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

Balyna Parish Draw

We are delighted to announce the return of our Annual Parish Draw again this year with 6 cash prizes to be won. First prize €1,000, Second prize €500, 3rd prize €200 and 3 prizes of €100. Your generosity and support for this draw last year was outstanding. The draw will take place on Sunday the 10th of January, after 11:00am Mass in Broadford Church. All proceeds again this year will be used to offset Insurance costs and to support the various projects in Balyna parish. We look forward to another successful draw and sincerely thank all who help to support the parish in this way.

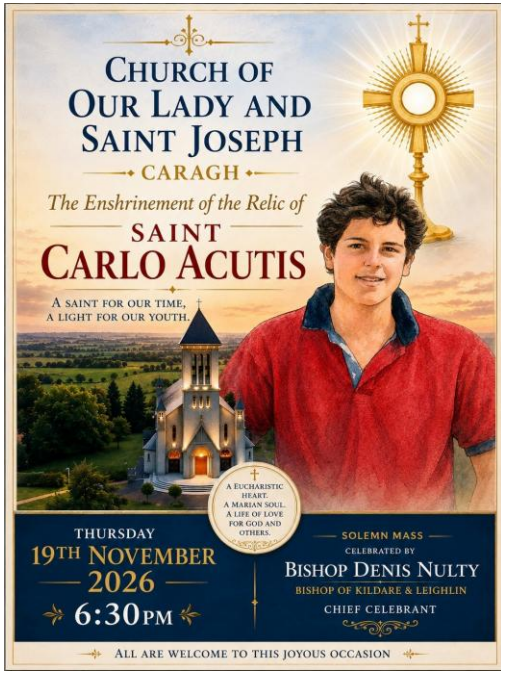
November List of Dead

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.

Volunteers Needed

Johnstownbridge received the country's Endeavour award for the biggest percentage improvement on its previous year's score. Communities across Ireland are defined by their people not their geography. This award is in recognition of the people and businesses who have collaborated as a community to work to improve their environment, foster civic pride and make their own town a better place. We are looking for volunteers to help improve our village Caroline 0876440774/ Mervyn 086 8120435.

Carbury GAA - Carbury GAA is delighted to host singer/songwriter Ben Cully and special guests in concert on Sunday, 29 November at 7pm. Tickets €25 on sale on Friday evenings at the bar from 6.30pm or contact Club PRO 086 8567254. Tickets are also available online on our Club App (on Clubspot). Ben and guests will deliver an unforgettable night of song, festive favourites and musical magic.



Balyna Parish Newsletter





Thirty Third Sunday of the Year

15th Nov 2026

Fr. Brian Kavanagh P.P. …… (087)616 2675
Parish Office (9am to 1pm, Monday to Thursday)…… (046) 9551203
email: balynaparish2020@gmail.com; **www.balynaparish.ie**
Diocesan Website: **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: safegaurding@kandle.ie; Tel. 086-1701643

Masses this Week

Saturday 14 Nov	**Clogherinkoe**	6.00pm Mass
Sunday 15 Nov	**Johnstownbridge**	9.30am Mass
	Broadford	11.00am Mass
Tuesday 17 Nov	**Broadford**	10:00am Mass
Wednesday 18 Nov	**Clogherinkoe**	10:00am Mass
Thursday 19 Nov	**Johnstownbridge**	10:00am Mass
Friday 20 Nov	**Broadford**	7:30pm Mass
Saturday 21 Nov	**Clogherinkoe**	6:00pm Mass
Sunday 22 Nov	**Johnstownbridge**	9:30am Mass
	Broadford	11:00am Mass

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) Ellen, Andrew & Edward O'Brien whose anniversaries occur around this time.

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

Recent Deaths: We remember Elizabeht (Betty) Kane (née Maguire), Garrrisker, Broadford, who was interred in Broadford Cemetery on Thursday. We also remember Peter Macken, Cadamstown, Broadford, who was interred in Kilshanroe Cemetery on Saturday.

Saturday 21st November/Sunday 22nd November

Clogherinkoe Peter Finnan (Month's Mind).

Johnstownbridge Carmel & Madeleine Bourke & the deceased members of the Bourke family, Cadamstown.

Broadford Elizabeth (Libby) Walsh (Mont's Mind).
Jimmy Miggin (Anniversary Mass) & we also remember his parents Stephen & Annie and his sister-in-law Bernadette.

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism in Our Parish
Baptisms will take place in our parish on the following dates over the coming months.

- 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.
- Saturday, 6th February 2027: St. Brigid's Church Clogherinkoe at 12:00 noon.

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

"Let go of your plans. The first hour of your day belongs to God Tackle the day's work that God, our loving Creator, charges you with, and God will give you the power to accomplish it" – St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross.

Dates for your Diary

1. **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.
2. **Sunday 29th November:** First Sunday of Advent/Christmas Station Collection.
3. **Tuesday 8th December:** Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Holy Day.
4. **Sunday 10th January 2027:** Balyna Parish Draw.

Living your Life through the Power of the Holy Spirit – 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 spending an hour from 7:30pm this Thursday on the 26th of October in the Church of the Holy family, Longwood, Co. Meath, A83 WV67. On next Thursday 19th we hope to gather in Caragh Church to pray before the relics of St. Carlo Acutis (cf. notice above).

Heaven is our destiny: The lives of people who lived on this earth and shared the human journey continue to inspire each one of us in our lives. We all have our favourite saints to pray to and it is important that we know about their life-journeys and how their relationship with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit impacted on their everyday lives. During this month of November we are praying and remembering our departed loved ones, particularly those closest to our generation. As members of God's family we pray for the faithful departed of all generations. Tá siad imithe ar shlí na firinne (they are gone on the journey towards Truth); Níl siad imithe I bhfad uainn, ach tá siad imithe romhainn (they are not gone far from us but gone before us). St. Carlo Acutis reached an deep awareness of his ultimate destiny, who at a young age of 15 entered into 2006, said "the Eucharist is the highway to heaven" and "the Rosary is the ladder to heaven". St. Patrick (died c.450) in his Confessions speaks about the rising sun each day reminding him of Jesus' resurrection, the Risen Son. St. Thérèse of the little flower told the sisters gathered around her bed before she died at the age of 24, "I am not dying, I am entering into eternal life". The men and women – now declared saints – who are now closely united to God, Creator, Jesus our Saviour, and the Holy Spirit, intercede and pray for us here on earth. St. Dominic said on his deathbed: "Do not weep, for I shall be more useful to you after my death and I shall help you then more effectively than during my life" and St. Thérèse before entered heaven told the sisters: "I want to spend my heaven in doing good on earth". Every time we enter the Church to pray before Jesus in the Tabernacle our hearts are touched by Jesus who longs for our presence in heaven. Through every Mass, heaven draws closer.