

# Balyna Parish Newsletter

St Mary's, Broadford- St Patrick's, Johnstownbridge- St Brigid's, Clogherinkoe  
Second Sunday of Lent- 24/25 February 2024

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## Masses this Week:

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

<b>Saturday 24 February</b>	<b>Clogherinkoe</b>	<b>6.00pm Mass</b>
<b>Sunday 25 February</b>	<b>Johnstownbridge</b>	<b>9.30am Mass</b>
	<b>Broadford</b>	<b>11.00am Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday 27 February</b>	<b>Broadford</b>	<b>10.00am Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday 28 February</b>	<b>Clogherinkoe</b>	<b>10.00am Mass</b>
<b>Thursday 29 February</b>	<b>Johnstownbridge</b>	<b>10.00 Mass</b>
	<b>Johnstownbridge</b>	<b>8.00-9.00pm: Lenten Holy Hour</b>
<b>Friday 1 March (First Friday)</b>	<b>Broadford</b>	<b>7:30pm Mass (Confession: 6.30-7.15)</b>
<b>Saturday 2 March</b>	<b>Clogherinkoe</b>	<b>6:00pm Mass</b>
<b>Sunday 3 March</b>	<b>Johnstownbridge</b>	<b>9:30am Mass</b>
	<b>Broadford</b>	<b>11:00am Mass</b>

## Important Dates

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

16-17 March: St Patrick's Weekend: Catechesis for Confirmation and Communion candidates.

31 March: Easter Sunday

2 June: Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock.

## First Friday:

This Friday (1 March) is the First Friday, invalids will be attended during the week. On Friday evening there will be Confession from 6:30p to 7:15pm in Broadford Church, followed by mass at 7:30pm.

## Broadford National School Hall

Broadford National School Hall is available to hire, please contact the school for more information on (046)95 51323 or email at [secretarybroadford@gmail.com](mailto:secretarybroadford@gmail.com).

## Lenten Holy Hour

There will be a Lenten Holy Hour in Johnstownbridge on Thursday 29th 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 1 March, 6:30-7:15pm; Mass at 7:30pm (Broadford).

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)

## Mission Appeal

Fr. Neil Loughrey, Missionaries of Africa, will make a Mission appeal at all Masses next weekend. (2-3 March).

## First Holy Communion and Confirmation

There is a selection of First Holy Communion and Confirmation cards, rosary beads, prayer books, pins etc. available for sale in the Parish Office.

### 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

We remember Mary Wright née Kavanagh daughter of the late Rosie & Joe Kavanagh, Clonuff, who died in England last week. Anne Holton, Cloona who was interred in Cloncurry Cemetery on Saturday. We also remember Liam Kelly, Castletown Geoghegan, father-in-law of Sinéad Moore, who died recently.

Anniversaries for this week-end

John and Joan Haslam, Michael, Ger and Mary Haslam.

Baby Alex Haslam.

Brian Redican (Twenty third anniversary).

Mick Casey (Twenty third anniversary).

Bridget Fox (Forty third anniversary).

Jane Murray (First anniversary) and her parents Martin and Elizabeth, her grandparents, her sister Annie, her brothers John, Joe and Martin and her nephew Adrian.

Nan and Mick Reynolds.

Angela and Carmel Loughrey.

Peter Loughrey, Cadamstown, (Thirty eight anniversary).

Matt Maguire (Ninth anniversary and birthday remembrance).