



## Collooney & Ballinacarrow (Kilvarnet) Parish Newsletter

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

February 28<sup>th</sup> & March 1<sup>st</sup> 2026 – Second Sunday of Lent



### Church of the Assumption, Collooney – Masses

Sat. 28 <sup>th</sup> 6.45 pm	Michael Lavin & all the deceased of the Lavin family / Paddy Jennings & Frances Breslin
Sun. 1 <sup>st</sup> 11.00 am	Second Sunday of Lent
Mon. 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Fri. 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am Private Intentions
Sat. 7 <sup>th</sup> 6.45 pm	Joe Hargadon & dec. members of Hargadon & Brady families / Mairead Flynn / Pearse Ewing (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniv.) & Nora Ewing (5 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.) / Marie Lang, Knockbeg (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv.)
Sun. 8 <sup>th</sup> 11.00 am	Mairead Flynn / John Taheny, Union (11 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

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

Sat. 28 <sup>th</sup> 6.30 pm	Martin Culkin, Dromore West, (15 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.)
Sun. 1 <sup>st</sup> 9.30 am	Second Sunday of Lent
Sat. 7 <sup>th</sup> 6.30 pm	Robbie & Frank Anderson & dec. family members
Sun. 8 <sup>th</sup> 9.30 am	Third Sunday of Lent

(Offertory) Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> - Many thanks for your ongoing generosity and support. It is much appreciated.

### Ballinacarrow Church

<b>Readers</b> 6.30 pm	Sat. 28 <sup>th</sup> Bernadette White	9.30 am	Sun. 1 <sup>st</sup> Mary Coleman
6.30 pm	Sat. 7 <sup>th</sup> Caitriona Coleman	9.30 am	Sun. 8 <sup>th</sup> Sinead Wims
<b>Ministers of Communion</b> 6.30 pm	Sat. 28 <sup>th</sup> Ellen Conway	9.30 am	Sun. 1 <sup>st</sup> Mary Madden
6.30 pm	Sat. 7 <sup>th</sup> Marian Nellaney	9.30 am	Sun. 8 <sup>th</sup> Martina Scanlon
<b>Offertory Baskets: Mar.</b> 6.30 pm	Sat. Al White	9.30 am	Sun. Johnny O'Donnell

### Collooney Church

<b>Readers</b> 6.45 pm	Sat. 28 <sup>th</sup> Patricia Armstrong	11.00 am	Sun. 1 <sup>st</sup> Stuart Fallon
6.45 pm	Sat. 7 <sup>th</sup> Kate Henry	11.00 am	Sun. 8 <sup>th</sup> Jacinta Walsh
<b>Ministers of Communion</b> 6.45 pm	Sat. 28 <sup>th</sup> Evelyn Marren	11.00 pm	Sun. 1 <sup>st</sup> Kate Henry
6.45 pm	Sat. 7 <sup>th</sup> Kathleen White	11.00 pm	Sun. 8 <sup>th</sup> Rosemary Rogers

**We remember in our Prayers** – those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur. At this time.

**The Stations of the Cross** - will be prayed in Collooney Church every Wednesday morning (after the Rosary) throughout the Season of Lent after daily 9.00 am Mass. All are welcome.

**World Day of Prayer:** Will take place in Holy Trinity Church, Ballisodare, on Fri. 6<sup>th</sup> March at 8.00 pm. Refreshments afterwards. All are very welcome.

**The Way of Gentleness** *A Lenten Faith Enrichment Journey* - takes place on Mondays at 8 pm in St. Patrick's Church, Strandhill on March 2<sup>nd</sup> / March 9<sup>th</sup> & March 23<sup>rd</sup>. All are welcome.

**Lenten Trocaire Boxes** - are available at the church exits. Please consider taking one home.

**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>



**First Confessions:** Tue., March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10.00 am in Collooney Church for Collooney N.S.

Wed. March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7.00 pm in Ballinacarrow Church for Ballinacarrow N.S. We wish all the children God's blessings

**Confirmation** – takes place in the parish at 11.00 am on Thursday, April 23. Wishing God's Blessings to the children.

**St Nathy's Cemetery:** The Committee continue to work on building a fund to make path improvements and wish to thank those who have already contributed. If people wish to donate using a bank transfer please use the following dedicated account for this purpose. Please ensure to put a name for reference with the payment.

AIB Bank St Nathy's Cemetery IBAN IE03 AIBK 93725821591039

**Tax Rebate Scheme** – brought in a very significant amount for the year 2024. If you donate to the church and pay tax and did not sign a CHY3 form since 2022, please consider doing so now. Forms (along with an explanatory note) are available at the exit doors. The scheme does not affect your tax liability in any way.

**Lenten Scripture Initiative** – *The Gospel of Matthew*: for all dates and venues - <https://achonrydiocese.org/matthew>

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

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

**Thought for the Day:** Apart from the cross, there is no other ladder by which we may go to heaven (Saint Rose of Lima)

**Additional news items** - are available on the online Newsletter. See [www.kilvarnetparish.com/newsletters](http://www.kilvarnetparish.com/newsletters)

**Ballintogher Feis** - Music, Song & Story - Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March in Ballintogher Enterprise Centre (F91 C2 HT). Music at 10am followed by singing & storytelling. See full programme & details

- [ballintogherfest.ie](http://ballintogherfest.ie) & [ceolnagogorchestra.com](http://ceolnagogorchestra.com). Enquiries – (087) 6645509 / (086) 2435653.

**Annual Achonry Pioneer Dinner Dance** - will be held on Fri. 20<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm at *The Yeats County Inn*, Curry. Contact Thomas at 087-2344338 for tickets at €40. If due to receive a silver/gold/diamond Pioneer Pin advise Thomas.

**St. Lassara's NS, Ballinacarrow:** are now enrolling for September, 2026. Please contact the school on 071 9130350 / 086 7932306 or email [office@ballinacarrows.ie](mailto:office@ballinacarrows.ie).

**Those 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](http://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.

**You don't have to be addicted** - to suffer from addiction! **M-PACT** (Moving Parents & Children Together) is a free eight-week family programme that (i) supports all family members affected by parental substance misuse and (ii) helps to improve relationships, communication and recovery for all. If interested, or would like further information, please contact (071) 9150578 / (085) 875 9313 or email [sligoleitrim@alcoholforum.com](mailto:sligoleitrim@alcoholforum.com)