



Collooney & Ballinacarrow (Kilvarnet) Parish Newsletter

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

April 25th & 26th 2026 – Fourth Sunday of Easter – Day of Prayer for Vocations



Church of the Assumption, Collooney – Masses

Sat. 25th 6.45 pm Nuala & Joe Gallagher / Evelyn McMorrogh, Main Street, Collooney (10th Anniv)/ Sheila Gallagher
 Sun. 26th 11.00 am People of the Parish Community
 Mon. 27th / Fri. 01st 9.00 am Private Intentions
 Sat. 2nd 6.45 pm Robert Anderson & dec. of Anderson family, Carrickbanagher / Baby & Mick Nellany/
 Mary & Malachy O’Connell / Gabriel Walsh, St. Mary’s Green, Collooney
 Sun. 3rd 11.00 am Michael Leydon

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

Sat. 25th 6.30 pm Private Intentions Sun. 26th 9.30 am Fourth Sunday of Easter
 Sat. 2nd 6.30 pm Private Intentions Sun. 3rd 9.30 am Fifth Sunday of Easter

Offertory (April 18th & 19th) - Many thanks for your ongoing generosity and support. It is much appreciated.

Ballinacarrow Church

Readers	6.30 pm	Sat. 25 th	Bernadette White	9.30 am	Sun. 26 th	Mary Muldoon
	6.30 pm	Sat. 2 nd	Caitriona Coleman	9.30 am	Sun. 3 rd	Sinead Wims
Ministers of Communion	6.30 pm	Sat. 25 th	Mairead Burke	9.30 am	Sun. 26 th	Mary Madden
	6.30 pm	Sat. 2 nd	Marian Nellany	9.30 am	Sun. 3 rd	Des Brett
Offertory Baskets: May	6.30 pm	Sat.	Dermot O’Grady	9.30 am	Sun.	Ciarán Duibhír

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Readers	6.45 pm	Sat. 25 th	Patricia Armstrong	11.00 am	Sun. 26 th	Stuart Fallon
	6.45 pm	Sat. 2 nd	Kate Henry	11.00 am	Sun. 3 rd	Jacinta Walsh
Ministers of Communion	6.45 pm	Sat. 25 th	Marie O’Connell	11.00 pm	Sun. 26 th	Rosemary Rogers
	6.45 pm	Sat. 2 nd	Mary Doherty	11.00 pm	Sun. 3 rd	Martin Scanlon

We Remember in our Prayers – the soul of Adrian Benton, Ballinacarrow whose funeral took place on Friday. R.I.P.

Ballinacarrow Community Centre: An AGM committee meeting on 27th April at 8.30 pm in the hall. All welcome.

The St Nathy’s Cemetery Committee - would like to sincerely thank all those that have contributed to the *Path Resurfacing Fund* to date. So far, just over €5,000 has been collected, which is the half way point to reaching our target. It is hoped to organise the resurfacing work during early June, so we would encourage any other families that wish to be associated with this really important project, to get their contributions in. For information, the average payment level has been €100 per family. If contributing by bank transfer please reference the family plot name. Bank details: **IBAN:IE03 AIBK 93725821591039, BIC: AIBKIE2D**

Please Return Trocaire Boxes - to Fr. Martin / Fr. Jim / the Parochial House as soon as is convenient. Last year the parish raised €2,110.29. Many thanks. Funds are used and overseen by the Irish Bishops to help in the Third World.

Cemetery Masses 2026 – Collooney: 8.00 pm on Friday, July 31st / **Kilvarnet:** 8.00 pm on Wednesday, August 5th.

Well Done – to all the boys and girls from Collooney and Ballinacarrow who were confirmed on Thursday last. Also, to those who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday. Wishing God’s Blessings to all at this very special time.

Saturday Devotions – continue next Saturday (May 2nd) before the evening Mass 5.45 pm – 6.35 pm. All are welcome.

Dioceses of Achonry & of Elphin Pilgrimage to Lourdes - will take place from 28th August, 2026 to the 2nd September inclusive, under the leadership of Bishop Kevin Doran. Pilgrimage Highlights includes Mass at the Grotto, Torchlight and Blessed Sacrament Processions, Anointing of the Sick, Water Ceremony. Flights ex Knock Airport. **All booking in relation to the Pilgrimage can be directed to Joe Walsh Tours (JWT) at 016852244 or email info@joewalshstours.ie** The Pilgrimage includes the **Assisted Pilgrim Section**. Those who travel as part of the Assisted Pilgrim Section will stay in Accueil Notre Dame, which is situated near the Grotto and Sanctuary area. They will be cared for by the Diocesan Pilgrimage Care Team whilst in Lourdes. Application forms for the Assisted Pilgrim Section and full details are available from Very Rev. Ray Milton, P.P., Pilgrimage Director, St. John’s, Lecarrow, Co. Roscommon. (Telephone – 090 6661115). Closing date for receipt of Application Forms is 11th June.

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

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

Thought for the Day – The Good Shepherd calls you by name – listen, trust and follow into life.

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

Those St. Lassara's NS, Ballinacarrow: are now enrolling for September, 2026. Please contact the school on 071 9130350 / 086 7932306 or email office@ballinacarrowns.ie.

Anyone in hospital / a nursing home - who would like a visit, please let Fr. Martin know.

St Nathys Cemetery - Significant work has been achieved by the local cemetery committee in keeping the area to a high standard and during 2025 two different schemes that were applied for, resulted in much needed resurfacing works, both outside and inside the grounds. The Cemetery Committee wish to acknowledge the help of Sligo County Council, and the local area councillors that participated in assigning some of their annual discretionary funding to the fantastic work achieved.

The next project that is hoped to be achieved is to lay tarmac on each of the side paths in the new area of the Cemetery. However this will require significant work behind the scenes and with sixteen paths to be done will need a lot of co-operation in gathering the funding to attain this goal. The ask is to gather €1200 per path so if we could get contributions of €50 to €100 per Gravestone it would be really appreciated. The intention is to ask a volunteer from each row to spearhead their respective paths in order to make this project manageable. Offers of help or contributions can be made to Joe Corcoran on 087 2604494. A full account of this work will be reported in due course.

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.

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.

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.