil Mass Feast of Saint Patrick
- Mon. 17th 9.30 am Feast of Saint Patrick
- Frank & Annie Keane, Carrantavey & dec. members of Keane & Killcullen families

Offertory Collection (Feb. 1st & 2nd) - Many thanks for your ongoing generosity and support. Much appreciated.

Ballinacarrow Church

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| Readers. | 6.30 pm Sat. 8 th | Grainne Davey | 9.30 am Sun. 9 th | Attracta Madden |
| | 6.30 pm Sat. 15 th | Mary Muldoon | 9.30 am Sun. 16 th | Tommy McGrath |
| | 6.30 pm Sun. 16 th | Caitriona Coleman | 9.30 am Mon. 17 th | Attracta Madden |
| Ministers of the Eucharist: | 6.30 pm Sat. 8 th | Mairead Burke | 9.30 am Sun. 9 th | Ellen Conway |
| | 6.30 pm Sat. 15 th | Marion O'Donnell | 9.30 am Sun. 16 th | Mary Madden |
| | 6.30 pm Sun. 16 th | Marion Nellaney | 9.30 am Mon. 17 th | Mary Madden |
| Offertory Baskets: March. | 6.30 pm Sat. Al White | | 9.30 am Sun. | Johnny O'Donnell |

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| Readers | 8.00 pm Sat. 8 th | Bernadette Morrisroe | 11.00 am Sun. 9 th | Stuart Fallon |
| | 8.00 pm Sat. 15 th | Patricia Armstrong | 11.00 am Sun. 16 th | Jacinta Walsh |
| | 10.00 am Mon. 17 th | Edward Mullin | | |
| Ministers of the Eucharist: | 8.00 pm Sat. 8 th | Sheila Gray | 11.00 am Sun. 9 th | Edward Mullin |
| | 8.00 pm Sat. 15 th | Pasty Sweeney | 11.00 am Sun. 16 th | Paddy Giblin |
| | 10.00 am Mon. 17 th | Michael Molloy | | |

We remember in our prayers - The soul of **Brendan Mullen**, Ballinacarrow (formerly Gleann). May he Rest in Peace.

The Stations of the Cross - will be prayed in Collooney Church every Wednesday morning throughout the Season of Lent, following the Rosary after daily 9.00 am Mass. All are welcome.

St. Nathy's Cemetery - We are very pleased to see further work at St. Nathy's Cemetery with the complete upgrade of the tarmac surface at the main entrance. The work has been carried out after the local Cemetery Committee agreed terms with Sligo County Council, but was only possible through funding being made available by local Councillors through their Council-allocated discretionary funding. A big thank you to Councillors Marie Casserly, Tom Fox, Thomas Healy, Edel Mc Sharry and Thomas Walsh who allocated €2,000 each and was assisted by Councillors Dara Mulvey and Gerry Mullaney who allocated €1,000 each. Thank You and well done to all involved.

All Past Pupils & Staff of St. Lassara's NS, Ballinacarrow - are welcome to march behind the school band on St. Patrick's Day in the Sligo Parade. If you wish to take part, text (086) 7932306 or email office@ballinacarrowns.ie.

Pioneer's Dinner Dance - The annual Achonry Pioneer dinner dance takes place on Friday 21st March at 8pm sharp at the *Yeats County Inn*, Curry. Pioneers and non-Pioneers are welcome to attend. Music by *The Duets* and there will be a raffle on the night. Tickets are €35 each and available by contacting 086-1660196.

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

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

Thought for the Day: Everything has beauty, but not everyone sees it (Confucius).

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

Free Health & Wellbeing Festival 2025 for Older People - in partnership with Atlantic Technological University (ATU) Sligo! Join us on Friday 28th of March 11am until 3pm in the ATU Sligo F91 YW50 for a day filled with interactive workshops, guest speakers and exciting exhibitors focused on improving your health and well-being. Don't miss out on this opportunity to connect with local community organisations & services. Free refreshments & free entertainment will be provided, with John Lynch as our MC. Transport to event available on request. Please register for the event by calling (046) 9248899 or emailing healthyagefriendlyhomes@meathcoco.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.*

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

"Wisdom" - a one man play, written and performed by Gerry Farrell, will be staged in St Brigid's Hall on March 18th at 8.30pm. In conjunction with the Church of Ireland, this is a free event. The theme of the play is on retirement.

Retreats for Readers and Ministers of Holy Communion - On **Sunday, March 9th**, there will be a short retreat for Readers in the Parish Centre, Ballymote, from 3.00 – 5.00 pm. The retreat will be led by Fr Tom Grufferty, currently working at Knock Shrine. On **Sunday, March 23rd**, there will be a short retreat for Ministers of Holy Communion, in the Peyton Centre, Attymass from 3.00 – 5.00 pm, led by Fr Tom Taaffe, working at Knock Shrine. (Optional Retreats)

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.

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. Visiting is subject to any restrictions that may be in place at any given time.

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.

Tax Rebate Scheme – brought in a very significant amount for the year 2023. If you donate to the church and pay tax and did not sign a CHY3 form since 2022, please consider doing so now. Forms (along with an explanatory note) are available at the exit doors. The scheme does not affect your tax liability in any way.

'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.

Church Envelopes for 2025 -If you haven't received your envelopes, or would like to obtain a box for 2025 for the first time, please contact the parish house. Thanks for your support.