

First Sunday of Lent

Remembered in Masses this week 13th – 21st February, 2016

Ballindine	Sat 13th	8.15pm	Eddie Hayes, Tommie & Celia Huane, Peter Byrne, Mary, Martin & Paddy Reapy, Marie & Ned Dixon, Eamon Kenny.
Irishtown	Sun 14th	12noon	Dick McTighe (Month's Mind), Christina & John Austin Moran, Michael & John Higgins, John Francis Devane, Breege & Peter Ryan and deceased of family.
Ballindine	Tues 16th	7.00pm	People of the parish, living & dead
Irishtown	Wed 17th	7.00pm	Private Intention
Ballindine	Thur 18th	<u>7.00am</u>	Private Intention
Irishtown	Fri 19th	<u>7.00am</u>	Private Intention
Ballindine	Sat 20th	8.15pm	John Corr (First Anniversary) & wife Eileen, Eileen Byrne, Mark & Mary Ann Devane, Michael & Bridgie McDonnell, Michael & Delia Conroy, John Joe Conroy.
Irishtown	Sun 21st	12noon	Thomas Boyle & deceased of family, Mary Devine & Delia & Joe Devine, Deceased of Ellis Family.

Cemetery Masses:

Irishtown New Cemetery - Sun 19th June
Ballindine New Cemetery - Sun 10th July
Kilvine Cemetery - Sat 31st July

Prayer Services:

Irishtown Old Cemetery - Sun 26th June
Ballindine Old Cemetery - Sun 17th July

Eucharistic Adoration

Ballindine Tuesdays 7.20 – 8.20pm
Irishtown Wednesdays 7.20 – 8.20pm

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.

Those we hold most dear never truly leave us; they live on in the kindness they showed us.

**Bridget Martin, Michael Corr, James Cannon, Christy Mannion, Noreen Scott,
Patrick Mullarkey, Christy Rattigan, John Egan, Michael Glynn, Peter Hunt,
Margaret Mullarkey, James Heneghan, Mary Ann McCormack, Justine Dowd,
Patrick Corr, Mary Kate Raftery, Michael Kirrane.**

Eucharistic Ministers

Ballindine Sat 20th 8.15pm

J. Hennigan, K. Cunnane, P. Kirrane

Irishtown Sun 21st 12noon

M. Freeley, D. McCormack

Readers

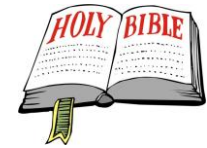
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Servers

Team C

Gp 3



Prayers of Faithful

Ballindine Sat 20th: D.T.I.M

Irishtown Sun 21st: D.T.I.M

Mass Servers Irishtown during the week Gp 2

Mass Servers Ballindine Tues 16th: Team B

Marian House Sun 21st: Patricia Macken

Pioneer Regional Council Meeting in Community Centre Ballindine on Tuesday next 16th February @ 8-30pm. Pioneers from parish are invited to attend.

LENT: Early morning Masses for Lent:

Ballindine Thursdays 7am / Irishtown Fridays 7am

TRÓCAIRE: Please pick up your Trócaire Box from the Church.

Theme this year is: `Join the Fight for Justice`

Small purple crosses, made by the National School Children, are also available to enable you to write down your Lenten Intentions. Please place your crosses in the box at the Altar.

Parish Statistics 2015

Baptisms : 26
First Communions : 24
Confirmations : 46
Marriages : 6
Deaths : 19

Deaths: Please pray for **Teresa McNerlin**, nee Hughes, Redditch, England, sister of May Fallon, Skevard, Ballindine; **Joe Brogan**, Shantalla, Ballindine, who died this week. **May their souls rest in peace, Amen.**

Quiet Days for Busy People – A Day of Reflection Sat 5th March
Cost €30 includes lunch. Take time out to explore and strengthen your prayer experience at Knock Prayer Guidance Centre. **Registration at 9.45am. Day concludes at 3.45pm**

WITNESS TO HOPE - KNOCK SHRINE

Celebrating the Jubilee of Mercy Sat 12th & Sun 13th Mch. Join us at Knock Shrine for this free weekend event to learn more about the meaning of Mercy and the themes at the heart of this Holy Year.

`Engaging Talks; Testimonials on forgiveness and healing; Thought provoking workshops; Music & reflection; What is Confession and why do we need it?`

Songs of Praise – Knock Basilica Sat 12th March at 7.30pm

This special praise and workshop concert will feature choirs from across Ireland, north and south, performing separately and together, in the beautiful setting of the fully refurbished Basilica to Our Lady of Knock. (Not to be missed!)

Parish Meetings in Parochial House B`dine Care & Maintenance
Tues 23rd @ 8pm

Community & Communication
Wed 24th @ 8pm

Irishtown Cemetery Committee in the Community Centre Irishtown

Wed 17th @ 8p.m.

All members please attend

Vision Programme - The Cluster Team of the Parishes of Ballindine, Claremorris, Crossboyne and Milltown has organised two sessions of **The Vision Programme on Thursdays 18th & 25th Feb 8-9.30pm**, in McWilliam Park Hotel. This programme, facilitated by Mary Trench, has proved life changing for many people, enabling one to have a positive outlook and live life to the full. This happens through the experience of the Power of The Beatitudes.

OPERATION TRANSFORMATION GROUP WALKING - Ballindine every Monday, Wednesday & Friday from Davitts GAA Dressing Rooms at 7.30pm Sharp. All Welcome.

