

# Balyna Parish Newsletter

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

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross- 13/14 September 2025

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## Masses this Week:

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

<b>Saturday 13 September</b>	<b>Clogherinkoe</b>	<b>6.00pm Mass</b>
<b>Sunday 14 September</b>	<b>Johnstownbridge</b>	<b>9:30am Mass</b>
	<b>Broadford</b>	<b>11:00am Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday 16 September</b>	<b>Broadford</b>	<b>10:00am Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday 17 September</b>	<b>Clogherinkoe</b>	<b>10:00am Mass</b>
<b>Thursday 18 September</b>	<b>Johnstownbridge</b>	<b>10:00am Mass</b>
<b>Friday 19 September</b>	<b>Broadford</b>	<b>7:30pm Mass</b>
<b>Saturday 20 September</b>	<b>Clogherinkoe</b>	<b>6:00pm Mass</b>
<b>Sunday 21 September</b>	<b>Johnstownbridge</b>	<b>9:30am Mass</b>
	<b>Broadford</b>	<b>11:00am Mass</b>

## Dates for your Diary

25<sup>th</sup> September 2025: Parish Pilgrimage to Knock.

27<sup>th</sup> September 2025: Parish Car Boot Sale.

29<sup>th</sup> September-1<sup>st</sup> October 2025: Centenary of the Reliquary of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux.

4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> October 2025: Enrolment at Parish Masses.

5<sup>th</sup> October 2025: Autumn Dues Collection.

## Sacrament of First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Applications for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion and Confirmation are now open. Families are invited to complete forms which are available on the parish website and return to the parish office by the 30<sup>th</sup> of September. Further information on the following link [Sacrament of Initiation \(First Communion & Confirmation\) 2026 - Balyna Parish](#)

This year Bishop Nulty will visit the Parish to celebrate Confirmation. While his commitment to this is confirmed, we do not have the finalized dates for Confirmation for the Bishop's Diary. Normally all these dates are published towards the end of September or in early October. We will communicate the date as soon as it is finalized with the Bishop's Office.

## Parish Pilgrimage to Knock

The parish will organise a Pilgrimage to Knock on Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> of September 2025. Please contact the parish office to book your place on (046) 955120.

## Centenary of the Reliquary of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux: Triduum of Prayer

Here in Balyna, we have one of the oldest reliquaries of Saint Thérèse in the country. The beautiful reliquary, formed as a Celtic Cross, contains a relic that had been venerated in a convent in Templemore, Co Tipperary until its closure when it came to Broadford. We have venerated it publicly on many occasions and it has been brought to the sick in their homes often, on request. It is dated 1925, which means that it has now been an item of devotion for a centenary.

In order to celebrate this centenary, we will hold three days of prayer in St Mary's Church, Broadford, from 29 September to 1 October. Each evening we will gather in the church, where the relic will be venerated during Evening Prayer, followed by Benediction and an opportunity for individual personal veneration. A different speaker will give a short reflection during the Evening Prayer each evening. Sr. Brenda Dolphin will be our speaker on the 29 September, Fr. Seán Maher on 30 September and Fr. PJ Madden on 1 October.

The Programme will be as follows:

7.00pm Evening Prayer (including a short reflection).

Immediately after Evening Prayer: Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

After this individuals present will be able to venerate the relic.

(Please note: no one will touch the relic: each person can come forward and the relic will be held over the head to make the sign of the cross. The relic is too fragile for anything more)

## Parish Car Boot Sale

The Parish Car Boot Sale will take place Saturday the 27th of September in St. Brigid's Church Grounds. Gates open at 8:00am to sellers, open to public at 9:00am to 1:00pm. To book a car stall or for further information please WhatsApp Caroline on (087) 644 0774.

## Progressive 25 Cards

Progressive 25 Cards back in Hamlet Court Hotel on Monday 15th September at 8.30 sharp. Refreshments served.

## BALYNA MAGAZINE

Balyna Magazine, celebrating 50 years looking for junior infant, sixth class, communion, Confirmation and sports day photos from 1976. Whatever you have. Can you please contact Anna Maria at [annamcnally@gmail.com](mailto:annamcnally@gmail.com) or [balynaannual@gmail.com](mailto:balynaannual@gmail.com).

## Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Breast Cancer Awareness Month takes place October 1st-31st. For further information, please log onto [www.breastcancerireland.com](http://www.breastcancerireland.com).

## Anniversaries and Intentions

Anniversaries for this week-end	Phoebe Moore (Anniversary Mass) & her brother Michael Kerrigan, Scotland. Chris Hackett (Fifth Anniversary). Winifred (Freddie) Sutton (First Anniversary). Maido Holton (Birthday Remembrance). Peter, Denis & Maureen Cusack.
Anniversaries for next week-end	Derek Bowen (First Anniversary). Edward Maguire (Fifth Anniversary) and we also remember his father Peter. Kathleen Corrigan (Month's Mind). Ollie Hynes (First Anniversary). Mary Cooney (First Anniversary). Tilly Sutton, Ballyonan (Anniversary Mass).