

Balyna Parish Newsletter

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent- 20/21 December 2025

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Masses this Week:

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

Saturday 20 December	Clogherinkoe	6.00pm Mass
Sunday 21 December	Johnstownbridge Broadford	9:30am Mass 11:00am Mass
Tuesday 23 December	Broadford	10:00am Mass
Wednesday 24 December (Christmas Eve)	Broadford Johnstownbridge Clogherinkoe Broadford	8:30am-10:00am (Morning prayer followed by confession) 4:00pm Mass 6:00pm Mass 8:00pm Mass
Thursday 25 December (Christmas Day)	Clogherinkoe Johnstownbridge Broadford	8:00am Mass 9:30am Mass 11:00am Mass
Friday 26 December		No Mass
Saturday 27 December	Clogherinkoe	6:00pm Mass
Sunday 28 December	Johnstownbridge Broadford	9:30am Mass 11:00am Mass
Tuesday 30 December		No Mass
Wednesday 31 December	Broadford Broadford	10:00am Mass 7:00pm-8:00pm (Holy Hour)
Thursday 1 January	Broadford Broadford	9:00am (Morning Prayer) 12:00 Noon (Mass for Peace)
Friday 2 January	Broadford Broadford	9:30am-10:00am (Confession) 10:00am Mass
Saturday 3 January	Clogherinkoe	6.00pm Mass
Sunday 4 January	Johnstownbridge Broadford	9:30am Mass 11:00am Mass
Tuesday 6 January (Feast of the Epiphany)	Johnstownbridge Broadford Clogherinkoe	9:30am Mass 11:00am Mass 7:30pm Mass

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 25th December 2025: Christmas Day/Christmas Day Collection.

Tuesday 6th January 2026: Feast of the Epiphany, Holy Day.

Sunday 11th January 2026: Balyna Parish Draw.

St. Vincent de Paul Collection

Sincere thanks to everyone for your generous donations to the St. Vincent de Paul collection last weekend. Blue envelopes are available at the back of every Church. All support is greatly appreciated for this worthy cause. All donations are spent in our local community.

Johnstownbridge Choir

The choir in Johnstownbridge church (Sunday Mass at 9.30am) are currently seeking new members. If you enjoy singing & would like to be involved in our church celebrations, please contact June (0863739857) or Declan (087 2074674).

Mass for Closing of Jubilee Year

Bishop Denis Nulty warmly invites the people of the diocese to join him for the celebration of Mass marking the closing of the Jubilee year, on the Feast of the Holy Family. The Mass will take place on Sunday the 28th of December, in the Cathedral of the Assumption Carlow. All are welcome to this special diocesan celebration.

Balyna Parish Draw

Sincere thanks for all the support for the draw so far. It is our major fundraiser for the year, and we hope it will be a good offset of the insurance expenses. The draw will take place on Sunday the 11th of January, after 11:00am Mass in Broadford Church. 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 for our annual parish draw. Congratulations to this week's winner Lily Conlon, Johnstownbridge.

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 www.balynaparish.ie/2025/11/20/lourdes-pilgrimage-2026/

Anniversaries and Intentions

We remember Sheila Prendergast (née McEvoy), Ballinakill, Moyvalley, Co. Kildare who was interred in Jordanstown Cemetery on Friday.

Anniversaries for this week-end	Philomena Colgan (Anniversary Mass). Ger Rushe (Remembrance Mass). James & Eileen Kelleher, Ballinlig.
Anniversaries for Christmas Eve	Mary Brigid O'Toole. Stephen O'Toole. Mary O'Toole. Peig Joyce O'Toole. Brendan O'Toole. Hugh Mooney. Kathleen & Michael Coakley.
Anniversaries for Christmas Day	John & Margaret Enright & their son Harry & daughter Theresa. The Connolly family, Clonuff. The McDowell family. Tom O'Connor, Clonuff (Remembrance Mass). James & Esther Moore & their son Oliver, daughter Maureen & grandson James Moore (Remembrance Mass), Andy Maguire (Christmas Remembrance), Matt Maguire (Christmas Remembrance) & the deceased members of the Moore & Murray families. Mamie Reilly (Birthday Remembrance).
Anniversaries for 27 December	Patrick Moore (Ballrenett) & the deceased members of the Moore family.
Anniversaries for 28 December	Bernie Reilly (First Anniversary).