

Balyna Parish Newsletter

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

Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) - 1/2 February 2025

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Masses this Week:

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

Saturday 1 February	Clogherinkoe	6.00pm Mass
Sunday 2 February	Johnstownbridge	9.30am Mass
	Broadford	11.00am Mass
Tuesday 4 February	Broadford	No Mass
Wednesday 5 February	Clogherinkoe	10:00 Mass
Thursday 6 February	Johnstownbridge	No Mass
	Broadford	Holy Hour (8:00pm to 9:00pm)
Friday 7 February	Broadford	7:30pm Mass (Confession 6.30pm-7.15pm)
Saturday 8 February	Clogherinkoe	6:00pm Mass
Sunday 9 February	Johnstownbridge	9:30am Mass
	Broadford	11:00am Mass

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 11th February: World Day of the Sick/Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Parish Field

Anyone interested in renting the parish field, adjacent to the priest's house, should contact Ed Carey on (046) 951064

First Friday:

This Friday (7th February) is the First Friday, invalids will be attended over the next two weeks. On Friday evening there will be Confession from 6:30pm to 7:15pm in Broadford Church, followed by mass at 7:30pm.

From Fr Sean

Many thanks to the many people that have been so kind in so many ways over the past few weeks. It is not possible in the short term to thank everyone individually but I deeply appreciate the kindness and support that have been offered.

The past week was difficult as we had no electricity, telephone or internet until late Wednesday evening and then the office had to close on Thursday for a diocesan in-service training. I cancelled the Holy Hour on Thursday in advance as I was worried that we would be without power or heating. Apologies to those who had not heard. Thanks for the co-operation and understanding last week-end as it was difficult to keep the schedule of Masses going without power or heating but we managed. Thanks also to those who helped me personally in the past week. I write these words on Friday morning—normally we have finished the newsletter by now but as I said, this was not possible this week. I offer Mass for my mother this evening in Broadford and I will welcome family and friends who join in prayerful remembrance. The month's mind will be in my home parish on Monday and I will take a few days (until Thursday) in my home as I would like to help my father and brother with some practical matters that need attention after my mother's death. I will return on Thursday. Invalids will be attended between Thursday, Friday and some in the following week.

Knock Pilgrimages

Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 10th February 2025. €699.00 pps. Price includes return train, 4 nights in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre, Quiet Man Museum. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact 094 900 6426 or 087 1890 236 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Enrolment Broadford National School

If you have a child starting in Junior Infants in September 2025, you are invited to an Open Afternoon in Broadford National School on Thursday, Feb.6th from 2-2.30pm.

The dates for admissions are below and if you would like an application form for your child you can contact the school on 046 9551323 or email Dee at secretary@broadfordnaskildare.ie

The school will commence accepting applications for admission on	3 rd Feb 2025
The school shall cease accepting applications for admission on	24 th Feb 2025
The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application is	10 th Mar 2025
The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admissions is	24 th Mar 2025

Anniversaries and Intentions

Anniversaries for this week-end	Broughan Donegan (Third Anniversary). Theresa, Joe and their son Garry Jones. Pat Stynes (Fourth Anniversary). John & Winnie Mallon, Kilcock. Jim Farrell, Johnstownbridge & his nephew Kevin Farrell. Delia Doherty (Month's Mind). Roseanna Kavanagh, her husband Patrick & her sons Patrick & Tony. Phil & Margaret Shanley (Anniversary Mass). John Joe Murphy. Bernadette & Trudy Murphy. John & Jane Murphy. Josie Lenahan (Anniversary Mass). Oliver Lenahan (Birthday Remembrance). Maido & Billy Holton (Anniversary Mass).
Anniversaries for next week-end	Joseph Robinson & his wife Eileen & their son Brian. Michael (Mick) McCabe (Month's Mind).