



Collooney & Ballinacarrow (Kilvarnet) Parish Newsletter

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

Dec. 13th & 14th 2025 – Third Sunday of Advent



Church of the Assumption, Collooney – Masses

Sat. 13 th	8.00pm	Michael Benson / Nuala & Joe Gallagher / John & Winfred Leydon			
Sun. 14 th	11.00 am	Mary Queenan (1st Anniv.) / Second Sunday of Advent			
Mon. 15 th	9.00 am	Denis & Charles Brogan	Tue. 16 th - Fri. 19 th	9.00 am	Private Intentions
Sat. 20 th	8.00 pm	Josephine Lavin (Nee Meredith) / John Mullen, Scotland & Kiernan Avenue.			
Sun. 21 st	11.00 am	Michael & Elizabeth Flynn, Main Street	Sun. 21 st	5 pm – 6 pm	Confessions (Fr. Davey)

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

Sat. 13 th	6.30 pm	Gerard and Margaret Keane & dec. members of the Keane family / May & Gerard O'Donnell, Rinbane & dec. family members.	Sun. 14 th	9.30 am	Private Intention
Sat. 20 th	6.30 pm	Bridget & John Faney, Finlough / Peter & Kathleen Lavin, Ranaghan & sons Frank, Joe & Brendan			
Sun. 21 st	9.30 am	Private Intention	Sun. 21 st	4.15 pm – 5.00 pm	Confessions

Offertory (Dec. 6th, 7th & 8th) Many thanks for your ongoing generous support.

Ballinacarrow Church

Readers	6.30 pm	Sat. 13 th	Bernadette White	9.30 am	Sun. 14 th	Kiernan White
	6.30 pm	Sat. 20 th	Caitriona Coleman	9.30 am	Sun. 21 st	Tony Bolton
Ministers	6.30 pm	Sat. 13 th	Marian O'Donnell	9.30 am	Sun. 14 th	Mary Coleman
Communion	6.30 pm	Sat. 20 th	Ellen Conway	9.30 am	Sun. 21 st	Mary Madden
Offertory Baskets: Dec.	6.30 pm Sat.		Seamus Hogge	9.30 am	Sun.	Pat Coltery

Collooney Church

Readers	8.00 pm	Sat. 13 th	Edward Mullin	11.00 am	Sun. 14 th	Rosemary Rogers
	8.00 pm	Sat. 20 th	Bernadette Morrisroe	11.00 am	Sun. 21 st	Ann Nellany
Ministers of	8.00 pm	Sat. 13 th	Bernadette Morrisroe	11.00 am	Sun. 14 th	Martin Scanlon
Communion	8.00 pm	Sat. 20 th	Mary McGinley	11.00 am	Sun. 21 st	Paddy Gilbin

We Remember in our Prayers – the soul of John McGetterick, Sligo Town / Ballymote who died recently. R.I.P.

From Jan 1st 2026 Collooney Vigil Mass will be at 6.45 pm. Sunday morning Mass will remain at 11.00 am.

Confessions – Ballinacarrow: Sun, Dec. 21st 4.15 pm – 5.00 pm (Fr. Davey). Collooney: 5.00 – 6.00 pm. (Fr. Davey)

Service of Carols & Readings – 5.00 pm Sunday, on December 14th (Collooney Church). Reception afterwards.

Conservation Update -can be found here: <https://www.churchtv.ie/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Conservation.pdf>

St. Vincent de Paul Annual Collection – takes place nationwide on Dec. 13th & 14th in all Churches. Special SVDP envelopes are available in the Churches. Please take one home and return it on the day. All monies raised locally will be used to help the needy within the locality. Collooney SVDP – can be contacted on (087) 1868494.

Offertory Boxes for 2026 – are available at the exit doors in both churches. Many thanks for your generous support.

Pastoral Message from Bishop Doran – on progress on amalgamation of the 2 dioceses is available at the exit doors.

Christmas Masses: **Christmas Eve** (Dec 24th) - Ballinacarrow 6.30 pm / Collooney 8.00 pm

Christmas Morn (Dec 25th) – Ballinacarrow 9.30 am / Collooney 11.00 am

Collooney-Ballinacarrow Christmas Cards – are now on sale in Collooney and Ballinacarrow Churches.

Mystery Visitor – in Collooney Church on Christmas morning, immediately after the 11.00 am Mass. All the young (and not so young!) are equally welcome to meet him. This will be his very last stop before returning to the North Pole

Thanks – to all who attended the clean-up of Ballinacarrow Church on Wednesday. Great work was done. Well done.

Thanks, also - to those who decorated the two churches so very well. Your work is very much appreciated.

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>



Christmas Collection for the priests of the parish will be taken up at Christmas. An envelope for that purpose is available in the Offertory Box of Envelopes. Loose Envelopes are available at the exit doors for those who do not use the Offertory Envelope system. If paying by cheque please make the cheque payable as follows: Offertory Collection A/C is *Parish of Kilvarnet (Collooney)*. Priests' Offerings A/C is *Collooney Parish Priest Wages*

Please Note – No 9.00 am Mass on the day 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 – Exercise daily. Walk with the Lord !

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

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.

Have Your Say about your Catholic School - *For Attention of Parents of children attending Primary Schools or have yet to start*: The Department of Education is currently conducting a Primary School Survey that will determine the future provision of Primary Schools and crucially could lead to lasting changes in your school. In simple, direct terms, you are being asked if you want your school to stay a Catholic school or if you want that to change. Don't leave it to others, have your say before 16 December 2025. See - <https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-education/campaigns/primary-school-survey/>

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

Those 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.

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.