

Balyna Parish Newsletter

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

4th Sunday of the Year- 31 January/1st February 2026

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Masses this Week:

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

Saturday 31 January	Clogherinkoe	6.00pm Mass
Sunday 1 February	Johnstownbridge Broadford	9.30am Mass 11.00am Mass
Monday 2 February	Broadford	7:00pm Mass (Candlemass Day)
Tuesday 3 February	Broadford	10:00am Mass (Blessing of Throats after Mass)
Wednesday 4 February	Clogherinkoe	10:00am Mass
Thursday 5 February	Johnstownbridge	10:00am Mass
Friday 6 February	Broadford	7:30pm Mass (confession 6:30-7:15pm)
Saturday 7 February	Clogherinkoe	6:00pm Mass
Sunday 8 February	Johnstownbridge Broadford	9:30am Mass 11:00am Mass

Dates for your Diary

Monday 2nd February: Candlemass Day, Blessing of Candles at Mass.

Tuesday 3rd February: Feast of St. Blaise, Blessing of Throats, after 10:00am Mass in Broadford.

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.

First Friday

This Friday (6th February) is the First Friday; invalids will be attended during the week. On Friday evening there will be Confession from 6:30pm to 7:15pm in Broadford Church, followed by mass at 7:30pm.

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.

Blessing of the Throats

As we celebrate the Feast of St. Blaise, blessing of the throats will take place after 10:00am Mass, in St. Mary's Church Broadford, on Tuesday the 3rd of February.

Parish Field

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

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.

Clocha Rince National School

Clocha Rince National School seeks to employ a bus escort for 2 hours per day, Monday to Friday. Interested applicants can forward a letter of application via email to clocharince16@clocharince.ie or by post directly to the school on or before Tuesday 10th February 2026"

Scoil San Treasa, Kilshanroe

Cleaner required in Scoil San Treasa, Kilshanroe. 2 hours per day Monday to Friday during school term time. Interested applicants should contact the school office on 046 9541612 or by email principal@sstkilshanroe.ie on or before the 13th of February 2026.

Anniversaries and Intentions

Anniversaries for this week-end	Broughan Donnegan (Fourth Anniversary). Joe & Garry Jones, Rahan, Edenderry (Twenty Second Anniversary). Theresa Jones (Fifth Anniversary). Pat Stynes (Fifth Anniversary). John & Winnie Mallon (Remembrance Mass). Ellen Daly, formerly of the Glebe (Eighteenth Anniversary). Philip & Margaret Shanley (Anniversary Mass). John Joe & Trudy Murphy & the deceased members of the Murphy family.
Anniversaries for next week-end	Johnny Boyle, Ballinakill (Anniversary Mass). Patrick Healy (Fiftieth Anniversary) & we also remember his wife Mary.

