



## Collooney & Ballinacarrow (Kilvarnet) Parish Newsletter

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

**April 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> 2025 – Palm Sunday**



### Church of the Assumption, Collooney – Masses

- Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> 8.00 pm Liam Flynn, Church View (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) / Christina Gunning, Lisanenna (6<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) / John Farrell, Kiernan Ave. & dec members of Farrell & Neary families / James O'Connell, Gleann, Collooney (Anniv.) / Gary O'Connell, Rowantree Gardens
- Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> 11.00 am Bernard Mullen (Month's Mind) / Palm Sunday
- Mon. 14<sup>th</sup> - Wed. 16<sup>th</sup> 9.00 am Private Intentions
- Wed 16<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm - 8.00pm Confessions
- Thur. 17<sup>th</sup> 8.00 pm Holy Thursday Mass (followed by Adoration at Altar of Repose) (Note: no Morning Mass)
- Fri. 18<sup>th</sup> 3.00 pm The Passion of Our Lord (Note no Morning Mass)
- 8.00 pm Good Friday Passion Play
- Sat. 19<sup>th</sup> 11.00 am - 12.00 pm Confessions
- Sat. 19<sup>th</sup> 8.00 pm Easter Vigil Mass
- Sun. 20<sup>th</sup> 11.00 am Easter Sunday Morning Mass

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

- Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> 6.30 pm Michael, Maria, Patrick & Dorothy Faney, Finlough
- Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> 9.30 am Palm Sunday
- Wed. 16<sup>th</sup> 7.00 pm - 8.00 pm Confessions
- Thur. 17<sup>th</sup> 7.00 pm Holy Thursday Mass
- Fri. 18<sup>th</sup> 7.00 pm Stations of the Cross
- Sat. 19<sup>th</sup> 11.00am - 12.00 pm Confessions
- Sun. 20<sup>th</sup> 9.30 am Easter Sunday Mass

**Offertory Collection (March 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>):** Many thanks for your ongoing generosity & support. It is much appreciated.

### Ballinacarrow Church

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| <b>Readers</b>                    | 6.30 pm | Sat. 12 <sup>th</sup> | Sharon Callaghan ++ | 9.30 am | Sun. 13 <sup>th</sup> | Tony Bolton ++  |
|                                   | -----   | Sat. 19 <sup>th</sup> | No Vigil Mass       | 9.30 am | Sun. 20 <sup>th</sup> | Kiernan White   |
| <b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b> | 6.30 pm | Sat. 12 <sup>th</sup> | Marian Nellaney     | 9.30 am | Sun. 13 <sup>th</sup> | Martina Scanlon |
|                                   | -----   | Sat. 19 <sup>th</sup> | No Vigil Mass       | 9.30 am | Sun. 20 <sup>th</sup> | Des Brett       |
| <b>Offertory Baskets: April.</b>  | 6.30 pm | Sat.                  | Michael Frizzell    | 9.30 am | Sun.                  | Liam Coleman    |

### Collooney Church

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| <b>Ministers of the Eucharist:</b> | 8.00 pm | Sat. 12 <sup>th</sup>  | Marie O'Connell      | 11.00 am | Sun. 13 <sup>th</sup> | Patricia McCann              |
|                                    | 8.00 pm | Thur. 17 <sup>th</sup> | Bernadette Morrisroe |          |                       |                              |
|                                    | 8.00 pm | Sat. 19 <sup>th</sup>  | Paddy Gilbin         | 11.00 am | Sun. 20 <sup>th</sup> | Pasty Sweeney / Mary Doherty |

**We remember in our Prayers:** The soul of **Patrick Joseph Galligan**, Carrickbanagher. May he Rest in Peace.

**The Stations of the Cross** - will be prayed in Collooney Church every Wednesday morning after 9.00 am daily Mass.

**All Eucharistic Ministers** - are asked to be present on Holy Thursday night to renew their Commitment to serve as Ministers

**Many Thanks** – to all who came along on Wednesday morning to clean Collooney Church. Great work was done. Thanks !

**Priests Easter Collection** - will be taken up next weekend. Loose envelopes are available at the church exits for those who do not use the Offertory Envelope system.

**Collooney Passion Play** - will be staged again this year on Good Friday, following the huge success of last year's event. Rehearsals continue on **Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup>** at 8.00 pm in Collooney Church. All are welcome to get involved.

**Thanks** - to all who remained behind after 11.00 am Mass last Sunday to arrange the Easter Ceremonies and Novena.

**The Technical Problem** – with the parish house land line (071) 9167235 has now been resolved. Mobile calls from *Vodafone* customers were not getting through. Thank you for your patience regarding this matter. All is now resolved.

