

Balyna Parish Newsletter

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

17th Sunday of the Year - 25/26 July 2026

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Masses this Week:

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

Saturday 25 July	Clogherinkoe	6.00pm Mass
Sunday 26 July	Johnstownbridge Broadford	9.30am Mass 11.00am Mass
Tuesday 28 July	Broadford	10:00am Mass
Wednesday 29 July	Clogherinkoe	10:00am Mass
Thursday 30 July	Johnstownbridge	10:00am Mass with Bishop Denis Nulty as celebrant.
Friday 31 July	Broadford	7:30pm Mass of Thanksgiving
Saturday 1 August	Clogherinkoe	6:00pm Mass
Sunday 2 August	Johnstownbridge Broadford	9:30am Mass 11:00am Mass

Dear Friends

As many of you will know, Fr Brian Kavanagh has been appointed as Parish Priest of Balyna from 1 August. This marks the official end of my tenure here and I wish Fr Brian every joy and blessing in his ministry here.

The six years of my time here in Balyna have passed very quickly. I have come to love this place and will always remember it with fondness. The turn of the seasons, the welcome of the people and the great parish atmosphere here are not to be taken for granted. I thank you for your support and kindness. My one most precious memory here will always be the support and care I received on the death of my mother in January last year.

This week-end's Gospel asks us to recognize what is the "pearl of great value" in our lives—that for which we are willing to risk everything else. Leaving here is difficult and challenging, but the gift of the priesthood is that pearl of great price for me. I look forward to helping others discover its value also in my next mission.

Please pray for me, as I will pray for you. I will celebrate my last Mass here on Friday at 7.30pm—everyone is welcome!

Fr Sean

Cemetery Devotions 2026.

The Annual Cemetery Prayers will take place in August 2026. This special time of prayer allows us to remember and honor our loved ones who have gone before us.

Thursday 6 th August 2026: Kilrainey 6:00pm.	Friday 7 th August 2026: Broadford 7:30pm.
Thursday 6 th August 2026: Nurney 6:30pm.	
Thursday 6 th August 2026: Mylerstown 7:00pm.	Saturday 8 th August 2026: Carrick 7:15pm.
Thursday 6 th August 2026: Cadamstown 7:30pm.	Saturday 8 th August 2026: Cushlangearr 7:45pm.
Thursday 6 th August 2026: Ballinadrimna 8:00pm.	Saturday 8 th August 2026: Millpond 8:30pm.

Mass of Thanksgiving and Celebration for Fr. Seán.

As Fr. Seán prepares to leave our parish and begin his new role as Spiritual Director of the Seminary in Maynooth College, all parishioners are warmly invited to a Mass of Thanksgiving in recognition for his faithful service and commitment to our parish community over the past 6 years. The Mass will take place in St. Mary's Church Broadford, on Friday the 31st of July at 7:30pm, followed by a celebration and refreshments in Broadford National School. This will be an opportunity for the parish community to gather in gratitude, wish Fr. Seán every blessing for the future and thank him for his dedication and care during his time with us. All are welcome.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

This Sunday the 26th of July we celebrate World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. It is an opportunity to give thanks for the love, wisdom, faith and guidance that grandparents and older people bring to our families, our parish and our community. Let us remember in our prayers all grandparents and the elderly, especially those who are lonely, sick or in need of our support.

Part-Time Cleaner St. Partick's N.S

St. Patrick's N.S., Johnstownbridge invites applications for the position of a part-time cleaner, commencing at the end of August. This position is for ten hours per week. The specific working schedule and duties will be agreed following discussion with the Principal and Chairperson of the Board of Management. If interested, please forward by post, letter of application, CV and referees (name, role, contact no.) to Chairperson B.O.M., St. Patrick's N.S., Johnstownbridge, Enfield by July 27th.

Carbury Parish Annual Trip to Knock Shrine 2026

The Annual trip to Knock Shrine from Carbury Parish will take place on Wednesday 5th August, the cost of the bus is Adults €20 and Children €5. Anyone interested in going please contact the Parish Office 046-95-53355 or Biddy before the 3rd of August to reserve a seat on the bus. The bus will be leaving Derrinturn Church at 8am.

Anniversaries and Intentions

We remember Des Moore, Kilmore, Enfield Co. Kildare who died recently. We also remember Gerard (Gerry) O'Neill, Tarmonbarry, Roscommon and late of Maynooth, brother of Brenda Holden, who was interred in Kilbarry Cemetery on Monday.

Anniversaries for this week-end	Peter Conlon Senior. Sheila Leonard Anniversary Mass and her grandparents Jim & Teresa Leonard. Sinead Sweeney (Fifth Anniversary). Tomasz Bryla (Birthday Remembrance). Phil Holton (Fifth Anniversary) & we also remember her husband Willie. Declan McGill.
Anniversaries for next week-end	Joe Loughrey (Thirty Ninth Anniversary), his wife Jane, his sons Jimmy & Leo, his daughters Frances & Alocque, his grandsons Brian Loughrey, Chris Dixon & John Delaney. Teresa Kelly (Anniversary Mass). Tom & Nancy Kelly. The deceased members of the McAndrew family. Michael & Nancy Stynes (Anniversary Mass). Johnny, Molly and Michael Tougher (Anniversary Mass).