Balyna Parish Newsletter

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

2nd Sunday of the Year– 17/18 January 2026

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Masses this Week:

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

Saturday 17 January	**Clogherinkoe**	**6.00pm Mass**
Sunday 18 January	**Johnstownbridge** **Broadford**	**9.30am Mass** **11.00am Mass**
Tuesday 20 January	**Broadford**	**10:00am Mass**
Wednesday 21 January	**Clogherinkoe**	**10:00am Mass**
Thursday 22 January	**Johnstownbridge**	**10:00am Mass**
Friday 23 January	**Broadford**	**7:30pm Mass**
Saturday 24 January	**Clogherinkoe**	**6:00pm Mass**
Sunday 25 January	**Johnstownbridge** **Broadford**	**9:30am Mass** **11:00am Mass**

Dates for your Diary

Saturday January 31st/Sunday 1st February: Catechesis at Mass for Communion and Confirmation candidates.
Monday 2nd February: Candlemass Day, Blessing of Candles at Mass.
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 took 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), AshcroftDevelopments, 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. The total amount raised was €10,745. All proceeds again this year will be used to offset Insurance costs.

Congratulations to all our prize winners. We are pleased to announce that the first prize of €1,000 has been awarded to Balyna Ladies Football Club. A full list of winners is available at the following link https://www.balynaparish.ie/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Raffle-Prizes-11.01.2026.pdf

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.

Candlemas Day Monday 2nd February

To celebrate Candlemas Day, Mass will be in Broadford at 7:00pm, on Monday the 2nd of February. Anyone who wishes to have candles blessed, can leave them in front of the Altar just before Mass. Normal Blessed Candles are made from beeswax. Please label clearly with your name. If you do not have a candle and need to purchase one, please contact the Parish Office. Candles can be pre-booked at a cost of €2-00 each.

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/

There will be an information evening after 7:00pm Mass in Broadford, on Monday the 2nd of February, for all those taking part in the parish pilgrimage to Lourdes. Mary from Marian Pilgrimages will be present and will be happy to answer any questions.

Clogherinkoe GFC: Ciorcal Cainte

Starting this Monday, the 19th of January, in the Clubhouse, from 8:30pm to 9:30pm. Whether you have a cúpla focal, no Irish at all, or are fluent in Gaeilge, everyone is welcome to come along. A relaxed, informal and social setting to promote and enjoy the Irish language. All ages welcome. Please spread the word — we hope to see you there!

Clocha Rince National School

Clocha Rince National Schools seeks to employ a substitute cleaner commencing on 9th February 2026 to cover a maternity leave contract until the end of the school year. 3 hours per day, Monday to Friday. Interested applicants should contact the principal at 0469553428 or by email principal@clocharince.ie on or before Friday30th January.

Decluttering after Christmas?

If you have any unwanted gift sets, the parish would be delighted to receive them for our upcoming car boot sale. All proceeds will go towards supporting the parish. Please drop items at the Parish Office or Johnstownbridge Church. Thank you for your generosity.

Anniversaries and Intentions

Anniversaries for this week-end	Jack, Lucy, Sean, Eamon, Jenny & Maura Harte, Ballindoolin. Sheila Prendergast (Month's Mind). Jacinta Kenna (Fourth Anniversary). Mary Sutton (Second Anniversary). Liam Sutton (Fourth Anniversary). Andy Maguire (Third Anniversary & Birthday Remembrance) & his son Matt Maguire (Eleventh Anniversary & Birthday Remembrance).
Anniversaries for next week-end	Christopher & Mary Gorman, their children Pat, Noel, Kevin, & Bridie. Michael & Annie Farrell, Ballycowan (Anniversary Mass). John Mangan, Johnstownbridge (Third Anniversary). Padraig Casey (Fifteenth Anniversary), we also remember his wife Maureen, his parents Michael & Elizabeth, his uncle William Horan & the deceased members of the Horan & Casey families. Sally Ryan (Fifth Anniversary). Mick Mooney (First Anniversary).