# Today's Scripture Readings

### Entrance Antiphon

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

### Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### Readings at Mass

### First reading

**A reading from Exodus 22: 20-22**

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this: '"You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans. '"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him. '"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."'

**The Word of the Lord**

### Responsorial Psalm

***Response:*** *I love you, Lord, my strength.*

I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise, when I call I am saved from my foes. ***R***

Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be the God who saves me, He has given great victories to his king and shown his love for his anointed. ***R***

### Second reading

**A reading from:Thessalonians 1: 5-10**

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

**The Word of the Lord**

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son.

**Alleluia!**

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according Matthew 22:34-40**

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

**The Gospel of the Lord**

### Profession of Faith

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. **Amen.**

### Communion Antiphon

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

### Prayer after Communion

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things, we may be helped by what you give in this present age and prepared for the gifts that are eternal. Through Christ our Lord.

### Thought for the Day

'Consult not your fears but your hopes and dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not what you tired and failed in, but with what is still possible for you to do'.

Saint Pope John XXIII.

'Intense love does not measure, it just gives.'

Saint Teresa of Culcutta.

## Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

**Bonniconlon, Ballina, Co Mayo**

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### Mass Intentions

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|---|---|---|
| **Saturday** | **6.30pm** | Paddy, Ken and Annie Kate Moran, Glenree. Margaret Hastings, Ellaghmore (15th Anniversary). Bridget Ruane, Carranaglough. (5th Anniversary). |
| **Sunday** | **11.00am** | **All Saints' Day:** Michael Padden, Moy Heights, Ballina (17th Anniversary). Mary Ellen Gilmartin, Corrimbla South (3rd Anniversary). John Igoe, Kilbride (50th Anniversary), his wife Mai and son Martin. Ellen Egan and the deceased members of the Egan and Barry families. P.J. Harrison, Knockroe and Sandfield, and the deceased of the Harrison family. |
| **Monday** | **9.30am** | Holy Souls. |
| **Tuesday** | **9.30am** | No morning mass. |
| **Wednesday** | **9.30am** | Ned, Theresa and Pat Hennigan, and Gerard Hennigan and Patsy Meer. |
| **Thursday** | **9.30am** | Holy Souls. |
| **Friday** | **9.30am** | Holy Souls. |
| | **7.00pm** | **First Friday Mass:** Kathleen and James Glacken and their son Jimmy. **Commissioning of new Eucharistic Ministers.** |
| **Saturday** | **10.00am** | Martin Dolan. Mary Walsh (1st Anniversary) Rathreedane. Peter and Betty McGinty, their daughter Jenny, their son Martin and their grandson Jason and the deceased members of the Rochford families, Carra. |
| | **6.30pm** | Jack Gilmartin, Carracrum and Leeds. John and Annie Mae Reape, Kilbride. |
| **Sunday** | **11.00am** | Holy Souls: Grow in Love mass. |

**Roster for 7th & 8th November, 2026**

| | **Saturday 6.30pm** | **Sunday 11.00am** |
|---|---|---|
| **Readers:** | Helen Conlon | N/A |
| **Eucharistic Ministers:** | Mary O'Malley<br>Mary Gilroy<br>Mary Gorham | Peggy Rafter<br>Marina Judge<br>Jimmy Foody |

**Deaths:** Your prayers are requested for the happy repose of the souls of **Kathleen K. Sweeney (née Gilmartin)**, of Laughty, Ballina and formerly of Whitestream, Bonniconlon who was laid to rest during the week, and **Joan Feeney(née Neary),** Castlebar and late of Carracrum, who was also laid to rest during the week and is sister to Joe, Nathy, Jarlath, Peter and Vincent. May they rest in peace.

**Recent Wedding:** Congratulations and every good wish for the future to **Katie Kavanagh and Daren O'Brien** who were married recently in Bonniconlon. Congratulations to both families on this joyous occasion.

**November Masses for the Holy Souls:** Envelopes available at all entrances to the church.

**Offertory Envelopes:** Church collection boxes for 2027 will be available at all entrances to the church. If you require a new box please contact Fr. Geelan or the parish office.

**Sick calls** on Thursday and Friday from 2:00pm.

**The Rosary** will be recited in the church each morning, Tuesday to Friday, after morning mass.

**All Saints' Day**
**1st November, 2026**
**Fr John Geelan P.P.**

**ABIDE Women's Conference 2026 | 20–22 November:** Join hundreds of women at the Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran, Co. Donegal, in just a few weeks for our third Abide Women's Conference! Speakers include Sarah Swafford, Danielle Noonan, Kimberlee Woo Ling, Fr Oisín Martin CFR, Fr Barry Braum, the Nashville Dominican Sisters, Fr David Nugent and Fr Mark Wharton, with Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Fintan Gavin. A beautiful weekend of faith, celebration, healing and joy! Register on Eventbrite: Abide in His Love.

**Bofield Handball Juvenile Training** will recomence in the following weeks. New members always welcome. Please contact John Fox for further details at 086 250 7658.

BONNICONLON G.A.A. Lotto
Draw Result 24/10/2026
New Jackpot: €18,650

NUMBERS DRAWN: 3, 16, 35, 36.
No Jackpot winner.
Jackpot €18,500

5 x €40 winners were as follows:

1: Mary O'Malley, Carralavin.
2: Martin Conlon, Carracastle.
3: Josephine Greavy, Bonniconlon.
4: Ruth Melody, Currower, Attymass.
5: Bridie Tomas, Ballina.

