

Balyna Parish Newsletter

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

Second Sunday of Advent- 6/7 December 2025

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Masses this Week:

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

Saturday 6 December	Clogherinkoe	6.00pm Mass
Sunday 7 December	Johnstownbridge	9:30am Mass
	Broadford	11:00am Mass
Monday 8 December (Feast of the Immaculate Conception)	Johnstownbridge	9:30am Mass
	Broadford	11:00am Mass
	Clogherinkoe	7:30pm Mass
Tuesday 9 December	Broadford	10:00am Mass
Wednesday 10 December	Clogherinkoe	10:00am Mass
Thursday 11 December	Johnstownbridge	10:00am Mass
	Johnstownbridge	Holy Hour 7:00pm-8:00pm
Friday 12 December	Broadford	7:30pm Mass
Saturday 13 December	Clogherinkoe	6:00pm Mass
Sunday 14 December	Johnstownbridge	9:30am Mass
	Broadford	11:00am Mass

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 7th December: Christmas Station Collection

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

Sunday 11th January 2026: Balyna Parish Draw.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

We celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Monday the 8th of December. For those who would like to honour this feast of Our Lady, we will have Mass in St. Patrick's Church Johnstownbridge at 9:30am, St. Mary's Church Broadford at 11:00am and St. Brigid's Church Clogherinkoe at 7:30pm.

Parish Office Closure

Please note the Parish Office will be closed on Monday the 8th of December. It will reopen on Tuesday the 9th of December at 9:00am.

Balyna Parish Draw

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. Tickets can be purchased before & after weekend Masses, in the Parish Office, O'Neills Centra Johnstownbridge, Clocha Rince Library and from various tickets sellers. Tickets are €10 each or a book of 11 tickets for €100. First prize €1,000, Second prize €500, 3rd prize €200 and 3 prizes of €100. 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, Breege Cassidy.

Christmas Stations

The Christmas Stations Collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend. We extend our sincere thanks to all parishioners for your continued generosity and support.

Bambinelli Sunday

As we continue our Advent journey, we warmly invite you all to bring the Baby Jesus figure from your home crib to Mass on Saturday the 13th and Sunday the 14th of December (Third Sunday of Advent-Gaudete Sunday). During Mass there will a blessing of the Bambinelli asking God's grace upon our homes and our preparation for the birth of Christ.

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

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

Anniversaries for this week-end	Gerard (Ger) Murray (Month's Mind). Michael & Margaret Coyne, Thomastown & their daughter Kathleen Lusk. Michael McGrath (Anniversary Mass). John & Josie Farrell, Rahan (Anniversary Mass).
Anniversaries for next week-end	Paud McCabe (First Anniversary). Richard & Reene Bourke & their daughter Aine Bourke. Geroge Cooney (Second Anniversary), his parents Bill & Annie Cooney his sister Gracie, And his son William. Kathleen Kerrigan (Tenth Anniversary) & Noel Kerrigan. Eugene McCabe (Third Anniversary). Anthony, Joe & Agnes Gravin.

