

Davitts GAA - Presto result Sunday 05/01/2025: Numbers drawn: 11, 24, 28, 29. Jackpot not won. Eugene Higgins, Brendan Donnelly, Eimear Rattigan and Gemma Cullina won €50 each. Jackpot of €13,100 this Sunday - draw in Clarke's Bar. The Davitts walking group continues on Tuesday Jan 21st from 7-8pm. Davitts GAA registration is now open, all players and management must be registered on Foireann before the commencement of play in order to be insured. There will be a Drugs and Alcohol workshop in the clubhouse on Monday 27th January from 7.30 to 9pm. This event is open to all adults in the community.

The Catechism Café - presents 'Faith in a Faithless World': an evening of talks, panel discussion and Q&A. Guest speakers include **Ronan Mullen** (Seanad Eireann), **Ben Scallan** (Gript Media), **Ciaran Clarke** (MMA fighter) and **Clodagh Gallagher** (Aid to the Church in need). Friday January 31, 7.30pm, St. John's Centre, Knock. All welcome.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes - Tuam & Killala Diocesan pilgrimage led by Archbishop Francis Duffy: August 29 - September 4 2025, ex - Knock. Six nights full board - €995 pps. For bookings, please contact Joe Walsh Tours Tel. 01 2410800 or email: info@joewalstours.ie Book online: www.joewalstours.ie/pilgrimages/group-diocesan-pilgrimages/

Offertory Envelopes - Parishioners are asked to use the current 2025 envelopes, if possible, please, so your box number can be recorded in order for the parish to avail of the Charity Tax Back Fund. Anyone who doesn't have a box allocated to them can obtain one from the Sacristy.

St Brigid's crosses - available for a donation in Ballindine and Irishtown churches on 25th/26thJan and 1st/2ndFeb. All proceeds go to the Irish Pilgrimage Trust who bring children and young adults with additional needs to Lourdes at Easter. All donations appreciated.

Irishtown NS - are now taking enrolments for the coming school year 2025-26. We would ask parents of children who intend to start school in Sept 2025 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 that wishes to enrol their child in the school, please ask them to contact us. The school office can be contacted on 094 93 64559.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - takes place between 18-25 January. 2025 marks the 1,700th anniversary of the first Christian Ecumenical Council, held in Nicaea, in 325. This commemoration provides an opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the common faith of Christians, as expressed in the Nicene Creed. Christian Unity week offers an invitation to draw on this shared heritage and to enter into the faith that unites all Christians. This faith, always ancient, always new, is our unending joy. Christ has risen, defeating death and darkness and bringing us to everlasting life. At the heart of our reflections is the question posed by Jesus to Martha, as recorded in John's gospel: 'Do you believe this?' Our challenge is to sit with Jesus' thought-provoking question to Martha: 'Do you believe this? I call this faith: the intelligible light which by grace dawns in the soul, that supports the heart, and grants the gift of hope - (Isaac of Nineveh - 7th C).

Signed Mass Cards - available at the parish office Balindine, individual Masses are offered as requested.

It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead - 2 Macc 12:46

Ballindine - Parish of Kilvine - Irishtown

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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9am to 1pm
(emergencies anytime)

18th January 2025 - 26th January 2025

Catholic Schools Week 2025, begins this week. During this time we aim to celebrate the unique contribution that Catholic schools make to their communities. This year's theme is *Catholic Schools: Alive in Christ*



A Prayer for Catholic Schools

Almighty God,

You sent forth your Son as a beacon of hope for all people.

As a Teacher, He has given us the prime example of the importance of education.

As disciples, we look to him for inspiration and strength.

Thank you for the many people who have dedicated their lives in service to our Catholic Schools.

Thank you for the teachers and Boards of Management who sustain our schools.

Thank you for the parents who have given support and witness to the importance of Catholic education.

Thank you for the students who work hard to further their education.

Bless all our Catholic Schools and the many people who advance our mission.

May our schools be a home for those who seek to grow in openness, faith, love, intellect and commitment to justice.

