



Collooney & Ballinacarrow (Kilvarnet) Parish Newsletter

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

May 16th & 17th 2026 – Feast of the Ascension



Church of the Assumption, Collooney – Masses

Sat. 16 th 6.45 pm	Kevin & Dermot Darcy / Raymond Mullen, (Anniv.)
Sun. 17 th 11.00 am	Fr. Séan Flannery (Anniv.) and his parents, Bernard & Bridget Flannery
Mon. 18 th - Fri. 22 nd	9.00 am Private Intentions
Sat. 23 rd 6.45 pm	Bridget & Thomas Kerins & dec. members of the Kerins family
Sun. 24 th 11.00 am	Joe & Johnny McGonagle

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

Sat. 16 th 6.30 pm	Maura Fahey, Josephine & Thomas Fahey & dec. of the Fahey & Taheny families
Sun. 17 th 9.30 am	The Ascension of the Lord.
Sat. 23 rd 6.30 pm	Adrian Benton (Month's Mind)
Sun. 24 th 9.30 am	Pentecost Sunday

Offertory (May 9th & 10th) - Many thanks for your ongoing generosity and support. It is much appreciated.

Ballinacarrow Church

Readers 6.30 pm	Sat. 16 th Mary Coleman	9.30 am	Sun. 17 th Sinead Wims
6.30 pm	Sat. 23 rd Peter Kearns	9.30 am	Sun. 24 th Martina Scanlon
Ministers of Communion 6.30 pm	Sat. 16 th Marian O'Donnell	9.30 am	Sun. 17 th Mary Madden
6.30 pm	Sat. 23 rd Ellen Conway	9.30 am	Sun. 24 th Martina Scanlon
Offertory Baskets: May 6.30 pm	Sat. Dermot O'Grady	9.30 am	Sun. Ciarán O'Duibhír

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Readers 6.45 pm	Sat. 16 th Bernadette Morrisroe	11.00 am	Sun. 17 th Ann Nellany
6.45 pm	Sat. 23 rd John Walsh	11.00 am	Sun. 24 th Patricia McCann
Ministers of Communion 6.45 pm	Sat. 16 th Mary McGinley	11.00 pm	Sun. 17 th Evelyn Marren
6.45 pm	Sat. 23 rd Mary Doherty	11.00 pm	Sun. 24 th Kathleen White

Ballinacarrow Church: The new Rotas for the Readers and Eucharist Ministers can found at the back of the Church.

Achonry & Elphin 3-day pilgrimage to Lough Derg: Friday, June 12th to Sunday, June 14th. For more details, including bus options, visit www.achonrydiocese.org/lough-derg. All welcome.

Ballinacarrow Text Alert Committee - Property Marking by An Garda Siochana will take place at Ballinacarrow Community Centre on Saturday, May 23 (11 am - 1 pm). Bring your property that you want marked and your eircode.

The Knock Youth Leadership Programme (Knock Shrine) is for adults interested in setting up or developing youth ministry initiatives. Starting in Sept. (application deadline May 22nd). Contact: youthministry@knockshrine.ie

A General Meeting - will be held on the 19th May at 8.30pm in Ballinacarrow Community Centre to elect new committee members. All welcome.

A Streetfeast - will be held on the 24th May at 3pm at Ballinacarrow Community Centre ... bring some food to share and enjoy with your neighbours ... a lovely opportunity to catch up and relax.

Pray for Life Novena (online) – May 23rd to May 31st. More information at www.prayforlife.ie

Cemetery Masses 2026 – Collooney: 8.00 pm on Friday, July 31st / Kilvarnet: 8.00 pm on Wednesday, August 5th.

Maria Goretti Organising Meeting – takes place on this Sunday, May 17th, after the 11.00 am Mass in the Prayer Room of Collooney Church. All who are interested in helping are asked to attend. New helpers always welcome.

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. For information, it is hoped to undertake the works in early June so the extent of the works will be limited by the funds available. 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 IE03 AIBK 93725821591

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

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

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

Thought - Faith is to believe what you do not see. The reward of faith is to see what you believe (St. Augustine)

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

Gaeilge - Cúpla Focail (Irish) Night – Moran’s Lounge, Ballintogher on Tue, night 19th May at 8.30pm
Fáilte roimh gach einne.

The All Ireland Rosary Rally - takes place on the first Saturday of June each year in Knock. The 41st All Ireland Rosary Rally will be on Saturday, June 6th 2026.

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.

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

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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.

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Church Carpark – every effort is being made to ensure the carpark is free & available for church goers when needed.