



Collooney & Ballinacarrow (Kilvarnet) Parish Newsletter

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

April 19th & 20th 2025 – Easter Sunday



Church of the Assumption, Collooney – Masses

Sat. 19 th	8.00 pm	Easter Vigil Mass
Sun. 20 th	11.00 am	Easter Sunday
Mon. 21 st	10.00 am*	Ray Mc Tierney (1 st Anniversary) *(Note later time)
Tues. 22 nd - Fri 25 th	9.00 am	Private Intentions
Sat. 26 th	8.00 pm	Sheila Gallagher, Collooney (3 rd Anniv.) / Nuala Gallagher / Kathleen & Michael Flynn, Main St., Collooney
Sun. 27 th	11.00 am	John O'Connor, Boyle Rd. / Siobhán Finan (2 nd Anniv.)



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

Sat. 19 th	-----	No Mass	Sun. 20 th	9.30 am	Easter Sunday
Sat. 26 th	6.30 pm	Esther McGrath	Sun. 21 st	9.30 am	Private Intention

Offertory Collection (March 12th & 13th): Many thanks for your ongoing generosity and support. Much appreciated.

Ballinacarrow Church

Readers	6.30 pm	Sat. 19 th	No Mass	9.30 am	Sun. 20 th	Kiernan White
	6.30 pm	Sat. 26 th	Caitriona Coleman	9.30 am	Sun. 27 th	Mary Coleman
Ministers of Communion	6.30 pm	Sat. 19 th	No Mass	9.30 am	Sun. 20 th	Des Brett
	6.30 pm	Sat. 26 th	Ellen Conway	9.30 am	Sun. 27 th	Mary Madden
Offertory Baskets: April.	6.30 pm	Sat.	Michael Frizzell	9.30 am	Sun.	Liam Coleman

Collooney Church

Readers	8.00 pm	Sat. 19 th	John Walsh ++	11.00 am	Sun. 20 th	Patricia McCormack
	8.00 pm	Sat. 26 th	Patricia Armstrong	11.00 am	Sun. 27 th	Patricia McCann
Ministers of Communion:	8.00 pm	Sat. 19 th	Paddy Gilbin	11.00 am	Sun. 20 th	Pasty Sweeney /Mary Doherty
	8.00 pm	Sat. 26 th	Mary Nicholson	11.00 am	Sun. 27 th	Kate Henry

We remember in our Prayers: The soul of **Liam Payne** Rathscanlon, Tubbercurry and formerly of Doorla, Collooney who was buried on Wednesday last. May he Rest in Peace.

Thanks to the Ministers of Holy Communion - in both churches who renewed their vows on Holy Thursday. Your dedication and ministry is very much appreciated in our parish community.

Priests Easter Collection – is being taken up at Masses this weekend. It is one of four such collections in the year. A purple envelope is included in the box of offertory envelopes for this purpose. Loose envelopes are available in both churches for those who do not use the offertory envelope system. If paying by cheque, please make it payable to *Collooney Parish Priests Wages*. Many thanks for your ongoing generosity & support. It is much appreciated.

A Huge Big Thank You – to all who cleaned and decorated our churches for Easter. What a great job was done in both churches. Well done to the very dedicated and hardworking teams in Ballinacarrow and Collooney.

Good Friday Collection For The Holy Land - It is a universal custom that a collection for the Holy Places is taken up on Good Friday. The plight of Christians in the Holy Land is becoming more difficult and their numbers have reduced significantly & worryingly. Collections are up taken world-wide on Good Friday to support churches and Christians of the Holy Land at a time of great need for them. Thanks to all who donated. Donations can still be made.

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

Please Return Trocaire Boxes - to Fr. Martin / Fr. Jim / the Parochial House as soon as is convenient. Last year the parish raised significant funds. Thank You. Funds are used and overseen by the Irish Bishops to help the most needy in the Third World

Thanks - to all who attended and who helped out in any way with the Holy Week and Easter ceremonies.

Passion Play 2025 – A Huge Thanks to all who participated in, and who helped out with, the Good Friday Passion Play. What a wonderful production it was. Thanks to one and all for the commitment and hard work.

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.

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

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

Thought for the day: The great gift of Easter is Hope (Cardinal Basil Hume).

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

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.**

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.

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.*

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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.

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.

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.