

BALLINDINE/IRISHTOWN ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION : In view of the recent spate of break-ins and attacks on the elderly, a member of the Gardai Siochana will address the meeting on **Tuesday, 1st March**, in Ballindine Community Centre, at 8pm. Everyone will be welcome.

Davitts GAA Club The numbers drawn were 3, 7, 9, 15. Four players matched three numbers but the Jackpot was not won. The following won €50 each: Laura Waldron, Irishtown, Garryowen McMahon, Irishtown, Paul Cunnane, Ballindine (online). Michael Rattigan, Irishtown (online). There will be a Jackpot of €17,700 in Sunday night's draw which will be held in Clarke's Bar.

Irishtown NS are now taking enrolments for the coming school year 2022-23. We would ask parents of children who intend to start school with us in Sept. to fill in an enrolment form. Enrolling your child early will help us to plan ahead for the next school year. Enrolment forms are available from the school office or can be downloaded from our school website: irishtownns.scoilnet.ie under 'Information for Parents' section`. If you are aware of a new family in your area who wishes to enrol their child please ask them to contact us. **Happytots Childcare are now enrolling for September 2022.** Children must be 2 years and 6 months to attend. If you would like more information please contact Pauline 094 9386694 or 087 2022526

Ballindine N.S. is currently taking enrolments for the School Year 2022-23. Please contact the school on 094-9364204 or email ballindineinfo@gmail.com for an Enrolment Form. Forms to be submitted by Monday 28th Feb.

Galway Sports Partnership will be running a 4-week Chair based exercise programme starting the 7th of March for Older Adults. This programme will develop cardiovascular fitness, muscular strength, flexibility and reduce the risk of falling. It will be carried out via video meaning it can be done in the comfort of your own home at a time that suits you. We are offering a pack of resources to assist the classes and an Irish version of the video will also be available. It will be free of charge and it is suitable for all levels of fitness. If you are interested, please contact Emma at ebleakley@galwaycoco.ie.

Claremorris Soccer Club Registration is now open @ <http://claremorrisafc.ie/registration>. We welcome girls & boys of all ages and abilities from 2016 onwards. Can you be the next Ronaldo?'

Mayo College of Further Education will hold its Open Day on March 10th from 12pm – 7pm. Visit one of our three campuses in Castlebar, Westport or Ballina to discover the wide range of courses on offer. We have 40 Level 5 and Level 6 courses over a wide variety of areas offering progression to future study or employment opportunities. We have an extensive Erasmus+ programme with partners in over 10 EU countries affording all students the opportunity to travel on paid placements each year. All courses run from September to May and are eligible for SUSI grant support. Please visit www.mayocollege.ie to make more information and to make a free online application for September.

Anam Cara Galway, monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Wednesday 2nd March** at 7:20pm in the Clayton Hotel, Briarhill, Galway. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. We also offer a free online service, for more info call us on 01 4045378

The 50th Claremorris Drama and Fringe Festival starts on March 17th with a Gala Celebration performance of "Victor's Dung" by Seamus O'Rourke (Not in competition) followed by on the 18th Dalkey Players "Eurydice" Sat Mch 19th Ballyduff Drama Group "Rabbit Hole" Sun 20th Glenamaddy Players "The Cripple of Inishmaan" Mon 21st Ray Leonard Players "The Beauty Queen of Leenane" Tues 22nd Corofin Dramatic Society "Betrayal" Wed 23rd Clann Machua Kiltimagh "Sive" Thurs 24th Cornmill Theatre Group "The Door on the Left" Fri 25th 4 x 15min Fringe Plays Sat 26th Palace Players "Chapatti" followed by Results and Presentation of Prizes. www.townhall.ie for Booking

Parish of Kilvine

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26th February – 6th March, 2022



LENT –SPRINGTIME OF THE SPIRIT

Each year the trees give us a lesson in renewal.
First the bud, then the blossom, and finally the shoot.
Spring dresses the trees in a new robe, and makes them young again.

But this is possible only because in Autumn
they let go of their old leaves,
and in between endured a period of nakedness.

Lent is the springtime of the spirit.

Lord, help us not to be afraid to let go of old habits,
and to face our spiritual poverty,
in order that you may renew us,

and so at Easter we will feel young again in our discipleship.

Cluster Priests

Fr. Gannon 086-2656563

Fr. Quinn 087-2685288

Fr. Conlisk 089-4298365

Neighbourhood Watch: Any suspicious activity or vehicles should be reported to the Community

Alert Text No's: 087-2452565; 087-1322411;

086-8436958; 087-6528213 or

Claremorris Garda Station 094-9372080

Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions for Week 26th February – 6th March, 2022

Ballindine Sat 26th 8pm Billy Dunne,
John & Mary Morley and Marie.

