

Balyna Parish Newsletter

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

First Sunday of Lent- 17/18 February 2024

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Masses this Week:

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

Saturday 17 February	Clogherinkoe	6.00pm Mass
Sunday 18 February	Johnstownbridge	9.30am Mass
	Broadford	11.00am Mass
Tuesday 20 February	Broadford	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 21 February	Clogherinkoe	10.00am Mass
Thursday 22 Feb.	Johnstownbridge	10.00 Mass
	Broadford	8.00-9.00pm: Lenten Holy Hour
Friday 23 Feb.	Broadford	7:30pm Mass
Saturday 24 Feb	Clogherinkoe	6:00pm Mass
Sunday 25 Feb	Johnstownbridge	9:30am Mass
	Broadford	11:00am Mass

Important Dates

9 March: Parish Lenten Pilgrimage to the Mercy House in Baggot Street with Mass at the tomb of Mother Catherine McCauley. Details below.

18 February: Lenten Station (Envelopes are provided in the box of envelopes)

16-7 March: St Patrick's Week-end: Catechesis for Confirmation and Communion candidates.

31 March: Easter Sunday

2 June: Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock.

Lenten Holy Hour

There will be a Lenten Holy Hour in Broadford on Thursday 22 February 8.00-9.00pm. All welcome!

Lenten Confessions

Celebrating the forgiveness of God in Confession is at the heart of Lent. A friend of mine, a French Sister, wrote a beautiful reflection on Lent a few years ago. She had always found Lent difficult—trying to keep this whole

momentum of prayer and abstaining while busy with the daily work at the low ebb of winter and before the real energy of the spring. Then one year, her Lenten journey was marked by a cancer diagnosis and a time of chemotherapy. She had to eat what she could when she could, she needed rest and care. She was able to “do” nothing for Lent and then she discovered the Truth about Lent—that it is much more about coming to an appreciation of what God does for us in his forgiveness and his mercy!

In that light, we will offer three moments of pardon with the possibility of attending Confession. At each of these quiet moments of Pardon, the relic of the True Cross will be available for veneration, while Fr P.J. and Fr Sean will both be available for Confession:

Friday 8 March, 6.30-7.30pm; Mass at 7.30pm; Confession available again from 8.00-8.30pm (Broadford).

Monday 11 March, 6.00-8.00pm (Clogherinkoe)

Tuesday 12 March, 6.00-8.00pm (Johnstownbridge)

Easter Station Collection

The Easter Station Collection will be taken up at Masses this week-end. This is for the temporal upkeep of the priest. An envelope is provided for this in the box of envelopes. As always, I thank you most sincerely for this practical support.

“Catholic Spirituality Today”

This is an event due to take place on 23 March from 12 noon to 2.00pm in St Mary’s Primary School, Trim, with Kathryn Anne Clarke.

Lenten Pilgrimage

The Parish Lenten Pilgrimage will take place on Saturday 9 March. We leave at 8.30am and we will visit Mercy International Centre in Baggot Street, Dublin for Mass at 10.00am, followed by a tour of the house. After this we will attend a concert in the National Concert Hall at 1.00 (John Field Room, for one hour), followed by lunch in the Hamlet Court Hotel on our return (c.3.30pm). Cost is €55-00 (OAPs have a concessionary cost of €50-00 but only 15 places are available). Please book with the Parish Office

Social Cards for All

20 February @8.00pm in Clocha Rince School: All welcome from 15years old +.

Tax Forms

We have forwarded tax forms to a number of parishioners which need to be updated for us to claim back tax from their contributions. We would greatly appreciate their return in the accompanying stamped envelopes. Thanks!

Anniversaries and Intentions

Anniversaries for this week-end	James (Jimmy) Holton (1 st anniversary) and his parents, James and Mary, his brother William, sister Breda and all deceased members of the family. Margaret Leonard, Ballinakill (Month’s mind) Mary Sutton, Ballinadrimna (Month’s mind) and Liam Sutton. (Second Anniversary) Dan Brennan, Ballygub, Inistiogue. John, Agnes and David McNamara, Balyna. Kathleen Farrell, Johnstownbridge and her granddaughter Lisa Brigid.
Anniversaries for next week-end:	John and Joan Haslam, Michael Ger and Mary Haslam and Baby Alex Haslam./ Brian Redican (23 rd anniversary)/Mick Casey (23 rd anniversary)/Bridget Fox (43 rd anniversary)/ Jane Murray (First anniversary) and her parents Martin and Elizabeth, her grandparents, her sister Annie, her brothers John Joe and Martin, her nephew Adrian./Nan and Mick Reynolds/ Angela and Carmel Loughrey/Peter Loughrey/ Matt Maguire (9 th anniversary and birthday remembrance)