



Collooney & Ballinacarrow (Kilvarnet) Parish Newsletters

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

August 15th & 16th 2026 – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Church of the Assumption, Collooney – Masses

Sat. 15 th	6.45 pm	Margaret Mitchell Walsh (3 rd Anniv.)
Sun. 16 th	11.00 am	People of the Parish Community
Mon. 17 th - Fri. 21 st	9.00 am	Private Intentions
Sat. 22 nd	6.45 pm	Michael Gleesan, Main St.
Sun. 23 rd	11.00 am	People of the Parish Community

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

Sat. 15 th	6.30 pm	Marian Faney, Finlough (12 th Anniv.) / Joe Keane, Carrentavey
Sun. 16 th	9.30 am	Private Intention
Sat. 22 nd	6.30 pm	The Davey Family, Fetherneen
Sun. 23 rd	9.30 am	Private Intention

Offertory (Aug. 8th & 9th) – Many thanks for your ongoing generosity and support. It is very much appreciated.

Ballinacarrow Church

Readers	6.30 pm	Sat. 15 th	Bernadette White	9.30 am	Sun. 16 th	Kiernan White
	6.30 pm	Sat. 22 nd	Bernadette White	9.30 am	Sun. 23 rd	Tony Bolton
Ministers of	6.30 pm	Sat. 15 th	Ellen Conway	9.30 am	Sun. 16 th	Martina Scanlon
Communion	6.30 pm	Sat. 22 nd	Marian Nellaney	9.30 am	Sun. 23 rd	Des Brett
Offertory Baskets: Sept.	6.30 pm	Sat.	John O'Donnell	9.30 am	Sun.	Liam Coleman

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Readers	6.45 pm	Sat. 15 th	Bernadette Morrisroe	11.00 am	Sun. 16 th	Ann Nellany
	6.45 pm	Sat. 22 nd	John Walsh	11.00 am	Sun. 23 rd	Patricia McCann
Ministers of	6.45 pm	Sat. 15 th	Evelyn Marren	11.00 am	Sun. 16 th	Kathleen White
Communion	6.45 pm	Sat. 22 nd	Sheila Gray	11.00 am	Sun. 23 rd	Marie O'Connell

Thank You – to all, from far and near, who watch services online and who have contributed to our online appeal to keep the service available. Your contributions are much appreciated and help with the provision of this outreach service.

Ballinacarrow Community Centre: Open Music Session Sat. 15 Aug. 7 pm -10pm. All musician, singers and story tellers welcome. Entry €5, Tea & Refreshments €2. Cash only. All welcome.

Ballinacarrow Rota: A new Rota for Readers & Eucharist Ministers can be picked up at the back of the Church.

Walk - This Sunday 16th August - starting at 10.30am from Ballinacarrow Community Centre led by a trained walk leader. Free to join. Spend time outdoors.

Cardiac Defibrillator - up and running again at the Ballinacarrow Community Centre – Code 1111 to access.

Envelopes with Receipts – are at the back of the church for those who paid a cash contribution to the cemetery improvements and who have not already received their receipts. If your name is not there call (087) 2604494.

Sincere thanks - to all who have contributed to the cemetery improvement appeal and to all who contributed to the bucket collection at the recent Cemetery Mass. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Please come along - for 6.30 pm on Friday 21st August to Ballisodare Fishing Club (F91 YV90) for our heritage event. This includes: local scouts giving a demo on useful knot-making, live trad. music, local history talk on Ballisodare by Wendy Lyons plus a presentation by Fishing Club chairman Gerry Merrick on the work being done to protect & revitalise the salmon stocks in Ballisodare. Refreshments served. No charge. For info text (086) 610 3423.

Thank You – to all who clean our churches on a regular basis. Their work goes on, often unnoticed, but always greatly appreciated. Thank you !

Sligo Charismatic Prayer Group – are holding a *Day of Healing and Renewal* on Saturday, August 22nd in Summerhill College, Sligo (F91 D5YF) 9.30 am – 6.00 pm with Fr. John Keane and Deacon Don Devaney. The day will include Mass, Eucharistic healing Service, Confessions, Testimony, Praise and Worship as well as Music and Song. Please bring a packed lunch. To confirm your attendance call Ursula on (085) 776 5294.

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

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

Thought for the Day — “Don’t dig up in doubt what you planted in faith.”- Elisabeth Elliot

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

Today's readings - remind us that God's mercy is wider than our boundaries and greater than our expectations. Isaiah speaks of the Lord's house as "*a house of prayer for all peoples*," and in the Gospel, the Canaanite woman comes to Jesus with courage, humility, and persistent faith. She does not give up, even when the response seems difficult to hear. Her simple prayer, "*Lord, help me*," becomes a model for every one of us. Sometimes we too come before God feeling like outsiders, carrying worries for our families, our community, or ourselves. The Gospel assures us that sincere faith is never ignored. Jesus sees the heart that trusts, perseveres, and reaches out in hope. The woman's faith opens the way for healing, and her story invites us to bring our needs honestly before the Lord. At this Mass, let us ask for a faith that does not give up, a heart that welcomes others, and eyes to recognise God's mercy at work beyond the limits we sometimes place on it. Lord, strengthen our faith and teach us to trust in your mercy. Amen.

Jubilee of Marriages - Couples celebrating their Silver, Ruby, Golden, Diamond, Platinum or other wedding anniversaries are invited to attend one of two Jubilee Masses, along with their families and friends, on either Sunday 4th October at 2.30pm in Ballaghaderreen Cathedral or Sunday 11th October at 2.30pm in Kiltoom Church. Bishop Kevin will celebrate both Masses. Light refreshments will be served afterwards for all in attendance. As each couple celebrating an Anniversary will receive a certificate from Bishop Kevin, they are asked to register their details at <https://achonryelphin.ie/jubilee-of-marriages/>

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@joewalshstours.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.

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

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

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.

