

Davitts GAA - The latest Presto result: Numbers drawn: 5, 24, 27, 31. Jackpot not won. €50 winners: Katie, Tadhg & Donnacha Kirrane, Veronica Keadin, John Joyce, Debbie Heaney. Jackpot of €14,000 this weekend, draw in Killeen's Bar on Sunday night. Latest fixtures: Sun Mar 23rd, Ladies Minor League: Kiltane v Davitts in Kiltane at 11am. Sun Mar 23rd, U-16 League Div 2: Ballaghaderreen/Kilmovee v Gaeil Na Daibheidi in Ballaghaderreen at 11am. Fri Mar 28th, O Mara Cup: The Neale v Davitts in Cong at 8pm. Also. Ballindine/Irishtown/Milltown Active Retirement Association meeting on Tuesday March 25th at 11.30am in Davitts Club rooms. Day trip to Galway on Tuesday April 22nd. Phone training classes continue on Monday March 24th at 11am.

Spring Clean Campaign - Spring has sprung, and April marks The National Spring Clean Campaign. If you would like to be involved in litter picking for a couple of hours on a given Saturday in April, come to a meeting on Monday March 24th in Irishtown Community Centre at 9pm, to organise a group of volunteers for all areas in Irishtown.

Crime Prevention Information Evening - takes place in Cúram Family Centre, Claremorris on Wednesday March 26th at 7.30, presented by *An Garda Síochána*. Topics include: Home Security, Bogus Traders, Online safety, Vehicle Security, Personal Safety and more. Booking essential on 094 93 62096.

Youth 2000 Connaught one-day retreat - takes place on Saturday, March 29th, at St. Mary's Church / Dominican Priory in Galway City, beginning at 9.30am. Donation only, if desired. Enquiries to Youth2000.ie, connaught@youth2000.ie.

"St. Ignatian Spiritual Exercises for Men - Fri May 2nd - Mon May 5th, *An Tobar* Retreat Centre, Ardbraccan Navan, C15 T884. Cost €190 - includes all meals and en-suite single rooms. Call 087 348 2148 or iveireland@ive.org"

Social Gathering for Women - The next Women's Collective Social Gathering takes place on Wednesday March 27th at 7.30 in Cúram, Claremorris. All women are welcome to attend.

All-Ireland Senior B Ladies Football - Mount St Michael, Claremorris, take on Eureka Secondary School, Kells, at St Brigid's GAA, Kiltoom Thursday March 27th at 2pm. Best wishes to all involved, from Kilvine Parish.

For reflection

At Lent, we should try the key to our heart's door, it may have gathered rust. If so, this is the time to oil it, in order that the heart's door may open more easily when the Lord Jesus wants to enter at Easter time.
Lord, oil the hinges of our heart's door, that they may swing gently and easily to welcome your coming.

Diocese of Ossory Lent Resources

RSS Positions - available in Brickers, Logboy, Irishtown, Ballindine & Claremorris areas in childcare, admin, outdoor work, van driving etc. To be eligible you must have close family access to an active herd number and be on a qualifying social welfare payment. Enquiries to Laura Commins, RSS Supervisor, 087 1306945 - Thank you

Ballindine - Parish of Kilvine - Irishtown

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

22nd March 2025 – 30th March 2025

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Luke 13:6-9

The PARABEL of JESUS



"The Barren Fig Tree"

"So, he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on This fig tree and haven't found any.

Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?"

"Sir", the man replied. "Leave it alone for one more year, And I'll dig around it and fertilize it.

If it bears fruit next year, fine! if not, then cut it down."

Pope Francis' message for Lent 2025

Journeying together means...walking side-by-side, without shoving or stepping on others, without envy or hypocrisy or without letting anyone be left behind or excluded."



