



Collooney & Ballinacarrow (Kilvarnet) Parish Newsletter

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

December 14th & 15th 2024 – Third Sunday of Advent



Church of the Assumption, Collooney – Masses

Sat. 14th 8.00 pm Martin Corcoran (1st Anniv.) / Patrick & Elizabeth (Lil) Corcoran, their sons Martin & Paul, great grandchildren Brian & Evanna / Michael Benson / Kathleen & Gerry, Mary & Thomas, Dermot & Marian O'Grady
Sun. 15th 11.00 am Michael & Elizabeth Flynn, Main Street. Sun. 15th 5.00 pm Christmas Carol Service
Mon. 16th – Fri. 20th 9.00 am Private Intentions
Sat. 21st 8.00 pm Josephine Lavin (nee Meredith) Sun. 22nd 11.00 am People of the Parish Community

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

Sat. 14th 6.30 pm Gerard Keane & dec. members of Keane family/May & Gerard O'Donnell dec. family members
Sun. 15th 9.30 am Private Intention
Sat. 21st 6.30 pm Bridget & John Faney, Finlough / Peter & Kathleen Lavin / Joe, Brendan & Frank Lavin (Anniv)
Sun. 22nd 9.30 am Private Intention

Offertory Collections (Dec. 7th & 8th): Many thanks for your ongoing generosity and support. It is much appreciated.
Christmas Collection – will be taken up on December 24th & 25th. If contributing by cheque please make payable to Parish of Kilvarnet (Collooney) for Offertory Collection & Collooney Parish Priests Wages A/C for Clergy collection.

Ballinacarrow Church

Readers	6.30 pm Sat. 14 th	Grainne Davey	9.30 am Sun. 15 th	Tommy Mc Grath
	6.30 pm Sat. 21 st	Mary Muldoon	9.30 am Sun. 22 nd	Mary Coleman
Ministers of the Eucharist:	6.30 pm Sat. 14 th	Marian Nellany	9.30 am Sun. 15 th	Mary Coleman
	6.30 pm Sat. 21 st	Ellen Conway	9.30 am Sun. 22 nd	Martina Scanlon
Offertory Baskets: Dec.	6.30 pm Sat.	Pat Collery	9.30 am Sun.	Seamus Hogge

Collooney Church

Readers	8.00 pm Sat. 14 th	Patricia Armstrong	11.00 am Sun. 15 th	Jacinta Walsh
	8.00 pm Sat. 21 st	Edward Mullin	11.00 am Sun. 22 nd	Ann Nellany
Ministers of the Eucharist:	8.00 pm Sat. 14 th	Sheila Gray	11.00 am Sun. 15 th	Patricia McCann
	8.00 pm Sat. 21 st	Chris O'Grady	11.00 am Sun. 22 nd	Paddy Giblin

We remember in our Prayers – the soul of **Pat McTiernan**, Ard cotton, who was buried on Saturday. Rest in Peace.

Many thanks - to all the volunteers who decorated Collooney Church so very well over the last few days.

St. Vincent de Paul Annual Collection – was taken up nationwide last weekend (Dec. 7th & 8th). Thank you for your support. Donations can still be made. Envelopes for this purpose are available at the back of the churches.

Parish Christmas Mass Bouquets – are on sale after Masses in Collooney & Ballinacarrow Churches.

Mystery Visitor in Collooney Church on Christmas morning - immediately after the 11.00 am Mass. All the young (and not so young!) are equally welcome to meet him. This will be his very last stop before returning to the north pole!

Thanks – to all who helped with the Collooney Church Clean-Up on Saturday. Ballinacarrow's cleanup is at 7.30 on 18th

Service of Carols & Readings – Collooney Church – 5.00 pm on Sunday, December 15th

Ballinacarrow Church Clean-Up: 7.30 pm on Wednesday, December 18th

Carol Service – Ballinacarrow Church – 5.00 pm on Sunday, December 22nd

To Guarantee Mass Intentions - being included in the next newsletter, they should be requested two weeks in advance.

Church Envelopes for 2025 - are available for collection at the back of both Churches. Thanks for your support.

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

Christmas Confessions & Masses

Saturday 21st December - Confessions 11.00 am -12.00 pm. Ballinacarrow (Fr. Jim) / Collooney (Fr. Martin)

Monday 23rd December - Confessions 5.00 pm - 6.00 pm. Ballinacarrow (Fr. Martin) / Collooney (Fr. Jim)

Tuesday 24th December (Christmas Eve) - Christmas Eve. Masses: Ballinacarrow 6.30 pm / Collooney 8.00 pm

Wednesday 25th December (Christmas Day) - Morning Masses: Ballinacarrow 9.30 am / Collooney 11.00 am

Ballinacarrow 2025 Calendars – in aid of Ballinacarrow NS Band on sale after Masses in Ballinacarrow. You can also order by calling (087) 7932306. The Band is celebrating its Golden Anniversary this year. Well done to all.

Thought for the Day: What if Christmas doesn't come from a store? What if Christmas means a little bit more !!

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

Collooney Church – will close at 5 pm each evening during the winter months.

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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 15 mins from Sligo Town on the N59 Wild Atlantic Way between Ballisodare and Skreen, County Sligo. Every Saturday 10am to 12;30 midday, selling home baked goods, savoury delights, seasonal plants and vegetables, preserves, eggs and quality crafts. Come along and support your local market - New members are always welcome

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

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Confessions available – after each Mass or by appointment.

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.

5 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 which puts your needs and wellbeing first, helping you manage often stressful, difficult and emotional issues. For 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!

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.

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.

See Parish Christmas Mass Bouquets below

Pack of 4 mixed: €10.00

Individual cards: €3.00 each

Available after weekend Masses in Collooney & Ballinacarrow and from the Parochial House.

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Christmas Blessings



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