



Collooney & Ballinacarrow (Kilvarnet) Parish Newsletter

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

April 26th & 27th 2025 – Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)



Church of the Assumption, Collooney – Masses

Sat. 26 th 8.00 pm	Sheila Gallagher, Collooney (3 rd Anniv.) / Nuala Gallagher / Gabriel Walsh, Collooney Kathleen & Michael Flynn, Main St., Collooney
Sun. 27 th 11.00 am	John O'Connor, Boyle Rd. / Siobhán Finan (2 nd Anniv.)
Mon. 28 th – Fri. 2 nd	9.00 am Private Intentions
Sat. 3 rd 8.00 pm	Patrick Galligan, Carrickbanagher (Month's Mind) / Baby & Mick Nellany (Anniv.) Mary & Malachy O'Connell / Robert Anderson & deceased family members
Sun. 4 th 11.00 am	Fr. Seán Flannery (1 st Anniv.), his parents Bernard & Bridget (formerly Ard cotton)

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

Sat. 26 th 6.30 pm	Esther McGrath	Sun. 27 th 9.30 am	Private Intention
Sat. 3 rd 6.30 pm	Private Intention	Sun. 4 th 9.30 am	Private Intention



POPE FRANCIS
1936–2025

Collections (March 19th & 20th) – thanks - to all who contributed so generously to the Easter Church Collections

Ballinacarrow Church

Readers	6.30 pm	Sat. 26 th	Caitriona Coleman	9.30 am	Sun. 27 th	Mary Coleman
	6.30 pm	Sat. 3 rd	Mary Muldoon	9.30 am	Sun. 4 th	Tommy Mc Grath
Ministers of Communion	6.30 pm	Sat. 26 th	Ellen Conway	9.30 am	Sun. 27 th	Mary Madden
	6.30 pm	Sat. 3 rd	Martina Scanlon	9.30 am	Sun. 4 th	Marian Nellany
Offertory Baskets: May.	6.30 pm	Sat.	Dermot O'Grady	9.30 am	Sun.	Ciarán Duibhir

Collooney Church

Readers	8.00 pm	Sat. 26 th	Patricia Armstrong	11.00 am	Sun. 27 th	Patricia McCann
	8.00 pm	Sat. 3 rd	Bernie Morrisroe	11.00 am	Sun. 4 th	Stuart Fallon
Ministers of Communion:	8.00 pm	Sat. 26 th	Mary Nicholson	11.00 am	Sun. 27 th	Kate Henry
	8.00 pm	Sat. 3 rd	Chris O'Grady	11.00 am	Sun. 4 th	Maureen Breslin

QUOTES FROM POPE FRANCIS (1936 – 1925)

- “The Lord never tires of forgiving. It is we who tire of asking for forgiveness.”
- “You pray for the poor and then you feed them. That’s how prayer works.”
- “To be saints is not a privilege for a few, but a vocation for everyone.”
- “I see the church as a field hospital after battle.
- “Just as we need the courage to be happy, we also need the courage to live simply.”
- “Holiness doesn’t mean doing extraordinary things, but doing ordinary things with love and faith.”
- “Let us not be satisfied with a mediocre life. Be amazed by what is true and beautiful, what is of God!”
- “Dear young people, do not bury your talents, the gifts that God has given you! Do not be afraid to dream of great things!”
- “Migrants and refugees are not pawns on the chessboard of humanity. They are children, women, and men who leave or who are forced to leave their homes for various reasons, who share a legitimate desire for knowing and having, but above all for being, more.”
- “The measure of the greatness of a society is found in the way it treats those most in need, those who have nothing apart from their poverty!”
- “If I repeated some passages from the homilies of the Church Fathers, in the second or third century, about how we must treat the poor, some would accuse me of giving a Marxist homily.”
- “The perfect family doesn’t exist, nor is there a perfect husband or a perfect wife, A healthy family life requires frequent use of three phrases: ‘May I?’ ‘Thank you,’ and ‘I’m sorry.’
- “If we want security, let us give security; if we want life, let us give life; if we want opportunities, let us provide opportunities. The yardstick we use for others will be the yardstick which time will use for us.”
- “Embrace with tender affection the whole of humanity, especially the poorest, the weakest, the least important.”
- “I prefer a church which is bruised, hurting, and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security.”

