

# Balyna Parish Newsletter

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

Third Sunday of Lent- 2/3 March 2024

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## Masses this Week:

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

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| <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>                  |
| <b>Tuesday 5 March</b>   | <b>Broadford</b>       | <b>10.00am Mass</b>                  |
| <b>Wednesday 6 March</b> | <b>Clogherinkoe</b>    | <b>No Mass</b>                       |
| <b>Thursday 7 March</b>  | <b>Johnstownbridge</b> | <b>10.00 Mass</b>                    |
|                          | <b>Clogherinkoe</b>    | <b>8.00-9.00pm: Lenten Holy Hour</b> |
| <b>Friday 8 March</b>    | <b>Broadford</b>       | <b>7:30pm Mass</b>                   |
| <b>Saturday 9 March</b>  | <b>Clogherinkoe</b>    | <b>6:00pm Mass</b>                   |
| <b>Sunday 10 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.

## Easter Station Collection

Sincere thanks to all who contributed to the Easter Station Collection.

## Director of Parish Development

Kildare and Leighlin Diocese is inviting applications for the full-time position of Director of Parish Development. A job description and information can be found on [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie). Closing date for applications is 25 March 2024. This is a very important appointment for our diocese and we ask for your prayers that our search to fill this position is successful.

## Word of Thanks

As a parish, we would like to thank all local members of An Garda Síochána for all their work but particularly for their efforts to ensure our security last Monday evening. We hold them in our prayers and ask God's blessing on them. Thanks are also due to the local community alert groups for keeping everyone informed of the situation.

## Lenten Holy Hour

There will be a Lenten Holy Hour in Clogherinkoe on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 8.00-9.00pm. All welcome!

## Parish Lenten Pilgrimage

For those participating in the Parish Lenten Pilgrimage on Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> of March, we leave at 8:30am from the car park of the Hamlet Court Hotel. We hope to return for lunch at 3:30pm in the Hamlet Court Hotel. Only two places remain, if interested contact the Parish Office.

## Lenten Confessions

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)

## Mission Appeal

Fr. Neil Loughrey, Missionaries of Africa, will make a Mission appeal at all Masses this 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

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| Anniversaries for this week-end | Frances Baldwin née Mooney (Sixteenth Anniversary).<br>Ellen, Cathy & Paul Mooney.<br>John & Bridie Malone, Ballinadrimna (Anniversary Mass).<br>Seán Sutton (Eleventh Anniversary).   |
| Anniversaries for next week-end | Tommy Swan (Fifth Anniversary).<br>The deceased members of the McAndrew family.<br>Chris McGinty, Johnstownbridge (Fourth Anniversary) and her husband Fintan McGinty.<br>Kathleen Farrell, Ballinakill (Sixth Anniversary).<br>Bridgie Swan (First Anniversary).<br>Martin & Agnes Lally.<br>Patrick & Nora Lally.<br>Mick Loughrey (First Anniversary).<br>Patrick Kane & the deceased members of the Kane family. |