



Collooney & Ballinacarrow (Kilvarnet) Parish Newsletter

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

Dec. 25th – Feast of the Nativity



Church of the Assumption, Collooney – Masses

Tues. 23rd 9.00 am Private Intention

Wed. 24th 8.00 pm Vigil Mass for Christmas Day

Thur. 25th 11.00 am Christmas Day Mass

Fri. 26th 10.00 am Mary Patricia Ward (Birthday Rem.)

Sat. 27th 8.00 pm Michael Haran & Parents Michael John & Evelyn & dec. fam. / Jim Meredith (Cloonamahon)

Pauline Mulane (30th Anniv.) & her brother John Joe who died 7th December.

Fechin and Evelyn McMorrow and deceased members of the McMorrow family

Sun. 28th 11.00 am Feast of the Holy Family

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

Wed. 24th 6.30 pm Vigil Mass for Christmas

Thur. 25th 9.30 am Christmas Day Mass

Sat. 27th 6.30 pm Private Intention

Sun. 28th 9.30 am Margaret (1st Anniv.) & Gerard Keane, Ropefield / Mary Fahey (2nd Anniv.)

Offertory (Dec. 20th & 21st) Many thanks for your ongoing generosity and support. It is much appreciated.

Ballinacarrow Church

Readers	6.30 pm	Wed. 24 th	Mary Coleman	9.30 am	Thur 25 th	Sinead Wims
	6.30 pm	Sat. 27 th	Peter Kearns	9.30 am	Sun. 28 th	Tommy McGrath
Ministers	6.30 pm	Sat. 20 th	Ellen Conway	9.30 am	Sun. 21 st	Mary Madden
Communion	6.30 pm	Sat. 24 th	Marian Nellany	9.30 am	Sun. 25 th	Martina Scanlon
	6.30 pm	Sat. 27 th	Mairead Burke	9.30 am	Sun. 28 th	Des Brett
Offertory Baskets: Dec.	6.30 pm Sat.		Seamus Hogge	9.30 am	Sun.	Pat Collery

Collooney Church

Readers	8.00 pm	Wed. 24 th	Patricia Armstrong	11.00 am	Thur. 25 th	Edward Mullin
	8.00 pm	Sat. 27 th	John Walsh	11.00 am	Sun. 28 th	Patricia Mc Cann
Ministers of	8.00 pm	Sat. 20 th	Mary McGinley	11.00 am	Sun. 21 st	Paddy Gilbin
Communion	8.00 pm	Wed. 24 th	Evelyn Marren	11.00 am	Thur 25 th	Kate Henry
	8.00 pm	Sat. 27 th	Kathleen White	11.00 am	Sun. 28 th	Rosemary Rogers

We remember in our prayers – the soul of Michael Nellany, Boston (formerly of St. Mary's Green) who has died in Boston. A Memorial Mass will be held at a later date. May he Rest in Peace.

From Jan 1st 2026 Collooney Vigil Mass will be at 6.45 pm. Sunday morning Mass will remain at 11.00 am.

St. Vincent de Paul Collection - was taken up recently. Donations can still be made. Envelopes available at exits

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

Mystery Visitor – in Collooney Church on Christmas morning, immediately after the 11.00 am Mass.

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>



Priests Christmas Collection – is being taken up at Christmas. An envelope for that purpose is in the Offertory Box of Envelopes. Loose Envelopes are also available at the exits. If paying by cheque please make payable as follows: **Offertory Collection A/C is Parish of Kilvarnet (Collooney). Priests' Offerings A/C is Collooney Parish Priest Wages**

Best wishes for a Happy and Peaceful Christmas to all parishioners and visitors. A very special *Cead Mile Failte* to all who have come home from abroad, or from our towns and cities, to spend Christmas at home with their families. Our thoughts and prayers will also be with those who, for one reason or another, cannot be with us at this special time - especially those who are in hospital or are confined to their homes by sickness or old age. Special thoughts go to the bereaved who are missing loved ones this Christmas. May the Christ child bless us all this Christmas and help us to face, with renewed faith and hope, the various challenges that may lie ahead in 2026.

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

Thought for the Day: Peace on Earth will come to stay only when we live Peace on Earth every day (H.S. Rice)

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



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

Pastoral Message from Bishop Doran – on progress on amalgamation of the 2 dioceses is available at the exit doors.

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.

Have Your Say about your Catholic School - *For Attention of Parents of children attending Primary Schools or have yet to start:* The Department of Education is currently conducting a Primary School Survey that will determine the future provision of Primary Schools and crucially could lead to lasting changes in your school. In simple, direct terms, you are being asked if you want your school to stay a Catholic school or if you want that to change. Don't leave it to others, have your say before 16 December 2025. See - <https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-education/campaigns/primary-school-survey/>

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

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.