

Balyna Parish Newsletter

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

1st Sunday of Lent - 21/22 February 2026

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Masses this Week:

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

Saturday 21 February	Broadford	9:00am Morning Prayer
	Clogherinkoe	6.00pm Mass
Sunday 22 February	Johnstownbridge	9.30am Mass
	Broadford	11.00am Mass
Monday 23 February	Johnstownbridge	6:00pm Evening Prayer
Tuesday 24 February	Broadford	10:00am Mass
Wednesday 25 February	Clogherinkoe	10:00am Mass
Thursday 26 February	Johnstownbridge	10:00am Mass
	Johnstownbridge	7:00pm-8:00pm Holy Hour
Friday 27 February	Broadford	7:30pm Mass
Saturday 28 February	Clogherinkoe	6:00pm Mass
Sunday 1 March	Johnstownbridge	9:30am Mass
	Broadford	11:00am Mass

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 22nd February: Easter Stations Collection.

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

Wednesday 11th March: Confessions, Ceremony of Light & Pledge for Confirmation Candidates.

Thursday 12th March: Sacrament of Confirmation.

Tuesday 17th March: St. Patrick's Day.

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 this 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.

Catechesis at Mass for Communion and Confirmation Candidates

On Saturday the 28th of February and Sunday the 1st of March, 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.

Broadford National School Clothes Collection

Broadford National School is holding a Clothes Collection on Wednesday, 25th March 2026. All clean clothes, paired shoes and handbags are accepted. Curtains and bed linen can also be included. Bags of clothes can be dropped into the school from Monday, 23rd March, until the morning of Wednesday, 25th March. Don't forget to spread the word to friends and family. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

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@broadfordnskildare.ie Alternatively, you can drop into the school for an enrolment form.

Anniversaries and Intentions

We remember Pauline Scully, Seapark Drive, Clontarf, Dublin, who died recently.

Anniversaries for this week-end	Jane Murray (Third Anniversary) and we also remember her parents Martin & Elizabeth, brothers John, Joe & Martin & sisters Annie & Bernadette. John & Joan Haslam. Ger, Michael & Mary Haslam. Alex Haslam. 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). Nan & Mick Reynolds. Carmel, Peter & Angela Loughrey. Jim Killaly & the deceased members of the Loughrey family.
Anniversaries for next week-end	Stephen Donovan, Ballinlig (Month's Mind).

The Heroic Offering (Pioneer Prayer)

For Thy greater glory and consolation,
O Sacred Heart of Jesus!

For Thy sake,

to give good example,

to practise self-denial,

to make reparation to Thee for the sins of intemperance,

and for the conversion of excessive drinkers,

I will abstain for life from all intoxicating drink

And other addictive substances.