In your name, we pray - Amen.

(Source: adapted from Catholic Education Arizona)

Cluster priests:

Fr Peter Gannon -
086 2656563

Fr Frank 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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C
Catholic Schools Week, Jan 19-25; Christian Unity Week, Jan 18 - 25

Mass Intentions 18th January, 2025 - 26th January, 2025

Ballindine Sat 18th 8.00pm **Mark & Teresa Devane and deceased of family, Pat Kivneen (3rd Anniv) & deceased of Kivneen family, Martin Daly, Kathleen Flanagan (7th Anniv).**

Irishtown Sun 19th 10.00am **Tommy & Bridgie Hernon & Kate & Patrick Rattigan, Kathleen Daly and deceased of Daly & McGuinness Families, Maureen Freeley & Tommie and deceased of Cullina & Freeley families, Paddy & Babs Burns & deceased of Burns & McGough Families.**

Tues-Wed 21st & 22nd Jan 10am **Mass in Crossboyne & Taugheen**

Ballindine, Tuesday 21st 11am **Catholic School's Mass (All welcome)**

Ballindine, Thursday 23rd 7pm **Nan & J.J. Tighe**

Irishtown, Friday 24th 10am **People of the Parish living and dead**

Ballindine, Sat 25th 8pm **Michael, Patrick & Nora Raftery, John Healy and deceased of the Cummins family, Jimmy Fallon (26th Anniv) Mary Fallon (7th Anniv) Mary & John Mongan Snr, James Fallon & Bernie Fallon Healy and deceased of Fallon & Mongan families, Bill & Kate Hennigan, Katelyn Ward (7th Anniv), John & Julia Kilkenny and deceased of the Kilkenny family, Jimmy & Julia Treacy.**

Irishtown, Sun 26th 10.00am **Gerald Corr and deceased of the Corr family, Kitty Egan (Months mind) & Maureen, Paddy and Katie Rattigan, Eddie & Delia Mitchell, Joe McGee (8th Anniv).**

 Pray for
Alice O'Connor nee Kilroy, Ballyglass, Scardaune,
 May she rest in peace

<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Collectors</u>
Ballindine Sat 25th Jan 8pm F. Devane, M. Connolly.	Mary Gill	Gp8	M. Hynes, J. Hynes.
Irishtown Sun 26th Jan 10am D. Clarke, B. Feerick.	J.P. Rattigan	Gp1	E. Mitchell, L. Griffin.

Prayer of Faithful
Ballindine Sat 25th: Donncha & Conor
Irishtown Sun 26th: Eithan & Kealan

Marian House Sun 26th Jan: Kathleen Cunnane

Accord now seeking marriage preparation facilitators.

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. If you: are supportive of marriage in the Catholic Church; and, have the enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team that supports couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage ... then Accord wishes to hear from you!

Successful applicants will receive professional training in the Accord marriage preparation programme and be part of a team delivering programmes locally.

Contact Aisling: 01 505 3112 or email: marriagepreparation@accord.

Communion Preparation Masses
 1st & 2nd Feb Theme: St Brigid
 1st & 2nd March Theme: Forgiveness

1st Confessions:
 Irishtown Wed 12th March @ 7pm
 Ballindine Thurs 13th March @ 6pm

First Holy Communion:
 Irishtown Sun 4th May at 11.30am
 Ballindine Sat 10th May at 12noon

Final Communion Mass: Corpus Christi
 21st & 22nd June

Crossboyne/Taugheen Mass Times
 Saturday Evening Mass:
Taugheen 6.30pm

Sunday Morning Mass:
Crossboyne 11.30am

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. Julia Mullaney, Mike Daly, John McLoughlin, Davy Cummins, Teresa Mullarkey, Tom Martin, Michael Byrne, Mary Greaney, Bridget Melvin, Delia McGee, Christine Quinn, Patrick O'Connor, Ellen Godfrey, Bridget Heneghan, Tommie Freeley, Keith Johnson, Mary Ginley