

Balyna Parish Newsletter

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

4th Sunday of Advent- 21/22 December 2024

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Masses this Week:

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

Saturday 21 December	Clogherinkoe	6.00pm Mass
Sunday 22 December	Johnstownbridge Broadford	9.30am Mass 11.00am Mass
Monday 23 December	Broadford	7:30pm Mass
Tuesday 24 December (Christmas Eve)	Broadford	8:30-9:30am (Morning Prayer followed by Confession)
Tuesday 24 December (Christmas Eve)	Johnstownbridge Clogherinkoe Broadford	4:00pm Mass 6:00pm Mass 8:00pm Mass
Wednesday 25 December (Christmas Day)	Clogherinkoe Johnstownbridge Broadford	8:00am Mass 9:30am Mass 11:00am Mass
Thursday 26 December	Johnstownbridge	No Mass
Friday 27 December	Broadford	7:30pm Mass
Saturday 28 December	Clogherinkoe	6:00pm Mass
Sunday 29 December	Johnstownbridge Broadford	9:30am Mass 11:00am Mass
Tuesday 31 December	Broadford Broadford	10:00am Mass 8:00-9:00pm (Holy Hour)
Wednesday 1 January	Broadford Broadford	9:00am (Morning Prayer) 12:00noon (Mass for Peace)
Thursday 2 January	Johnstownbridge	No Mass
Friday 3 January	Broadford	No Mass
Saturday 4 January	Clogherinkoe	6.00pm Mass
Sunday 5 January	Johnstownbridge Broadford	9.30am Mass 11.00am Mass
Monday 6 January (Feast of the Epiphany)	Johnstownbridge Broadford Clogherinkoe	9.30am Mass 11.00am Mass 7:30pm Mass

Important Dates

Sunday 25th December: Christmas Day/Christmas Day Collection.

Sunday 5th January 2025: Balyna Parish Draw.

Monday 6th January 2025: Feast of the Epiphany, Holy Day.

Sincere Thanks

On behalf of everyone in the Parish, I would like to thank all our choirs, organists, cantors, readers, ministers of Holy Communion, church cleaners, collectors, servers, envelope distributors, fundraisers, Board of Management members, teachers, and SNAs, school staff, Finance Council members, Pastoral Council members, safeguarding representatives and everyone who helps in the parish. We enjoy a great relationship with the BREDA Centre and I thank them, particularly Irene and Ann, for their work in many practical ways for the community. I particularly thank Caroline, Damien and Gary for their work in the sacristies and for the care and attention they show to the churches. Catherine and Lorna have worked wonders in the office and we are blessed to have such caring people in the parish. Many of our local businesses have been wonderfully supportive of the parish and I thank them for their help and support. Above all, I thank all our faithful parishioners for your participation in the life of the Church and your support for me personally and for the furtherance of the Gospel in our community. At the end of this year, in this time of hope and gentle promise, I ask your prayers and I assure you of mine. May God bless you all this Christmas. May he bless your families who gather for these days. May he bless your homes, your farms, your workplaces and businesses and grant us all a safe, hopeful and blessed Jubilee year of 2025. Thank you all! Fr Sean.

Parish Office Christmas Schedule

The Parish Office will be closed from Tuesday the 24th of December and will reopen on Thursday the 2nd of January 2025 at 9:00am.

Acknowledgement

The Mooney Family would like to express their sincere gratitude to Clogherinkoe Choir, under the expert guidance of Maria, following the Funeral of Carmel. As everyone knows, the Choir was an extension of Carmel's Family with longstanding friendships forged over 40 years. This was quite apparent during Carmel's illness, demonstrated by the constant support that they provided. The singing was truly beautiful and made what is inevitably a sad and difficult occasion, uplifting and memorable. Please accept our heartfelt thanks and the holy sacrifice of Mass will be offered for your intentions. Noel, Thelma, Noelle & Maurice.

Balyna Parish Draw

The draw will take place on Sunday the 5th of January after 11:00am Mass in Broadford Church. Congratulations to this week's winner of the free ticket to the parish draw, Robert and Monica Mckeon.

Anniversaries and Intentions

We remember Paud (Patrick) McCabe, Ballinderry, Carbury, who was interred in Broadford Cemetery on Friday.

Anniversaries for 21/22 December	Philomena Colgan (Anniversary Mass). Carmel Mooney (Remembrance Mass). Ger Rushe (Remembrance Mass).
Anniversaries for 24 December	Hugh Mooney (Third Anniversary). Pa McNamee (Third Anniversary). Stephen & Mary Brigid O'Toole. Mary O'Toole and Brendan O'Toole. Peg Joyce O'Toole. Christopher Hickey, Kilraney, his wife Susan & their grandson Oliver Hughes. Tomasz Bryla (Christmas Remembrance). Michael & Kathleen Coakley (Anniversary Mass).
Anniversaries for 25 December	John & Margaret Enright & their son Harry. James & Esther Moore, their son Oliver, daughter Maureen, grandson James Moore (Christmas Remembrance), Andy Maguire (Christmas Remembrance), Matt Maguire (Christmas Remembrance) & the deceased members of the Moore & Murray families. William Jane, Michael Sean & all the Connolly family & we also remember the McDowell family. Mamie Reilly (Birthday Remembrance).
Anniversaries for 28/29 December	Patrick Moore, Balrennet and the deceased members of the Moore family. Mick McEvoy (Seventh Anniversary). Richard, Renee & Aine Bourke (Anniversary Mass).

