



Collooney & Ballinacarrow (Kilvarnet) Parish Newsletter

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

April 11th & 12th 2026 – Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday

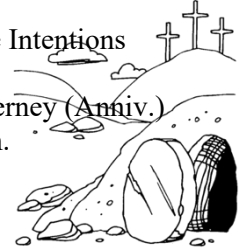


Church of the Assumption, Collooney – Masses

Sat. 11 th	6.45 pm	Liam Flynn
Sun. 12 th	11.00 am	Siobhán Finan, her parents Mary & Michael & dec. of the Finan family / Christina Gunning / Ellen Molloy (Anniv.)
Mon. 13 th	9.00 am	James O'Connell, Gleann (23 rd Anniv.) / Tue 14 th - Fri. 17 th 9.00 am Private Intentions
Sat. 18 th	6.45 pm	People of the Parish Community
Sun. 19 th	11.00 am	Teresa O'Connor (Month's Mind) & John O'Connor, Boyle Rd. / Raymond Tierney (Anniv.) Brendan & Mary Mannion & son Declan / Gary O'Connell, Rowantree Garden.

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

Sat. 11 th	6.30 pm	Gerry Scanlon & dec. family / Michael, Maria, Patrick & Dorothy Faney
Sun. 12 th	9.30 am	Private Intention
Sat. 18 th	6.30 pm	Ester McGrath
Sun. 19 th	9.30 am	Private Intention



Offertory (April 4th & 5th) - Many thanks for your ongoing generosity and support. It is very much appreciated.

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Readers	6.30 pm	Sat. 11 th	Geraldine Dowling	9.30 am	Sun. 12 th	Attracta Madden
	6.30 pm	Sat. 18 th	Peter Kearns	9.30 am	Sun. 19 th	Tony Bolton
Ministers of Communion	6.30 pm	Sat. 11 th	Ellen Conway	9.30 am	Sun. 12 th	Des Brett
	6.30 pm	Sat. 18 th	Marian O'Donnell	9.30 am	Sun. 19 th	Mary Coleman
Offertory Baskets: April	6.30 pm	Sat.	Liam Coleman	9.30 am	Sun.	Des Brett

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Readers	6.45 pm	Sat. 11 th	Bernie Morrisroe	11.00 am	Sun. 12 th	Ann Nellany
	6.45 pm	Sat. 18 th	John Walsh	11.00 am	Sun. 19 th	Patricia McCann
Ministers of Communion	6.45 pm	Sat. 11 th	Patricia Mc Cann	11.00 pm	Sun. 12 th	Roseleen O'Connell
	6.45 pm	Sat. 18 th	Mary Doherty	11.00 pm	Sun. 19 th	Marian McDermott

We remember in our prayers – the soul of **Austin Coleman** Carnaree, Ballymote (cousin of Noel Wims, Cloonamahon and Terry Wims & Evelyn Marren, Collooney) whose funeral took place in Ballymote on Wednesday last. Also, **Jody Clifford** (nee McGarry), Goatstown, Dublin (formerly of Collooney) who was buried on Thursday.

Ballinacarrow Parents' Association - are having a *Cash for Clobber* collection in aid of the school. Donations of unwanted clothes can be dropped in black bags to the Community Centre in Ballinacarrow from 11am to 1pm on Sat. 11th & Sun. 12th April and Sat. 18th & Sun. 19th April. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Priests Easter Collection – Many thanks to all who contributed. Donations can still be made – either through the envelope in the Offertory Box or through the special single envelopes available at the exit doors. Many thanks.

Well done to all parishioners - for the tremendous work done over the past few weeks. Thanks, especially, to all who cleaned and decorated our churches so very beautifully for Easter. Thanks to all who attended, participated in, and helped out with, the Holy Week and Easter ceremonies - the Readers, the Ministers of Holy Communion, the Stewards, the Commentator, the Sacristans, the Organist and the Choirs and soloists. Thanks, also, to those who clean and sanitise the churches on a regular basis. Thanks, in addition, to those who provided all the materials needed for the Easter displays and to those who put those displays together.

Good Friday Passion / Way of the cross can be viewed on the parish YouTube Channel - @Collooney-Ballinacarrow Parish or at the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/live/Bde3LoTGpMk>. Well done to all involved.

Good Friday Collection For The Holy Land - Thanks to all who donated. Contributions can still be made.

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**

Please Return Trocaire Boxes - to Fr. Martin / Fr. Jim / the Parochial House as soon as is convenient. Last year the parish raised €2,110.29. Many thanks. Funds are used and overseen by the Irish Bishops to help the most needy in the Third World.

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

Thought for the Day – Where flowers bloom, so does hope (B. Johnson).

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

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

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.

Confirmation – takes place in the parish at 11.00 am on Thursday, April 23.

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

First Holy Communion – takes place on April 25th (Collooney) and May 9th (Ballinacarrow). Blessings to all.

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.

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.