



Collooney & Ballinacarrow (Kilvarnet) Parish Newsletter

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

May 17th & 18th 2025 – Fifth Sunday of Easter



Church of the Assumption, Collooney – Masses

Sat. 17 th	8.00 pm	Raymond Mullen (38 th Anniv.) / Michael Leydon, Church View (8 th Anniv.)
Sun. 18 th	11.00 am	Josephine & Johnny Mc Gonigle / Mick White, Kiernan Ave & Stephine White-Conlon (Aniv)
Mon. 19 th - Fri. 23 rd	9.00 am	Private Intentions (including People of the Parish Community)
Sat. 24 th	8.00 pm	Thomas & Bridget Kerins, Carickbanagher / Tess Lang, Union (Anniv.) / Michael O'Connor, London / Bridie & Paddy Taheny and their son, Joseph, St. Mary's Green / Thomas & Kathleen O'Connor, Ardcurley
Sun. 25 th	11.00 am	Seán McCann (19 th Anniv.) & dec. of McCann & Mattimoe families.

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

Sat. 17 th	6.30 pm	Maura Fahey, Thomas & Josephine Fahey & dec. members of the Fahey, Williams & Tahney fam. Bridget & James Collis, Michael, Gerard, Mary, Annie, Angela, Teresa, Seamus, Paddy Joe, John, Tommie, Susan & Bernadette Collis.
Sun. 18 th	9.30 am	Private Intention
Sat. 24 th	6.30 am	Private Intention
Sun. 25 th	9.30 am	Private Intention

Offertory Collection (May 10th & 11th) - Many thanks for your ongoing generosity and support. Much appreciated.

Ballinacarrow Church

Readers	6.30 pm	Sat. 17 th	Caitriona Coleman	9.30 am	Sun. 18 th	Attracta Madden
	6.30 pm	Sat. 24 th	Sharon Callaghan	9.30 am	Sun. 25 th	Tony Bolton
Ministers of Communion	6.30 pm	Sat. 17 th	Marian Nellaney	9.30 am	Sun. 18 th	Mary Madden
	6.30 pm	Sat. 24 th	Ellen Conway	9.30 am	Sun. 25 th	Martina Scanlon
Offertory Baskets: May.	6.30 pm	Sat.	Dermot O'Grady	9.30 am	Sun.	Ciarán Duibhír

Collooney Church

Readers	8.00 pm	Sat. 17 th	Kate Henry	11.00 am	Sun. 18 th	Rosemary Rogers
	8.00 pm	Sat. 24 th	John Walsh	11.00 am	Sun. 25 th	Patricia Mc Cormack
Ministers of Communion:	8.00 pm	Sat. 17 th	Sheila Gray	11.00 am	Sun. 18 th	Edward Mullin
	8.00 pm	Sat. 24 th	Pasty Sweeney	11.00 am	Sun. 25 th	Paddy Gilbin

We remember - the soul of **Nora Healy**, Carna, Co. Galway, mother of Conor Healy, Cloonacurra (died on May 4th). R.I.P.

Congratulations - to the children from **Ballinacarrow N.S.** who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday morning. Wishing God's Blessings on all. Thanks to all who prepared them so well and all involved in their formation.

Recent Works at Ballinacarrow Church – have included the erection of a mesh fence (and gate) around the oil tank, replacing missing slates, cleaning gutters and gullies, cleaning out of the old sacristy and repairing and restoring the statue of St. Patrick. All of these works are made possible due to your great generosity and support. Many thanks.

Thanks to all the volunteers - who do so much work in both churches. Your work does not go unnoticed and is much appreciated by everyone. May God reward you for your good deeds.

Collooney Church Clock – is being refurbished and repaired. The faces and hands are being cleaned and painted. A new electronic mechanism is being installed in the tower. The original cog-wheel mechanism is away being cleaned and will be returned in working order and put on display in the church. The new electronic clock mechanism will allow for an hourly chime, for the angelus bell to sound twice a day and, also, Mass and funeral bells. The project, which is separate from the Church Conservation project, is funded by a donor in honour of their deceased loved ones. We are very indebted to them for their generosity and, indeed, to all who contribute to the various separate church collections. It is hoped to have the clock up and running before the Novena begins.

Short Meeting to Organise the Maria Goretti Novena – takes place after 11.00 am Mass on Sunday, June 8th in Collooney Church. New volunteers are always welcome, so please do come alone.

Please Return Trocaire Boxes - to Fr. Martin / Fr. Jim / the Parochial House as soon as is convenient.

Catechism of the Catholic Church – Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on Sat. May 31st with Fr. John Harris O.P. (Provincial of the Irish Dominicans). For more info. - contact Mairin on (087) 7950325 or visit www.catechism.ie.

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

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

Thought for the day: Don't watch the clock; do what it does. Keep going..... (Sam Levenson)

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

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.

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.

Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass - Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 9.30am to 5.30pm. The Centre will be opened on Saturdays from 10th May until the 27th September from 12.00pm until 5.00pm. Tel: 096-45374. Fr. Peyton Mission Office, Main Street Knock, F12 Y8 H2. Opening Hours: Wednesday till Sunday 10am- 3pm

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

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.

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

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.**

Jubilee Pilgrimages - 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 organised jointly by the Dioceses of Achonry and Elphin. All pilgrimages are organised by JWT Travel and can be booked through (01) 241 0800.

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.

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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.