



## Collooney & Ballinacarrow (Kilvarnet) Parish Newsletter

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

February 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> 2026 – First Sunday of Lent



### Church of the Assumption, Collooney – Masses

Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> 6.45 pm Michael McGovern (Month's Mind)  
Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup> 11.00 am *First Sunday of Lent* – Mass for the People of the Parish Community  
Mon. 23<sup>rd</sup> - Fri. 27<sup>th</sup> 9.00 am Private Intentions  
Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> 6.45 pm Michael Lavin & all deceased of the Lavin family  
Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> 11.00 am *Second Sunday of Lent*

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

Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> 6.30 pm Bill Weir (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) & dec. of Weir & Brennan families / Pat & Katie Scanlon, Carrickbanagher  
Betty Hever (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.), Dominic Hever & dec. of the Hever & Quigley families  
Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup> 9.30 am *First Sunday of Lent*  
Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> 6.30 pm Martin Culkin, Dromore West, (15<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> 9.30 am *Second Sunday of Lent*

(Offertory) Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> - Many thanks for your ongoing generosity and support. It is much appreciated.

### Ballinacarrow Church

Readers	6.30 pm	Sat. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Peter Kearns	9.30 am	Sun. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Tony Bolton
	6.30 pm	Sat. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Bernadette White	9.30 am	Sun. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Mary Coleman
Ministers of	6.30 pm	Sat. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Marian O'Donnell	9.30 am	Sun. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Mary Coleman
Communion	6.30 pm	Sat. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Ellen Conway	9.30 am	Sun. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Mary Madden
Offertory Baskets: Feb.	6.30 pm	Sat.	Seamus Hogge	9.30 am	Sun.	John Scanlon

### Collooney Church

Readers	6.45 pm	Sat. 21 <sup>st</sup>	John Walsh	11.00 am	Sun. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Patricia McCann
	6.45 pm	Sat. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Patricia Armstrong	11.00 am	Sun. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Stuart Fallon
Ministers of	6.45 pm	Sat. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Bernadette Morrisroe	11.00 pm	Sun. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Paddy Giblin
Communion	6.45 pm	Sat. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Evelyn Marren	11.00 pm	Sun. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Kate Henry

**We pray for** – the soul of Marie Donoghue (nee Mullin), Ballybrack / Collooney (sister of Edward, Collooney). R.I.P.

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

**The Way of Gentleness** *A Lenten Faith Enrichment Journey* - takes place on Mondays at 8 pm in St. Patrick's Church, Strandhill on Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> / March 2<sup>nd</sup> / March 9<sup>th</sup> & March 23<sup>rd</sup>. All are welcome.

**Lenten Trocaire Boxes** - are available at the church exits. Please consider taking one home.

**Ballinacarrow Community Centre:** Exercise classes for men will start on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb. for 6wks every Monday evening from 8.30 -9.30 pm. Cost €30.00 (cash only) for Information & Registration contact Elaine 087 6225195.

**Online Payments** - to either church can be made securely and conveniently by scanning the QR Code opposite or by visiting the parish website: <https://kilvarnetparish.com/donate-online>



**St Nathy's Cemetery:** The Committee continue to work on building a fund to make path improvements and wish to thank those who have already contributed. If people wish to donate using a bank transfer please use the following dedicated account for this purpose. Please ensure to put a name for reference with the payment.

AIB Bank St Nathy's Cemetery IBAN IE03 AIBK 93725821591039

**Tax Rebate Scheme** – brought in a very significant amount for the year 2024. 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.

**Lenten Scripture Initiative** – *The Gospel of Matthew*: for all dates and venues - <https://achonrydiocese.org/matthew>

**Annual Achonry Pioneer Dinner Dance** - will be held on Fri. 20<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm at *The Yeats County Inn*, Curry.

Contact Thomas at 087-2344338 for tickets at €40. If due to receive a silver/gold/diamond Pioneer Pin advise Thomas.

**Please Note** – No 9.00 am Mass on the day of a funeral unless there is a named Mass intention.

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

**Thought for the Day** – God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy (Pope Francis)

**Additional news items** - are available on the online Newsletter. See [www.kilvarnetparish.com/newsletters](http://www.kilvarnetparish.com/newsletters)

**Irish Conversation Classes for Beginners / Improvers** in Ballintogher Enterprise Centre (F91 C2 HT). Commencing Thursday 12th Feb '26 . Time 7.30pm to 8.45pm. Registration required. Please WhatsApp – 087 6645509 by return or email [teresamccorm@hotmail.com](mailto:teresamccorm@hotmail.com)

**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](mailto:office@ballinacarrowns.ie).

**Those 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](http://www.familycarers.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.

**You don't have to be addicted** - to suffer from addiction! **M-PACT** (Moving Parents & Children Together) is a free eight-week family programme that (i) supports all family members affected by parental substance misuse and (ii) helps to improve relationships, communication and recovery for all. If interested, or would like further information, please contact (071) 9150578 / (085) 875 9313 or email [sligoleitrim@alcoholforum.com](mailto:sligoleitrim@alcoholforum.com)