

Balyna Parish Newsletter

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

6th Sunday of the Year- 14/15 February 2026

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Masses this Week:

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

Saturday 14 February	Clogherinkoe	6.00pm Mass
Sunday 15 February	Johnstownbridge Broadford	9.30am Mass 11.00am Mass
Tuesday 17 February	Broadford	10:00am Mass
Wednesday 18 February (Ash Wednesday)	Clogherinkoe Johnstownbridge Broadford	10:00am Mass (with distribution of Ashes) 6:00pm Evening Prayer (with distribution of Ashes). 7:30pm Mass (with distribution of Ashes).
Thursday 19 February	Johnstownbridge Broadford	10:00am Mass 7:00pm-8:00pm Holy Hour
Friday 20 February	Broadford	7:30pm Mass
Saturday 21 February	Clogherinkoe	6:00pm Mass
Sunday 22 February	Johnstownbridge Broadford	9:30am Mass 11:00am Mass

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 18th February: Ash Wednesday.

Sunday 22nd February: Easter Stations Collection.

Saturday 28th February/1st March: Catechesis at Mass for First Communion and Confirmation candidates.

Ash Wednesday

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the season of Lent. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at 10.00am Mass in Clogherinkoe, at 6:00pm Evening Prayers in Johnstownbridge and at 7.30pm Mass in Broadford. Ash Wednesday is also a day of fast and abstinence.

Tax Forms

We have forwarded tax forms to a number of parishioners which needs to be updated to claim tax from their contributions. We would gratefully appreciate their return in the accompanying stamped addressed envelope. Many thanks!

Easter Station Collection

The Easter Station Collection will be taken up at Masses next weekend. This is for the temporal upkeep of the priest. An envelope is provided for this in the box of envelopes. As always, I thank you most sincerely for this practical support.

Parish Field

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

A Letter by Bishop Denis to the People & Priests of Kildare & Leighlin Diocese

'A Time to Pull in our Nets and take stock' A letter by Bishop Denis to the people & priests of Kildare & Leighlin Diocese can viewed on the following link www.balynaparish.ie/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/Pastoral-Letter-February-2026.pdf. Printed copies are also available at the back of the churches.

Balyna Parish Lenten Programme

Balyna Parish Lenten Programme now available to view on the following link www.balynaparish.ie/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/Balyna-Parish-Lenten-Programme.pdf. Printed copies are also available at the back of the churches.

Readers Needed

Clogherinkoe is seeking new readers. Those who wish to express an interest are asked to contact the Parish Office on (046) 9551203 or email balynaparish2020@gmail.com

Broadford National School

Broadford National School are currently taking enrolments for the 2026-2027 school year.

If you have a child starting school in September you are invited to an Open Afternoon at our school on Wednesday, 25th February from 2.00pm to 2.30pm. Anyone who wishes to enrol their child can contact us by phone at 046 9551323 or by email at secretary@broadfordnaskildare.ie Alternatively, you can drop into the school for an enrolment form.

Anniversaries and Intentions

We remember Philomena O'Neill (née Kennedy) Johnstownbridge, who was interred in Kilshanroe Cemetery on Tuesday. We also remember Jim Killaly, Gravesend, Kent, England, who died during the week.

Anniversaries for this week-end	Patrick (Potch) Moore (Twelfth Anniversary & Birthday Remembrance) and we also remember his baby daughter Deborah. Kathleen Farrell, Johnstownbridge and her granddaughter Lisa Bridged Farrell. Bridget Fox (Forty-Fifth Anniversary). Peter Mullally & Jack Coakley.
Anniversaries for next week-end	Matt Maguire (Eleventh Anniversary). Jane Murray (Third Anniversary) and we also remember her parents Martin & Elizabeth, brothers John, Joe & Martin & sisters Annie & Bernadette. John & Agnes McNamara and their son David McNamara. James Holton, Clonaugh (Third Anniversary) and we also remember his parents James & Mary Holton, his brother William, his sister Breda and the deceased members of the Holton family Clonaugh. Brian Redican (Twenty Fifth Anniversary).