



Collooney & Ballinacarrow (Kilvarnet) Parish Newsletter

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

March 7th & 8th 2026 – Third Sunday of Lent



Church of the Assumption, Collooney – Masses

- Sat. 7th 6.45 pm Joe Hargadon & dec. members of Hargadon & Brady families / Mairead Flynn / Pearse Ewing (3rd Anniv.) & Nora Ewing (5th Anniv.) / Marie Lang, Knockbeg (2nd Anniv.) / Micheál Doyle, Carton
- Sun. 8th 11.00 am Mairead Flynn / John Taheny, Union (11th Anniv.)
- Mon. 9th - Fri. 13th 9.00 am Private Intentions
- Sat. 14th 6.45 pm Jim Doherty, Boyle Rd. / Pakie & Maureen Flynn, Carrickbanagher / Paddy Kerins & Thomas, Teresa & Mary Ellen Anderson. Robert Anderson, Carrickbanagher his grandchildren Robert & Marian their father Paddy & Uncle Roland
- Sun. 15th 11.00 am *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

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

- Sat. 7th 6.30 pm Robbie & Frank Anderson & dec. family members
- Sun. 8th 9.30 am *Third Sunday of Lent*
- Sat. 14th 6.30 pm Frank & Annie Keane, Carrontavey & dec. members of Keane & Kilcullen families. Christy Anderson, Knockmullen, Collooney / Tom Kilcoyne, Anniv. / Richie, Sadie, Joe, May & John Haran
- Sun. 15th 9.30 am *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

(Offertory) Feb. 28th & March 1st - Many thanks for your ongoing generosity and support. It is much appreciated.

Ballinacarrow Church

Readers	6.30 pm	Sat. 7 th	Caitriona Coleman	9.30 am	Sun. 8 th	Sinead Wims
	6.30 pm	Sat. 14 th	Mary Coleman	9.30 am	Sun. 15 th	Mary Madden
Ministers of Communion	6.30 pm	Sat. 7 th	Marian Nellaney	9.30 am	Sun. 8 th	Martina Scanlon
	6.30 pm	Sat. 14 th	Sinead Wims	9.30 am	Sun. 15 th	Martina Scanlon
Offertory Baskets: Mar.	6.30 pm	Sat.	Al White	9.30 am	Sun.	Johnny O'Donnell

Collooney Church

Readers	6.45 pm	Sat. 7 th	Kate Henry	11.00 am	Sun. 8 th	Jacinta Walsh
	6.45 pm	Sat. 14 th	Edward Mullin	11.00 am	Sun. 15 th	Rosemary Rogers
Ministers of Communion	6.45 pm	Sat. 7 th	Kathleen White	11.00 pm	Sun. 8 th	Rosemary Rogers
	6.45 pm	Sat. 14 th	Roseleen O'Connell	11.00 pm	Sun. 15 th	Louise McKenna

We remember in our Prayers – the soul of Eddie Harte of Culleens Co Sligo and formerly of Grangebeg, Skreen who was buried during the week. He is a sister of parishioner Ann Mullen and uncle Stephen Mullen to whom we extend our deepest sympathies. R.I.P. Also, Teresa O'Connor, Boyle Road, Collooney who was buried on Saturday. 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.

Church Spring Clean - for Easter will take place on Wed., March 25th at 11.00 am. Many hands make light work.

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

Re-Imagined Good Friday Passion Play / Stations of the Cross – Initial meeting in Collooney Church on Thurs 12th at 8.00 pm. All welcome to come along and get involved.

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>



First Confessions: Well done to the boys and girls of our two primary schools who made their *First Confession* during the week. Congratulations to them, to their families and teachers and all associated with them.

Confirmation – takes place in the parish at 11.00 am on Thursday, April 23. Wishing God's Blessings to the children.

Additional Readers needed – for the Holy week and Easter liturgies. If willing to volunteer, please contact Fr. Martin or Edward. You don't have to be a regular reader at Mass to volunteer to read for the Easter ceremonies.

First Saturday Devotion takes place in Collooney Church on Saturday 8th 5:45 pm to 5:35 pm.

Ballintogher Feis - Music, Song & Story - Sunday 22nd March in Ballintogher Enterprise Centre (F91 C2 HT).

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

Thought for the Day – Have patience with all things but most of all with yourself (St. Frances deSales)

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

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 are available at the exit doors.

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

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

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

Music at 10am followed by singing & storytelling. See full programme & details

- ballintogherfest.ie & ceolnanogorchestra.com. Enquiries – (087) 6645509 / (086) 2435653.

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

Annual Achonry Pioneer Dinner Dance - will be held on Fri. 20th 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.

St. Lassara's NS, Ballinacarrow: are now enrolling for September, 2026. Please contact the school on 071 9130350 / 086 7932306 or email office@ballinacarrows.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.

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