

Balyna Parish Newsletter

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

Second Sunday of Christmas- 4/5 January 2025

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Masses this Week:

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

Saturday 4 January	Clogherinkoe	6.00pm Mass
Sunday 5 January	Johnstownbridge	9.30am Mass
	Broadford	11.00am Mass
Monday 6 January (Feast of the Epiphany)	Johnstownbridge	9:30am Mass
	Broadford	11:00am Mass
	Clogherinkoe	7:30pm Mass
Tuesday 7 January		No Mass
Wednesday 8 January		No Mass
Thursday 9 January		No Mass
Friday 10 January	Broadford	7:30pm Mass
Saturday 11 January	Clogherinkoe	6:00pm Mass
Sunday 12 January	Johnstownbridge	9:30am Mass
	Broadford	11:00am Mass

Dates for your Diary

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

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

Greetings for the New Year!

As we begin this new year of 2025, I hope and pray that it will bring grace upon grace to this parish and to all our parishioners. This is also a Jubilee Year, a special year for prayer and for refocusing our lives on Christ and the Gospel. Pope Francis has named this as a "Jubilee Year of Hope." I pray that the gift of hope will touch our lives in new ways throughout the coming year.

I would also like to thank everyone for the support and friendship that you have offered. I appreciate this greatly. May your families, homes, schools and farms be blessed throughout this coming year.

Balyna Parish Draw

Our Annual Parish Draw will take place Sunday the 5th of January, after 11:00am Mass, in Broadford Church. I thank you all most sincerely for supporting our Parish Draw and making it a huge success again this year. Thanks particularly to all who sold tickets and to those businesses and individuals who sponsored prizes. Our draw engenders a great deal of enthusiasm each year and I wish the lucky winners well. A full list of winners will be posted on the website and on the church noticeboards this week.

Christmas Offerings

Many thanks to all who gave so generously to the Christmas Offering collection. This is one of the collections taken up each year from which I derive my income. I am truly grateful to you all for your generous support.

Online Donations

Our Parish bank account details are as follows: Balyna Parish Non-Personal Deposit Account, BIC: EDCNIE21, IBAN: IE87EDCN99104210367877, Ref: 21631 Balyna Parish. For anyone who would like to financially support the Parish online, could you please ensure to include your name in the details when contributing online. Many thanks as always for your support. For further information contact the Parish Office on (046) 9551203

Anniversaries and Intentions

We remember Bernadette (Bernie), O'Reilly, Broadford, who was interred in Broadford Cemetery on Thursday. James (Jimmy) Nolan, father of Evelyn Bonner who died recently. We also remember Lily Fagan, ne Mulvaney, who was buried in Ballinadrimna on New Year's Day.

Anniversaries for this week-end	Tina McGinty (Ninth Anniversary). Sean Conway (Anniversary Mass) & we also remember his wife Annie and his parents Kathleen & Michael Conway. The Murray Family, Martin (Snr), Elizabeth, Jane, Bernadette, John, Martin & Joe. James and Madge Maguire. Robert McKeever his wife Mary & their sons Robert (Jnr), & Mick and we also pray for the deceased members of the McKeever family. Peter Lynch (Anniversary Mass).
Anniversaries for next week-end	Margaret Leonard, Ballinderry. Noel & Kathleen Kerrigan, Clonkeeran. Arthur McGovern, Moyvalley (Anniversary Mass). Liz Kavanagh and her husband Paddy and her sons John & Pat. Pairic Yallop (Second Anniversary).

Anima Christi (prayer after Communion) Soul of Christ, sanctify me.

Body of Christ, save me.

Blood of Christ, inebriate me.

Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

O Good Jesus, hear me.

Within your wounds hide me.

Permit me not to be separated from you. From the wicked foe, defend me.

At the hour of my death, call me

and bid me come to you

That with your saints I may praise you for ever and ever.

Amen.

-St. Ignatius of Loyola