



Collooney & Ballinacarrow (Kilvarnet) Parish Newsletter

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

September 5th & 6th 2026 – Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Church of the Assumption, Collooney – Masses

Sat. 5 th 6.45 pm	Mary Quigley & deceased of the Quigley family / Eva Doyle, Rowantree Gardens / Thomas Brendan O'Connor Jr., Ardcurley / Mary Mc Gourty, Collooney.	Sat. 12 th 6.45 pm	Josie Darcy
Sun. 6 th 11.00 am	People of the Parish Community		
Mon. 7 th - Fri. 11 th 9.00 am	Private Intentions		
Sun. 13 th 11.00 am	Patrick & Eileen Brehony, son Eugene, daughter Jean Cahill, dec. of the McDonagh fam. late of Doorla & dec. of the McTiernan & McGrath families, Ballisodare.		

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

Sat. 5 th 6.30 pm	Bertie O'Connor, Annaghmore, Collooney	Sun. 13 th 9.30 am	Private Intention
Sun. 6 th 9.30 am	Gerard Collis, Canada, formerly Ballinacarrow (recently deceased) & dec. of the Collis family		
Sat. 12 th 6.30 pm	Private Intention		

Offertory (Aug. 29th & 30th) – Many thanks for your ongoing generosity and support. It is much appreciated.

Ballinacarrow Church

Readers 6.30 pm	Sat. 5 th	Volunteer Needed	9.30 am	Sun. 6 th	Sinead Wims
6.30 pm	Sat. 12 th	Mary Coleman	9.30 am	Sun. 13 th	Martina Scanlon
Ministers of Communion 6.30 pm	Sat. 5 th	Marian O'Donnell	9.30 am	Sun. 6 th	Mary Madden
6.30 pm	Sat. 12 th	Ellen Conway	9.30 am	Sun. 13 th	Martina Scanlon
Offertory Baskets: Sept. 6.30 pm	Sat.	John O'Donnell	9.30 am	Sun.	Liam Coleman

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Readers 6.45 pm	Sat. 5 th	Kate Henry	11.00 am	Sun. 6 th	Jacinta Walsh
6.45 pm	Sat. 12 th	Edward Mullin	11.00 am	Sun. 13 th	Rosemary Rogers
Ministers of Communion 6.45 pm	Sat. 5 th	Kathleen White	11.00 am	Sun. 6 th	Pasty Sweeney
6.45 pm	Sat. 12 th	Micheál Molloy	11.00 am	Sun. 13 th	Patricia McCann

Ballinacarrow Community Centre: Women's exercise class starts back on the 8th Sept for 6 weeks at 6.30 pm, at €30 for the 6 weeks. Men's exercise class starts back on the 16th September at 8pm for 6 weeks at €30 for the 6wks.

The Church Season of Creation 2026 - runs from Sept. 1st to Oct. 4th, ending on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. This year's theme, "Living Water", draws on the vision of Ezekiel 47, where God's life-giving water brings renewal, healing, and fruitfulness wherever it flows. During these weeks, we are invited as a parish community to pray with gratitude for the beauty of creation, to reflect on our responsibility for the earth and its waters, and to take simple, practical steps—at home, in our parish, and in our local community—to care for our common home. May this *Season of Creation* deepen our faith, strengthen our hope, and encourage us to let the living water of God's love flow through our care for one another and for all creation. Many thanks to all who decorated our churches so very beautifully for this season.

Collooney Church Choir – return this weekend after the summer break. Welcome back. You have been missed!! The choir seeks new members to help out whenever they can – ideally, every Sunday but this may not be possible for everyone. Whenever you can attend you will be welcome to join in. Talk to our organist, Shane.

The Priest's Harvest Collection - is being taken up this weekend (September 5th & 6th). There is an envelope for that purpose in the box of Offertory Envelopes. Loose envelopes are also available at the exit doors for those who do not use the Offertory Envelope system. For those who donate by cheque, please make payable to *Collooney Parish - Priest Wages A/C*. Many thanks for your ongoing generosity & support. It is very much appreciated.

Thanks – to all, from far and near, who watch services online and who have contributed to our online appeal to keep the service available. Your contributions are much appreciated and help in the provision of this outreach service.

Collooney Cemetery Gate Collection – held during the Cemetery Mass raised €4,060.00. Many thanks for your generosity. The monies raised are used for the regular maintenance that takes place over the course of the year. Again, many thanks to the Cemetery Committee for their dedication and hard work. We are very fortunate to have them.

Receipts – for those who contributed by cash to *Collooney Cemetery Footpath Appeal* are available from the sacristy.

Ballinacarrow Church Rota New Rota for Readers & Eucharist Ministers can be picked up at the back of the Church

Please note – No 9.00 am Mass in Collooney on the morning 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 – Don't get so busy making a living that you forget to make a life (Dolly Parton).

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

Supporting Children (8 - 11 years) grow in faith and friendship: New and emerging *Faith & Fun Clubs* in the Achonry and Elphin Dioceses now enrolling for 2026/2027 school year. More info at <https://achonryelphin.ie/fafc/>

True Devotion to Mary: Achonry & Elphin Dioceses' 2026/2027 initiative will be hosted by Boyle parish. For more info see www.achonryelphin.ie/tdm. It includes details of a 'Come and See' meeting on 9th Sept. Everyone welcome.

Western Alzheimers - urgently need *Volunteer Befrienders* in your area. Do you have one to two hours per week to spare? Contact Lucy at 094-9364900 or 087-3694477.

Thank You – to all who clean our churches on a regular basis. Their work goes on, often unnoticed, but always greatly appreciated. Thank you!

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.

Jubilee of Marriages - Couples celebrating their Silver, Ruby, Golden, Diamond, Platinum or other wedding anniversaries are invited to attend one of two Jubilee Masses, along with their families and friends, on either Sunday 4th October at 2.30pm in Ballaghaderreen Cathedral or Sunday 11th October at 2.30pm in Kiltoom Church. Bishop Kevin will celebrate both Masses. Light refreshments will be served afterwards for all in attendance. As each couple celebrating an Anniversary will receive a certificate from Bishop Kevin, they are asked to register their details at <https://achonryelphin.ie/jubilee-of-marriages/>

Walk – every second week - starting at 10.30 am from Ballinacarrow Community Centre led by a trained Walk Leader. Free to join. Spend time outdoors. Meet others. Let us know you are coming on www.walkingforall.com

The St Nathy's Cemetery Committee in Collooney would like to thank all those that have contributed to the Path Improvement Fund so far and remind families who wish to be associated with this project to get their contribution in as soon as practical. The general contribution level to date has been €100 per family plot. Further information, if required, from Joe on (087) 2604494. 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 IE03AIBK93725821591039

Moving Parents And Children Together (M-PACT) - You don't have to be addicted to suffer from addiction! M-PACT is a free eight-week family programme which supports all family members affected by parental substance misuse and 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

Anyone in hospital / a nursing home - who would like a visit, please let Fr. Martin know.

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.