Next draw the 31st October, 2026.
[Cut off sale time is 6.00pm on the Saturday]
Play Online: Visit www.bonniconlongaa.com

**Bonniconlon Agriculture Show** celebrates 75 years in existence this November. To mark the occasion, there will be a Dinner Dance in the Diamond Coast on 7th November 2026. Tickets cost €40 for the general public and for stewards and helpers, half price.

**Commissioning of new Eucharistic Ministers** will take place during the First Friday mass at 7:00p.m. on Friday 6th November, 2026. **If you wish to become a Eucharistic Minister,** and have also recieved the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact Fr Geelan or Evelyn.

**Crohn's & Colitis Ireland:** Thank you to everyone who donated and supported Vincent Greavy in raising €4,100 for Crohn's & Colitis Ireland regarding the Croagh Patrick Climb and Thomond Park Abseil. Your generosity was greatly appreciated.

**"From Longing to Living (Your Song) – Taking your brave first steps":** A morning workshop reflecting on making your dreams a reality. Saturday, November 7th, 10:00am - 2:00pm, Croi Nua, Galway. €40 + eventbrite booking fee. Advance booking required on eventbrite.ie. Any questions? Contact Maria at 085-8357566, mariakingguidance@gmail.com.

**Official opening of Sofia's Coffee Junction Cafe in Gala Bonniconlon** on Friday 6th November from 10:00am with the official ribbon cutting at 2:00pm. Join us for an afternoon of celebration, fun activities and community spirit as we mark this exciting new chapter for our shop and cafe in the heart of Bonniconlon. There will be plenty to enjoy on the day, including acivities for all ages, refreshments and fundraising initiatives in support of our local community.We thank everyone for the support so far.

**The Children's choir** appeals to any child who would like to play a role in their monthly church liturgy to sit in the company of the choir. This will enable other roles, other than singing or music, to be assigned to a child such as Prayers of the Faithful, Readings, bringing up of the offertory Gifts etc.



### *November – Month of Remembering*

*Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day.*
*Unseen, unheard, but always near. Still loved, still missed and very dear.*

# CHARLESTOWN (KILBEAGH)
# PARISH NEWSLETTER



St James' Church
Charlestown



St Patrick's Church
Bushfield

## The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**25th October 2026**

To love the Lord with all our heart – is this even possible? A common assumption is that love must just come, that it grows organically, and that it cannot be forced. That's infatuation, not true love. Any kind of love – for a parent, spouse, child, or friend – will reach a point during which it is no longer easy. For love to be true, it must be a free choice and commitment.

'All your heart, soul, and mind' sounds rather extreme, even rather dangerous. The world says that loving anyone totally is a risky proposition – what if the one we love rejects us or lets us down, leaving us with nothing? And the world is even more terrified to love God totally, who cannot even be seen.

This makes sense; after all, to love totally is to trust that we will find fulfilment precisely by not looking for it ourselves, but by looking to fulfil someone else. That old, almost clichéd phrase, 'love grows when it is given away,' is actually spot-on in this regard.

True love takes a leap of faith, which is what frightens nonbelievers. Many people are okay with going to church every now and then or volunteering for a charity from time to time (and posting it on Instagram, of course).

Loving like that does not require us to make any kind of leap, any kind of definitive change, any commitment. But loving God with everything means that all we do is for love of him. We trust that he will take care of us. That is heroic; that is what it means to be a saint.

*Epriest.com*
*Intercom Magazine*

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

We remember in our prayers **Mary Harrington,** Shammer/ Charlestown and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

A sincere thanks to all who have made their contributions (the weekly envelopes and bank transfers) for the support of the parish. Please know that your support is very much appreciated and not taken for granted. Fr John

## ROSARY

Rosary is recited at 9.30am Monday through Saturday before daily Mass and at 7.30pm before vigil Mass. Saturday evening Also there is a lunchtime Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet recited at 1.30pm Monday through Friday and at 6pm Sunday evening. Everyone welcome.

## PARISH CHOIR

New and returning members are welcome to join our Parish Choir. No prior experience required! Practice takes place each Thursday at 7pm in the Parish Church. Enquiries to: Carmel 0863271196.

## LEGION OF MARY

Legion of Mary Meeting takes place every Wednesday evening at 7pm in the St James Church Charlestown. All welcome, enquiries contact Phil on 086 3946233

## BUSHFIELD CHURCH

Three teams of two have volunteered to open and close the Church . **The opening times of the Church are as follows: Summer time 9am until 6pm. Winter time 9am-4pm.**

If anybody would like to help with the opening and closing of the Church, please contact Fr. John

## HOSPITAL VISITATION

If anyone would like a visit, please contact fr. John

## PARISH FUNERALS

Parish funerals will take place at 11.00am Monday to Saturday. The time 11.00am was chosen so that the Mass in the St. Attracta's Residence can be celebrated on Wednesdays at 2.30pm.

A Priest is only allowed to say three Masses for a Sunday, going forward there will be no Sunday funerals. If there is no Mass intention for the 10am weekday Mass in Charlestown, this Mass will be dropped when there is a funeral Mass at 11am either in Charlestown or Bushfield.

## NOVEMBER 2026

The Parish Pastoral Council held its meeting on Monday 12th October the following was agreed.

