

# Balyna Parish Newsletter

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

11<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year - 13/14 June 2026

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## Masses this Week:

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

<b>Saturday 13 June</b>	<b>Clogherinkoe</b>	<b>6.00pm Mass</b>
<b>Sunday 14 June</b>	<b>Johnstownbridge</b>	<b>9.30am Mass</b>
	<b>Broadford</b>	<b>11.00am Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday 16 June</b>	<b>Broadford</b>	<b>10:00am Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday 17 June</b>	<b>Clogherinkoe</b>	<b>10:00am Mass</b>
<b>Thursday 18 June</b>	<b>Johnstownbridge</b>	<b>10:00am Mass</b>
<b>Friday 19 June</b>	<b>Broadford</b>	<b>10:00am Mass</b>
<b>Saturday 20 June</b>	<b>Clogherinkoe</b>	<b>6:00pm Mass</b>
<b>Sunday 21 June</b>	<b>Johnstownbridge</b>	<b>9:30am Mass</b>
	<b>Broadford</b>	<b>11:00am Mass</b>

## Sincere Thanks

Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed so generously to the June collection for the priests. Your kindness, generosity and continued support are very much appreciated.

## Many Thanks

Caroline and Susan would like to thank everyone that donated gifts and unwanted household items for our car boot sales. Last year we made over €900. There were new vases bought for church in Johnstownbridge. Road signs to hold our car boots and various other items. Money raised from car boots is divided between Balyna Parish and Cadamstown hall. We go to Straffan car boot sale two Saturdays in the month, to sell our goods. If anyone has any unwanted items, they don't need such as unwanted Christmas presents and giftware. We cannot accept electrical goods, baby equipment and clothes. Please drop donations to Johnstownbridge church or Parish office. If anyone needs anything collected, please contact Caroline 0876440774.

## This Weeks Mass Schedule

Please note, Mass in Broadford, on Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> of June, will be celebrated at an earlier time of 10:00am.

Dear Friends

My tenure as Parish priest of Balyna will come to an end on 31 July. I have been here for six years, since the autumn of 2020. As of August, I will take up a new role as Spiritual Director of the Seminary in Maynooth College.

It has been a privilege and a joy to serve this parish for the last six years. I thank you for your support and friendship over that time. I arrived in the thick of the lock-down, when we were limited as to how we might function but, with the support and good will of the community, we managed-- and we emerged even the stronger for it. I have accompanied many of you in important moments and it was humbling to be received into your homes and into the stories of your lives. Thank you!

In due course, Bishop Nulty will announce arrangements for the future of ministry in this parish. I will still try to keep a full schedule until the end of July, although, as usual for the summer, week-day Masses will be cancelled on occasions. All baptisms and weddings which have been booked will be honoured but no more bookings will be taken for the period after 1 August until the situation is clarified. I assure those couples who have asked me to preside at their weddings that I will return and honour that commitment into the future. There may be an interim period after the 1 August when only Sunday Masses and funerals will be covered but that will be clarified in due course. Thanks for your understanding!

I will leave with many blessed and happy memories of Balyna—the daffodils in the springtime along the road to Broadford, the sound of the cuckoo down the bog road in summer, the colours of the trees in autumn, the ceiling of Johnstownbridge, the gardens and the spire of Clogherinkoe, the early morning light shining through the stained glass in Broadford. Above all, the kindness and the friendship of the people here will be my lasting memory. In particular, I thank Catherine, Lorna, Damien, Ethna, Caroline, Gary, and I remember Ger with fondness. I thank all those who worked with me on Boards, on the Finance Committee, on the Pastoral Council. I thank the local undertakers, particularly O'Neills and Pat Larkin. I thank all who helped in every way in the churches and who worked so well in harmony and generosity. Thanks to you all!

I am not gone yet, so please do not turn the next few weeks into a wake! I will enjoy the last few weeks here in your company and I look forward to preserving our friendship in the new circumstances that await us after 1 August.

Thank you! As I start this new appointment I ask you for your prayers and I assure you of mine.

God bless!

Fr Sean

## Anniversaries and Intentions

Anniversaries for this week-end	James Reilly (Fifth Anniversary).
Anniversaries for next week-end	Eileen Mulligan (Second Anniversary). Claire Meila (Third Anniversary). Ger Mulvin. Mary & Paddy Young. Maurice Mooney, Ballycowan. Arthur Mooney, Ballindoolin. Martha Mooney, Ballindoolin. Eileen & Daniel Lenehan, Thomastown. Jack, Nellie & Eileen Swan. Sheila O'Brien Williamstown (First Anniversary). Patrick Loughrey (Second Anniversary) & we also remember the deceased members of the Loughrey family. Mary Glynn (Anniversary Mass) & the deceased members of the Swan & McEvoy families. Molly & John Malone. Bernadette Malone née McGrath & her son Patrick, her parents Christy & Bridget McGrath & her brother Tommy. Paddy & Molly Malone & their daughter Kitty & the deceased members of the Malone family. Paddy Hogan. Eileen Loughrey & the deceased members of the Loughrey family, Cadamstown.

