

# Balyna Parish Newsletter

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent- 7 December/8 December 2024

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## Masses this Week:

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

<b>Saturday 7 November</b>	<b>Clogherinkoe</b>	<b>6.00pm Mass</b>
<b>Sunday 8 December</b>	<b>Johnstownbridge</b>	<b>9.30am Mass</b>
	<b>Broadford</b>	<b>11.00am Mass</b>
<b>Monday 9 December</b> (Feast of the Immaculate Conception)	<b>Broadford</b>	<b>7:30pm Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday 10 December</b>	<b>Broadford</b>	<b>10:00am Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday 11 December</b>	<b>Clogherinkoe</b>	<b>10:00am Mass</b>
<b>Thursday 12 December</b>	<b>Johnstownbridge</b>	<b>10:00am Mass</b>
	<b>Broadford</b>	<b>7:00pm-8:00pm Holy Hour</b>
<b>Friday 13 December</b>	<b>Broadford</b>	<b>7:30pm Mass</b>
<b>Saturday 14 December</b>	<b>Clogherinkoe</b>	<b>6:00pm Mass</b>
<b>Sunday 15 December</b>	<b>Johnstownbridge</b>	<b>9:30am Mass</b>
	<b>Broadford</b>	<b>11:00am Mass</b>

## Important Dates

**Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup>/Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup>:** St. Vincent de Paul Collection.

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025:** Balyna Parish Draw.

## Feast of the Immaculate Conception

As the 8<sup>th</sup> of December falls on the Sunday, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception is to be celebrated on Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> of December. For those who would like to honour this feast of Our Lady, we have a special Mass on Monday evening 9<sup>th</sup> of December at 7:30pm.

## St. Vincent de Paul Collection

St Vincent de Paul Collection will take place this weekend 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> of December. Blue envelopes are available at the back of every Church. All support is greatly appreciated for this worthy cause. All donations are spent in our local community.

## Collections

Please note that no collection outside the gates of the Church is sanctioned by the parish. In the past, some charities received permits for such collections, but these are not usual any longer. If you see anyone collecting near the Church, the Gardaí ask that you contact them so they can check permits. Unfortunately, we believe that there may be risk of scams and it is important to avoid this.

## Christmas Stations

Many thanks for your contributions to the Christmas Station collection. Your kindness and generosity are very much appreciated.

## Bambinelli Sunday

The Blessing of the Bambinelli (Baby Jesus) is a tradition which began in Rome. On Saturday the 14th and Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> of December (Third Sunday of Advent-Gaudete Sunday), we invite you all to bring the Baby Jesus from your own crib at home to any Mass to have it blessed.

## Balyna Parish Draw

The draw will take place on Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> of January after 11:00am Mass in Broadford Church. All proceeds again this year will be used to offset Insurance costs. Tickets can be purchased before & after weekend Masses, in the Parish Office, O'Neills Centra Johnstownbridge, Clocha Rince Library and from various tickets sellers. Tickets are €10 each or a book of 11 tickets for €100. First prize €1,000, Second prize €500, 3rd prize €200 and 3 prizes of €100. As a thank you to all our parishioners who financially support our parish, we will have a draw every week for a chance to win a ticket for our annual parish draw. The draw will take place after Mass in Broadford Church on Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> of January 2025. Congratulations to this week's winner, Gloria O'Grady.

## Clogherinkoe GFC, Broadford Hurling Club, Broadford Camogie & Balyna

Join Us for The Oskars in 2025! In partnership with Clogherinkoe GFC, Broadford Hurling Club, Broadford Camogie and Balyna. We're raising funds to supplement the €138,283.00 received from the Community Sport Facilities Fund 2024 for the Drainage and Levelling of Pitches. We're looking for participants from the Football Club to join the fun! No acting experience needed—just enthusiasm and community spirit. We are holding an info evening in the clubhouse on Tuesday, Dec 10th at 8pm. For questions, contact a committee member or join us on Dec 10th—we'll cover it all then! Let's make this event a blockbuster!

## Christmas Floral Demonstration

Christmas Floral Demonstration hosted by Denise Kane Daly will take place on Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of December 2024 @ 7:30pm in Clogherinkoe GAA Clubhouse. Light refreshments on the night. Admission €5, donations from this event will go towards Clocha Rince National School.

## Kildare County Council

Applications are now open for the County Kildare Serviced Site Scheme. Kildare County Council is making seven sites available to purchase in Clogherinkoe, at a reduced price, for self-builders wishing to build their own homes. For further information please visit <https://www.kildarecoco.ie/AllServices/Housing/AffordableHousing/>

## Anniversaries and Intentions

Anniversaries for this week-end	Tom & Nancy Kelly, Rahan. John, Mary & Mike Kelly Rahan. Mary (Maisie) Hickey (First Anniversary). Carmel & Madeline Bourke & the deceased members of the Bourke family. George Cooney (First Anniversary). Anthony Franklin (Anniversary Mass).
Anniversaries for next week-end	Agnes, Joe & Anthony Gravin. Brigid & Jack McGrath & the deceased members of the McGrath family. Patrick & Roseanne Mooney & the deceased members of the Mooney family. Roseanne Reilly. James, & Eileen Kelleher, Ballinlig.