**November Rosaries in Cemeteries: Sunday 8th November:** Rosary in Bushfield Cemetery after the 9am Mass and Rosary in Tample Cemetery after the 12noon Mass in Charlestown. **Sunday 15th November:** Rosary in Charlestown Cemetery after the 12noon Mass**. If the weather is inclement the rosaries will be said in the Church.**

**Annual Bereavement Service:** Sunday 22nd November from 5-6pm.

**Memorial Tree:** To be placed in both Churches, parishioners will be invited to hang the names of their loved ones on the tree, the tree will then become Jesse Tree for Advent and Christmas**.**

## DECEMEBR 2026

**Christmas 2026**

The Parish Christmas Masses of 2026 are as follows:

**Charlestown:** Christmas Eve 8pm and Christmas Day 12noon

**Bushfield:** Christmas Day 10am.

**Crib:** The Charity chosen for 2026 is the Sunflower Children's Hospice.

**Newsletter:** There will be a double issue on Sunday 20th December and resume weekly on the 3rd January 2027

## PARISH DAIRY 2027

The Parish Diary for Masses, Weddings is now opened for 2027. The Diary is opened from January to June presently and in the month of May 2027 July to December will be opened.

## FINANCE COUNCIL

At the recent meeting of the Parish Finance Council it was agreed that the cost of shrine candles in the parish would be 50 cent each, due to rising costs.

## LURGA SHRINE

Rosary will be recited at the Lurga Shrine each evening Monday through Saturday at 7pm and 5pm on Sundays for the month of November for the Holy Souls. All are welcome.

## CHARLESTOWN DRAMA

Charlestown Drama Group is delighted to take its one-act play, The Donahoe Sisters, written by Geraldine Aron, on the festival circuit this November. The group will perform at the following venues: Saturday, 31st October at 1pm in The Moat Club, Naas, Co. Kildare. Friday, 6th November at 7.30pm in Ballina Arts Festival, Saturday, 14th November at 7.30pm in the Town Hall, Kiltimagh and Thursday, 19th November at 7.30pm in St. Brigid's Hall, Tubbercurry. Tickets can be booked directly through the individual venues. Charlestown Drama Group looks forward to representing the local community as they bring their production to audiences across the festival circuit. The group will also bring The Donahoe Sisters, along with two other plays, to the Arts Centre in Charlestown on 25th, 26th and 27th February 2027. Tickets for these performances will go on sale nearer the time.

## IMPORTANT PARISH DATES

The Sacraments of First Holy Communion, First Penance and Confirmation will be celebrated on the following dates in 2027. First Peance will be celebrated on Tuesday 9th March at 7.00pm. First Holy Communion Saturday 24th April at 12.00pm and Confirmation on Friday 21st May at 11.00am. As a Parish Community we keep in our prayers the children and their families preparing for the sacraments in our parish in the coming year.

## BREAVEMENT COURSE

Losing a loved one is one of life's most challenging experiences. To help all who know this pain there will be a series of 4 Tuesday evening talks on 'How best to cope after a Bereavement' held in the Newman Centre, Ballina on November 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th from 8-10pm. The course will be presented by Monica Morley, Bereavement Counsellor at Knock Shrine. Places are limited and can be booked on 096-72066.

## CLOONACOOL PLAYERS

There are two sides to everything when it comes to Cloonacool Players in Bruce Adams' hilarious farces - 'When I snap my Fingers' directed by Eileen Davey, and 'Mary, Mary' directed by Peadar Conway - both to be staged pre-Christmas. Be prepared to laugh your socks off.

## ANAM CARA

"From Longing to Living (Your Song) – Taking your brave first steps" Saturday, November 7th, 10am - 2pm, Croi Nua, Galway. €40 eventbrite booking fee. Advance booking required on eventbrite.ie. Any questions? Contact Maria at 085-7566, mariakingguidance@gmail.com.

## BEATIFICATION PRAYER

Dear Jesus, the Venerable Patrick Peyton devoted his priestly life to strengthening the families of the world by calling them to pray together everyday, especially the Rosary. His message is as important for us now as it was during his life on earth. We beg you, therefore, to hasten the day of his beatification, so that your faithful people everywhere will remember his message that *the family that prays together stays together*, will imitate him in his devotion to your Mother and ours, and will be inspired by his holy life to draw ever closer to you with childlike confidence and love. Amen

# NEWSLETTER

## MONTH OF OCTOBER / NOVEMBER
## CHURCH DIARY

| VENUE | DATE | TIME | CELEBRATIONS AND INTENTIONS AND MEETINGS |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Charlestown** | **Saturday 24th** | **8.00pm** | Dominic & Ellie Higgins, Kilgarriff |
| **Charlestown** | **Sunday 25th** | **12.00pm** | Peter, Maragert, Marie, Noel Mulligan, Madogue<br>Alice McHugh Killaturley, 1st Anniv<br>Kathleen McIntyre & deceased of the McIntyre Family, Corthoon<br>Maureen Jordan, Hagfield<br>Padraig O'Hara & deceased of the O'Hara Family, Bellaghy<br>Joan Foody, Church Street (Month's Mind)<br>Bridie & Tommie Drudy, Glann |
| **Charlestown** | Monday 26th | 10.00am | Nick & Maura Walsh, Charlestown |
| **Charlestown** | Tuesday 27th | 10.00am | Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life |
| **Charlestown** | Wednesday 28th | 10.00am | |
| **Charlestown** | Thursday 29th | 10.00am | |
| **Charlestown** | Friday 30th | 10.00am | Margaret M Flannery, Barrack Street |
| **Charlestown** | Saturday 31st | 10.00am | Charles Whittington, Bellaghy 1st Anniv |
| **Charlestown** | **Saturday 31st** | **8.00pm** | The Solemnity of All Saints |
| **Charlestown** | **Sunday 1st** | **12.00pm** | The Solemnity of All Saints |
| **VENUE** | **DATE** | **TIME** | **CELEBRATIONS AND INTENTIONS AND MEETINGS** |
| **Bushfield** | **Sunday 25th** | **9.00am** | Patrick Doherty, Foxford & late Kilgarriff 1st Anniv |
| **Bushfield** | **Sunday 1st** | **9.00am** | The Solemnity of All Saints |