Trocaire Boxes - Thank you to all who have returned their Trócaire Boxes. Please can you return any remaining Trócaire Boxes in the offertory collection at any of the weekend Masses. Thank you for your support of Trócaire’s work with the world’s most vulnerable people.

First Holy Communion – Collooney: 11.00 am on Saturday, May 10th / Ballinacarrow: 11.00 am on Saturday, May 17th.

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

Jubilee Pilgrimages - A number of Pilgrimages have been arranged to mark the Jubilee Year. These include our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine in August. A Youth Pilgrimage to Rome (July 29th-August 8th) and an Adult Pilgrimage to Rome for 5 nights, beginning October 22nd. All Pilgrimages are being organised jointly by the Dioceses of Achonry and Elphin. The Youth Pilgrimage also takes includes the neighbouring Dioceses of Clonfert and Galway. For further details please visit our Diocesan Website achonrydiocese.org All pilgrimages are organised by JWT Travel and can be booked through (01) 241 0800.

Good Friday Collection For The Holy Land - Thanks to all who donated. Donations can still be made.

Cemetery Masses 2025 – **Collooney**: 8.00 pm on Friday, August 1st / **Kilvarnet**: 8.00 pm on Wednesday, August 6th.

Please Return Trocaire Boxes - to Fr. Martin / Fr. Jim / the Parochial House as soon as is convenient. Last year the parish raised €2,128.84. Many thanks. Funds are used and overseen by the Irish Bishops to help the most needy in the Third World.

Deadline for submission of News items / Mass Intentions for the following weekend is 12.00 pm on the previous Wed.

Thought for the day: You pray for the poor and then you feed them. That's how prayer works (Pope Francis).

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Elphin & Achonry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025 under the leadership of Bishop Kevin Doran, Bishop of Elphin & Achonry from the **29th August to 4th September 2025**, departs from Ireland West Airport Knock. 5 nights in full board accommodation. Price from €969 - (single rooms available, supplement applies). **All bookings should be made through Joe Walsh Tours**: Tel: 01-241 0800 or Email: info@joewalshstours.ie. No booking is definite until a non-refundable deposit of €350 per person (plus insurance premium if applicable) is required at time of booking. Balances are due 12 weeks before departure. Pilgrims who would like to travel with the Special Assisted Section should apply to the Parish Office: Very. Rev. Ray Milton, Parochial House, St. Johns, Lecarrow, Co. Roscommon, F42 P840. Number: (090) 6661115. **The closing date for applications is Mon. 16th June.**

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.

Hospital / Nursing Home Visitation – If you (or a relative) are in hospital, or in a nursing home, and would like a visit please let Fr. Martin know. Visiting is subject to any restrictions that may be in place at any given time.

Beltra Country Market - is open every Saturday 10-12:30. Home baking, garden produce, fresh crepes and beautifully handcrafted gifts and cards are now available. The Tea Room is open 10-12 noon where you are assured of a warm welcome and chat. Free Parking. Beltra Hall F91 VX97. New members always welcome. *Please support your local market.*

Youth Pilgrimage to Italy - for the Jubilee Year for Achonry, Elphin, Galway & Clonfert dioceses 29 July to 8 Aug. (18 - 35's). Cost €995 p.p. Info & booking form on www.elphindiocese.ie

Jubilee Year Prayer - May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

'Live Life' National Youth Retreat at Knock Shrine. On May 8th students from all over the country will gather in Knock Shrine to celebrate the life of Donal Walsh and to reflect on his message - to 'Live Life!'. If you are interested in learning more about the day or registering a group please email youthministry@knockshrine.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.

Five Step Support Service - Are you affected by the misuse of alcohol or other drugs by another individual? *5 Step Support* can help you. It is a free, non-judgemental, one to one consultation service. It puts your needs and wellbeing first, helping you manage often stressful, difficult and emotional issues. If you would like further information please contact (071) 9150578 / (085) 875 9319 or email sligoleitrim@alcoholforum.com. You don't have to be addicted to suffer from addiction! '5-Step' is a free, one-to-one consultation service for any adult affected by the misuse of alcohol or other drugs by another individual, either family member or friend. '5-Step' recognises the impact that addiction has on everyone, including family members, friends and others. This could be physical and mental health, social life, finances, home life and employment. '5-Step' offers support, knowledge and guidance in helping to manage often confusing and emotional situations.

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.