**Ballinacarrow Community Centre** – Committee holds its AGM on Mon. 14<sup>th</sup> April at 9pm in the Community Centre. All welcome.

**The Mass of Chrism**, at which the Holy Oils are blessed for the sacraments, takes place at St. Nathy's Cathedral, on Monday next April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Parishioners from all parishes are welcome. It might be of particular interest to young people who are due to be Confirmed after Easter. Light refreshments will be served in St Nathy's College afterwards.

**Church Gate Collection** - for Down Syndrome Sligo amount collected € 263.00 & € 300.55 in Ballinacarrow . Many thanks to all Parishioners who donated.

**Collooney Village Redevelopment Ltd (CVR Ltd)** - are holding their AGM on 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 8pm in the "Junior School " ( beside the Health Centre). The current committee members are standing down and it is imperative that a new committee is formed to prevent the Playground, which is NOT council owned, from possible closure. There will be no LOTTO until further notice.

**Every Effort** - will be made to have the church car park available to parishioners when needed to attend church.

**Deadline for submission of News items / Mass Intentions** for the following weekend is 12.00 pm on the previous Wed.

**Thought for the day:** God doesn't give us what we can handle, God helps us handle what we are given.

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

**Hospital / Nursing Home Visitation** – If you (or a relative) are in hospital, or in a nursing home, and would like a visit please let Fr. Martin know. Visiting is subject to any restrictions that may be in place at any given time.

**Elphin & Achonry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025** under the leadership of Bishop Kevin Doran, Bishop of Elphin & Achonry from the 29<sup>th</sup> August to 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025, departs from Ireland West Airport Knock. 5 nights in full board accommodation. Price from €969 - (single rooms available, supplement applies). **All bookings should be made through Joe Walsh Tours:** Tel: 01-241 0800 or Email: [info@joewalshstours.ie](mailto:info@joewalshstours.ie). No booking is definite until a non-refundable deposit of €350 per person (plus insurance premium if applicable) is required at time of booking. Balances are due 12 weeks before departure. Pilgrims who would like to travel with the Special Assisted Section should apply to the Parish Office: Very. Rev. Ray Milton, Parochial House, St. Johns, Lecarrow, Co. Roscommon, F42 P840. Number: (090) 6661115. **The closing date for applications is Mon. 16<sup>th</sup> June.**

**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).

**Beltra Country Market** - are celebrating Easter Saturday with lots of activities - Workshop with Brenda decoration Easter Eggs, followed by an Easter Egg Hunt, Trevor Horan will entertain the crowds with music. The Market is open as usual from 10:00-12:30 with lots of home baking, garden product, fresh crepes and beautifully handcrafted gifts and cards for every occasion. Enjoy a cup of Tea/Coffee in our Tearoom (10:00 - 12 noon) where you are assured of a warm welcome and friend chat. Free Parking. Beltra Hall F91 VX97. New members are always welcome.

**Youth Pilgrimage to Italy** - for the Jubilee Year for Achonry, Elphin, Galway & Clonfert dioceses 29 July to 8 Aug. (18 - 35's). Cost €995 p.p. Info & booking form on [www.elphindiocese.ie](http://www.elphindiocese.ie)

**Jubilee Year Prayer** - May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

**'Live Life' National Youth Retreat at Knock Shrine.** On May 8th students from all over the country will gather in Knock Shrine to celebrate the life of Donal Walsh and to reflect on his message - to 'Live Life!'. If you are interested in learning more about the day or registering a group please email [youthministry@knockshrine.ie](mailto:youthministry@knockshrine.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.

**Five Step Support Service** - Are you affected by the misuse of alcohol or other drugs by another individual? *5 Step Support* can help you. It is a free, non-judgemental, one to one consultation service. It puts your needs and wellbeing first, helping you manage often stressful, difficult and emotional issues. If you would like further information please contact (071) 9150578 / (085) 875 9319 or email [sligoleitrim@alcoholforum.com](mailto:sligoleitrim@alcoholforum.com). You don't have to be addicted to suffer from addiction! '5-Step' is a free, one-to-one consultation service for any adult affected by the misuse of alcohol or other drugs by another individual, either family member or friend. '5-Step' recognises the impact that addiction has on everyone, including family members, friends and others. This could be physical and mental health, social life, finances, home life and employment. '5-Step' offers support, knowledge and guidance in helping to manage often confusing and emotional situations.

**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.