**The clock goes back one hour tonight. On Sunday morning 2am will be come 1am.**
**Don't for get to change your clocks**

### PARISH MINISTRIES

**Charlestown**

**Saturday 31st October 8.00pm**
**Reader:** Ann Dillon
**Eucharist:** Patricia McArdle
Damien McEntire
Tomy Morley

**Sunday 1st November 12.00pm**
**Reader:** Sr. Elsie
**Eucharist:** Margaret Henry
Sr. Breege
Paddy Colleran

**Bushfield**

**Sunday 1st November 9.00am**
**Reader:** **Eucharist:** Caroline Leonard

**PARISH SAFEGUARDING**
Francis Mulligan

**Webcams in Church GDPR & Data Protection**

The Webcam in Charlestown Church focuses on the area of the Sanctuary and also takes in the first few seats. In line with Data Protection, please be aware that if you are in these areas you will be viewable.

**NEWSLETTER ITEMS**: Under GDPR, the protection of your personal data is important to us. We are happy to include your notice in our Parish Bulletin, but please ensure that you have received the consent of any persons referenced before submitting a notice to us. Please submit items by **Wednesday evening at 8pm,** via email (**charlestownparish@achonrydiocese.org)** if possible and please include your contact details. Thank you.

### PARISH CONTACT

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**Parish Eucharistic Adoration:**
**Monday morning at 10.30am until Friday night at 10.00pm**

# Today's Scripture Readings from Universalis

**Entrance Antiphon**

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## Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

## Readings at Mass

**A reading from the book of Exodus 20:20-26**

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this:
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**The word of the Lord**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**R. I love you, Lord, my strength.**

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise,
when I call I am saved from my foes. **R**

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me,
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. **R**

**A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians 1:5-10.**

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

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**Gospel Acclamation**

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**The Gospel of the Lord**

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"Perfect love means putting up with other people's shortcomings, feeling no surprise at their weaknesses, finding encouragement even in the slightest evidence of good qualities in them."
*St. Thérèse of Lisieux*

**Profession of Faith**

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen

**Prayer over the Offerings**

Look, we pray, O Lord,
on the offerings we make to your majesty,
that whatever is done by us in your service
may be directed above all to your glory.
Through Christ our Lord.

**Communion Antiphon**

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

**Prayer after Communion**

May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray,
perfect in us what lies within them,
that what we now celebrate in signs
we may one day possess in truth.
Through Christ our Lord.

# Parish of Gallen and Rynagh

**St. Mary's, Cloghan & St. Rynagh's, Banagher**

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**Parish Secretary:** Tracy Dolan - Monday **or** Friday 10.30 to 12.30 p.m. 086 0705801

**Readings**: Feast of All Saints/ 1st Nov. 2026 **Cloghan SVP** 087 9272877

## Mass Times & Anniversaries

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|---|---|---|---|
| Sat. 31st | 6.30 p.m. | St. Rynagh's | Frank, Agnes & Jimmy Fitzgerald, Mary Gleeson, Kieran and David<br>Tom (6th Anniv.) & Ann (34th Anniv.), Malone, Attinkee. Gavin.<br>John Daly & deceased family, Kylebeg.<br>Una, Larry, Lily & Eddie Byrne & dec. Murray & Byrne families. |
| Sat. 31st | 8 p.m. | St. Mary's | Annette Porter née Quinn, Killimor (requested by K.T.) |
| **Sun. 1st** | **9.30 a.m.** | St. Mary's | Gerry Coady and his wife Moyra. |
| **Feast of All Saints** | | | Sarah Catherine (Cissie) McKenna, Emyvale and her parents Minnie & Johnny and deceased members of the family. |
| | **11 a.m.** | St. Rynagh's | Tom Woods, Ard Abhainn (1st Anniv.)<br>Rose Lockett, Manchester. Ted O'Rourke, Manchester. |
| **Mon. 2nd** | **9.30 a.m.** | St. Rynagh's | Padraig Horan, Harbour Cross (requested by A. & A)<br>Jim McGuirk, Carga, Co. Monaghan.<br>The Faithful Departed. |
| **Feast of All Souls** | | | Special Intention – Get Well Michael. |
| | **7 p.m.** | St. Mary's | Kevin Lacey, Leitrim and The Isle of Wight.<br>The Faithful Departed. |
| Tues. 3rd | 9.30 a.m. | St. Mary's | Rita Hatton (requested by B. & S.)<br>Special Intention (requested by M. & M.) |
| Wed. 4th | 9.30 a.m. | St. Rynagh's | Margaret Frances Hatton (Rita) (requested by G. & A.)<br>Special Intention – Get Well Anne (requested by T. & B.) |
| Thurs. 5th | 9.30 am. | St. Mary's | Tim Keady, his parents Walter & Gertrude & sisters Kitty & Mary & deceased Keady & Moran families. |
| Fri 6th | 9.30 a.m. | St. Rynagh's | Andy Fenton, Kiltormer and Ballinasloe. |
| **First Friday** | | | Special Intention (J. & B.) |
| | 7 p.m. | St. Mary's | Joe Doolan, Derrycarney.<br>Mary Malynn, parents Dan & Pauline and brother Gerard. |
| Sat. 7th | 6.30 p.m. | St. Rynagh's | Anthony (Tony) White, Feighs (3rd Anniv.)<br>Martin Lyons, West End & Brian Corcoran, Harbour Road.<br>Harry & Margaret Johnson and deceased family.<br>Rose Lockett, Manchester (requested by the Moran Family)<br>Norman & Eric Winkler, Curraghavarna.<br>Liam Coolahan (4th Anniv.) & wife Phil (25th Anniv.), Clonlyon, Belmont |
| Sat. 7th | 8 p.m. | St. Mary's | The Murrihy Family.<br>John Lynam, parents Nora & Patrick Christopher & deceased family. |
| Sun. 8th | 9.30 a.m. | St. Mary's | Pat Heffernan, Tullamore and his parents Annie & Martin.<br>Peter & Rose Loonam. Patrick and Bernadette Troy.<br>The Faithful Departed. |
| Sun. 8th | 11 a.m. | St. Rynagh's | Deceased members of the Rudden & Mulcahy Families.<br>The Faithful Departed. |

