Balyna Parish Ministry Interest Registration Form

Many thanks to all who have filled in the form and expressed interest in being involved in various ministries. If you are already involved in a ministry, please fill in a form and consider another if possible. Some of the Liturgical Ministries are applicable to the children in our families. You are welcome to tick a number of boxes if you wish to be involved in more than one ministry. I hope to have a meeting in November when I receive your returned form. I greatly appreciate your interest & willingness to be involved in life of the faith communities. Please find link to Balyna Parish Ministry Interest Registration Form www.balynaparish.ie/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/Parish_Ministry_Interest_Form.pdf hard copies are also

Balyna Parish Draw

We are delighted to announce the return of our Annual Parish Draw again this year with 6 cash prizes to be won. First prize €1,000, Second prize €500, 3rd prize €200 and 3 prizes of €100. Your generosity and support for this draw last year was outstanding. The draw will take place on Sunday the 10th of January after 11:00am Mass in Broadford Church. All proceeds again this year will be used to offset Insurance costs and to support the various projects in Balyna parish. We look forward to another successful draw and sincerely thank all who help to support the parish in this way.

November List of Dead

Enrolment for the November list of the dead can be made with the envelope provided in your box of envelopes or alternatively place your list in a blank envelope. All contributions go to the Clergy Fund. Many thanks.

Volunteers Needed

Johnstownbridge received the country's Endeavour award for the biggest percentage improvement on its previous year's score. Communities across Ireland are defined by their people not their geography. This award is in recognition of the people and businesses who have collaborated as a community to work to improve their environment, foster civic pride and make their own town a better place. We are looking for volunteers to help improve our village Caroline 0876440774/ Mervyn 086 8120435.

Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat | 11th-13th December 2026

Calling all young people aged 16–35! Join us at the Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. This is a donation-only event, with free buses available across the country and all meals included.

Expect inspiring talks and workshops, Mass, music, prayer, and plenty of opportunities to chill out and meet other young Catholics. Whether you are new to the faith or looking to be refreshed, all are welcome.



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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

22nd Nov 2026

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Masses this Week

Saturday 21 Nov	**Clogherinkoe**	6.00pm Mass
Sunday 22 Nov	**Johnstownbridge**	9.30am Mass
	Broadford	11.00am Mass
Tuesday 24 Nov	**Broadford**	10:00am Mass
Wednesday 25 Nov	**Clogherinkoe**	10:00am Mass
Thursday 26 Nov	**Johnstownbridge**	10:00am Mass
Friday 27 Nov	**Broadford**	7:30pm Mass
Saturday 28 Nov	**Clogherinkoe**	6:00pm Mass
Sunday 29 Nov	**Johnstownbridge**	9:30am Mass
	Broadford	11:00am Mass

Saturday 21st November/Sunday 22nd November

Clogherinkoe Peter Finnan (Month's Mind)
Angela and Peter Conlan & their sons Jack & Peter Jnr & their nephew Paddy McNamee.
Maurice Mooney, Ballindoolin.

Johnstownbridge Carmel & Madeleine Bourke & the deceased members of the Bourke family, Cadamstown.
Patrick, Jane & Peter Mooney, Kilmore (Anniversary Mass).

Broadford Elizabeth (Libby) Walsh (Month's Mind).
Jimmy Miggin (Anniversary Mass) & we also remember his parents Stephen & Annie and his sister-in-law Bernadette.
Lily Fagan & Dr. James Fagan (Anniversary Mass).

Recent Deaths: We pray for all those who have died recently, especially those who have no one to pray for them and for all those who are buried in our cemeteries.

Saturday 28th November/Sunday 29th November

Clogherinkoe Ann, Paddy, Liam & Elizabeth Dolan, Claremount.
Sheila Donegan, Ballindoolin (Fifth Anniversary).
Maurice Mooney, Baiilindoolin.

Johnstownbridge People of the Parish.

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism in Our Parish
Baptisms will take place in our parish on the following dates over the coming months.

- Saturday 12th December 2026: St. Mary's Church, Broadford at 12:00 noon.
- Saturday 9th January 2027: St. Patrick's Church, Johnstownbridge at 12:00 noon.
- Saturday, 6th February 2027: St. Brigid's Church Clogherinkoe at 12:00 noon.

For further information or to arrange a baptism please contact the Parish Office on (046) 9551203.

Jesus Christ the King: Jesus, anointed by the Holy Spirit at his baptism, was mocked by his persecutors with a crown of thorns on his head, 'Hail King of the Jesus'. Pilate asked Jesus, 'are you the king of the Jews', to which Jesus said, "Yes, I am a king. I was born for this". Pilate was also challenged when he placed the "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews" – INRI – on the cross.

Dates for your Diary

1. **Sunday 29th November:** First Sunday of Advent/Christmas Station Collection.
2. **Tuesday 8th December:** Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Holy Day.
3. **Sunday 10th January 2027:** Balyna Parish Draw.

Life in the Spirit Seminar – An Invitation to Confirmation Candidates, Parents/Guardians & all parishioners. Fr. Brian wishes to invite Confirmation candidates, parents/guardians and all parishioners to join him in attending the Life in the Spirit Seminar, taking place at 7:30pm on Thursday 26th October, in the Church of the Holy family, Longwood, Co. Meath, A83 WV67.

The Season of Advent: As we begin a new Church year in the celebration of our faith we enter a season that invites us to prepare for the remembering of the First Coming of Jesus, Son of God, who shared in our humanity. In this we celebrate the birth of Jesus in the stable of Bethlehem. We also prepare for Jesus' Second Coming at the end of time, a time that we need to keep in mind in our own personal earthly journey. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight. There is the in-between-coming (a daily coming) of Jesus each time we participate in Mass and receive Jesus in Holy Communion, the Bread of Life.

Advent is a time of prayer as prepare in **waiting, conversion and of hope.** We are **waiting** to celebrate the memory of the first humble birth of Jesus in our mortal flesh, and we pray for Jesus' final and glorious coming as King and Judge. The spiritual preparation involves **conversion** – a humble acknowledgement called to repent and ask for mercy. **Hope –** that salvation already accomplished by Jesus will mature and reach it fullness in our hope for the promise of eternal life. During the Advent Season the Blessed Virgin Mary is often remembered and celebrated particularly in the Solemnity of Her Immaculate Conception.

From this, we can all understand that the commercial and retail world does not see this time of year as one of spiritual preparation. Christmas Carols ring out as if Christmas has already arrived. Of course the music has its beauty but it's not in harmony with the spirit of Advent that we are celebrating. Christmas Day marks for us the beginning of the Christmas Season which continues until the Sunday after the Solemnity of the Ephiphany – this year the 10th of January. In the commercial and retail world Christmas ends with Christmas Day and then it's the Sales – no more Carols. So, it is clear as followers of Jesus and people of faith there is a very contrasting focus and understanding of the Advent and Christmas Seasons. Blessed Advent to all of us on this Special Spiritual Season.