



## Collooney & Ballinacarrow (Kilvarnet) Parish Newsletter

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

September 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> 2026 – Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



### Church of the Assumption, Collooney – Masses

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|-----------------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sat. 19 <sup>th</sup>                         | 6.45 pm  | Des Lang (Anniv.) / Eugene Fallon, St. Mary's Green (Anniv.) |
| Sun. 20 <sup>th</sup>                         | 11.00 am | Joe Fallon, St. Mary's Green (Anniv.)                        |
| Mon. 21 <sup>st</sup> - Fri. 26 <sup>th</sup> | 9.00 am  | Private Intentions                                           |
| Sat. 26 <sup>th</sup>                         | 6.45 pm  | John Doyle, Cartron                                          |
| Sun. 27 <sup>th</sup>                         | 11.00 am | Tom Connolly                                                 |

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

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| Sat. 19 <sup>th</sup> | 6.30 pm | Myra & Pat Mullen, Rathnarrow                                        | Sun. 20 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30 am | Private Intention |
| Sat. 26 <sup>th</sup> | 6.30 pm | Mary Ward, parents Jack & Annie & dec. of the Derrig & Ward families |                       |         |                   |
| Sun. 27 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30 am | Private Intentions                                                   |                       |         |                   |

**Offertory (Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>)** – Many thanks for your ongoing support and generosity. It is very much appreciated.

### Ballinacarrow Church

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|---------------------------------|---------|-----------------------|------------------|---------|-----------------------|---------------|
| <b>Readers</b>                  | 6.30 pm | Sat. 19 <sup>th</sup> | Peter Kearns     | 9.30 am | Sun. 20 <sup>th</sup> | Mary Madden   |
|                                 | 6.30 pm | Sat. 26 <sup>th</sup> | Bernadette White | 9.30 am | Sun. 27 <sup>th</sup> | Tommy McGrath |
| <b>Ministers of Communion</b>   | 6.30 pm | Sat. 19 <sup>th</sup> | Marian Nellany   | 9.30 am | Sun. 20 <sup>th</sup> | Des Brett     |
|                                 | 6.30 pm | Sat. 26 <sup>th</sup> | Mairead Burke    | 9.30 am | Sun. 27 <sup>th</sup> | Mary Coleman  |
| <b>Offertory Baskets: Sept.</b> | 6.30 pm | Sat.                  | John O'Donnell   | 9.30 am | Sun.                  | Liam Coleman  |

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| <b>Readers</b>   | 6.45 pm | Sat. 19 <sup>th</sup> | Bernie Morrisroe | 11.00 am | Sun. 20 <sup>th</sup> | Ann Nellany      |
|                  | 6.45 pm | Sat. 26 <sup>th</sup> | John Walsh       | 11.00 am | Sun. 27 <sup>th</sup> | Patricia McCann  |
| <b>Ministers</b> | 6.45 pm | Sat. 19 <sup>th</sup> | Rosemary Rogers  | 11.00 am | Sun. 20 <sup>th</sup> | Evelyn Marren    |
| <b>Communion</b> | 6.45 pm | Sat. 26 <sup>th</sup> | Mary Doherty     | 11.00 am | Sun. 27 <sup>th</sup> | Marian McDermott |

**Please Pray for the souls of**—all the recently departed and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Rest in Peace.

**Coffee Day in Aid of North West Hospice** will take place in the home of **Brian & Martina Mc Gonigle** Ballinabole (F56 ET63) on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September 11.00 am - 2.00 pm & 5.00 pm - 10.00 pm**. Everyone is welcome.

**Annette's Hair Salon** - will, once again, host the Hospice Coffee Morning in Ballinacarrow Community Centre on **Wednesday September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10.00 am to 3.30 pm**. All support would be greatly appreciated.

**Dioceses of Achonry & Elphin 2026/2027 Scripture Initiative:** New groups and facilitators being sought. Please consider. Enquiries welcome. More information at [www.achonryelphin.ie/scripture](http://www.achonryelphin.ie/scripture)

**SEAI Home Energy Information Event** – Ballinacarrow Community Centre, Monday September 21<sup>st</sup> 8.30 pm. Your Sustainable Energy Community Mentor will talk about SEAI Home Energy Grants, New Window and Door Grants, The Warmer Homes Scheme, One Stop Shops and Home Energy Upgrade Loan Scheme.

**Ballinacarrow Community Centre:** Women's exercise class starts back on the 8<sup>th</sup> Sept for 6 weeks at 6.30 pm, at €30 for the 6 weeks. Men's exercise class starts back on the 16<sup>th</sup> September at 8pm for 6 weeks at €30 for the 6wks.

**The Church Season of Creation 2026** - runs from Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> to Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>, ending on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. During these weeks, we are invited to pray with gratitude for the beauty of creation, to reflect on our responsibility for the earth and its waters, and to take simple, practical steps—at home, in our parish, and in our local community—to care for our common home. May this *Season of Creation* deepen our faith, strengthen our hope, and encourage us to let the living water of God's love flow through our care for one another and for all creation.

**Anyone in hospital / a nursing home** - who would like a visit, please let Fr. Martin know.

**Collooney Church Choir** – seeks new members to help out whenever they can. Interested? Talk to our organist Shane.

**Supporting Children (8 - 11 years) grow in faith and friendship:** New and emerging *Faith & Fun Clubs* in the Achonry and Elphin Dioceses now enrolling for 2026/2027 school year. More info at <https://achonryelphin.ie/fafc/>

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**Receipts** – for those who contributed by cash to *Collooney Cemetery Footpath Appeal* are available from the sacristy.

**Please note** – No 9.00 am Mass in Collooney 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** — Gratitude turns what we have into enough (Anon.)

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

### **Visit of First-Class Relic of St Carlo Acutis to St Nathy's Cathedral, Ballaghaderreen**

We are privileged to welcome a First-Class Relic of St Carlo Acutis to St Nathy's Cathedral from Friday 25<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September.

The relic will be available for veneration after the 10am Mass on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and also after the 6pm Mass on Saturday evening.

There will also be two opportunities for special times of prayer in the Cathedral:

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 8pm

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm

This is a wonderful opportunity to come together in prayer and to seek the intercession of St Carlo Acutis, a young saint whose deep love for the Eucharist continues to inspire people throughout the world. All are very welcome.

**The Priest's Harvest Collection** - was taken up last weekend (Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>). Many thanks for your great generosity and support. It is very much appreciated. Offerings can still be made. There is an envelope for that purpose in the box of Offertory Envelopes. Loose envelopes are also available at the exit doors.

**Irish Catholic Newspaper** – increases in price from October 1<sup>st</sup> 2026 – from €3.50 to €3.80.

### **Ballintogher Trad. Festival, 18th – 27th Sept '26**

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Sept. 8.00pm Rambling House Night – A trip down memory lane, BECentre F91 C2 HT

Sun 20<sup>th</sup> – Afternoon Ceili –3.00 - 6pm Community Centre F91 XW71 /

Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> - 8pm - Gaeilge Night - Moran's Lounge

Sat 26<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Community Centre – Trad Concert /

Sun 27<sup>th</sup> – Mass 11.30 am, followed by talk on Customs & Traditions

**Western Alzheimers** - urgently need *Volunteer Befrienders* in your area. Do you have one to two hours per week to spare ? Contact Lucy at 094-9364900 or 087-3694477.

**Thanks** – 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 in the provision of this outreach service.

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

**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.

**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 4<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm in Ballaghaderreen Cathedral or Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 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/>

**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](http://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](mailto:sligoleitrim@alcoholforum.com)

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**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](http://www.familycarers.ie).