

# Balyna Parish Newsletter

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

The 2nd Sunday of the Year- 18/19 January 2025

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## Masses this Week:

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

<b>Saturday 18 January</b>	<b>Clogherinkoe</b>	<b>6.00pm Mass</b>
<b>Sunday 19 January</b>	<b>Johnstownbridge</b>	<b>9.30am Mass</b>
	<b>Broadford</b>	<b>11.00am Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday 21 January</b>	<b>Broadford</b>	<b>10:00am Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday 22 January</b>	<b>Clogherinkoe</b>	<b>10:00 Mass</b>
<b>Thursday 23 January</b>	<b>Johnstownbridge</b>	<b>10:00am Mass</b>
<b>Friday 24 January</b>	<b>Broadford</b>	<b>7:30pm Mass</b>
<b>Saturday 25 January</b>	<b>Clogherinkoe</b>	<b>6:00pm Mass</b>
<b>Sunday 26 January</b>	<b>Johnstownbridge</b>	<b>9:30am Mass</b>
	<b>Broadford</b>	<b>11:00am Mass</b>

## Dates for your Diary

Saturday February 1st/Sunday 2nd February: Catechesis at Mass for Communion and Confirmation candidates.

Saturday February 1st/Sunday 2 February: Candlemas: Blessing of Candles at all Masses.

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

## Balyna Parish Draw

Sincere thanks to everyone who supported our Parish Draw and making it a huge success again this year. Thanks particularly to all who sold tickets and to those individuals who sponsored prizes. The total amount raised was €9,150. All proceeds again this year will be used to offset Insurance costs. A list of winners can be viewed on the following link <https://www.balynaparish.ie/2025/01/09/balyna-parish-draw-winners/>

## Candlemas Day Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

To celebrate Candlemas Day, candles will be blessed during the weekend Masses. Anyone who wishes to have candles blessed, can leave them in front of the Altar just before Mass. Normal Blessed Candles are made from beeswax. Please label clearly with your name. If you do not have a candle and need to purchase one, please contact the Parish Office. Candles can be pre-booked at a cost of €1-00 each.

## Knock Pilgrimages

Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com).

## Personal Note from Fr Sean

The past two weeks have been a heavy challenge to me as I have had to grapple with the sadness of losing my mother, Kathleen, suddenly and unexpectedly, on 4 January. This has been the most challenging and heart-breaking time in my life. I would sincerely like to thank all those who have supported me in so many ways in the midst of this difficulty. Mam was buried on the Feast of the Epiphany, the feast of those who search for Wisdom despite the cold and difficult struggle of life. That Wisdom might best be seen in the brave flames of hope that people have offered in their kindness, particularly from the parish here. For all those flames of hope offered in the winter darkness, I am heartfully thankful.

I know that some people had wanted to travel to Graiguenamanagh for the Wake and Funeral Mass but were unable to do so because of the inclement weather. I hope to offer Mass for my mother at 7.30pm on Friday 31 January in Broadford. My brother, cousin and uncle also hope to attend (My Dad is a bit too frail to travel). It will offer an opportunity to anyone who may have wished to attend the funeral, but was unable to do so for those good reasons of inclement weather, to be present at an occasion of prayer and solidarity. However, I again reiterate that your quiet prayers and gentle support have already made a huge difference in this moment of grief.

I ask your patience over the next while. We are a small family and I need to attend to some family needs that are urgent and immediate. However I hope to fulfil all parish duties also, but maybe asking a little leniency and understanding.

My mother was a kind, shy and practical person and her loss is enormous. For those of you who share the burden of loss in these days, the heartbeat of hope and strength is in the prayerful remembrance of all our loved ones, particularly at Mass. There is a strange and beautiful strength in our prayerful remembering and hoping around the Lord's table. Many thanks!

## Anniversaries and Intentions

We remember Michael (Mick) McCabe, Enfield, Co. Meath who was interred in Broadford Cemetery on Monday.

Anniversaries for this week-end	Paud McCabe (Month's Mind). Mary & Christopher Gorman & their children Bridie, Pat, Noel & Kevin. Seamus Gannon (First Anniversary). Margaret Leonard (First Anniversary). Jacinta Kenna (Third Anniversary). Sally Ryan (Fourth Anniversary). Andy Maguire (Second Anniversary & Birthday Remembrance) & his son Matt Maguire (Tenth Anniversary & Birthday Remembrance). John Connelly (Anniversary Mass).
Anniversaries for next week-end	Ger Rushe (Second Anniversary). Eilish Mooney (Anniversary Mass). Michael & Annie Farrell, Ballycowen. John Mangan (Second Anniversary). Padraig Casey, Martinstown (Fourteenth Anniversary), we also remember his wife Maureen, his parents Michael & Elizabeth, his uncle William & the deceased members of the Horan & Casey families. Mary Sutton (First Anniversary) and Liam Sutton (Third Anniversary).