



## Collooney & Ballinacarrow (Kilvarnet) Parish Newsletter

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

March 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> 2026 – Fourth Sunday of Lent – Laetare Sunday



### Church of the Assumption, Collooney – Masses

Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> 6.45 pm Jim Doherty, Boyle Rd. / Pakie & Maureen Flynn, Carrickbanagher / Paddy Kerins & Thomas, Teresa & Mary Ellen Anderson. Robert Anderson, Carrickbanagher his grandchildren Robert & Marian, their father Paddy and uncle Roland

Sun. 15<sup>th</sup> 11.00 am *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

Mon. 16<sup>th</sup> 6.45 pm Vigil Mass for Feast of Saint Patrick (NB No 9.00 am morning Mass)

Tues. 17<sup>th</sup> 11.00 am Feast of Saint Patrick (Please note the time of Mass today)

Wed. 18<sup>th</sup> - Fri. 20<sup>th</sup> 9.00 am Private Intentions

Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> 6.45 pm John, Kate & Rita Sweeney & deceased family members / Pearse Maloney, Lackagh

Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup> 11.00 am Tom, Mary, Tommy & Maureen Niland, Lackagh / First Communion Preparation Mass

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

Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> 6.30 pm Frank & Annie Keane, Carrontavey & deceased members of Keane & Kilcullen families Christy Anderson, Knockmullen, Collooney / Tom Kilcoyne (Anniv.)

Richie, Sadie, Joe, May & John Haran

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Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> 6.30 pm Patricia Lavin, Lisaneena & her partner Frank Conlon /

Jerry & Dypmna O'Donnell (20<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) Ropefield /

John, Kate & Rita Sweeney, Coolteen and deceased of the Lavin & Sweeney families

Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup> 9.30 am First Communion Preparation Mass



(Offertory) Mar. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<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. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Coleman	9.30 am	Sun. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Madden
				9.30 am	Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	Tony Bolton
	6.30 pm	Sat. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Bernadette White	9.30 am	Sun. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Sinead Wims
<b>Ministers of</b>	6.30 pm	Sat. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Sinead Wims	9.30 am	Sun. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Martina Scanlon
				9.30 am	Tues. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Des Brett
<b>Communion</b>	6.30 pm	Sat. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Marian O'Donnell	9.30 am	Sun. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Mary Coleman
<b>Offertory Baskets: Mar.</b>	6.30 pm	Sat.	Al White	9.30 am	Sun.	Johnny O'Donnell

### Collooney Church

<b>Readers</b>	6.45 pm	Sat. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Edward Mullin	11.00 am	Sun. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Rosemary Rogers
	6.45 pm	Mon. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Edward Mullin.	11.00 am	Tue. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Edward Mullin
	6.45 pm	Sat. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Bernadette Morrisroe	11.00 am	Sun. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Ann Nellany
<b>Ministers of</b>	6.45 pm	Sat. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Roseleen O'Connell	11.00 pm	Sun. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Louise McKenna
<b>Communion</b>	6.45 pm	Sat. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Paddy Giblin	11.00 pm	Sun. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Pasty Sweeney

**The Stations of the Cross** - every Wednesday morning (after 9.00 am Mass) throughout the Lent. All are welcome.

**Downes Syndrome (Sligo)** are holding a Church Gate collection on the weekend of March 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> next.

**Church Spring Clean** - for Easter will take place on Wed., March 25<sup>th</sup> at 11.00 am. Many hands make light work.

**Good Friday Passion Play /Stations of the Cross**—meeting in Collooney Church on Mon 16<sup>th</sup> after 6.45 pm 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>



**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.

**Additional Readers needed** – for the Holy week and Easter liturgies. If willing to volunteer, please contact Fr. Martin or Edward. You don't have to be a regular reader at Mass to volunteer to read for the Easter ceremonies.

**Emigrants Collection** – will be taken up at Masses on St. Patrick's Day.

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

**Thought for the Day** – A mother is she who can take the place of all others but whose place no one else can take.

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

**A Youth 2000 day retreat** - takes place on April 25 at Knock Shrine, Co. Mayo. Youth 2000 provides an opportunity for young people (16-35) to develop their relationship with God, learn more about the Catholic faith & meet other young people. Talks, testimonies & donation only. Check out Youth2000.ie to register or contact [connaught@youth2000.ie](mailto:connaught@youth2000.ie) for more information.

**Lenten Trocaire Boxes** - are available at the church exits. Please consider taking one home.

**Beltra Country Market** is open every Saturday 10:00-12:30. We are back at Beltra Hall F91VX97 where home baking, garden produce, fresh crepes and beautifully handcrafted gifts and cards for every occasion are available. The Tea Room is open 10:00-12:00 noon where you are assured of a warm welcome and chat. Free Parking. New members are always welcome.

**"Jesus keep me near the Cross"** Conference in the Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran Co. Donegal on Friday 20 March (2pm - 9pm), Saturday 21 March (9am - 9pm), & Sunday 22 March (9am - 4pm).

Weekend costs €50 and includes Holy Mass daily, Adoration, Confessions, Healing. For details contact 0863152460, 0861546099, 0877847304.

**Tax Rebate Scheme** – brought in a very significant amount for the year 2024. If you donate to the church and pay tax and did not sign a CHY3 form since 2022, please consider doing so now. Forms are available at the exit doors.

**Ballintogher Feis** - Music, Song & Story - Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March in Ballintogher Enterprise Centre (F91 C2 HT).

**The Way of Gentleness** *A Lenten Faith Enrichment Journey* - takes place on Mondays at 8 pm in St. Patrick's Church, Strandhill on March 9<sup>th</sup> & March 23<sup>rd</sup>. All are welcome.

**Lenten Scripture Initiative** – *The Gospel of Matthew*: for all dates and venues - <https://achonrydiocese.org/matthew>

**St Nathy's Cemetery:** The Committee continue to work on building a fund to make path improvements and wish to thank those who have already contributed. If people wish to donate using a bank transfer please use the following dedicated account for this purpose. Please ensure to put a name for reference with the payment.

AIB Bank St Nathy's Cemetery IBAN IE03 AIBK 93725821591039

Music at 10am followed by singing & storytelling. See full programme & details

- [ballintogherfest.ie](http://ballintogherfest.ie) & [ceolnanogorchestra.com](http://ceolnanogorchestra.com). Enquiries – (087) 6645509 / (086) 2435653.

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

**Annual Achonry Pioneer Dinner Dance** - will be held on Fri. 20<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm at *The Yeats County Inn*, Curry.

Contact Thomas at 087-2344338 for tickets at €40. If due to receive a silver/gold/diamond Pioneer Pin advise Thomas.

**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).

**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.