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

Third Sunday of Lent – Year C

Mass Intentions 22nd March, 2025 – 30th March, 2025

Ballindine Sat 22nd 8.00pm	Michael McHugh, Leface, Denise Moran, Ann, Joe & Marie Turner.
Irishtown Sun 23rd 10.00am	Martin, Bridget, Jack, Ellen & Martin Walsh, Luke & Muriel Rattigan, Jim, Kitty & Margaret McHugh, Noreen Scott, John & Winifred Cummins, Sheila Mitchell, Kitty & Michael Waldron.
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Tues/ Wed 25th/26th March 10am	Mass in Crossboyne & Taugheen respectively.
Ballindine, Thursday 27th 7pm	People of the Parish living and dead.
Irishtown, Friday 28th 10am	People of the Parish living and dead.
Ballindine, Sat 29th 8pm	John & Sarah Hughes and deceased of family, Kathleen Devane, Martin Munroe.
Irishtown, Sun 30th 10.00am	Martin Waldron and parents Michael & Mary, Paddy Glynn (2nd Anniversary), Johnny, Bridie & Paddy Heneghan, Maureen Rhatigan (R.I.P. in U.K.) wife of the late Anthony Rhatigan Burrish, Edward & Delia Mitchell.

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Please pray for

Winifred (Una) Dunleavy, Carrowconnor, Ballindine

Tom McWalters, Conagher, Irishtown/Milltown

Thomas Conroy, Hollymount, husband of Ann Slattery, Cloonkeen, Ballindine

May they Rest in Peace

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.

Patrick Quinn, Ellen Finnegan, Fr. John McCormack, Mary Byrne, Eileen Corr, Padraig Noone, Maria Comer, Peter Keane, Bridie Byrne, Kathleen Devane, John Kirrane, Rose Conroy,

Eucharistic Ministers

Ballindine Sat 29th March 8pm

M. Kenny, K. Cunnane

Readers

Eddie Clarke

Servers

Gp1

M. O'Connor, S. McHugh

Collectors

Irishtown Sun 30th March 10am

Agnes Clarke, S. Mooney

Shane Kirrane

Gp2

E. Nolan, J. Roche

Prayer of Faithful

Ballindine Sat 29th: James & Colin

Irishtown Sun 30th: Ruari & Luke

Marian House Sun 30th March: Sinead Mooney

The Waters of Baptism:

Kilvine Christian

Community welcomes
Anna Niamh Hughes and
congratulate her parents
Darragh and Allison,
Logalisheen, Ballindine.

Stations of the Cross: continuing every week during lent alternating between Ballindine and Irishtown churches. The dates are as follows:

Irishtown: - March 28th at 7pm

Ballindine: - April 4th at 7pm

Irishtown: - April 11th at 7pm



Easter Ceremonies: Easter Triduum 2025

Holy Thursday: *Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper*
Taugheen 6.30pm; Ballindine 8.30pm

Good Friday: *Celebration of the Lord's Passion* -
Crossboyne 6.30pm; Irishtown 8.30pm

Holy Saturday: *Easter Vigil* -
Taugheen 6.30pm; Ballindine 8.30pm

Easter Sunday: *Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection*
Irishtown 10am; Crossboyne 11.30am

CATHOLIC MOTHERS IRELAND RETREAT DAY

- is a day of Spiritual Restoration, talks, Mass, Prayer and Confession in Gillooly Hall, Sligo Town, Co. Sligo on Saturday May 3rd. This Retreat runs from 10am – 6pm.

Enquiries to
catholicmothers@outlook.ie

Bread of the World

Bread of the world, in mercy broken,
Wine of the soul, in mercy shed,
By Whom the words of life were spoken,
And in Whose death our sins are dead.

Look on the heart by sorrow broken,
Look on the tears by sinners shed;
And be Thy feast to us the token,
That by Thy grace our souls are fed.

Reginald Heber (1783–1826)



Cúram Counselling Service

- offers a professional low-cost counselling service. If you feel you need support with, Anxiety, Depression, Relationship Difficulties, Stress, Loss/Bereavement, Loneliness/isolation, Domestic abuse or any other issue, please contact the centre in confidence on 094 9362096. We are here to help.