



Collooney & Ballinacarrow (Kilvarnet) Parish Newsletter

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

Jan. 10th & 11th 2026 – Baptism of the Lord



Church of the Assumption, Collooney – Masses

Sat. 10 th 6.45 pm*	Frances Harte, St. Marys Green / Justin & Sonny Hennessy / Teresa Doyle
Sun. 11 th 11.00 am	<i>Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</i>
Mon. 12 th - Fri. 16 th	9.00 am Private Intentions
Sat. 17 th 6.45 pm	Noreen Wall (died Dec. 6 th) / John & Kathleen Henry & Hugh & Kate Gilligan, Tullaghan / Deceased of the Maloney family, Lackagh & Doorla
Sun. 18 th 11.00 am	Private Intentions

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

Sat. 10 th 6.30 pm	Vigil Mass for the <i>Feast of the Baptism of our Lord</i>
Sun. 11 th 9.30 am	<i>Feast of the Baptism of our Lord</i>
Sat. 17 th 6.30pm	Bridie Kane, Ropefield / Kathleen & Thomas Anderson and daughters Maisie, Pauline & Patricia / Annie Lang (2 nd Anniv.), her husband Frank, son Anthony & dec. family members
Sun. 18 th 9.30 am	Private Intention

Offertory (Jan. 3rd, 4th & 6th) - Many thanks for your ongoing generosity and support. It is very much appreciated.

Ballinacarrow Church

Readers	6.30 pm	Sat. 10 th	Peter Kearns	9.30 am	Sun. 11 th	Tony Bolton
	6.30 pm	Sat. 17 th	Mary Coleman	9.30 am	Sun. 18 th	Sinead Wims
Ministers	6.30 pm	Sat. 10 th	Marian Nellany	9.30 am	Sun. 11 th	Martina Scanlon
Communion	6.30 pm	Sat. 17 th	Mairead Burke	9.30 am	Sun. 18 th	Des Brett
Offertory Baskets: Jan. 6.30 pm Sat.			Seamus Hogge	9.30 am	Sun.	Pat Collery

Collooney Church

Readers	6.45 pm	Sat. 10 th	Bernadette Morissroe	11.00 am	Sun. 11 th	Ann Nellany
	6.45 pm	Sat. 17 th	John Walsh	11.00 am	Sun. 18 th	Patricia McCann
Ministers of	6.45 pm	Sat. 10 th	Paddy Giblin	11.00 pm	Sun. 11 th	Michael Molloy
Communion	6.45 pm	Sat. 17 th	Michael Molloy	11.00 pm	Sun. 18 th	Paddy Gilbin

We remember in our prayers - all who have died recently and all those anniversaries occur at this time.

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

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>



Collooney Tidy Towns AGM - is being held on Thursday January 15th at 7 pm at the Owenmore Gaels clubhouse. We are especially seeking a person to take the main administrative role of Secretary to work with the wonderful Tidy Towns team in place already. The role involves grant applications, Tidy Towns annual report application and minuting group meetings. It is administrative only and no other expectations for the role.

St Nathys Cemetery - Significant work has been achieved by the local cemetery committee in keeping the area to a high standard and during 2025 two different schemes that were applied for, resulted in much needed resurfacing works, both outside and inside the grounds. The Cemetery Committee wish to acknowledge the help of Sligo County Council, and the local area councillors who participated in assigning some of their annual discretionary funding to the fantastic work achieved.

The next project that is hoped to be achieved is to lay tarmac on each of the side paths in the new area of the Cemetery. However this will require significant work behind the scenes and with sixteen paths to be done will need a lot of co-operation in gathering the funding to attain this goal. The ask is to gather €1200 per path so if we could get contributions of €50 to €100 per Gravestone it would be really appreciated. The intention is to ask a volunteer from each row to spearhead their respective paths in order to make this project manageable. Offers of help or contributions can be made to Joe Corcoran on 087 2604494. A full account of this work will be reported in due course.

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

Many Thanks – to all who took down and stored all the Collooney Church Christmas decorations during the week.

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

Thought for the day – If we would just slow down, happiness would catch up with us (R. Carlson).

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

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

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.