

Balyna Parish Newsletter

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

Second Sunday of Easter - 26-27 April 2025

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Masses this Week:

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

Saturday 26 April	Clogherinkoe	6.00pm Mass
Sunday 27 April	Johnstownbridge	9.30am Mass
	Broadford	11.00am Mass
Tuesday 29 April	Broadford	9:15am Mass
Wednesday 30 April	Clogherinkoe	10:00am
	Broadford	6:00pm (Rogations- blessing of fields)
Thursday 1 May	Johnstownbridge	10:00am
Friday 2 May	Broadford	7:30pm (Confession 6.30pm-7.15pm)
Saturday 3 May	Clogherinkoe	6:00pm Mass
Sunday 4 May	Johnstownbridge	9:30am Mass
	Broadford	11:00am Mass

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 29th April: First Confession for the children of Broadford and Cadamstown NS in Broadford @ 2pm.

Wednesday 30th April: First Confession for the children of Clocha Rince National School after 10:00am Mass.

Thursday 1st May: First Confession for the children of Johnstownbridge National School after 10:00am Mass.

First Friday

This Friday (2nd of May) is the First Friday, invalids will be attended over the next two weeks. On Friday evening there will be Confession from 6:30pm to 7:15pm in Broadford Church, followed by mass at 7:30pm.

Easter Sunday Collection

Many thanks to all who gave so generously to the Easter Sunday 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.

Rogations-Blessing of Fields

Will take place outside Broadford Church on Wednesday the 30th of April at 6:00pm.

Pope Francis RIP

Statement from Bishop Denis on the Death of his Holiness, Pope Francis.

It is with great sadness that we learned of the news of the death of Pope Francis. While we knew he was very ill, seeing him on Easter Sunday in St. Peter's Square, greeting the faithful, brought great comfort to many. The announcement of his death on Easter Monday morning was all the more a shock and sad, at the suddenness of his passing.

Pope Francis came from the periphery, as the first Pope from the Americas, and those at the periphery – the poor, the migrant, the prisoner, the refugee, the outcast – were always at the centre of his pontificate. Only last Holy Thursday, despite his own frailty, he took time to visit Rome's Regina Coeli prison and his first visit outside Rome as Pope was to the tiny island of Lampedusa to remember the many drowned at sea, in search of refuge and a new beginning on mainland Europe.

Pope Francis will be remembered for many things and there will be much commentary over the next while, but for me, his message of inclusion and mercy was key. "The name of God is mercy" he reminded us. And now we commend him to the mercy of God. At the heart of his message of hope in this Jubilee Year was the reality of the life, death and resurrection of Christ and in this Easter Octave, Pope Francis is welcomed into the eternal embrace of the resurrection. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Every blessing and good wish to all of you during this Easter Octave,
Denis

Sacrament of First Confession

On 29th/30th April and the 1st of May the children of our parish, who will receive their First Holy Communion in May, will present themselves for the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. We keep them and their families in our prayers as the children take this special step in their faith journeys.

Broadford National School: Tuesday April 29th, St. Mary's Church Broadford @ 2pm.

Cadamstown National School: Tuesday April 29th, St. Mary's Church Broadford @ 2pm.

Clocha Rince National School: Wednesday April 30th, St. Brigid's Church Clogherinkoe after 10:00am Mass.

Johnstownbridge National School: Thursday 1st May, St. Patrick's Church Johnstownbridge after 10:00am Mass.

Return of Trōcaire Boxes

This weekend is the last weekend to return Trōcaire Boxes at parish Masses and Monday is the last day to return to the parish office. All money collected will be sent next week. Any remaining Trōcaire Boxes can be dropped into Trōcaire Head Office, Maynooth, Co. Kildare, W23 NX63. Thank you all for your continued generosity and support as your contributions make a real difference to the lives of those in need around the world.

Bingo

Join us for an afternoon of fun, in the Hamlet Court Hotel main function room, on Sunday the 27th of April from 2:30-5:00pm. €5.00 per book, Jackpot €300. All proceeds to go towards the upgrade of Cadamstown Hall Carpark.

Anniversaries and Intentions

Anniversaries for this week-end	Mary McEvoy (Twenty First Anniversary). Niall Williams, Killinaugh (Fifth Anniversary). Pat Kane Balrennett (Fifteenth Anniversary) and the deceased members of the Kane family. P Conlon & Carmel Conlon, Ballindoolin (Anniversary Mass). Kate & James Miggin. Molly & Bawn Burke. Nancy Farrell, Balinakill (Anniversary Mass).
Anniversaries for next week-end	John & Rosaleen McManus (Anniversary Mass). Peter & Ellen Canning and Ellen's sister, Sr. Finbar O'Rourke. Maureen & Paddy Jones.