

Balyna Parish Newsletter

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

The Baptism of the Lord- 10/11 January 2026

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Masses this Week:

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

Saturday 10 January	Clogherinkoe	6.00pm Mass
Sunday 11 January	Johnstownbridge	9.30am Mass
	Broadford	11.00am Mass
Tuesday 13 January	Broadford	10:00am Mass
Wednesday 14 January	Clogherinkoe	10:00am Mass
Thursday 15 January	Johnstownbridge	10:00am Mass
Friday 16 January	Broadford	7:30pm Mass
Saturday 17 January	Clogherinkoe	6:00pm Mass
Sunday 18 January	Johnstownbridge	9:30am Mass
	Broadford	11:00am Mass

Dates for your Diary

Saturday January 31st/Sunday 1st February: Catechesis at Mass for Communion and Confirmation candidates.

Wednesday 11th February: World Day of the Sick/Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Wednesday 18th February: Ash Wednesday.

Balyna Parish Draw

Our Annual Parish Draw will take place on Sunday the 11th of January, after 11:00am Mass, in Broadford Church. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all the businesses and individuals who so generously sponsored prizes for this year's draw. Moyvalley Meats, O'Neill's Johnstownbridge (Hamlet Court Hotel), Ashcroft Developments, The Johnstown estate, Granuaile, The Gregory Inn, The Bridge House Enfield & O'Neill's Centra Johnstownbridge. We also wish to warmly thank everyone who sold tickets, your time, and effort, greatly appreciated and make a real difference to our parish. Thank you all for your continued generosity and support. A full list of winners will be posted on the website and on the church noticeboards this week.

Thank You

Sincere thanks to the wonderful volunteers who generously gave their time to distribute parish envelopes throughout our community. If you have not received a box of envelopes and would like to contribute to the life and mission of our parish, please contact the parish office on (046) 9551203.

Message from Fr. Seán

As this is the first newsletter of 2026, I take the opportunity to wish everyone a blessed and grace-filled New Year. May the gentleness of Christ accompany us throughout this year and may we all experience joy and peace as we seek the face of God.

Again I would like to thank everyone for their support and co-operation in the life of the parish. This weekend we have the Parish Draw, our largest fundraiser and it has proved a great success, setting us up well for the coming year. Thanks to all who support it, to our sponsors and to all our ticket-sellers. Thanks also to those who weekly contribute to the life of the parish in so many ways.

I would like to welcome Ms Mary Carr to Broadford School where she takes up the role of principal. I wish her every blessing and success as she continues the strong and well-founded tradition of Catholic education in this parish. In turn, I also wish Ms Cara O'Mahony every success in her new role in Kildare and I thank her for her diligent, caring and courteous presence in our school. It is great to see a wholesome and co-operative transition which allows for the best atmosphere of education of our children.

Over the past few weeks, record numbers have attended Churches all over the country in a surprising and encouraging wave of participation in Christmas ceremonies and prayer. It has taken everyone by surprise! I hope we can build on this in the year ahead and allow the Gospel to be the light of 2026. Every blessing! Fr Seán

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 at the following link
www.balynaparish.ie/2025/11/20/lourdes-pilgrimage-2026/

Broadford Readers Rota

Broadford Reader's Rota for 2026/2027 is now available and can be collected from the sacristy. All readers are asked to pick up a copy at their convenience. Many thanks.

Progressive 25 Cards

Progressive 25 Cards are back in the Hamlet Court Hotel, on Monday 12th January at 8.30pm Tea, coffee, biscuits served. All welcome.

Activator Poles

Activator Poles exercise classes returning to Cadamstown Hall, on 12th January at 2.30pm. All welcome.

Anniversaries and Intentions

Anniversaries for this week-end	Margaret Leonard, Ballinderry (Anniversary Mass). Tina McGinty (Tenth Anniversary). William Holton (Anniversary Mass). Phil Holton (Remembrance Mass) & we also remember the deceased members of the Holton family. Mick McCabe (First Anniversary). Arthur McGovern (Anniversary Mass). Gretta Moore, Cornamuckla (Remembrance Mass) & we also remember her husband Ned and Son Eamonn. Liz Kavanagh and her husband Paddy and her sons John & Pat. Pairc Yallop (Anniversary Mass).
Anniversaries for next week-end	Sheila Prendergast (Month's Mind). Jacinta Kenna (Fourth Anniversary).