

Balyna Parish Newsletter

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

The 8th Sunday of the Year - 1/2 March 2025

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Masses this Week:

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

Saturday 1 March	Clogherinkoe	6.00pm Mass
Sunday 2 March	Johnstownbridge	9.30am Mass
	Broadford	11.00am Mass
Tuesday 4 March	Broadford	10:00am Mass
Wednesday 5 March (Ash Wednesday)	Clogherinkoe	10:00 Mass (with distribution of Ashes).
	Broadford	12:30pm Prayers (with distribution of Ashes)
	Johnstownbridge	7:30pm Mass (with distribution of Ashes).
Thursday 6 March	Johnstownbridge	10:00 Mass
	Broadford	7:00-8:00pm Holy Hour
Friday 7 March	Broadford	7:30pm Mass (Confession 6.30-7.15pm)
Saturday 8 March	Clogherinkoe	6:00pm Mass
Sunday 9 March	Johnstownbridge	9:30am Mass
	Broadford	11:00am Mass

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 5th March: Ash Wednesday

Sunday 9th March: Easter Stations Collection (Envelopes are provided in the box of envelopes).

Monday 17th March: St. Patrick's Day.

Saturday 22nd March: Parish Lenten Pilgrimage.

Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th April: Catechesis at Mass for Communion and Confirmation candidates.

Ash Wednesday

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the season of Lent. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at 10.00am Mass in Clogherinkoe, at 12.30pm Prayers in Broadford and at 7.30pm Mass in Johnstownbridge. Ash Wednesday is also a day of fast and abstinence.

First Friday:

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

Easter Station Collection

The Easter Station Collection will be taken up at Masses next weekend. This is for the temporal upkeep of the priest. An envelope is provided for this in the box of envelopes. As always, I thank you most sincerely for this practical support.

Trócaire Boxes

Trócaire boxes are now available at the back of the Churches and the Parish Office.

Parish WhatsApp Group

We are in the process of setting up a parish WhatsApp group. This group will be used to communicate parish related information, parish announcements and updates. Anyone interested in joining the group, please complete the Balyna Parish WhatsApp Group Consent Form and return to the parish office. Consent forms are available at the back of the churches, from the parish office or can be downloaded on the following link <https://www.balynaparish.ie/2025/02/12/balyna-parish-whatsapp-group/>

Parish Lenten Pilgrimage

The Parish will organize a Lenten Pilgrimage on Saturday the 22nd of March 2025, to Carlow. We hope to leave Broadford car park at 8:00am and return about 6:00pm. Our first stop will be to Carlow Cathedral for Mass at 10:00am. After Mass we will learn about the Cathedral and finish off with a quick cup of tea. We will then make our way to the Poor Clares in Graiguecullen, where we will visit the Church and find out about the story of the Poor Clares. We have Lunch booked in Reddy's of Carlow for 1pm. After lunch we will head to Altamont House & Gardens for a guided tour. We hope to depart around 4:15-4:30pm arriving in Broadford around 6pm. The cost will be €60, please contact the Parish Office on (046) 9551203 to book your place.

Anniversaries and Intentions

We remember Rev. Thomas O'Shea who was interred in Ballylinan Cemetery last Sunday. We also remember Gabriel Leonard, Ballinderry, Enfield, Co. Meath, brother of Margaret Byrne, Thomastown, who died during the week.

Anniversaries for this week-end	Carmel Mooney (First Anniversary). Frances Baldwin née Mooney, Johnstownbridge. Mick Loughrey (Second Anniversary). Joe Loughrey (Anniversary Mass).
Anniversaries for next week-end	Tommy Swan, Ballycowan (Sixth Anniversary). The deceased members of the McAndrew Family. Chris McGinty (Fifth Anniversary) and we also remember her husband Fintan McGinty. Johnny Boyle, Ballinakill (Month's Mind). Brigid & Michael Cusack & the deceased members of the Cusack family. Kathleen Farrell, Ballinakill (Anniversary Mass). Patrick Kane & the deceased members of the Kane family.