OPERATION TRANSFORMATION -Irishtown-Walking at the Track in Irishtown at 8pm nightly. Walk in a safe area fully lit. Great way of getting people active & kick-starting a healthier lifestyle.

Davitts GAA 5k walk/run Series (Series is 3x5ks over 3 Sunday mornings) continues this Sunday Feb14th & Sunday Feb 21st starting at 10am sharp. Registration from 9.15am at the Irishtown Community Centre. Walkers, Joggers and Runners All welcome. All u16s go free. €15 for entire series or just €8 on the day. This course is challenging and scenic with lots of prizes and refreshments afterwards. **Log onto www.davittsgaa.com** for further details. Or enter online on www.active.com. **All funds go to the Davitts GAA Building Development Fund**

Davitts Lotto: There was no winner of last week's jackpot. Numbers drawn were 6, 12, 13 and 24. Draw for a jackpot prize of €8,300 takes place Sunday 14th of February in Bourke's Irishtown.

MW League weekend of 20th/21st. Details to be confirmed.

BALLINDINE/IRISHTOWN ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION (over 55's): Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 16 February, at 8.p.m. in Ballindine Community Centre.

Set Dancing resumes in Ballindine Community Centre on Tuesdays @ 9pm. Beginners welcome.

COMEDY PLAY AT CLAREMORRIS TOWN HALL "The Pull" a family comedy for **Mayo Cancer Support** this Fri, Feb 19 Doors 7.30pm €15 (Family ticket €40).

FOOD & COOKERY (CULINARY OPS) LEVEL 3 will be running in Mayo Abbey Training Centre on February 19th, 24th March 2nd, 4th & 9th . Times 9.30am-4.00pm. To book your place call 094 - 9365987 or email training@mayoabbey.ie

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land - Fr. Benny McHale has organised a pilgrimage to the Holy Land (his 31st!) from June 7th to June 17th. As occupancy fills up very quickly it is advisable to contact him as soon as possible at 091 844227. **The Holy Land is very safe** – in fact it is the safest place in the middle east at the moment and pilgrims need have no worry about security, it has been reported! <http://www.tuamarchdiocese.org/2016/01/pilgrimage-to-the-holy-land-2016/>

St. Anthony's Special School, Humbert Way, Castlebar for students with Mild Learning Difficulties ages 4-18 Open & Enrolment Day Tues 16th Feb 1-3.30pm. Contact 094-9022661 or www.stanthonymayo.ie

Mount St Michael Secondary School Table Quiz on Friday 19th Feb, in Western Hotel, Claremorris. Adults: Table of 4: €40 / Students: Unlimited numbers per table: €5 per person. Commencing 8pm. Please Support.

Electrical Recycling Tuesday 8th March 10am – 1pm at Davitts GAA Grounds. Anything with an electrical plug can be placed in the skip.

A meeting of Mayo Stoma Support Group will take place on Thursday 18th February at 7pm in Rock Rose House, Castlebar. Guest speaker will attend. New members welcome.

Anam Cara monthly Parent Evening on Thurs 18th Feb 19:30 to 21:00 in the Family Centre, Chapel Street, Castlebar, (weather dependent). Services are free of charge to bereaved parents.

A.G. M. of Mayo Branch of Retired Civil & Public Servants Association in Welcome Inn Hotel, Castlebar on Wed next Feb 17th at 11 am. Light refreshments served. Representative from Hospital Saturday Fund will attend. New members welcome. Enquires : 086 6026078.

ECDL START – 4 MODULE in Mayo Abbey Training Centre on Febr 25th, Mch 3rd 10th 25th 31st & Apr 7th - 6 weeks 1 day per week. 9.30am-4.30pm. To book 094- 9365987 or training@mayoabbey.ie

Pulsewave Ireland Heart Screening on Wednesday 17th Dalton Inn - early booking is advised. Appointments are available from 11am to 9pm Daily. Call 087-7151623 / www.pulsewaveireland.net



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Happy St.Valentine`s Day

St. Valentine's Day is based on the life of St. Valentine, a Roman martyr who was beheaded in c. 269-273 AD. Emperor Claudius II declared that unmarried men were potential soldiers, so he outlawed marriage. However, St. Valentine refused to accept this pernicious error and the saintly priest continued to marry young couples. Claudius attempted to convert St. Valentine to paganism, but St. Valentine resisted and attempted to bring Claudius to the Church and Jesus Christ. For this, the Emperor had St. Valentine beheaded.

In prison Valentine helped imprisoned, soon-to-be martyrs. The jailer saw that Valentine was a man of learning, so he brought his daughter, Julia, to Valentine for lessons. Julia was a young girl, who had been blind since her birth. During the lessons, St. Valentine would read to her about the history of Rome. And, he taught her about God. Soon after her sight was suddenly restored.

On the eve of his death Valentinus wrote a last note to Julia, urging her to stay close to God. He signed it, "*From your Valentine.*" His sentence was carried out the next day, February 14, 270 A.D., near a gate that was later named Porta Valentini in his memory. He was buried at what is now the Church of Praxedes in Rome. On February 14, Saint Valentine's Day, messages of affection, love, and devotion are exchanged around the world. After his daughter's healing, the jailer was converted to Christianity.

2016 Lenten Theme `Join the Fight for Justice`

Climate change is the greatest injustice of our time. The people who are doing least to cause it are suffering the most. Those with the power to address it have so far failed us.

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