

### Activator Poles

Activator Poles (Fitsticks) starting back in Cadamstown Hall at 2.30pm on Monday 7th September. New members very welcome.

### Online Donations

Our Parish bank account details are as follows: BIC: EDCNIE21, IBAN: IE87EDCN9910421036787. For anyone who would like to financially support the Parish online, could you please ensure to include your name in the details when contributing online. Many thanks as always for your support. For further information contact the Parish Office on (046) 9551203.

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

### Clothes Collection

It's time for a clear-out! We're holding a clothes collection to help raise funds for our parish. All items must be in good, wearable condition. Items accepted: shoes, sports shoes, runners, rugby boots etc. (can be spoiled but not ripped), hats scarves, belts, suits, jewellery, soft toys (no plastic parts), can be left in black bags at the back of the churches weekend, Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup> of October. Every bag helps – the more we collect, the more we raise! So spread the word to family and friends too.

### SVP Carbury Conference

Serving Carbury, Kilshanroe, Broadford, Clogherinkoe, Johnstownbridge and surrounding areas are in urgent need of new members to help facilitate home visits and prevent closure of the conference. If you feel this may be something you are interested in, please feel free to contact us on: 085 2736546 Or attend our next meeting Date: Thursday 10th September Venue: Carbury Parish Office (Eircode W91TE8W).

### The Irish Cancer Society

The Irish Cancer Society is seeking compassionate volunteer drivers to join our pool of drivers. As a volunteer driver you would be bringing patients undergoing chemotherapy to the hospital and back home for their treatment. Gifting your time means that cancer patients will have comfortable (one on one) transport to attend appointments for their lifesaving treatment.

If you can spare 2 days per month, have a valid driving licence, and a safe, reliable vehicle, you are the perfect candidate to make a significant difference. The Irish Cancer Society will provide you with training before you start as a driver for us. Your generosity not only eases the journey for many during a challenging time but also offers comfort and support when it's needed most.

For more information and to become a volunteer driver, please contact Monica or Emily at [volunteer@irishcancer.ie](mailto:volunteer@irishcancer.ie)

# Balyna Parish Newsletter



## Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

6<sup>th</sup> September, 2026

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Diocesan Website: [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)

### Parish Child Safeguarding.

**Representatives:** Rose Miggan; Evelyn Bonner; Lorna Mooney; Annette O'Connor; Chris Farrell. Diocesan Director of Safeguarding: Michelle Hughes; Email: [safeguarding@kandle.ie](mailto:safeguarding@kandle.ie); Tel. 086-1701643

### Weekday Mass Intention

If you would like to have a weekday Mass offered for a personal or special intention, please contact the parish office on (046) 955 1203 at least a week in advance, or call into Fr. Brian in the sacristy before Mass.

### Masses this Week

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| <b>Saturday 5 Sept</b>  | <b>Clogherinkoe</b>    | <b>6.00pm Mass</b>                                   |
| <b>Sunday 6 Sept</b>    | <b>Johnstownbridge</b> | <b>9.30am Mass</b>                                   |
|                         | <b>Broadford</b>       | <b>11.00am Mass</b>                                  |
| <b>Tuesday 8 Sept</b>   | <b>Broadford</b>       | <b>10:00am Mass (Feast of Birthday of our Lady).</b> |
| <b>Wednesday 9 Sept</b> | <b>Clogherinkoe</b>    | <b>10:00am Mass</b>                                  |
| <b>Thursday 10 Sept</b> | <b>Johnstownbridge</b> | <b>10:00am Mass</b>                                  |
| <b>Friday 11 Sept</b>   | <b>Broadford</b>       | <b>7:30pm Mass</b>                                   |
| <b>Saturday 12 Sept</b> | <b>Clogherinkoe</b>    | <b>6:00pm Mass</b>                                   |
| <b>Sunday 13 Sept</b>   | <b>Johnstownbridge</b> | <b>9:30am Mass</b>                                   |
|                         | <b>Broadford</b>       | <b>11:00am Mass</b>                                  |
|                         | <b>Clogherinkoe</b>    | <b>2:00pm Bush Mass</b>                              |

## Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism in Our Parish

Baptisms will take place in our parish on the following dates over the coming months.

- Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2026: St. Mary's Church, Broadford at 12:00 noon.
- Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2026: St. Patrick's Church, Johnstownbridge at 12:00 noon.
- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2026: St. Brigid's Church, Clogherinkoe at 12:00 noon.
- Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2026: St. Mary's Church, Broadford at 12:00 noon.

**For further information or to arrange a baptism please contact the Parish Office on (046) 9551203.**

## Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>/Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September

### Anniversaries Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>/Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September

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| <b>Clogherinkoe</b>    | Pat Tyrrell (Anniversary Mass).<br>Kathleen Kavanagh (7th Anniversary), mother of Fr. Brian.                                              |
| <b>Johnstownbridge</b> | People of the Parish.                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Broadford</b>       | Peter Cusack and his parents Denis & Maureen.<br>Mick & Betty Roche, Williamstown (Anniversary Mass).<br>Mamie Reilly (Anniversary Mass). |

### Anniversaries Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>/Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September

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| <b>Clogherinkoe</b>                           | Phoebe Moore & her brother Michael Kerrigan, Scotland.                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Johnstownbridge</b>                        | People of the Parish.                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Broadford</b>                              | Winfred (Freddie) Sutton (Second Anniversary), and we also remember her sister-in-law Celine Austin (Month's Mind).                                                                                  |
| <b>Clogherinkoe</b><br><b>(Bush Mass 2pm)</b> | Bill & Eileen Mallen & their sons Liam, Harry, Denis, Paddy & Brendan & the deceased members of the Mallen family.<br>John & Kathleen Coyne & the deceased members of the Coyne family, Balindoolin. |

### Dates for your Diary

**13th September 2026:** Bush Mass at 2pm.

**4<sup>th</sup> October 2026:** Balyna Parish Clothes Collection

**Recent Deaths:** We pray for all those who have died recently, especially all those who have no one to pray for them and for all those who are buried in our cemeteries.

## Sacraments of Communion & Confirmation

Dear parents/guardians, this is a special year for your daughter, son and family. Faith is passed on from one generation to the next & your mission in handing on the treasure of faith is of great value. As soon as the schools reopen & I have an opportunity to meet with the teachers, I will organise a meeting with yourselves to arrange the preparation programme for the sacraments & see what dates will suit you all. In the meantime, if you would like to enrol your child(ren) for the sacrament(s), can you please complete the form for Communion [www.balynaparish.ie/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/Balyna-Parish-Communion-Request-Form-2027.pdf](http://www.balynaparish.ie/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/Balyna-Parish-Communion-Request-Form-2027.pdf) Confirmation [www.balynaparish.ie/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/Balyna-Parish-Confirmation-Request-Form-2027.pdf](http://www.balynaparish.ie/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/Balyna-Parish-Confirmation-Request-Form-2027.pdf) and return to the parish office. If your child was baptised outside the Parish of Balyna, could you please include a copy of their Baptism Certificate. Looking forward to meeting you all mid-September. Fr. Brian

## Fr. Brian's Reflection

Last week we had the opportunity of reflecting on Bishop Denis' Pastoral Letter as he wrote about the changing reality, which has been emerging over the last few years, and that needs to be faced with faith. Our late Pope Francis called all the baptized faithful over the world to meet, talk, listen, reflect, pray and respond to the needs of all believers – to become a synodal church. This happened over the last four years and it is continuing now in our diocese. Some of you have attended those meetings and a document has been issued recently titled "Walking Together in Hope: A pastoral discernment emerging from the conversations of the pastoral areas of Kildare & Leighlin". This is a new reality for me and yourselves with my appointment as your pastor and spiritual leader. Emerging from the conversations in the pastoral areas was the expressed need for formation in many areas so that people can become involved in the life of the faith-community. The areas named were: parish pastoral councils, funeral ministry, catechists, liturgical ministries, parish administration, youth ministry, finance committee, lay pastoral leaders. I'd like us all – people of all ages - to begin the journey of inviting people with gifts and interests in the above areas and even other areas not already mentioned. I'm thinking of prayer ministry, visitation ministry, bereavement ministry, and perhaps you can think of more. Next week I will put up a link on the Parish Newsletter so that you can think about which aspect of parish life you'd like to bring your gifts and talents to, and so together build up the Kingdom of God in the Parish of Balyna.