

# Balyna Parish Newsletter

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

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year- 6/7 September 2025

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## Masses this Week:

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

<b>Saturday 6 September</b>	<b>Clogherinkoe</b>	<b>6.00pm Mass</b> <b>(Blessing of children at Mass)</b>
<b>Sunday 7 September</b>	<b>Johnstownbridge</b>	<b>9:30am Mass</b> <b>(Blessing of children at Mass)</b>
	<b>Broadford</b>	<b>11:00am Mass</b> <b>(Blessing of children at Mass)</b>
	<b>Clogherinkoe</b>	<b>2:00pm Bush Mass</b>
<b>Monday 8 September</b>	<b>Broadford</b>	<b>8:00pm Mass</b> <b>(Feast of the Birthday of our Lady).</b>
<b>Tuesday 9 September</b>	<b>Broadford</b>	<b>10:00am Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday 10 September</b>	<b>Clogherinkoe</b>	<b>10:00am Mass</b>
<b>Thursday 11 September</b>	<b>Johnstownbridge</b>	<b>10:00am Mass</b>
<b>Friday 12 September</b>	<b>Broadford</b>	<b>7:30pm Mass</b>
<b>Saturday 13 September</b>	<b>Clogherinkoe</b>	<b>6:00pm Mass</b>
<b>Sunday 14 September</b>	<b>Johnstownbridge</b>	<b>9:30am Mass</b>
	<b>Broadford</b>	<b>11:00am Mass</b>

## Dates for your Diary

25<sup>th</sup> September 2025: Parish Pilgrimage to Knock.

27<sup>th</sup> September 2025: Parish Car Boot Sale.

29<sup>th</sup> September-1<sup>st</sup> October 2025: Centenary of the Reliquary of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux.

4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> October 2025: Enrolment at Parish Masses.

5<sup>th</sup> October 2025: Autumn Dues Collection.

## Bush Mass

The annual Bush Mass will be held on Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> of September at 2:00pm

## Feast of Our Lady's Birthday

There will be Mass in Broadford on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> of September at 8:00pm, to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady's Birthday.

## Sacrament of First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Applications for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion and Confirmation are now open. Families are invited to complete forms which are available on the parish website and return to the parish office by the 30<sup>th</sup> of September. Further information on the following link [Sacrament of Initiation \(First Communion & Confirmation\) 2026 - Balyna Parish](#)

This year Bishop Nulty will visit the Parish to celebrate Confirmation. While his commitment to this is confirmed, we do not have the finalized dates for Confirmation for the Bishop's Diary. Normally all these dates are published towards the end of September or in early October. We will communicate the date as soon as it is finalized with the Bishop's Office.

## Centenary of the Reliquary of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux: Triduum of Prayer

Here in Balyna, we have one of the oldest reliquaries of Saint Thérèse in the country. The beautiful reliquary, formed as a Celtic Cross, contains a relic that had been venerated in a convent in Templemore, Co Tipperary until its closure when it came to Broadford. We have venerated it publicly on many occasions and it has been brought to the sick in their homes often, on request. It is dated 1925, which means that it has now been an item of devotion for a centenary.

In order to celebrate this centenary, we will hold three days of prayer in St Mary's Church, Broadford, from 29 September to 1 October. Each evening we will gather in the church, where the relic will be venerated during Evening Prayer, followed by Benediction and an opportunity for individual personal veneration. A different speaker will give a short reflection during the Evening Prayer each evening. Sr. Brenda Dolphin will be our speaker on the 29 September, Fr. Seán Maher on 30 September and Fr. PJ Madden on 1 October.

The Programme will be as follows:

7.00pm Evening Prayer (including a short reflection).

Immediately after Evening Prayer: Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

After this individuals present will be able to venerate the relic.

(Please note: no one will touch the relic: each person can come forward and the relic will be held over the head to make the sign of the cross. The relic is too fragile for anything more)

## Parish Car Boot Sale

The Parish Car Boot Sale will take place Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> of September in St. Brigid's Church Grounds. Gates open at 8:00am to sellers, open to public at 9:00am to 1:00pm. To book a car stall or for further information please WhatsApp Caroline on (087) 644 0774.

## Parish Pilgrimage to Knock

The parish will organise a Pilgrimage to Knock on Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> of September 2025. Please contact the parish office to book your place on (046) 955120.

## Anniversaries and Intentions

Anniversaries for this week-end	Pat Tyrrell, Ballygibbon. John & Kathleen Coyne & the deceased members of the Coyne family Ballindoolin. Joe Walsh, Kilrainey (Anniversary Mass). Mamie Reilly (Eight Anniversary). Donna McDermott (First Anniversary). Bill & Eileen Mallen & we also remember their sons Liam, Harry, Denis, Paddy, & Brendan & the deceased members of the Mallen family. Jack Murphy.
Anniversaries for next week-end	Phoebe Moore (Anniversary Mass) & her brother Michael Kerrigan, Scotland. Chris Hackett (Fifth Anniversary). Winifred (Freddie) Sutton (First Anniversary). Maido Holton (Birthday Remembrance). Peter, Denis & Maureen Cusack.