

Balyna Parish Newsletter

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

Christ the King- 22/23 November 2025

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Masses this Week:

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

Saturday 22 November	Clogherinkoe	6.00pm Mass
Sunday 23 November	Johnstownbridge	9:30am Mass
	Broadford	11:00am Mass
Tuesday 25 November	Broadford	10:00am Mass
Wednesday 26 November	Clogherinkoe	10:00am Mass
Thursday 27 November	Johnstownbridge	10:00am Mass
Friday 28 November	Broadford	7:30pm Mass
Saturday 29 November	Clogherinkoe	6:00pm Mass (with catechesis)
Sunday 30 November	Johnstownbridge	9:30am Mass (with catechesis)
	Broadford	11:00am Mass (with catechesis)

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 29th November/Sunday 30th November: Catechesis at Mass for Communion and Confirmation candidates.

Sunday 30th November: First Sunday of Advent/Christmas Stations Collection.

Monday 8th December: Feast of the immaculate Conception, Holy Day.

Sunday 11th January 2026: Balyna Parish Draw.

Balyna Parish Draw

We are delighted to announce the return of our Annual Parish Draw again this year with 6 cash prizes to be won. First prize €1,000, Second prize €500, 3rd prize €200 and 3 prizes of €100. Your generosity and support for this draw last year was outstanding. The draw will take place on Sunday the 11th of January, after 11:00am Mass, in Broadford Church. All proceeds again this year will be used to offset Insurance costs and to support the various projects in Balyna parish. We look forward to another successful draw and sincerely thank all who help to support the parish in this way. Tickets can be purchased before and after weekend Masses, in the Parish Office, O'Neill's Centra Johnstownbridge, Clocharince Library and various ticket sellers. Tickets are €10 each or a book 11 tickets for €100. Anyone who would like to sell a book of tickets can drop into or call the parish office on (046) 9551203.

As a thank you to all our parishioners who financially support our parish, we will have a draw every week for a chance to win a ticket to our parish draw. Congratulations to this week's winner who has chosen to remain anonymous.

Catechesis at Mass for Communion and Confirmation Candidates

On Saturday the 29th and Sunday the 30th of November, we will have a catechesis at Mass for the Communion and Confirmation candidates. As always people can attend any Mass as the same material is offered in each.

Christmas Mass Bouquet

Christmas Mass Bouquets are now on sale in the Parish Office and the BREDA Centre at a cost of €5 each. These make a beautiful and thoughtful gift to give family and friends this Christmas.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026

We are delighted to announce that Balyna Parish will organize a pilgrimage to Lourdes in May 2026 (20th May 2025- 3 Nights).

Details and booking are direct with Marian Pilgrimages. Any questions or any further details can be addressed to Marian Pilgrimages on (01) 878 8159 or contact the parish office on (046) 9551203. The total cost is €705 per person sharing. Further information can be found on the following link [Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026 - Balyna Parish](#)

Have Your Say on the Future of Catholic Education in your School

The current Department of Education survey on the future of patronage in the primary schools will determine what schools will divest. As this survey is school specific and it relates directly to your school, this is an opportunity for all members of the school communities to 'have their say' and help shape the direction of your school for the next generation.

It is important that those who wish for a change in patronage would have their voices heard. It is equally important that those who are already satisfied with the current patronage model and who wish for a Catholic Education for their children, including sacramental preparation within school, would have their voices heard also.

For these reasons, and to ensure that an accurate picture emerges, you are invited to participate in this survey if you are a parent, guardian or a prospective parent of a primary school student. Decisions on what schools will retain or lose their Catholic patronage will be influenced by the expressed opinions of those who participate in this survey. Therefore, your opinion and the values you hold dear are important, and your voice needs to be heard about your local school. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey. The closing date is 16th December 2025. The survey may be accessed at www.gov.ie/primaryschoolssurvey

Scoil na Maighdine Mhuire, Broadford Bake Sale

Join us after Mass on Sunday, 30th November in Scoil na Maighdine Mhuire, Broadford for our Bake Sale! Enjoy tasty homemade treats baked by the children and pick up raffle tickets for our Christmas Draw which takes place on Friday, 12th December — with great prizes including hotel stays, hampers, toy vouchers, and more! All are welcome to come along, enjoy the goodies, and support our school. We look forward to seeing you there!

Cadamstown National School

Cadamstown National School seeks to employ a part time cleaner for 8 hours per week. Commencing 5th January 2026. Interested applicants should forward their CV by email to cadamstown@gmail.com

We remember

Anniversaries for this week-end	Brigid & Jack McGrath (Anniversary Mass) The deceased members of the Mooney family. Rosie Reilly. Peter & Angela Conlon & their sons Jack & Peter Jnr & their nephew Paddy McNamee. Rita Reilly (Month's Mind). Maura Maguire & the deceased members of the Maguire family.
Anniversaries for next week-end	Sheila Donegan (Fourth Anniversary). Paddy, James and Joan Mulligan & the deceased members of the Mulligan family. The deceased members of the Baker family. The deceased members of the Manion family, Manchester. Claire Melia. Maurice Mooney, Ballindoolin. Denise Farrell (Month's Mind).

