



## Collooney & Ballinacarrow (Kilvarnet) Parish Newsletter

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

**Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> 2025 – Fourth Sunday of Advent**



### Church of the Assumption, Collooney – Masses

Sat. 20 <sup>th</sup> 8.00 pm	Josephine Lavin (Nee Meredith) / John Mullen (Scotland & Kiernan Ave.) James & Lena Kirrane & dec. members of the Kirrane, Nolan & Gray families.	Sun. 21 <sup>st</sup> 5 pm – 6 pm	Confessions (Fr. Davey)
Sun. 21 <sup>st</sup> 11.00 am	Michael & Elizabeth Flynn, Main Street	Mon. 22 <sup>nd</sup> 9.00 am	Tommy & Maureen Mullen & deceased members of the Mullen & Loughlin families Michael Kerins & deceased members of the Kerins, Gannon & Ledwith families.
Tues. 23 <sup>rd</sup> 9.00 am	Private Intention	Wed. 24 <sup>th</sup> 8.00 pm	Vigil Mass for Christmas Day
Thur. 25 <sup>th</sup> 11.00 am	Christmas Day Mass	Fri. 26 <sup>th</sup> 10.00 am	Mary Patricia Ward (Birthday Rem.)
Sat. 27 <sup>th</sup> 8.00 pm	Michael Haran & Parents Michael John & Evelyn & dec. fam. / Jim Meredith (Cloonamahon) Pauline Mulane (30 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.) & her brother John Joe who died 7 <sup>th</sup> December. Fechin and Evelyn McMorro and deceased members of the McMorro family	Sun. 28 <sup>th</sup> 11.00 am	Feast of the Holy Family

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

Sat. 20 <sup>th</sup> 6.30 pm	Bridget & John Faney, Finlough	Sun. 21 <sup>st</sup> 9.30 am	Private Intention
Sun. 21 <sup>st</sup> 4.15 pm – 5.00 pm	Confessions (Fr. Davey)	Wed. 24 <sup>th</sup> 6.30 pm	Vigil Mass for Christmas
Thur. 25 <sup>th</sup> 9.30 am	Christmas Day Mass	Sat. 27 <sup>th</sup> 6.30 pm	Private Intention
Sun. 28 <sup>th</sup> 9.30 am	Margaret (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv.) & Gerard Keane, Ropefield. / Mary Fahy (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv.)		

**Offertory (Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>)** Many thanks for your ongoing generosity and support. It is very much appreciated.

### Ballinacarrow Church

<b>Readers</b>	6.30 pm	Sat. 20 <sup>th</sup>	Caitriona Coleman	9.30 am	Sun. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Tony Bolton
	6.30 pm	Wed. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Coleman	9.30 am	Thur. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Sinead Wims
	6.30 pm	Sat. 27 <sup>th</sup>	Peter Kearns	9.30 am	Sun. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Tommy McGrath
<b>Ministers</b>	6.30 pm	Sat. 20 <sup>th</sup>	Ellen Conway	9.30 am	Sun. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Mary Madden
<b>Communion</b>	6.30 pm	Sat. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Marian Nellany	9.30 am	Sun. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Martina Scanlon
	6.30 pm	Sat. 27 <sup>th</sup>	Mairead Burke	9.30 am	Sun. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Des Brett
<b>Offertory Baskets: Dec.</b>	6.30 pm Sat.		Seamus Hogge	9.30 am	Sun.	Pat Collery

### Collooney Church

<b>Readers</b>	8.00 pm	Sat. 20 <sup>th</sup>	Bernadette Morrisroe	11.00 am	Sun. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Ann Nellany
	8.00 pm	Wed. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Patricia Armstrong	11.00 am	Thur. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Edward Mullin
	8.00 pm	Sat. 27 <sup>th</sup>	John Walsh	11.00 am	Sun. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Patricia Mc Cann
<b>Ministers of</b>	8.00 pm	Sat. 20 <sup>th</sup>	Mary McGinley	11.00 am	Sun. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Paddy Gilbin
<b>Communion</b>	8.00 pm	Wed. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Elyven Marren	11.00 am	Thur. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Kate Henry
	8.00 pm	Sat. 27 <sup>th</sup>	Kathleen White	11.00 am	Sun. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Rosemary Rogers

**We Remember in our Prayers** – the soul of **Joe Nevin**, Rathbaun, whose funeral took place on Wed. last. Also, **Mary Murtagh** (nee O'Connell) formerly of Gleann (died on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>) and whose burial took place in St. Nathy's Cemetery.

**From Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 2026** Collooney Vigil Mass will be at 6.45 pm. Sunday morning Mass will remain at 11.00 am.

**Confessions** – Ballinacarrow: Sun, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> 4.15 pm – 5.00 pm (Fr. Davey). Collooney: 5.00 – 6.00 pm. (Fr. Davey)

**Thanks** - to all who participated in, helped out with, and attended last Sunday's wonderful Carol Service. Well done.

**St. Vincent de Paul Collection** - was taken up last weekend. Donations can still be made. Envelopes available at exits

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

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

**Christmas Morn** (Dec 25<sup>th</sup>) – Ballinacarrow 9.30 am / Collooney 11.00 am

**Mystery Visitor** – in Collooney Church on Christmas morning, immediately after the 11.00 am Mass.

**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>



**Priests Christmas Collection** - will be taken up at Christmas. An envelope for that purpose is in the Offertory Box of Envelopes. Loose Envelopes are also available at the exits. If paying by cheque please make payable as follows:

**Offertory Collection A/C** is Parish of Kilvarnet (Collooney). **Priests' Offerings A/C** is Collooney Parish Priest Wages

**Thought for the day** – What if Christmas doesn't come from a store? What if Christmas means a little bit more !

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

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

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

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

**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](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.