Irishtown Sun 27th 10.30am Jimmy O'Connor (First Anniversary)
his father Jarlath and sister Mary,
Stephen Cosgrove (Lisduff) First Anniversary,
Mary Ronayne,
John, May & James Mulkeen,
Breege Ryan
and deceased of Ryan and O'Connor Families.

Ballindine Tues 1st Mch 7pm People of the parish, living & dead

Ash Wednesday (Blessing & Distribution of Ashes after both Masses)

Ballindine Wed 2nd 9.30am Private Intention

Irishtown Wed 2nd 7pm Luke & Muriel Rattigan and Noreen Scott,
Tom & Kitty Skehan.

Ballindine Thurs 3rd 7.00am Private Intention

First Friday

Irishtown Fri 4th 7.00am Private Intention

Ballindine Fri 4th 7pm Private Intention

First Communion Enrolment Mass

Ballindine Sat 5th 8pm Winifred Waldron (Kileen) 1st Anniversary,
Patricia McTigue.

First Communion Enrolment Mass

Irishtown Sun 6th 10.30am Diarmuid, Phil & Renee McDermott,
Christina & Michael John Ronayne,
Mary & Joseph Mannion and deceased of family.

Anniversaries:

Anyone wishing to have their deceased loved ones remembered in the Parish Newsletter please forward your list with names and dates and they will be included annually in the newsletter.

Davy Cullina, Mary Sheridan, James Tierney, Mickey Monaghan, Rose & Jack Hegarty,
Celia Cannon, William McNamara, Patricia McTigue, Mary McClarnon, Kathleen Clarke,
Tom Melvin, Phil McDermott, Ned Mitchell, Martin Mullaney, William Mitchell, Nora Quinn,
Michael Devane, Nan Monaghan, Matthew Keane, Mary Mannion, Jimmy Corless, Paddy Burns.

Eucharistic Ministers
Ballindine Sat 5th Jan 8pm
C. Kirrane, P. Hennigan
Irishtown Sun 6th 10.30am
J. Rattigan, T. Boyle

Reader
1st Communion children

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Church Sanitisers:

Ballindine Sat 5th: Joe, Mary, Eileen, Della
Irishtown Sun 6th: Sarah, Ann-Marie

STEWARDS

BALLINDINE Sat 5th 8pm Team B: Noel & John
IRISHTOWN Sun 6th 10.30am Gp 1: Sean & Mary

Lent

Ash Wednesday 2nd March

Masses:

Ballindine 9.30am
Irishtown 7pm

**TROCAIRE BOXES AVAILABLE
IN BOTH CHURCHES**

Early Morning Masses for Lent

Starting:
Thurs 3rd Mch @ 7am
in Ballindine
Fri 4th Mch @ 7am
in Irishtown

Ash Wednesday is a Day of Fast & Abstinence – Blessed
Ashes will be distributed at both Masses and a limited
amount will be available for pick up in both churches
afterwards.

Deaths: Please pray for **Kathleen Mooney**, died in England,
formerly of Woodstock, Ballindine,;
Kathleen O'Connor, sister of Tom Henry, Ballinvilla Estate,
Irishtown, died in Boston USA;
Josie Mitchell, died in Donegal, wife of Johnny Mitchell, of Parke,
Boleyboy, Irishtown;
Michael Boyle, died in London, brother of Pauline Hosty,
Shanballybocht, Irishtown. **May they Rest in Peace, Amen.**

First Communion Enrolment will take place next Sat
5th March @ 8pm Mass in Ballindine and on Sun 6th
March @ 10.30am Mass in Irishtown.

*The children and their families are invited
to attend.*

First Confessions / Penance

Ballindine Church Tues 22nd Mch @ 7.30pm
Irishtown Church Wed 23rd Mch @ 7.30pm



March Church Cleaners:

Ballindine: M. Mangan,
E. Fahey, B. Naughton
Irishtown: M. Corless, A.M
McDermott
Ballindine Church Flowers:
Maureen Naughton

A Prayer for Grace to Lay Down Arms

Heavenly Father, there are
people in this world who live to
see others suffer.
They take up arms to rattle the
foundations of the earth.
They seek to destroy and kill.
Lord, faithfully change the
hearts of these bloodthirsty
people. Make them lay down
their arms, so that peace may
prosper in all lands.
Let Your grace become
paramount. In Your mercy,
hear this prayer. Amen.

First Friday

Fri 4th Mch
Masses: Irishtown 7am
Ballindine 7pm

Communion Calls:

Irishtown: Morning
Ballindine: Afternoon

*"Lord in Heaven,
hear my prayer,
keep me in your loving care.
Be my guide in all I do.
Bless all those who love me,
too. Amen."*