

Balyna Parish Newsletter

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

3rd Sunday of the Year- 24/25 January 2026

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Masses this Week:

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

Saturday 24 January	Clogherinkoe	6.00pm Mass
Sunday 25 January	Johnstownbridge Broadford	9.30am Mass 11.00am Mass
Tuesday 27 January	Broadford	10:00am Mass
Wednesday 28 January	Clogherinkoe	10:00am Mass
Thursday 29 January	No Mass	No Mass
Friday 30 January	No Mass	No Mass
Saturday 31 January	Clogherinkoe	6:00pm Mass
Sunday 1 February	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.

Saturday 14th February: Couples Blessing at Mass, Clogherinkoe 6:00pm.

Wednesday 18th February: Ash Wednesday.

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.

Parish Field

Anyone interested in renting the parish field, adjacent to the priest's house, should contact Ed Carey on (046) 951064

Catechesis at Mass for Communion and Confirmation Candidates

On Saturday the 31st of January and Sunday the 1st of February, 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.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026

We are delighted to announce that Ballyna 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.

World Day of Prayer for the Sick

Wednesday the 11th of February is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of Prayer for the Sick. We will have a Mass for the Sick at 10:00am in Clogherinkoe with a celebration of the sacrament of anointing of the Sick. We will also have anointing of the sick in Broadford from 6:15pm-7:00pm followed by holy hour from 7:00pm-8:00pm.

Couples Blessing

On February the 14th we invite all newly married or engaged couples to join us for a special Couples Blessing, during the 6:00pm Mass in Clogherinkoe. It will also be a moment to remember husbands and wives who have died. Come celebrate your love and commitment to each other as we ask God to strengthen and guide your life together.

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.

Clogherinkoe GFC

Ciorcal Cainte continues this Monday, the 26th 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!

Anniversaries and Intentions

We remember Carmel Slattery (née Murphy), Clegarrow, Enfield, Meath, who died recently.

Anniversaries for this week-end	Christopher & Mary Gorman, their children Pat, Noel, Kevin, & Bridie. Michael & Annie Farrell, Ballycowan (Anniversary Mass). Eilish Mooney (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. Jim Farrell, Johnstownbridge and his nephew Kevin Farrell. Sally Ryan (Fifth Anniversary). Mick Mooney (First Anniversary). Josephine Lenehan and Oliver Lenehan.
Anniversaries for next week-end	Broughan Donnegan (Fourth Anniversary). Pat Stynes (Fifth Anniversary). John & Winnie Mallon (Remembrance Mass). Philip & Margaret Shanley (Anniversary Mass). John Joe & Trudy Murphy & the deceased members of the Murphy family.