**Balyna Parish Ministry Interest Registration Form**

Many thanks to all who have filled in the form and expressed interest in being involved in various ministries. If you are already involved in a ministry, please fill in a form and consider another if possible. Some of the Liturgical Ministries are applicable to the children in our families. You are welcome to tick a number of boxes if you wish to be involved in more than one ministry. I hope to have a meeting in November when I receive your returned form. I greatly appreciate your interest & willingness to be involved in life of the faith communities. Please find link to Balyna Parish Ministry Interest Registration Form www.balynaparish.ie/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/Parish_Ministry_Interest_Form.pdf hard copies are also

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.** We were all baptized in the name of the Trinity. We are called to have a personal relationship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit (HS). The HS descended upon Jesus at this baptism and the HS led Jesus into the desert. The HS transformed fearful apostles into courageous witnesses to the risen Jesus. It is the HS who works in the sacraments and brings the Word of God to live for us. The HS opens our hearts for love and makes us better instruments of what is good and loving. We pray for the seven gifts of the HS – wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, fear of the Lord. We pray for the fruits of the HS are: charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, self-control.

**November List of Dead**

Enrolment for the November list of the dead can be made with the envelope provided in your box of envelopes or alternatively place your list in a blank envelope. All contributions go to the Clergy Fund. Many thanks.

**A Personal Response**

At times, when it comes to the Christian faith, we may be content with what we have merely 'heard', with common assumptions or with what has been handed down to us, perhaps even with the best of intentions. Yet Jesus calls us to give a personal response, to know him more closely and to allow ourselves to be shaped by friendship with him through an ever-new encounter. This may also ask us to follow unfamiliar paths and to make choices different from those we had imagined.
This is true both for our personal journey and for the journey of the Church, as well as for our pastoral choices, when we may sometimes think that it is enough simply to continue doing things as we have always done them. Instead, it is important to ask ourselves often: who is the Lord for me? Do I truly know him? What is his Gospel asking of me today? What steps and what choices am I called to make?
(Angelus, 23 August, St. Peter's Square, 2026)

**Winter Closing Time**

With the clocks changing last weekend, all Churches in the parish will be closing at the earlier time of 4pm daily during the winter months, except for those occasions when there is evening Mass. On some occasions over the weekends, Johnstownbridge Church and Broadford Church may be closed at the earlier time of 3pm. Also, in the event of severe weather warnings all Churches will be closed. For safety and security reasons it is necessary to close the Churches while it is still daylight.

# Balyna Parish Newsletter





*Thirty Second Sunday of the Year*

**8th Nov 2026**

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**Masses this Week**

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| **Saturday 7 Nov** | **Clogherinkoe** | 6.00pm Mass **(Enrolment Ceremony for Confirmation Candidates)** |
| **Sunday 8 Nov** | **Johnstownbridge** | 9.30am Mass **(Enrolment Ceremony for Confirmation Candidates)** |
| | **Broadford** | 11.00am Mass **(Enrolment Ceremony for Confirmation Candidates)** |
| **Tuesday 10 Nov** | **Broadford** | **NO MASS** |
| **Wednesday 11 Nov** | **Clogherinkoe** | 10:00am Mass |
| **Thursday 12 Nov** | **Johnstownbridge** | 10:00am Mass |
| **Friday 13 Nov** | **Broadford** | 7:30pm Mass |
| **Saturday 14 Nov** | **Clogherinkoe** | 6:00pm Mass |
| **Sunday 15 Nov** | **Johnstownbridge** | 9:30am Mass |
| | **Broadford** | 11:00am Mass |

## Saturday 7th November/Sunday 8th November

**Clogherinkoe** John Kane, Calfstown & the deceased members of the Kane family.

**Johnstownbridge** Geard Murray (First Anniversary).

**Broadford** Michael & Kathleen Boyle, Ballinakill (Anniversary).

**Recent Deaths:** We remember Ann (Nanny) Kane (née Kavanagh), Knockirr, Carbury, Kildare, who was interred in Broadford Cemetery on Friday.

## Saturday 14th November/Sunday 15th November

**Clogherinkoe** Martin & Elizabeth Murray & the deceased members of the Murray family.
Sean & Jimmy Hynan.

**Johnstownbridge** Paud Doran (Ninth Anniversary) & Judy Doran (Tenth Anniversary)

**Broadford** Gerard Carroll & their son Barry.
Molly (Mol) Doyle (Anniversary Mass.

**Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism in Our Parish**

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

- Saturday 14th November 2026: St. Brigid's Church, Clogherinkoe at 12:00 noon.
- Saturday 12th December 2026: St. Mary's Church, Broadford at 12:00 noon.
- Saturday 9th January 2027: St. Patrick's Church, Johnstownbridge at 12:00 noon.

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

### Dates for your Diary

1. **Confirmation Parent/Guardian Meeting:** Wednesday 11th of November at 7:30pm in Broadford National School.
2. **Enshrinement of the first-class relics of St Carlo Acutis:** Thursday 19th of November at 6:30pm, in Church of Our Lady & Saint Joseph Caragh.

**Confirmation Parent/Guardians Meeting**

A Meeting for the parents/guardians of children preparing to receive their Confirmation will take place on Wednesday the 11th of November, at 7:30pm, in Broadford National School.

**Life in the Spirit Seminar – An Invitation to Confirmation Candidates, Parents/Guardians & all parishioners.**

Fr. Brian wishes to invite Confirmation candidates, parents/guardians and all parishioners to join him in attending the *Life in the Spirit Seminar*, taking place at 7:30pm every Thursday from the 29th of October to the 10th of December, in the Church of the Holy family, Longwood, Co. Meath, A83 WVF67.

**Enshrinement of the first-class relics of St Carlo Acutis**

Bishop Denis Nulty to preside at special celebration on 19 November. The Church of Our Lady and St Joseph in Caragh, Co. Kildare, will host a special celebration at 6.30pm on Thursday, 19 November 2026, for the enshrinement of the first-class relics of St Carlo Acutis. The chief celebrant will be Bishop Denis Nulty.

Born in London in 1991 to Italian parents, Carlo Acutis grew up in Milan and developed a deep love for the Catholic faith from an early age. His life was one of ordinary teenage interests transformed by an extraordinary love for God. He enjoyed computers, sport and spending time with friends, yet placed the Eucharist at the centre of his life.

Having been diagnosed with leukaemia on October 9, 2006, Carlo died a few days later on 12 October at just 15 years of age. Following the miraculous cure of Mattheus, a young Brazilian boy from annular pancreas in 2013, Carlo was raised to the glory of the Altars by Pope Francis in 2020. A second miracle in 2022, in which a 21-year-old girl Valeria, from Costa Rica, was inexplicably healed from a severe head trauma following a bicycle accident, led to Blessed Car lo's canonisation by Pope Leo XIV on 7 September 2025.

St Carlo's witness carries a timely message for people of every age: holiness is not reserved for a distant past or for those who live extraordinary lives. It is possible in the everyday circumstances of family life, friendship, education, work and parish community, when these are lived with faith, generosity and love for Christ.

His particular appeal to young people lies in the way he embraced the modern world without losing sight of what matters most. Carlo demonstrated that technology along with friendship and the ordinary experiences of adolescence can become opportunities to share the Gospel and draw others towards Jesus Christ.

It is hoped that this significant event will deepen devotion to the Eucharist, encourage young people in their faith and inspire the wider community to follow St Carlo's example of placing Christ at the centre of daily life.