

Balyna Parish Newsletter

St Mary's, Broadford- St Patrick's, Johnstownbridge- St Brigid's, Clogherinkoe

The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ- 24/25 December 2025

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Masses this Week:

Please note that times can be changed at short notice because of funerals!

Wednesday 24 December (Christmas Eve)	Broadford Johnstownbridge Clogherinkoe Broadford	8:30am-10:00am (Morning prayer followed by Confession) 4:00pm Mass 6:00pm Mass 8:00pm Mass
Thursday 25 December (Christmas Day)	Clogherinkoe Johnstownbridge Broadford	8:00am Mass 9:30am Mass 11:00am Mass
Friday 26 December		No Mass
Saturday 27 December	Clogherinkoe	6:00pm Mass
Sunday 28 December	Johnstownbridge Broadford	9:30am Mass 11:00am Mass
Tuesday 30 December		No Mass
Wednesday 31 December	Broadford Broadford	10:00am Mass 7:00pm-8:00pm (Holy Hour)
Thursday 1 January	Broadford Broadford	9:00am (Morning Prayer) 12:00 Noon (Mass for Peace)
Friday 2 January	Broadford Broadford	9:30am-10:00am (Confession) 10:00am Mass
Saturday 3 January	Clogherinkoe	6:00pm Mass
Sunday 4 January	Johnstownbridge Broadford	9:30am Mass 11:00am Mass
Tuesday 6 January (Feast of the Epiphany)	Johnstownbridge Broadford Clogherinkoe	9:30am Mass 11:00am Mass 7:30pm Mass
Wednesday 7 January	Clogherinkoe	10:00am Mass
Thursday 8 January	Johnstownbridge	10:00am Mass
Friday 9 January	Broadford	7:30pm Mass
Saturday 10 January	Clogherinkoe	6:00pm Mass
Sunday 11 January	Johnstownbridge Broadford	9:30am Mass 11:00am Mass

Parish Office Christmas Schedule

The Parish Office will close from Wednesday the 24th of December and will reopen on Monday the 5th of January.

Sincere Thanks

Dear Friends, as this will be the final newsletter of 2025, I take the opportunity to wish you all every joy and blessing for the Christmas season. May Christ be born in your homes, your workplaces, your families and in your own hearts. 2025 was a Jubilee Year--literally a year to blow the trumpet and to find new ways to celebrate life and freedom. While recent events, both on the home front and on an international level, may leave us disillusioned as we end this year of hope, still the call of those Jubilee trumpets is to make the decision on an individual and community level to become hope for our world, in small and significant ways.

Thanks to you who hear that call and continue to answer it! Thanks to those who so faithfully come, Sunday after Sunday, to our weekly meeting with the Risen Christ in the Mass. Thanks to all who contribute to the life of our parish-- in so many ways. Our parish is blessed with many people who offer their services in so many ways, often hidden and without fuss or acclaim. Yet as we end this year, with joy that we have kept going for yet another year, I thank you for all that you have given and all you have done.

This year has been marked with moments of great joy and also moments of great challenge. Children have been baptized, brought to Communion, confirmed. Couples have married and others have celebrated significant anniversaries or other moments of accomplishment and progress. I hope that you can glean the memories that will sustain you from the great and joyous events of the past year. Others have met challenges and struggles-- bereavements, illnesses, life-altering circumstances and challenges. Yet I still hope that the community celebration of the light of Christ in winter darkness might offer consolation to your own darknesses.

May God bless you all as we celebrate Christmas and the end of 2025. In turn, may God's blessing fall upon our homes and families, our schools and sports facilities, our workplaces and our farms, our places of recreation and of business, our monuments from the past and the sites of development for the future, as we cross the threshold of 2026. Ráth Dé oraibh go léir! Fr Seán

Anniversaries and Intentions

We remember Brian Franklin, formerly of Kilglass, who died in England during the week.

Anniversaries for Christmas Eve	Mary Brigid O'Toole. Stephen O'Toole. Mary O'Toole. Peig Joyce O'Toole. Brendan O'Toole. Hugh Mooney. Kathleen & Michael Coakley.
Anniversaries for Christmas Day	John & Margaret Enright & their son Harry & daughter Theresa. Eamonn Coyne, Derek Bowen, Naoise Mc Anna, Adrian Farrelly, Dunfieth Farm. The Connolly family, Clonuff. The McDowell family. Tom O'Connor, Clonuff (Remembrance Mass). James & Esther Moore & their son Oliver, daughter Maureen & grandson James Moore (Remembrance Mass), Andy Maguire (Christmas Remembrance), Matt Maguire (Christmas Remembrance) & the deceased members of the Moore & Murray families. Mamie Reilly (Birthday Remembrance).
Anniversaries for 27 December	Patrick Moore (Ballrenett) & the deceased members of the Moore family.
Anniversaries for 28 December	Bernie Reilly (First Anniversary). Brian Franklin.
Anniversaries for 3 January	Mick McEvoy (Eight Anniversary).
Anniversaries for 4 January	Seamus Gannon (Second Anniversary). Sean Conway (Anniversary Mass) & we also remember his wife Annie & his parents Kathleen & Michael Conway. The Murray family, Martin (Snr), Elizabeth, Jane, Bernadette, John, Martin & Joe. James & Madge Maguire. Peter Lynch (Anniversary Mass) & we also remember the deceased members of the Sutton family. Robert McKeever, his wife Mary & their sons Robert (Jnr) & Mick. We also remember the deceased members of the McKeever family.