

Balyna Parish Newsletter

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

Palm Sunday - 28/29 March 2026

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Masses this Week:

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

Saturday 28 March	Broadford Clogherinkoe	9:30am Morning Prayer 6.00pm Mass
Sunday 29 March (Palm Sunday and the blessings of the palms)	Johnstownbridge Broadford	9.30am Mass 11.00am Mass
Monday 30 March	Carlow Cathedral	7:30pm Chrism Mass
Tuesday 31 March	Broadford	10:00am Mass
Wednesday 1 April	Clogherinkoe	10:00am Mass
Thursday 2 April (Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lords Supper)	Johnstownbridge	7:30pm Mass Followed by prayer at the Altar of Repose (in the sacristy) to conclude with Night Prayer @ 9:30pm)
Friday 3 April (Good Friday)	Broadford Broadford Clogherinkoe Johnstownbridge	9:30am (Morning Prayer) 3:00pm (Solemn Commemoration of the Passion) 7:30pm (Stations of the Cross) 7:30pm (Stations of the Cross)
Saturday 4 April (Holy Saturday)	Johnstownbridge Clogherinkoe	9:30am Morning Prayer 6:00pm Mass (Easter Vigil)
Sunday 5 April (Easter Sunday)	Johnstownbridge Broadford	9:30am Mass 11:00am Mass
Monday 6 April (Easter Monday)	Broadford	12:00 Noon Mass Our Lady of Life

Dates for your Diary

Monday 30th March: Chrism Mass in Carlow Cathedral @ 7:30pm

Sunday 5th April: Easter Sunday/Easter Sunday Collection/Special Prayer for First Holy Communion & Confirmation Candidates.

Tuesday 14th April: First Confession for the children of Broadford and Cadamstown National School after 10:00am Mass.

Wednesday 15th April: First Confession for the children of Clocha Rince National School after 10:00am Mass.

Thursday 16th April: First Confession for the children of Johnstownbridge National School after 10:00am Mass.

Easter Sunday Collection

The Easter Sunday Collection will be taken up at the Masses next weekend 4/5 April. An envelope is provided in your box of envelopes. This is one of the collections taking up each year from which I derive my income. I am truly grateful to you all for your generous support.

Sacramental Candidates

There will be a special prayer for the First Holy Communion and Confirmation candidates at all Masses next weekend. All candidates are warmly invited to attend. As always people can attend any Mass as the same material is offered in each.

Summer Closing Time

With the clocks going forward on the Sunday the 29th of March, all Churches in the parish will be closing at the later time of 5:30pm daily.

Easter Visits to the Sick

Invalids will be attended during the week leading up to Easter.

Chrism Mass 2026

Please join Bishop Denis and the clergy of the diocese for a special gathering of the diocesan family in Holy Week, in Cathedral of the Assumption, on Monday the 30th of March @ 7:30pm. Music will be led by the Diocesan Choir, refreshments afterwards in Carlow college.

Sacrament of First Confession

On 14th, 15th & 16th of April the children of our parish, who will receive their First Holy Communion in May, will present themselves for the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. We keep them and their families in our prayers as the children take this special step in their faith journeys.

Broadford National School: Tuesday April 14th, St. Mary's Church Broadford after 10:00am Mass

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Clocha Rince National School: Wednesday April 15th, St. Brigid's Church Clogherinkoe after 10:00am Mass.

Johnstownbridge National School: Thursday 16th April, St. Patrick's Church Johnstownbridge after 10:00am Mass.

Anniversaries and Intentions

We remember Margaret Crumpton, mother of John Crumpton, who was cremated in Wales at the end of last week.

Anniversaries for this week-end	Ursula Hynes (Fourth Anniversary). Mary Edward & James Miggan (Anniversary Mass).
Anniversaries for next week-end	Con & Mary Kane (Anniversary Mass) & we also remember the deceased members of the Kane & Buttler families. The Bergin family, Alacoque, Michael, Seamus, Colette, Donal, baby Michael John and John. Ian Sutton (Anniversary Mass) and the deceased members of the Sutton family.

