



## Collooney & Ballinacarrow (Kilvarnet) Parish Newsletter

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

**March 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> 2025 – Third Sunday of Lent**



### Church of the Assumption, Collooney – Masses

Sat. 22 <sup>nd</sup> 8.00 pm	John & Margaret Davey, their Son Michael & May Benson.		
Sun. 23 <sup>rd</sup> 11.00 am	Mass with First Holy Communion Class		
Mon. 24 <sup>th</sup> - Fri. 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am Private Intentions		
Sat. 29 <sup>th</sup> 12.00 pm	Michael Taheny (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv.) & his cousin Mary Leacy, Wexford (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv.)		
Sat. 29 <sup>th</sup> 8.00 pm	Brendan & Mary Mannion & their son Declan	Sun. 30 <sup>th</sup> 11.00 am	People of the Parish

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

Sat. 22 <sup>nd</sup> 6.30 pm	Dympna & Gerry O'Donnell / Patricia Lavin, Lisaneena & Frank Conlon / John, Kate & Rita Sweeney, Coolteen & members of Lavin & Sweeney families.		
Sun. 23 <sup>rd</sup> 9.30 am	Mass with First Communion Class		
Sat. 29 <sup>th</sup> 6.30 pm	Richie, Sadie & Joe Reynolds/ John & May Haran / Gerry Scanlon & dec. family members		
Sun. 30 <sup>th</sup> 9.30 am	Private Intention		

**LENT**  
Pray + Fast + Give

**Offertory Collection (March 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>):** Many thanks for your ongoing generosity and support. It is, as always, very much appreciated.

### Ballinacarrow Church

<b>Readers.</b>	6.30 pm	Sat. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Grainne Davey	9.30 am	Sun. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Tony Bolton
	6.30 pm	Sat. 29 <sup>th</sup>	Attracta Madden	9.30 am	Sun. 30 <sup>th</sup>	Kiernan White
<b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	6.30 pm	Sat. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Ellen Conway	9.30 am	Sun. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Martina Scanlon
	6.30 pm	Sat. 29 <sup>th</sup>	Mairead Burke	9.30 am	Sun. 30 <sup>th</sup>	Des Brett
<b>Offertory Baskets: March.</b>	6.30 pm	Sat.	Al White	9.30 am	Sun.	Johnny O'Donnell

### Collooney Church

<b>Readers</b>	8.00 pm	Sat. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Kate Henry	11.00 am	Sun. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Ann Nellany
	8.00 pm	Sat. 29 <sup>th</sup>	John Walsh	11.00 am	Sun. 30 <sup>th</sup>	Patricia McCormack
<b>Ministers of the Eucharist:</b>	8.00 pm	Sat. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Evelyn Marren	11.00 am	Sun. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Fr. Martin
	8.00 pm	Sat. 29 <sup>th</sup>	Mary McGinley	11.00 am	Sun. 30 <sup>th</sup>	Marion McDermot

**Emigrant / Migrant Collection 2025** – was taken up last weekend. Thank you for your support. Funds raised through this collection will be used to support the work of the *Council for Migrants, Refugees and Justice and Peace* to provide pastoral outreach to marginalised and vulnerable communities within Ireland and among Irish people abroad. Please support if you have not already done so. Whether new to Ireland or, indeed, the Irish who have left our shores are still very much part of our church and communities around the world.

**Confessions in Collooney Church** on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 3-5 pm. Visiting priest. Part of an Achonry / Elphin initiative.

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

**Collooney Passion Play** - will be staged again this year on Good Friday, following the huge success of last year's event. Rehearsals continue on **Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 8.00 pm** in Collooney Church. All are welcome to get involved.

**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.

**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.

**Brief Meeting** - after 11.00 am Mass on **Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>** to discuss Easter Ceremonies and the Maria Goretti Novena.

**Collooney Church Spring Clean for Easter** – takes place at **11.00 am on Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**. Many hands make light work...!!

**Free Health & Wellbeing Festival 2025 for Older People** - in partnership with Atlantic Technological University (ATU) Sligo! Join us on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> of March 11am until 3pm in the ATU Sligo F91 YW50 for a day filled with interactive workshops, guest speakers and exciting exhibitors focused on improving your health and well-being. Free refreshments & free entertainment will be provided, with John Lynch as our MC. Transport to event available on request. Please register for the event by calling (046) 9248899 or emailing [healthyagefriendlyhomes@meathcoco.ie](mailto:healthyagefriendlyhomes@meathcoco.ie)

**Irish Conversation Class for Beginners / Improvers** - in Ballintogher Enterprise Centre - F91 C2 HT, Thursday evenings, commencing shortly. To register, please contact - 087 6645509 or Email: [ballintogherhub@yahoo.com](mailto:ballintogherhub@yahoo.com)

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

**Thought for the Day:** A Sunday well spent brings a week of content (L. Schwaiger)

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

**Beltra Country Market** - is hosting a special coffee morning on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 10am- 12 noon. All proceeds from the tea room will go to Irish Cancer Society - Daffodil day. The market is open as usual from 10:00am to 12:30 pm with lots of home baking, garden produce, fresh crepes and beautifully handcrafted gifts and cards for every occasion. Free Parking. Beltra Hall F91 VX97. New members are always welcome. Please support.

**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)

**Retreats for Readers and Ministers of Holy Communion** - On **Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**, there will be a short retreat for Readers in the Parish Centre, Ballymote, from 3.00 – 5.00 pm. The retreat will be led by Fr Tom Grufferty, currently working at Knock Shrine. On **Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**, there will be a short retreat for Ministers of Holy Communion, in the Peyton Centre, Attymass from 3.00 – 5.00 pm, led by Fr Tom Taaffe, working at Knock Shrine. (Optional Retreats)

**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.

**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.

**Catholic Charismatic Renewal** – Maria Vadia, powerful speaker and intercessor for healing with the Holy Spirit, will be in the Clayton Hotel, Sligo on March 22<sup>nd</sup> (9.30 am – 6.00 pm). The day will include Praise & Worship, Talks, Music & Song, Confessions and Mass (Vigil Mass for Sunday at 5.00 pm). Enquiries and more information from (085) 7765294 / (087) 6998397.

**Tax Rebate Scheme** – brought in a very significant amount for the year 2023. If you donate to the church and pay tax and did not sign a CHY3 form since 2022, please consider doing so now. Forms (along with an explanatory note) are available at the exit doors. The scheme does not affect your tax liability in any way.

**'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.

**Ballinacarrow School Band** - St. Patrick's Day 2025 will mark the 50th year of the school band. Volunteers are needed to help arrange a celebratory event. For more information email [band50@ballinacarrowns.ie](mailto:band50@ballinacarrowns.ie)

**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.

**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.

**Church Envelopes for 2025** -If you haven't received your envelopes, or would like to obtain a box for 2025 for the first time, please contact the parish house. Thanks for your support.