



Collooney & Ballinacarrow (Kilvarnet) Parish Newsletter

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

July 18th & 19th 2026 – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary time



Church of the Assumption, Collooney – Masses

Sat. 18 th 6.45 pm	Private Intentions
Sun. 19 th 11.00 am	Vera O'Connell (Month's Mind) / Chris Gunning, Lissaneena
Mon. 20 th - Fri. 24 th	9.00 am Private Intentions
Sat. 25 th 6.45 pm	Mae O'Connor & her husband Sean, Jim & Mary Kate O'Connor / John Donnelly, Carrickgallen Owen Sweeney Carricknagat (10 th Aniv.) & dec. Sweeney & Nellany families / Fred Harte, St. Mary's Green, Collooney.
Sun. 26 th 11.00 am	Private Intention

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

Sat. 18 th 6.30 pm	Dympna Frizzell (1 st Anniv.) Finlough	Sun. 19 th 9.30 am	Private Intention
Sat. 25 th 6.30 pm	Pat & Mary Collery, Dick Farrell, May & Delia O'Hara		
Sun. 26 th 9.30 am	Private Intention		

Offertory (July 11th & 12th) – Many thanks for your ongoing generosity and support. It is very much appreciated.

Ballinacarrow Church

Readers 6.30 pm	Sat. 18 th	Caitriona Coleman	9.30 am	Sun. 19 th	Martina Scanlon
6.30 pm	Sat. 25 th	Geraldine Dowling	9.30 am	Sun. 26 th	Mary madden
Ministers of 6.30 pm	Sat. 18 th	Ellen Conway	9.30 am	Sun. 19 th	Des Brett
Communion 6.30 pm	Sat. 25 th	Marian Nellaney	9.30 am	Sun. 26 th	Martina Scanlon
Offertory Baskets: July 6.30 pm Sat.		Volunteer Needed	9.30 am	Sun.	Christy Conway

Collooney Church

Readers 6.45 pm	Sat. 18 th	John Walsh	11.00 am	Sun. 19 th	Patricia McCann
6.45 pm	Sat. 25 th	Patricia Armstrong	11.00 am	Sun. 26 th	Stuart Fallon
Ministers of 6.45 pm	Sat. 18 th	Marie O'Connell	11.00 am	Sun. 19 th	Mary Doherty
Communion 6.45 pm	Sat. 25 th	Edward Mullin	11.00 am	Sun. 26 th	Marion McDermott

We extend deepest sympathies - to the Caulfield and O Grady families and extended family on the recent death of Billy Caulfield, Claregalway whose wife is Carmel (nee O Grady) from Ballinacarrow village. May he Rest in Peace.

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

In preparation for the annual Cemetery Mass - on Friday the 31st of July, a general clean-up of St. Nathy's Cemetery will take place on Friday evening the 17th of July between 6.30 pm and 8.30 pm. A trailer will be supplied to remove all unwanted wreaths and materials from graves. All help really appreciated.

Annual Cemetery Collection will be taken up. Special Envelopes available in the church for those who would like to contribute but who can't be present on the evening.

Walk – every second week - starting at 10.30 am from Ballinacarrow Community Centre led by a trained Walk Leader. Free to join. Spend time outdoors. Meet others. Let us know you are coming on www.walkingforall.com

Ballymote Heritage Weekend Talks - Fri. 31 July, Sat. 1 Aug. & Sun. 2 Aug. at 8 pm. Venue: Ballymote Teagasc Centre, Carrownanty. Admission: E10, cash only. Speakers: Mary. Timoney M.A. (Keash), Dr. Marion Dowd (ATU Sligo) & Michael Walsh B.Sc. (Westport). Topics: Local Graveyard Memorials, Cillíní (Children's Burial Grounds) & 1926 - Ireland's Census Release.

The St Nathy's Cemetery Committee in Collooney would like to thank all those that have contributed to the Path Improvement Fund so far and remind families who wish be associated with this project to get their contribution in as soon as practical. The general contribution level to date has been €100 per family plot. Further information, if required, from Joe on (087) 2604494. 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 IE03AIBK93725821591039**

Novena Playback – All Novena talks are available on the parish YouTube Channel [@collooney-ballinacarrowparish](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcollooney-ballinacarrowparish)

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

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

Thought for the day — We rise by lifting others (Robert Ingersoll).

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

Dioceses of Achonry & of Elphin Pilgrimage to Lourdes - will take place from 28th August, 2026 to the 2nd 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** The Pilgrimage includes the **Assisted Pilgrim Section**. Those who travel as part of the Assisted Pilgrim Section will stay in Accueil Notre Dame, which is situated near the Grotto and Sanctuary area. They will be cared for by the Diocesan Pilgrimage Care Team whilst in Lourdes. 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 11th June.

Moving Parents And Children Together (M-PACT) - You don't have to be addicted to suffer from addiction! M-PACT is a free eight-week family programme which supports all family members affected by parental substance misuse and helps to improve relationships, communication and recovery for all. If interested, or would like further information, please contact (071) 9150578 / (085) 875 9313 or email sligoleitrim@alcoholforum.com

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.

Anyone 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.

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.

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Church Carpark – every effort is being made to ensure the carpark is free & available for church goers when needed.