

BALYNA PARISH NEWSLETTER

ST MARY'S, BROADFORD
ST PATRICK'S, JOHNSTOWNBRIDGE
ST BRIGID'S, CLOGHERINKOE

Sixteenth week in Ordinary Time
16 – 17 July.

MASSES

Sat 16 July:
6pm Clogherinkoe

Sunday 17 July:
9.30 Johnstownbridge
11.00 Broadford

Tuesday 19 July --

Friday 22 July:
Weekday Masses are suspended for
this week unless a funeral occurs.
Thanks for your understanding!

Week-end Masses will be as normal.

*Please note that Mass times may need to
change at short notice due to unforeseen
circumstances.*

Mission Appeal

***On the week-end of 20-21 August, Fr
Pat Byrne, from the Divine Word
Missionaries, will visit the parish
and he will make an appeal at all
Masses for support for the Missions.
Details will be available later.
Thanks for your support!***

Meals on Wheels from Johnstownbridge
are recruiting volunteers. If interested
contact the BREDA .

UPDATE ON THE RESTORATION PROJECT IN JOHNSTOWNBRIDGE

Dear Friends

Many thanks for the support of our restoration project in Johnstownbridge. It is heartening that so many are keen to see this church renewed and refreshed.

The heritage officer from the County Council has visited recently and we can proceed with the necessary works as they fall under maintenance. The project will take a few years and we will need to proceed in stages.

As a first stage, we need to restore the two windows beside the Altar as both are in a serious state of disrepair. Also, the window in the sacristy is in need of restoration. We have been in contact with a number of heritage joiners and we hope to start work on these within the short term.

After this, and, at the earliest, probably next year, we would hope to paint the building externally and internally. We can proceed with this if we do not paint the ornate ceiling or the backdrop to the altar, except where damaged. While doing this, we will also consider how best to replace the floor covering and we will look at the lights and examine how best to replace them.

In the longer term, and over a longer period, we will need to examine the stained-glass windows and restore them as necessary. This is highly intricate work, and it demands special expertise but it would have to be performed over the longer term and in stages, as there are different levels of attention and restoration necessary.

In order to finance this, we have already gathered €6000-00 (2200 from the coffee morning and 3800 from the Jubilee collection). Stage 1, the restoration of the clear windows, will probably cost in the region of €10000. Over the next while we will try to have some fund-raising projects to make up the shortfall. Thanks, as always, for your support.

On the broader level, and thanks to your generosity, our finances stand in a relatively healthy position and we are meeting our day-to-day liabilities without incurring debt. Thanks to you all for this support! As always, if there are any questions about finance we would be glad to clarify any issues.

Otherwise enjoy this warmer weather and the quieter atmosphere of the summertime!

Many thanks and every blessing!

Fr Seán

“Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?”

--from today's psalm.

SAFEGUARDING

Please note that extensive information on safeguarding is available on www.kandle.ie. Kathleen Sherry, the diocesan safeguarding representative, is available for any information that may be needed at safeguarding@kandle.ie.

Graveyard Mass

The Graveyard Mass will take place on Friday 12th August in Broadford Cemetery at 7.30pm. In addition to the Graveyard Mass, there will be prayers in each of the local burial grounds over the evenings of 11-12 August. The schedule will be as follows :

Thursday 11th August:

Kilrainey 6pm./ Carrick 6.30pm./ Nurney 7pm./ Mylerstown 7.30pm./ Cadamstown 8pm.

Friday 12th August:

Ballinadrimna 6pm, / Broadford 7.30pm.

BBC United.

The local Soccer Club is looking for a field to rent locally for training and matches.

Anniversaries this week-end:

Betty Roche, Williamstown (Fifth Anniversary).

Lee Hensey (Second Anniversary).

Ellen (Queen) McNally and Mick (Pop) McNally.

Andy O'Brien, Thomastown.

Dick and Lucy O'Brien, Kilmore.

John Farrell, Johnstownbridge.

Florrie Sutton, Ballinakill.

Anniversaries next weekend:

Pal and Peg Mooney, Carrick. Declan McGill. Vera Hillen (First Anniversary). Mary Hillen (Fifty Sixth Anniversary).

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