



Collooney & Ballinacarrow (Kilvarnet) Parish Newsletter

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

Nov. 29th & 30th 2025 – First Sunday of Advent



Church of the Assumption, Collooney – Masses

Sat. 29th 8.00 pm Michael & Annie Nellany & deceased members of the Nellany & Lang families

Sun. 30th 11.00 am First Sunday of Advent

Mon. 1st - Fri. 5th 9.00 am – Private Intentions

Sat. 6th 8.00 pm Pat McTiernan (1st Aniv), parents Paddy & Teresa & deceased of the McTiernan & Torsney fams

Sun. 7th 11.00 am Second Sunday of Advent / *First Communion Preparation Mass*

Mon. 8th 9.00 am & 7.00 pm *Feast of the Immaculate Conception*

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

Sat. 29th 6.30 pm Joe & Eileen Langan & deceased of the Langan family, Ropefield / Tom & Teresa Nellany and daughters Louisa, Eileen & Margaret

Sun. 30th 9.30 am First Sunday of Advent

Sat. 6th 6.30 pm Tom & Mai Fallon & deceased members of the Fallon & Keaney families / Michael Clarke, Rathgran, Coolaney / Vinnie & Patrick Lavin, Lisaneena & dec family members. Thomas (Tot) Anderson, Carrickbanagher & deceased of the Anderson family

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Offertory (Nov. 22nd/23rd) Collooney: Many thanks for your ongoing generosity and support. It is much appreciated.

Ballinacarrow Church

Readers	6.30 pm	Sat. 29 th	Peter Kearns	9.30 am	Sun. 30 th	Sinead Wims
	6.30 pm	Sat. 6 th	Mary Coleman	9.30 am	Sun. 7 th	Tommy McGrath
Ministers	6.30 pm	Sat. 29 th	Ellen Conway	9.30 am	Sun. 30 th	Mary Madden
Communion	6.30 pm	Sat. 6 th	Marian Nellany	9.30 am	Sun. 7 th	Martina Scanlon
Offertory Baskets: Dec.	6.30 pm	Sat.	Seamus Hogge	9.30 am	Sun.	Pat Collery

Collooney Church

Readers	8.00 pm	Sat. 29 th	Patricia Armstrong	11.00 am	Sun. 30 th	Stuart Fallon
	8.00 pm	Sat. 6 th	Kate Henry	11.00 am	Sun. 7 th	Jacinta Walsh
Ministers of	8.00 pm	Sa. 29 th	Marie O'Connell	11.00 am	Sun. 30 th	Mary Doherty
Communion	8.00 pm	Sat. 6 th	Pasty Sweeney	11.00 am	Sun. 7 th	Marion McDermott

We Remember in our Prayers - The Soul of **Sr. Margaret McCann**, Convents of Mercy, Collooney and Swinford, formerly of Derryronane, Swinford. Whose funeral took place during the week. May she Rest in Peace.

Parish Consultation on Mass Times — Many thanks to all who participated in this consultation process.

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

First Saturday – is next weekend. Please join us for prayers and meditation 7.00 – 7.50 pm before evening Mass.

St. Vincent de Paul Annual Collection – takes place nationwide on Dec. 13th & 14th in all Churches. Special SVDP envelopes are available in the Churches. Please take one home and return it on the day. All monies raised locally will be used to help the needy within the locality. Collooney SVDP – can be contacted on (087) 1868494.

Collooney Town Team Launch—Thurs. 27th Nov. at 7.30pm in the Teeling Centre. Sligo County Council invites resident groups, community organisations, businesses, & other local stakeholders to join the *Collooney Town Team*,

Collooney-Ballinacarrow Christmas Cards – are now on sale. Two separate selections of 4 different cards. Available from Collooney Church sacristy after each Mass and from the Parochial House. Price same as last year. 4 cards for €10.

Limited Number of Cards – also available from Fr. Jim after weekend Masses in Ballinacarrow.

Thanks – to all who attended the recent general clean-up of the Church grounds in Ballinacarrow. Well done to all.

Upcoming Events in Ballinacarrow

Christmas Fair 6th Dec - 11am -2pm – Parents' Association / **Christmas Dance** 6th Dec 9pm - Hall Committee

Wed. Dec. 10th at 7.00 pm – General Cleanup of Ballinacarrow Church for Christmas. All help appreciated.

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

Dates for your diary (November & December 2025)

Collooney Church Clean-up – 11.00 am, Tuesday, Dec, 2nd (Please note the change of date from the original day)

Collooney Church Sanctuary & Crib - decorating for Christmas on Thursday 4th & Friday 5th December

Service of Carols & Readings – 5.00 pm Sunday, on December 14th (Collooney Church)

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

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>



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.

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/>

Beltra Country Christmas Market - are at Skreen Dromard Community centre every Saturday morning in December. We are open 10:00 - 1:00. Orders are now being taken for Christmas cakes, puddings, mince pies and Christmas crafts. Come and see our wonderful display of Cakes, treats and handcrafted gifts. You are assured of a warm welcome. Please support your local market.

Collooney Church Closes – at 5.00 pm for the winter months.

Ballinacarrow Development Committee – are holding a Quiz Night on Saturday, November 29th at 9.00 pm in Ballinacarrow Community. Raffle and Prizes on offer. All welcome.

New 5-week Adult Fitness Programme starting Tue Nov. 11th in Ballinacarrow Community Centre 7.00 – 8.00 pm. Cost: €30 for 5 weeks. The fitness programme is designed for adults (over 18yrs) of all fitness levels, men and women welcome, and offers a fun, supportive environment to get active, build strength, and improve overall fitness. The sessions will include a mix of strength, cardio, and mobility exercises, perfect for anyone looking to get moving and feel healthier in a friendly group setting. For more info. or to register call Mairead (087) 961 5023 or Weronica (086) 813 1773.

December at the Fr Peyton Centre, Attymass, Ballina Co. Mayo F26 X884

One Day retreat Saturday, December 6th, Advent - Prepare the Way of the Lord. Join us to explore the journey through Advent. Beginning at 11am and concluding at 4.30pm. The day includes spiritual talks, reflection, quiet time, rosary and Mass. The cost is €25, which includes tea, coffee on arrival & light lunch. Booking is essential. For enquiries and booking contact Fina (096) 45374 / (087) 681 6821.

Guided Prayer Afternoon on Thursday, December 11th from 2pm to 4.30pm. The afternoon will include: rosary, meditation, silent time and Mass. For information contact: Fina (096) 45374 / (087) 681 6821.

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.

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. 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.