**Jesus Said, *"I am the Resurrection and the Life".***

**Please pray** for the repose of the soul of Joe Corcoran, Dundalk, brother of Gerry Corcoran, St. Rynagh's Road. May he rest in peace. **Burial of Ashes:** Tom Woods, Ard Abhainn will be laid to rest in Banagher Cemetery at 10.20 a.m. this Sunday 1st Nov.

**Feast of St. Malachy,** bishop celebrated on Tues. 3rd Nov.
**Feast of St. Charles Borromeo,** bishop celebrated on Wed. 4th Nov. Patron saint of catechists and seminarians.
**Feast of St. Martin de Porres** celebrated on Thurs. 5th Nov. **Feast of All Saints of Ireland** celebrated on Friday 6th Nov.

**First Friday** celebrated on Friday 6th Nov. **Communion Calls:** Wed. 4th Nov. – Cloghan/Banagher area. Thurs. 5th Nov. – Cloghan area. Fri. 6th Nov. - Banagher area.
**Masses on First Friday:** St. Rynagh's 9.30 a.m. and St. Mary's 7 p.m. **The Sacrament of the Anointing** will be celebrated during the Mass in St. Rynagh's and St. Mary's on the First Friday.
**First Friday Communion Calls:** Anyone who would like to receive Holy Communion on the First Friday of the month, please contact Tracy, Parish Secretary.

**Baptism:** We welcome into the Christian Community Noah Rían Mihaies, Shannon View, Banagher, who was baptised in St. Rynagh's Church last weekend.

**Brother Brian Johnson (OSF)** will speak about his missionary work at all Masses on the weekend of the 7th/8th Nov.

**Remembering and Praying for our Departed Relatives & Friends – November 2026**

We will remember in a special way all those whose Funeral Masses took place in St. Mary's and St. Rynagh's during the last twelve months. In the words of the Book of Maccabees in the Old Testament ***"It is a good and wholesome thought to remember and to pray for our dead."***

St. Rynagh's – Saturday 14th Nov. at 6.30 p.m. and Saturday 21st Nov. at 6.30 p.m.
St. Mary's – Saturday 14th Nov. at 8 p.m.

All the faithful departed will be remembered at all Masses during the month of November.

St. Rynagh's Church: Please write the names of your departed relatives and friends and place in the box at the front of the altar.

St. Mary's Church: Please write on the labels provided and place them on the Remembrance Tree.

**Lumcloon N.S.** We are delighted to announce that Lumcloon N.S. will now be called St. Carlo Acutis N.S., Lumcloon. Bishop Paul Connell will attend a renaming ceremony during the month of November.

**Banagher Men's Shed:** Sincere thanks to all who attended and supported the Open Day on Tues. 27th Oct. It was a very enjoyable and positive new beginning. Congratulations and well done to everyone involved.

**Ireland's 3rd National First Saturdays Conference:** This year's conference will take place in **Knock on Sat. 28th Nov.** The day begins at 10 a.m. and finishes at 5 p.m. It includes Holy Mass, adoration, talks, and a healing service. More information and the list of buses going are available on www.firstsaturdays.ie.

**Banagher Active Retirement Club:** The next meeting is this Tues. 3rd Nov. 2 to 4.30 p.m. See you there.

**Readings from The Pallet: 30th Edition:** This year's event will be held on Friday 6th Nov. in Corrigan's Corner House kicking off at approx. 8.30 p.m. and promises to be a bumper edition full of humour, local banter, pathos, lyricism and celebration. Everybody is welcome to attend and participate in the celebrations.

**Locally Grown & Produced** Winter/Spring bedding available at Paul and Mary Flynns shop. Instagram - @sleepyhollowflowers.

**Clonfert N.S. Parents Association - Christmas Bazaar** on Sunday 6th Dec. in Clonfert Community Hall 2 p.m. Door prize of €250. Wheel of fortune, tea, coffee, home baking etc. Please bring cash. Everyone Welcome.

**Free Community Health Checks Across Offaly:** Offaly County Council's Healthy Ireland programme, is partnering with Croí, the Heart and Stroke Charity, to offer free community health checks in various locations across Offaly this Nov. and Dec. Checks include glucose, cholesterol, blood pressure and pulse testing, along with lifestyle advice. Free community health talks will also take place at 11 a.m. at selected venues. Places are limited, so advance booking is encouraged. No booking is required for checks at Tullamore Mart or Birr Mart. View locations and book your free health check : https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/healthy-offaly-free-community-health-checks-2026-4885159

**Offertory Collections:** Banagher €1,050. Cloghan €980. **Shrine:** Banagher €270.

**Donations to the Parish:** If you wish to offer financial support to the Church our bank details are as follows: Banagher Parochial Account **IBAN:** IE23 BOFI90165034757730. **BIC:** BOFIIE2D

**Pope Leo's Intention for the Month of November**

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

**A Prayer for the Faithful Departed**

Lord God, whose days are without end and whose mercies beyond counting,
keep us mindful that life is short and the hour of death unknown.
Let your Spirit guide our days on earth in the ways of holiness and justice,
that we may serve you in union with the whole Church, sure in faith, strong in hope, perfect in love.
And when our earthly journey is ended, lead us rejoicing into your kingdom,
where you live for ever and ever. Amen.

