



Collooney & Ballinacarrow (Kilvarnet) Parish Newsletter

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

Dec. 6th, 7th & 8th 2025 – Second Sunday of Advent / Feast of the Immaculate Conception



Church of the Assumption, Collooney – Masses

Sat. 6th 8.00 pm Pat McTiernan (1st Aniv), parents Paddy & Teresa & deceased of the McTiernan & Torsney fams

Sun. 7th 11.00 am Second Sunday of Advent / *First Communion Preparation Mass*

Mon. 8th 9.00 am *Feast of the Immaculate Conception* Jorgina Pereira & 7.00 pm *Feast of the Immaculate Conception*

Tue. 9th 9.00 am Brendan & Doreen Lang (Anniv.) Wed. 10th - Fri. 12th 9.00 am Private Intentions

Sat. 13th 8.00pm Michael Benson / Nuala & Joe Gallagher / John & Winfred Leydon

Sun. 14th 11.00 am Mary Queenan (1st Anniv.) / Second Sunday of Advent

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

Sat. 6th 6.30 pm Tom & Mai Fallon & deceased members of the Fallon & Keaney families /
Michael Clarke, Rathgran, Coolaney / Vinnie & Patrick Lavin, Lisaneena & dec family members.
Thomas (Tot) Anderson, Carrickbanagher & deceased of the Anderson family

Sun. 7th 9.30 am Second Sunday of Advent / *First Communion Preparation Mass*

Mon. 8th 10.00 am *Feast of the Immaculate Conception*

Sat. 13th 6.30 pm Gerard Keane & dec. members of the Keane family/
May & Gerard O'Donnell, Rinbane & dec. family members. Sun. 14th 9.30 am Private Intention

Offertory (Nov. 29th & 30th) Many thanks for your ongoing generosity and support. It is very much appreciated.

Ballinacarrow Church

Readers	6.30 pm	Sat. 6 th	Mary Coleman	9.30 am	Sun. 7 th	Tommy McGrath
	10.00 am	Mon. 8 th	Attracta Madden			
Ministers	6.30 pm	Sat. 13 th	Bernadette White	9.30 am	Sun. 14 th	Kiernan White
	6.30 pm	Sat. 6 th	Marian Nellany	9.30 am	Sun. 7 th	Martina Scanlon
	9.30 am	Mon. 8 th	Des Brett	6.30 pm	Mon. 8 th	Mairead Burke
Communion	6.30 pm	Sat. 13 th	Marian O'Donnell	9.30 am	Sun. 14 th	Mary Coleman
Offertory Baskets: Dec.	6.30 pm Sat.		Seamus Hogge	9.30 am	Sun.	Pat Collery

Collooney Church

Readers	8.00 pm	Sat. 6 th	Kate Henry	11.00 am	Sun. 7 th	Jacinta Walsh
	8.00 pm	Sat. 13 th	Edward Mullin	11.00 am	Sun. 14 th	Rosemary Rogers
Ministers of	8.00 pm	Sat. 6 th	Pasty Sweeney	11.00 am	Sun. 7 th	Marion McDermott
	8.00 pm	Sat. 13 th	Bernadette Morrisroe	11.00 am	Sun. 14 th	Martin Scanlon

We Remember in our Prayers – the soul of Mary Murtagh (née O'Connell) Castlebar, Collooney, and Lavagh who died during the week and whose funeral takes place on Sunday in Mullinabreena Church. May she 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.

Confessions – Ballinacarrow: Sun, Dec. 21st 4.15 pm – 5.00 pm (Fr. Davey). Collooney: 5.00 – 6.00 pm. (Fr. Davey)

Service of Carols & Readings – 5.00 pm Sunday, on December 14th (Collooney Church). Reception afterwards.

Conservation Update -can be found here: <https://www.churchtv.ie/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Conservation.pdf>

St. Vincent de Paul Annual Collection – takes place nationwide on Dec. 13th & 14th in all Churches. Special SVDP envelopes are available in the Churches. Please take one home and return it on the day. All monies raised locally will be used to help the needy within the locality. Collooney SVDP – can be contacted on (087) 1868494.

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.

Collooney-Ballinacarrow Christmas Cards – are now on sale in Coolaney and Ballinacarrow churches.

Thanks – to all who attended the clean-up of Collooney Church on Tuesday. Great work was done. Well done to all. Thanks, also, to those who decorated the two churches so very well. Your work is very much appreciated.

General Cleanup of Ballinacarrow Church for Christmas. Wed. Dec. 10th at 7.00 pm All help appreciated.

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

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>



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

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

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/>

Beltra Country Christmas Market - are at Skreen Dromard Community centre every Saturday morning in December. We are open 10:00 - 1:00. Orders are now being taken for Christmas cakes, puddings, mince pies and Christmas crafts. Come and see our wonderful display of Cakes, treats and handcrafted gifts. You are assured of a warm welcome. Please support your local market.

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

Ballinacarrow Development Committee – are holding a Quiz Night on Saturday, November 29th at 9.00 pm in Ballinacarrow Community. Raffle and Prizes on offer. All welcome.

New 5-week Adult Fitness Programme starting Tue Nov. 11th in Ballinacarrow Community Centre 7.00 – 8.00 pm. Cost: €30 for 5 weeks. The fitness programme is designed for adults (over 18yrs) of all fitness levels, men and women welcome, and offers a fun, supportive environment to get active, build strength, and improve overall fitness. The sessions will include a mix of strength, cardio, and mobility exercises, perfect for anyone looking to get moving and feel healthier in a friendly group setting. For more info. or to register call Mairead (087) 961 5023 or Weronica (086) 813 1773.

December at the Fr Peyton Centre, Attymass, Ballina Co. Mayo F26 X884

One Day retreat Saturday, December 6th, Advent - Prepare the Way of the Lord. Join us to explore the journey through Advent. Beginning at 11am and concluding at 4.30pm. The day includes spiritual talks, reflection, quiet time, rosary and Mass. The cost is €25, which includes tea, coffee on arrival & light lunch. Booking is essential. For enquiries and booking contact Fina (096) 45374 / (087) 681 6821.

Guided Prayer Afternoon on Thursday, December 11th from 2pm to 4.30pm. The afternoon will include: rosary, meditation, silent time and Mass. For information contact: Fina (096) 45374 / (087) 681 6821.

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.

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.