



Collooney & Ballinacarrow (Kilvarnet) Parish Newsletter

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

Jan. 31st & February 1st 2026 – Fourth Week in Ordinary Time



Church of the Assumption, Collooney – Masses

Sat. 31st 6.45 pm Bernard & Nancy Sweeney, Coolteen, Drumfin / Dessie Flynn, Lackagh, Drumfin / Eamon Mullen, Knockbeg (Anniv.) / Gerry & Eileen White & daughter Mary Martin / Nora & Martin Doyle, Lackagh / Mary & Patrick Tonry, Drumfin / Pauline Gallagher, Ballisodare / Brendan Lynch, Church View.

Sun. 1st 11.00 am Feast of St. Brigid / Eugene Nellany, (Anniv.)

Mon 2nd 10.00 am* Savage & Kerins families, Tobberbride / Mannion family, Sligo (*Note later Time)

Tues. 3rd 9.00 am Feast of St. Blaise – (Blessing of Throats.)

Wed. 4th - Fri. 6th 9.00 am Private Intentions

Sat. 7th 6.45 pm Michael Henry, Knockbeg & dec of the Henry family / Philomena & Michael McKeon, Kinnagrelly / Catherine & Thomas McKeon, Killagrelly & all the dec. of the McKeon & Lynch families / Brian & Bridget McDermott, Carrickbanagher

Sun. 8th 11.00 am Robbie Nicholson, his parents Athur & Mary Nichlson / First Holy Communion Preparation Mass

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

Sat. 31st 6.30 pm William & Margaret Frizzell & dec. of Frizzell family Sun. 1st 9.30 am Feast of St. Brigid

Sat. 7th 6.30 pm Gerry Durkin (Month's Mind) / Damian Mahon (1st Anniv.)

Sun. 8th 9.30 am First Holy Communion Class Preparation Mass

Offertory (Jan. 24th & 25th) – Many thanks for your ongoing generosity and support. It is much appreciated.

Ballinacarrow Church

Readers	6.30 pm	Sat. 31 st	Bernadette White	9.30 am	Sun. 1 st	Tommy McGrath
	6.30 pm	Sat. 7 th	Caitriona Coleman	9.30 am	Sun. 8 th	Attracta Madden
Ministers of	6.30 pm	Sat. 31 st	Ellen Conway	9.30 am	Sun. 1 st	Mary Madden
Communion	6.30 pm	Sat. 7 th	Marian Nellaney	9.30 am	Sun. 8 th	Martina Scanlon
Offertory Baskets: Feb.	6.30 pm	Sat.	Seamus Hogge	9.30 am	Sun.	John Scanlon

Collooney Church

Readers	6.45 pm	Sat. 31 st	Kate Henry	11.00 am	Sun. 1 st	Jacinta Walsh
	6.45 pm	Sat. 7 th	Edward Mullin	11.00 am	Sun. 8 th	Rosemary Rogers
Ministers of	6.45 pm	Sat. 31 st	Marie O'Connell	11.00 pm	Sun. 1 st	Mary Doherty
Communion	6.45 pm	Sat. 7 th	Pasty Sweeney	11.00 pm	Sun. 8 th	Marion McDermott

We remember in our prayers – the soul of **Gretta Maguire**, Moylough, Tubbercurry (mother of Geraldine Fallon, Ballinacarrow) whose funeral took place on Tuesday. May her soul Rest in Peace.

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>



St Nathy's Cemetery: The Committee continue to work on building a fund to make path improvements and wish to thank those who have already contributed. 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 IE03 AIBK 93725821591039

Ballinacarrow Community Centre: Coffee Morning - meet you neighbour Sunday 1st Feb. 10 am -12 pm

First Saturday Devotion – takes place in Collooney Church on Sat. Feb. 7th (5.45 pm – 6.35 pm). All welcome.

Upcoming Feast Days Sunday, February 1st Feast of St. Brigid – Blessing of St. Brigid's Crosses.

Monday, February 2nd Candlemas Day (40 days after Christmas) – Blessing of candles for use during the year.

Tuesday, February 3rd Feast of St. Blaise – Blessing of Throats. Parishioners - are welcome to bring St. Brigid's Crosses / Candles to the churches to be blessed, With the closure of Flynn's shop, we hope to have a limited number of packs of candles available at the back of Collooney church at the weekend at a cost price of €5.00 per packet of 6 if anyone would like to purchase some.

The Rise and Shine Trust: (formerly known as The Irish Pilgrimage Trust) annual church gate collection takes place in Sligo Town and County on Sat. 31st Jan & Sun. 1st Feb. All funds raised go directly towards the cost of bringing children and young adults with additional needs to Lourdes on a week's Pilgrimage next Easter.

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

Thought for the day – Keep your face always towards the sunshine and the shadows will fall behind you.

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

You don't have to be addicted - to suffer from addiction! **M-PACT** (Moving Parents & Children Together) is a free eight-week family programme that (i) supports all family members affected by parental substance misuse and (ii) 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

St. Lassara's NS, Ballinacarrow: are now enrolling for September, 2026. Please contact the school on 071 9130350 / 086 7932306 or email office@ballinacarrowns.ie.

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

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.

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 that 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.

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.