

Balyna Parish Newsletter

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

The 1st Sunday of Lent - 8/9 March 2025

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Masses this Week:

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

Saturday 8 March	Clogherinkoe	6.00pm Mass
Sunday 9 March	Johnstownbridge	9.30am Mass
	Broadford	11.00am Mass
Tuesday 11 March	Broadford	10:00am Mass
Wednesday 12 March	Clogherinkoe	10:00 Mass
Thursday 13 March	Johnstownbridge	10:00 Mass
	Johnstownbridge	6:00pm-6:45pm Confession
	Johnstownbridge	7:00-8:00pm Holy Hour
Friday 14 March	Broadford	7:30pm Mass
Saturday 15 March	Clogherinkoe	6:00pm Mass
Sunday 16 March	Johnstownbridge	9:30am Mass
	Broadford	11:00am Mass
Monday 17th March (St. Patrick's Day)	Johnstownbridge	9.30am Mass
	Broadford	11.00am Mass
	Clogherinkoe	7:30pm Mass

Dates for your Diary

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.

Easter Station Collection

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

Lenten Confession and Holy Hour

On Thursday evening 13th March there will be Confession in Johnstownbridge from 6:00pm-6:45pm, followed by Lenten Holy Hour from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. All welcome!

Lent

Get a biro or pencil, Then ask the Holy Spirit to show you which three of the following, Jesus wants you to fast from for Lent. Tick those relevant:
Fast from thinking only of yourself.
Fast from gossip.
Fast from judgementalism.
Fast from bitterness.
Fast from getting annoyed and worked up over little things
Fast from making cutting remarks.
Unless you are sick, fast from making excuses to yourself for not going to Mass.
Fast from worrying about things over which you have no control.
Fast from giving in to laziness where prayer is concerned.
Fast from getting into disputes.
Fast from putting things on the long finger that could and should be done now.
Fast from giving social media priority time in your life.
Fast from commenting negatively about other people's legitimate choices.
Using the biro or pencil, put a tick after the ones that you fail on most. Then ask the Holy Spirit to show. you which three you should take on for Lent.

Trócaire Boxes

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

Parish Lenten Pilgrimage

The parish will organise a pilgrimage on Saturday the 22nd of March to Carlow. The cost will be €60. Please contact the parish office on (046) 9551203 for more details and to book your place.

Balyna Community Games

Balyna Community Games will host a Quiz Night on Sunday March 9th from 2pm-5pm in The Hamlet Court Hotel. All children between the ages of 6-13 from Balyna/Carbury parish are eligible to enter, €2 per child, teams of 4. Winners will represent Balyna Area at Kildare Community Games Quiz.

Anniversaries and Intentions

We remember Patrick (Paddy) Fitzsimons, Kilbrook, Enfield, Kildare, father of Mary Holton, who was interred in Cloncurry Cemetery on Thursday. We remember Pat (Patrick) Leonard, Ballinakill, Broadford, who was interred in Broadford Cemetery on Saturday. We also remember Sr. Eileen Holton, Holy Faith Convent Glasnevin, formerly of Kilshanroe, sister of the late Pat, Willie, and Thomas Holton and Anna Claffey who died recently.

Anniversaries for this 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). Kathleen Farrell, Ballinakill (Anniversary Mass). Patrick Kane & the deceased members of the Kane family.
Anniversaries for next week-end	Johnny Hackett (Anniversary Mass). Brigid Swan, Kilmore (Second Anniversary). Brigid Lally (First Anniversary). Martin & Agnes Lally. Patrick & Nora Lally. Seamus Cusack (First Anniversary) and the deceased members of the Cusack and Healy families. Mick and Nancy Kerrigan, Kilglass, and their daughter Molly and husband Harry O'Rourke and the deceased members of the Kerrigan family. Johnny Loughrey, Cadamstown (Anniversary Mass) and the deceased members of the Loughrey family. Brigid & Michael Cusack & the deceased members of the Cusack family.