

Balyna Parish Newsletter

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

The Baptism of the Lord- 6/7 January 2024

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Masses this Week:

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

Saturday 6 Jan. (Feast of the Epiphany)	Johnstownbridge	9:30am Mass
	Broadford	11:00am Mass
	Clogherinkoe	6.00pm Mass
Sunday 7 Jan.	Johnstownbridge	9.30am Mass
	Broadford	11.00am Mass
Tuesday 9 Jan.	Broadford	10:00am Mass
Wednesday 10 Jan.	Clogherinkoe	10.00am Mass
Thursday 11 Jan.	Johnstownbridge	10:00am Mass
Friday 12 Jan.	Broadford	7:30pm Mass

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 1st February 2024: Brigid 1500

Brigid 1500

On Thursday 1st February, 2024, churches across Kildare and beyond will come together to participate in a special ecumenical service at 11.00am in St Brigid's Cathedral, Kildare entitled, 'Celebrating St Brigid. Brigid 1500: A Service of Thanksgiving' dedicated to commemorating the Feast Day of St Brigid and the 1500th anniversary of her death. The co-leaders of this thanksgiving service are the Most Rev Denis Nulty, Roman Catholic Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, and the Most Rev Patricia Storey, Church of Ireland Bishop of Meath and Kildare. The Reverend Canon Dr. Alison Joyce, Rector of St. Bride's Church, Fleet Street in the heart of London, will deliver the sermon.

At the end of the service, a Pause for Peace will be observed in the cathedral at 12 noon. Aligning with a broader initiative whereby the people of Kildare are extending a global invitation, urging individuals worldwide to pause for a minute's silence at midday (local time) on St Brigid's Day, the 1st of February 2024. Livestreaming of the service will also be available worldwide. (Full press release on www.kandle.ie).

Balyna Parish Draw

Sincere thanks to everyone who supported our Annual Parish Draw and too the local businesses who sponsored prizes. The total amount raised was €8,140. All proceeds again this year will be used to offset Insurance costs and to support the various projects in Balyna parish. A list of winners can be viewed on the parish website <https://www.balynaparish.ie/2023/12/31/balyna-parish-draw-results/> or alternatively on the notice boards in the church porches.

Christmas Day Collection

Many thanks to all who gave so generously to the Christmas Day collection. This is one of the collections taken up each year from which I derive my income. I am truly grateful to you all for your generous support.

Progressive 25 Card Game

Cards back in the Hamlet Court Hotel on Monday 8th January at 9pm sharp. Lessons for beginners can be arranged. Contact (085) 7130554. All welcome.

Anniversaries and Intentions

We remember Seamus Gannon, Kilmore, Johnstownbridge, who will be interred in Kilshanroe Cemetery, after 12:00 noon Mass on Monday, in St. Partick's Church, Johnstownbridge.

Anniversaries for this week-end	Derek Hensey (First Anniversary). Margaret Leonard, Ballinderry (Anniversary Mass). Maisie Hickey (Months Mind). Tina McGinty (Eight Anniversary). William Holton (Anniversary Mass) and his wife Phil (Remembrance Mass). Seán Conway (Twentieth Anniversary), his wife Annie, his parents Michael & Kathleen Conway. Elizabeth, Martin (Snr) & John, Jane, Joe and Martin Murray. James and Madge Maguire. Mary, Robert & Robert (Jnr) & Mick McKeever and the deceased members of the McKeever family. Peter Lynch (3 rd Anniversary). Mary & Christopher Gorman, their daughter Bridie, Sons Pat, Noel & Kevin. Philip Tyler.
Anniversaries for next week-end:	Noel & Kathleen Kerrigan, Clonkeeran (Anniversary Mass). Jacinta Kenna, Ballinakill, (Second Anniversary). Margaret Shanley (Tenth Anniversary). Phil Shanley (25 th Anniversary).

