



## Collooney & Ballinacarrow (Kilvarnet) Parish Newsletter

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

April 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> 2026 – Third Sunday of Easter



### Church of the Assumption, Collooney – Masses

Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> 6.45 pm People of the Parish Community

Sun. 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

Mon. 20<sup>th</sup> – Wed. 22<sup>nd</sup> 9.00 am & Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Private Intentions / Thurs. 23<sup>rd</sup> 11.00 am Confirmation Mass

Sat. 25<sup>th</sup> 11.00 am First Holy Communion

Sat. 25<sup>th</sup> 6.45 pm Nuala & Joe Gallagher / Evelyn McMorrogh, Main Street, Collooney (10<sup>th</sup> Anniv)/ Sheila Gallagher

Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> 11.00 am People of the Parish Community

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

Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> 6.30 pm Ester McGrath

Sun. 19<sup>th</sup> 9.30 am Private Intention

Sat. 25<sup>th</sup> 6.30 pm Private Intentions

Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> 9.30 am Private Intention

Offertory (April 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>) - Many thanks for your ongoing support. It is much appreciated.

### Ballinacarrow Church

<b>Readers</b>	6.30 pm	Sat. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Peter Kearns	9.30 am	Sun. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Tony Bolton
	6.30 pm	Sat. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Bernadette White	9.30 am	Sun. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Muldoon
<b>Ministers of Communion</b>	6.30 pm	Sat. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Marian O'Donnell	9.30 am	Sun. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Coleman
	6.30 pm	Sat. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Mairead Burke	9.30 am	Sun. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Madden
<b>Offertory Baskets: April</b>	6.30 pm	Sat.	Liam Coleman	9.30 am	Sun.	Des Brett

### Collooney Church

<b>Readers</b>	6.45 pm	Sat. 18 <sup>th</sup>	John Walsh	11.00 am	Sun. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Patricia McCann
	6.45 pm	Sat. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Patricia Armstrong	11.00 am	Sun. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Stuart Fallon
<b>Ministers of Communion</b>	6.45 pm	Sat. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Doherty	11.00 pm	Sun. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Marian McDermott
	6.45 pm	Sat. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Marie O'Connell	11.00 pm	Sun. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Rosemary Rogers

**Please note** – no 9.00 am mass on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> due to Confirmation Mass at 11.00 am

**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) into the Community Centre (11am - 1pm) on Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> & Sun. 19<sup>th</sup>

**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 in the Third World.

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

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

**Dioceses of Achonry & of Elphin Pilgrimage to Lourdes** - will take place from 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2026 to the 2<sup>nd</sup> September inclusive, under the leadership of Bishop Kevin Doran. Pilgrimage highlights includes Mass at the Grotto, Torchlight and Blessed Sacrament Processions, Anointing of the Sick, Water Ceremony. Flights ex. Knock Airport. **All booking in relation to the Pilgrimage can be directed to Joe Walsh Tours (JWT) at 016852244 or email [info@joewalstours.ie](mailto:info@joewalstours.ie).** Those who travel as part of the **Assisted Pilgrim Section** will stay in *Accueil Notre Dame*, situated near the Grotto and Sanctuary area. Application forms for the Assisted Pilgrim Section, and full details, are available from Very Rev. Ray Milton, P.P., Pilgrimage Director, St. John's, Lecarrow, Co. Roscommon. (Telephone – 090 6661115). Closing date for receipt of Application Forms is 11<sup>th</sup> June.

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

**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).

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

**Thought** – Easter reminds us that God's love is stronger than any suffering or darkness we may encounter (St. Padre Pio)

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

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

**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.