# Collooney & Ballinacarrow (Kilvarnet) Parish Newsletter

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**Office Hours (Secretary present): 9.30 am – 12.30 pm (Monday – Friday)**
**October 31st & November 1st 2026 – Feast of all Saints**




## *Church of the Assumption, Collooney – Masses*

**Sat. 31st 6.45 pm** Jimmy (30th Anniv.) & Joan Conroy, Kiernan Ave. **Sun. 1st 11.00 am** Feast of All Saints
**Mon. 2nd 9.00 am** All Souls Day Mass **Tues. 3rd. - Fri. 6th 9.00 am** Private Intentions
**Sat. 7th 6.45 pm** Molly Gill, nee Bonner (3rd Anniv.) / Anne O'Connor, nee Farrell, Ardcurley (10th Anniv.) Vivienne Hennessy / Pat & Margaret Watters their daughter Ann & dec. family members
**Sun. 8th 11.00 am** Dympna Moynihan (nee Nellany), Boston / St. Mary's Green / *Preparation Mass for First Holy Communion*

## *Church of St. Fechin & St. Lassara, Ballinacarrow - Masses*

**Sat. 31st 6.45 pm** Tom & Theresa Nellany & daughters Louisa, Eileen, Margaret & Bernadette
**Sun. 1st 9.30 am** Feast of All Saints **Mon. 2nd 10.00 am** All Souls Day
**Sat 7th 6.45 pm** Kathleen & William Melvin & their grandson Ian
**Sun. 8th 9.30 am** *Preparation Mass for First Holy Communion*

**Offertory (Oct. 17th & 18th )** – Thank you for your ongoing generosity & support. It is much appreciated.

## Ballinacarrow Church

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| **Readers** | **6.30 pm** | **Sat. 31st** | Bernadette White | **9.30 am** | **Sun.** | **1st** | Sinead Wims |
| | **6.30 pm** | **Sat. 7th** | Caitriona Coleman | **9.30 am** | **Sun.** | **8th** | Mary Madden |
| **Ministers of** | **6.30 pm** | **Sat. 31st** | Marion O'Donnell | **9.30 am** | **Sun.** | **1st** | Mary Coleman |
| **Communion** | **6.30 pm** | **Sat. 7th** | Ellen Conway | **9.30 am** | **Sun.** | **8th** | Mary Madden |
| **Offertory Baskets: Nov.** | **6.30 pm** | **Sat.** | Volunteer Needed | **9.30 am** | **Sun.** | | Al White |

## Collooney Church

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| **Readers** | **6.45 pm** | **Sat. 31st** | Kate Henry | **11.00 am** | **Sun.** | **1st** | Jacinta Walsh |
| | **6.45 pm** | **Sat. 7th** | Edward Mullin | **11.00 am** | **Sun.** | **8th** | Rosemary Rogers |
| **Ministers of** | **6.45 pm** | **Sat. 31st** | Patricia McCann | **11.00 am** | **Sun.** | **1st** | Pasty Sweeney |
| **Communion** | **6.45 pm** | **Sat. 7th** | Bernadette Morrisroe | **11.00 am** | **Sun.** | **8th** | Kathleen WhiteS |

**We remember in our prayers:** the soul of **Tommy Nealis**, Kiernan Avenue who was buried on Friday. R.I.P.

**Ballinacarrow Community Hall** - will be closed for the week of the 2nd November for maintenance work. **Women's Exercise Class** - back on the 10th November at 6.30pm €30 x6 wks Ballinacarrow Community Hall. Register on the night...all welcome. **Men on the move exercise class:** starts back on the 11th of November at 8pm €30 x 6 wks in Ballinacarrow Community Hall...register on the night all welcome. **Walking for all programme** - next walk on the 8th of November at 10.30 am meet at the Community Hall. All welcome along.

**Ballinacarrow Card Games** –continue every Thurs. evening. Proceeds go to Ballinacarrow Church Maintenance.

**Dates for your diary (November & December 2026)**

**Rosary in both Cemeteries** – after 9.30 am and 11.00 am Masses respectively on **Sun. Nov 15th** (weather permitting)
**Service of Remembrance of the Dead** – 5.00 pm on **Sunday, November 15th** (Collooney Church)
**Saturday Evening Mass** – 6.45 pm – with guests *Coolaney Gospel Choir* on **Sat. November 24th**(Collooney Church)
**Collooney Church Clean-up** – 11.00 am, **Wednesday, December 9th** – Volunteers needed. Many hands etc., etc.
**Service of Carols & Readings** – 5.00 pm **Sunday, on December 13th** (Collooney Church)

**Eddie Stones** – will conduct a *Healing Service* in Sligo Cathedral on Friday, Dec 13th Nov. at 7.00 pm. All Welcome.
**We are delighted** - to welcome the *Coolaney Gospel Choir* to join with us in Collooney and sing at the Sat. evening 6.45pm Mass on Nov. 21st. The choir are celebrating the 10th anniversary of their getting together. A wonderful treat.
**November Masses for the Dead** – will be said throughout November. If you would like to have your loved ones remembered by name, you can do so by using the envelopes available at the exit doors of the church.

