



Collooney & Ballinacarrow (Kilvarnet) Parish Newsletter

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

April 5th & 6th 2025 – Fifth Sunday of Lent



Church of the Assumption, Collooney – Masses

Sat. 5 th 8.00 pm	Maureen & Tommy Mullen
Sun. 6 th 11.00 am	Fifth Sunday of Lent / People of the Parish Community
Mon. 7 th - Thur. 10 th 9.00 am	Private Intentions
Fri. 11 th 9.00am	John, Julia & Padraig McGarry
Sat. 12 th 8.00 pm	Liam Flynn, Church View (4 th Anniv.) / Christina Gunning, Lisanenna (6 th Anniv.) / John Farrell, Kiernan Ave. & dec members of Farrell & Neary families
Sun. 13 th 11.00 am	Bernard Mullen (Month's Mind) / Palm Sunday

LENT
Pray + Fast + Give

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

Sat. 5 th 6.30 pm	Private Intention	Sun. 6 th 9.30 am	Private Intention
Sat. 12 th 6.30 pm	Michael, Maria, Patrick & Dorothy Faney, Finlough	Sun. 13 th 9.30 am	Palm Sunday

Offertory Collection (March 29th & 30th): Many thanks for your ongoing generosity and support. Much appreciated.

Ballinacarrow Church

Readers	6.30 pm	Sat. 5 th	Mary Coleman	9.30 am	Sun. 6 th	Tommy Mc Grath
	6.30 pm	Sat. 12 th	Sharon Callaghan	9.30 am	Sun. 13 th	Tony Bolton
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.30 pm	Sat. 5 th	Marian O'Donnell	9.30 am	Sun. 6 th	Mary Madden
	6.30 pm	Sat. 12 th	Marian Nellaney	9.30 am	Sun. 13 th	Martina Scanlon
Offertory Baskets: April.	6.30 pm	Sat.	Michael Frizzell	9.30 am	Sun.	Liam Coleman

Collooney Church

Readers	8.00 pm	Sat. 5 th	Edward Mullin	11.00 am	Sun. 6 th	Rosemary Rogers
	8.00 pm	Sat. 12 th	Bernadette Morrisroe	11.00 am	Sun. 13 th	Ann Nellany
Ministers of the Eucharist:	8.00 pm	Sat. 5 th	Roseleen Wynne	11.00 am	Sun. 6 th	Martin Scanlon
	8.00 pm	Sat. 12 th	Marie O'Connell	11.00 am	Sun. 13 th	Patricia McCann

The Stations of the Cross - will be prayed in Collooney Church every Wednesday morning after 9.00 am daily Mass.

First Saturday Devotions – continue on Saturday, April 5th in Collooney Church (7.00 – 7.50 pm). Confession available.

All Eucharistic Ministers - are asked to be present on Holy Thursday night to renew their Commitment to serve as Ministers

Collooney Passion Play - will be staged again this year on Good Friday, following the huge success of last year's event. Rehearsals continue on Monday, April 7th at 8.00 pm in Collooney Church. All are welcome to get involved.

If you would like to read - at the Easter Ceremonies please advise Fr. Martin.

A Technical Problem – has occurred with the parish house land line (071) 9167235. Mobile calls from *Vodafone* customers are not getting through. Seemingly, this has been an issue for some time but has only been noticed recently. *Eir* are working on the issue. In the meantime, please be patient. Fr. Martin can be also contacted on his mobile number.

Collooney Village Redevelopment Ltd (CVR Ltd) - are holding their AGM on 22nd April at 8pm in the "Junior School" (beside the Health Centre). The current committee members are standing down and it is imperative that a new committee is formed to prevent the Playground, which is NOT council owned, from possible closure. There will be no LOTTO until further notice.

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.**

Public Meeting for Residents of Ballinacarrow & Surrounding Areas – on Tuesday, April 8th at 8.30 pm in the Community Centre. Meeting is to inform of various funding avenues. Available to the village which would benefit all.

Brief Meeting - after 11.00 am Mass on Sunday, April 6th to discuss Easter Ceremonies and the Maria Goretti Novena.

Collooney Church Easter Cleanup – takes place at 11.00 am on Wednesday, April 9th.

Daffodil Day 2025 - Thank you to all who helped with the recent Daffodil Day fundraiser. To the collectors and to the contributors, to the Post Office (McKim's), Centra (Cecil's) and the Junction (Fallon's) all of whom allowed the collection to take place on their premises. Total amount raised was €3,496.11.

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

Thought for the day: Everyone smiles in the same language. So, no communication excuses! (George Carlin)

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

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.

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.

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.*

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.

Ballinacarrow School Band - St. Patrick's Day 2025 will mark the 50th year of the school band. Volunteers are needed to help arrange a celebratory event. For more information email band50@ballinacarrowns.ie

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.

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.