



Collooney & Ballinacarrow (Kilvarnet) Parish Newsletter

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

Jan. 3rd & 4th 2026 – Second Sunday of Christmas



Church of the Assumption, Collooney – Masses

Sat. 3rd 6.45 pm* Private Intention - (Note new time)

Sun. 4th 11.00 am People of the Parish Community

Mon. 5th 9.00 am Private Intention

Tues. 6th 9.00 am & 7.00 pm *The Epiphany of the Lord*

Wed. 7th - Fri. 9th 9.00 am Private Intentions

Sat. 10th 6.45 pm* Frances Harte, St. Marys Green / Justin & Sonny Hennessy / Teresa Doyle

Sun. 11th 11.00 am *Feast of the Baptism of the Lord*

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

Sat. 3rd 6.30 pm John Madden, Fetherneen / Pat Madden, Cloonacurra. Sun. 4th 9.30 am Private Intention

Tues. 6th 9.30 am & 6.30 pm *The Epiphany of the Lord*

Sat. 10th 6.30 pm Vigil Mass for the *Feast of the Baptism of our Lord*

Sun. 11th 9.30 am *Feast of the Baptism of our Lord*

Offertory (Dec. 24th/25th & 27th/28th) Many thanks for your ongoing generosity and support. It is much appreciated.

Ballinacarrow Church

Readers	6.30 pm	Sat. 3 rd	Bernadette White	9.30 am	Sun. 4 th	Attracta Madden
	9.30 am	Tues. 6 th	Kiernan White	6.30 am	Tues. 6 th	Mary Coleman
	6.30 pm	Sat. 10 th	Peter Kearns	9.30 am	Sun. 11 th	Tony Bolton
Ministers	6.30 pm	Sat. 3 rd	Marian O'Donnell	9.30 am	Sun. 4 th	Mary Coleman
	9.30 am	Tues. 6 th	Mary Madden	6.30 am	Tues. 6 th	Ellen Conway
Communion	6.30 pm	Sat. 10 th	Marian Nellany	9.30 am	Sun. 11 th	Martina Scanlon
Offertory Baskets: Jan. 6.30 pm Sat.			Seamus Hogge	9.30 am	Sun.	Pat Collery

Collooney Church

Readers	6.45 pm	Sat. 3 rd	Edward Mullin	11.00 am	Sun. 4 th	Rosemary Rogers
	6.45 pm	Sat. 10 th	Bernadette Morissroe	11.00 am	Sun. 11 th	Ann Nellany
Ministers of	6.45 pm	Sat. 3 rd	Roseleen O'Connell	11.00 pm	Sun. 4 th	Fr. Martin
Communion	6.45 pm	Sat. 10 th	Paddy Giblin	11.00 pm	Sun. 11 th	Michael Molloy

We remember in our Prayers – the souls of **Gerry Durkin** whose funeral took place on Monday last in Ballinacarrow Church and, also, **Tommy Banks** whose funeral took place on Tuesday last in Collooney Church. Also, **Jim Henry**, Sligo Father in Law of Shane White, Collooney, whose funeral took place on Saturday the 27th and **Mary Fahy** (nee Cryan), Salthill Galway and formerly of Ballaghaderreen, Co Roscommon (mother of John Fahy, Lissaneena) whose funeral took place on December 20th last in Galway. May their souls Rest in Peace.

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

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

Pastoral Message from Bishop Doran – on progress on amalgamation of the 2 dioceses is available at the exits.

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>



Many thanks – for the Christmas Collection that was taken up for the priests of the parish which was taken up at Christmas. Donations can still be made. An envelope for that purpose is available in the Offertory Box of Envelopes. Loose Envelopes are available at the exit doors for those who do not use the Offertory Envelope system. If paying by cheque please make the cheque payable as follows: Offertory Collection A/C is *Parish of Kilvarnet (Collooney)*. Priests' Offerings A/C is *Collooney Parish Priest Wages*

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

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.

2026: Happy New Year & God's Blessings to All: 2026

Thought for the day – Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow (Albert Einstein).

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



Offertory Boxes for 2026 – are available at the exit doors in both churches. Many thanks for your generous support in 2025. All contributions (no matter how little or large) are equally welcome. If you pay income tax (PAYE or Self Employed) and do not use the Offertory Envelope system **please consider doing so**. For every €1 contributed, *Revenue* will add €0.45 to it from the tax you have **already paid** on your contribution from your taxed income. If not claimed by the parish, your tax component remains with *Revenue* and will be spent by them on other things. This in no way affects your own tax liability. The parish only advises *Revenue* of contributions made. It doesn't give or receive any other information. Grouped refunds come back from *Revenue*. The parish has no details of individual refunds.

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.