**Parish Christmas Cards** – are now on sale. All new designs sold in separate packs of 4 cards. Pack of 4 cards for €10. Three packs of 4 cards for €25 (best value – works out at €2.08 a card !). Available after all Masses in Collooney Church or directly from Collooney parish office – (071) 9167235. Limited number also available in Ballinacarrow.

**Please note** – No 9.00 am Mass in Collooney on the morning of a funeral unless there is a named Mass intention
**Deadline for submission of News Items / Mass Intentions** - is 12.00 pm on the previous Wednesday.

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**Additional news items** - are available on the online Newsletter. See **www.kilvarnetparish.com/newsletters**

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**The Monthly Bereavement Support Group Meetings** - commenced on 15th October at 8pm in the Newman Institute, Ballina and will meet every second Wednesday of each month from October 2026 to May 2027 inclusive.

**A Bereavement Course** - presented by Monica Morley, Director of the Knock Shrine Family Centre and Broadcaster at Midwest Radio commences on Tuesday 3rd November at 8pm at The Newman Institute, Ballina. The cost of the course is €60 and will run for the 4 Tuesday nights in November. To book a place please phone 096 72066.

**Ballinacarrow Church** - New Rotas for Readers & Ministers can be picked up at the back of the Church.

**Irish Conversation Classes for Beginners / Improvers** in Ballintogher Enterprise Centre -F91 C2 HT Thursday nights - Time 7.30pm to 8.45pm. Enq - 087 6645509 or Email teresamccorm@hotmail.com

**Cloonacool Players** - Watch this space as Cloonacool Players, our stars of comedy, are now in rehearsals and will soon announce their staging of two hilarious farces. Mighty surprises and laughs galore are on the horizon.

**Supporting Children (8 - 11 years) grow in faith and friendship:** New and emerging *Faith & Fun Clubs* in the Achonry and Elphin Dioceses now enrolling for 2026/2027 school year. More info at https://achonryelphin.ie/fafc/

**Dioceses of Achonry & Elphin 2026/2027 Scripture Initiative**: New groups and facilitators being sought. Please consider. Enquiries welcome. More information at www.achonryelphin.ie/scripture

**Thanks** – to all, from far and near, who watch services online and who have contributed to our online appeal to keep the service available. Your contributions are much appreciated and help in the provision of this outreach service.

**Thank You** – to all who clean our churches on a regular basis. Their work goes on, often unnoticed, but always greatly appreciated. Thank you !

**A Prayerful Atmosphere** – should prevail at all times in our churches, especially when Masses are being celebrated. Mobile phones should be turned off & there should be no talking. People who come to pray should not be distracted.

**Receipts** – for those who contributed by cash to *Collooney Cemetery Footpath Appeal* are available from the sacristy.

**Walk** – every second week - starting at 10.30 am from Ballinacarrow Community Centre led by a trained Walk Leader. Free to join. Spend time outdoors. Meet others. Let us know you are coming on **wwwwalkingforall.com**

**The St Nathy's Cemetery Committee** in Collooney would like to thank all those that have contributed to the Path Improvement Fund so far and remind families who wish be associated with this project to get their contribution in as soon as practical. The general contribution level to date has been €100 per family plot. Further information, if required, from Joe on (087) 2604494. If people wish to donate using a bank transfer please use the following dedicated account for this purpose. Please ensure to put a name for reference with the payment.

**AIB Bank. St Nathy's Cemetery IBAN IE03AIBK93725821591039**

**Moving Parents And Children Together (M-PACT)** - You don't have to be addicted to suffer from addiction! M-PACT is a free eight-week family programme which supports all family members affected by parental substance misuse and helps to improve relationships, communication and recovery for all. If interested, or would like further information, please contact (071) 9150578 / (085) 875 9313 or email sligoleitrim@alcoholforum.com

**Anyone in hospital / a nursing home** - who would like a visit, please let Fr. Martin know.

**Would you like someone to talk to?** *SeniorLine* is Ireland's national telephone service for older people and is open every day of the year 10am -10pm, Freephone 1800 80 45 91. Callers may feel isolated, alone, wish to discuss a problem in confidence, or for company during their day. *SeniorLine's* older volunteers are trained to listen, to support, to discuss options & to refer caller to other helpful services if necessary. So don't be alone. It helps to share a problem.

**Collooney Church Conservation –** Many thanks to all for your very generous response to the monthly collection.

**Loose Envelopes** – are available in Collooney Church for those who wish to support the project and who do not currently use the offertory envelope system. Also available in Ballinacarrow for anyone who would like to support the project.

**The weekly bereavement support group** – meets at Knock Shrine on Wednesday mornings at 11am in the Family Centre. It provides an opportunity for those who have lost a loved one to meet others who are bereaved and to share and talk about their experience of loss as well as find hope and healing again in their lives. No appointment is needed.

**Please Note** – if receiving Holy Communion, it must be consumed *immediately* and *must not* be brought back to your seat or brought away. Holy Communion is so sacred and so precious that it must always be shown total respect.

