



Collooney & Ballinacarrow (Kilvarnet) Parish Newsletter

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

Jan. 24th & 25th 2026 – Third Week in Ordinary Time



Church of the Assumption, Collooney – Masses

Sat. 24th 6.45 pm Barry Gaffney / Micháel & Kathleen Flynn, Main St. Collooney.

Sun. 25th 11.00 am Thomas Banks (Month's Mind)

Mon. 26th/Wed. 28th 9.00 am Private Intentions

Fri. 30th 9.00 am Private Intention

Sat. 31st 6.45 pm Bernard & Nancy Sweeney, Coolteen, Drumfin / Dessie Flynn, Lackagh, Drumfin. / Eamon Mullen, Knockbeg (Anniv.) / Gerry & Eileen White & daughter Mary Martin / Nora & Martin Doyle, Lackagh / Mary & Patrick Tonry, Drumfin / Pauline Gallagher, Ballisodare

Sun. 1st 11.00 am Feast of St. Brigid / Eugene Nellany, (Anniv.)

Thur. 29th 9.00 am James & Joseph Brogan

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

Sat. 24th 6.30 pm Sean Muldoon (Anniv.)

Sat. 31st 6.30 pm Private Intention

Sun. 25th 9.30 am Private Intention

Sun. 1st 9.30 am Feast of St. Brigid

Offertory (Jan. 17th & 18th) - Many thanks for your ongoing generosity and support. It is very much appreciated.

Ballinacarrow Church

Readers	6.30 pm	Sat. 24 th	Peter Kearns	9.30 am	Sun. 25 th	Martina Scanlon
	6.30 pm	Sat. 31 st	Bernadette White	9.30 am	Sun. 1 st	Tommy McGrath
Ministers of	6.30 pm	Sat. 24 th	Marian O'Donnell	9.30 am	Sun. 25 th	Mary coleman
Communion	6.30 pm	Sat. 31 st	Ellen Conway	9.30 am	Sun. 1 st	Mary Madden
Offertory Baskets: Jan.	6.30 pm Sat.		Seamus Hogge	9.30 am	Sun.	Pat Collery

Collooney Church

Readers	6.45 pm	Sat. 24 th	Patricia Armstrong	11.00 am	Sun. 25 th	Stuart Fallon
	6.45 pm	Sat. 31 st	Kate Henry	11.00 am	Sun. 1 st	Jacinta Walsh
Ministers of	6.45 pm	Sat. 24 th	Mary McGinley	11.00 pm	Sun. 25 th	Patricia McCann
Communion	6.45 pm	Sat. 31 st	Marie O'Connell	11.00 pm	Sun. 1 st	Mary Doherty

We remember in our prayers - all who have died recently and all whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Michael McGovern whose funeral took place on Saturday. May his soul Rest in Peace.

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>



Ballinacarrow Community Centre: Coffee Morning - meet you neighbour Sunday 1st Feb. 10 am -12 pm

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.

Upcoming Feast Days – as we leave behind the month of January, a number of important Feast Days beckon us into the month of February:

Sunday, February 1st *Feast of St. Brigid* – Blessing of St. Brigid's Crosses.

Monday, February 2nd *Candlemas Day* (40 days after Christmas) – Blessing of candles for use during the year.

Tuesday, February 3rd *Feast of St. Blaise* – Blessing of Throats.

Volunteers - are needed to continue the age-old tradition of making St. Brigid's Crosses for blessing and distribution on February 1st. Any help you can give to make a few would be greatly appreciated.

Parishioners - are also welcome to bring candles to the churches to be blessed, either for use in the church throughout the year or to be brought home for use there. With the closure of Flynn's shop on Main. Street, candles are not as readily available to acquire as in previous years. Thus, we hope to have a limited number of packs of candles available at the back of Collooney church at cost price of €5.00 per packet of 6 if anyone would like to purchase some.

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

Thought for the day – Turn your wounds into wisdom (Oprah Winfrey).

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

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

Collooney Church Closes – at 5.00 pm for the winter months.

Offertory Boxes for 2026 – are available at the exit doors in both churches. Many thanks for your generous support in 2025. All contributions (no matter how little or large) are equally welcome. If you pay income tax (PAYE or Self Employed) and do not use the Offertory Envelope system **please consider doing so**. For every €1 contributed, *Revenue* will add €0.45 to it from the tax you have **already paid** on your contribution from your taxed income. If not claimed by the parish, your tax component remains with *Revenue* and will be spent by them on other things. This in no way affects your own tax liability. The parish only advises *Revenue* of contributions made. It doesn't give or receive any other information. Grouped refunds come back from *Revenue*. The parish has no details of individual refunds.

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.

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.