**Family Carers Ireland** - Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional needs? A spouse, partner, child, close relative or neighbour? Then you are a family carer! Become a member of Family Carers Ireland, the charity supporting Ireland's 500,000+ family carers nationwide. For more info call 057 93 70221 or visit **www.familycarers.ie.**



# KILLORAN / COOLANEY PARISH NEWSLETTER



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**Collooney Office** (071) 9167235 **- Secretary present:** 9.30 am – 12.30 pm (Monday - Friday)
**Webcam:** https://mcn.live/Camera/sacred-heart-and-st-joseph-church-coolaney /
**Radio Mass:** 106.5 FM

## October 31st & November 1st 2026 – Feast of All Saints

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| **Sat. 31st** | **8.00 pm** | People of the Parish Community |
| **Sun. 1st** | **9.45 am** | **All Saints Day -** Pat Rooney (Month's Mind) Huddersfield / Carragh, Coolaney brother of Maureen Quinn, Carragh / Rosary in Rockfield Cemetery after Mass |
| **Mon. 2nd** | **10.00 am** | **All Souls Day Mass** |
| **Tue. 3rd** | **10.00 am** | **Daily Mass** – Holy Souls |
| **Wed. 4th** | **10.00 am** | **Daily Mass** – Holy Souls |
| **Thur.5th** | **10.00 am** | **Daily Mass** – (Holy Souls) followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 11.30 am |
| **Fri. 6th** | **10.00 am** | **Daily Mass** – Holy Souls |
| **Sat. 7th** | **8.00 pm** | Tommy McGowan (Months Mind) his wife Patricia & all the McGowan, Nevin & Keogh fam |
| **Sun. 8th** | **9.45 am** | *Preparation Mass for First Holy Communion* / Rosary in Killoran Cemetery after Mass |

**Big Welcome Back** – to Fr. Gerry who is returning to duties from this weekend. Wishing him every happiness and success in his ministry in Coolaney. A big *Thank You*, also, to the Eucharistic Ministers who provided Communion Services three days a week for the past while. It is especially to be welcomed that Mass will, once again, be celebrated each day in the parish. Thanks to all who help out in any capacity in the running of our parish community.
**Killoran Community Centre** - Card games have recommenced on Oct. 21st at 9.00 pm. All new members welcome.
**Offertory Collection (Oct. 24th & 25th)** Many thanks for your ongoing generosity and support. It is much appreciated.
**Weekly Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** – for the winter months will now take place on Thursday mornings immediately after 10 am Mass, concluding at 11.30 am. This means no Tuesday evening Holy Hour until summer.

**Charity Tax Rebate Scheme** – the parish hopes to submit a claim to Revenue in Jan. 2027 for the 2026 financial year. The scheme allows all registered and regulated charities (including parishes) to reclaim the tax component of charitable donations made in a given year. If you pay tax and have contributed €250 or more, then your donations will already have been taxed. Revenue will refund the parish a standard 45 cents for every €1 donated. More information located at exit doors. Please take a copy of the green flyer home and, if you can help, fill in the minimal details and return.

**Mission Sunday October 18th** – thanks to all who supported the Mission Appeal. Donations can still be made.
**Blue November Offering Envelopes** – are included in the box of Offertory Envelopes. They are intended for anyone who would like to make an offering for Masses said for the dead throughout November. All the dead will be prayed for, irrespective or an offering made or not. All weekday Masses throughout November will be said for the Holy Souls. For those who would like the names of their dead included, they can put a list into the blue envelope or, alternatively, write on the paper insert of the separate November envelopes at the doors. There will be a basket in front of the altar for the envelopes / names. If putting money into an envelope, return it in the Offertory Collection or hand directly to Fr. Gerry. All donations go to the Coolaney Priest Wages Account. **Please do not put money in an envelope and leave it in the church.**

### Dates for your Diary

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| **Sunday, November 1st** | Rosary in Rockfield Cemetery – following morning Mass |
| **Sunday, November 8th** | Rosary in Killoran Cemetery – following morning Mass |
| **Sunday, November 22nd** | *Service of Remembrance of the Dead* – 5.00 pm |
| **Wednesday, November 25th** | General Clean-up of the Church – from 10.00 am onwards – Volunteers needed please |
| **Sunday, December 20th** | Carol Service with the *Coolaney Gospel Choir* – 6.00 pm |

**Church Rotas** – thanks to all who are involved in the various ministries, especially at the weekend Masses – Readers, Ministers of Holy Communion, Basket Collectors etc., etc. Just a reminder ….. if someone on a rota can't make it, it would be appreciated if others could stand in for them on that occasion.
**Congratulations & Well Done** – to all involved in Coolaney Tidy Towns 2026 entry. Coolaney came in 3rd place in the county after Riverstown (1st place) and Sligo town (2nd place). They were also awarded a Gold Medal for coming within 15 points of the overall winner of Ballinahown, Co. Westmeath. Fantastic achievement.
**Revised Traffic Plans for outside Rockfield Church** – Alternatives are being explored. No final decision made.
**Masses can be booked** – with Fr. Gerry directly or through the parish office in Collooney (071) 9167235.
**Candelabras** – are now repaired and back in use. Thanks to the parishioner who repaired them so well & so quickly.
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**Guided Prayer Afternoon** Late Autumn @ Fr Peyton Centre, Attymass, Ballina Co. Mayo F26 X884
Join the Fr Peyton Centre for Guided Prayer Afternoon on Thursday, November 12th from 2pm to 4.30pm. The afternoon will include: rosary, meditation, silent time and Mass. For information call: Fina 096 45374 / 087 681 6821

**One Day Advent Retreat** Late Autumn @ Fr Peyton Centre, Attymass, Ballina Co. Mayo F26 X884
Advent Retreat: What Gift will you Give? Saturday December 5th, beginning at 11am, and concluding at 4.30pm, the day includes: spiritual talks, reflection, quiet time, rosary and Mass. The cost is €25, which includes tea, coffee on arrival & light lunch. Booking is essential. For enquiries and booking contact Fina 096 45374 / 087 681 6821

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