

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART, BELMULLET

Sunday 10.30am, Monday 8.00pm, Tuesday to Friday 9.30am, Saturday Vigil 8.00pm

CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES, GLENCASTLE

Sunday 12.00 noon, Wednesday and Saturday 10.15am

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A new CCTV system has been installed in the Sacred Heart Church, Belmullet and also covering the church grounds.

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Sat	Dec	4th	1.00p.m	Nuptial Mass
Sat	Dec	4th	8.00p.m	Mai Gorham -- Larry & Ann Kerrigan & Deceased Family & Michael Reilly & Sons Michael & Lawrence Reilly & Brendan Stack
Sun	Dec	5th	10.30a.m	Nora Cleary
Tues	Dec	7th	8.00p.m	Vigil - Feast of Immaculate Conception - Annie Horan & Deceased Horan & McDonnell Families
Wed	Dec	8th	10.30a.m	Feast of Immaculate Conception - Tighe, Gaughan & O'Donnell Families
Thurs	Dec	9th	9.30a.m	Mary & Michael Meenaghan, Foxpoint -- Mike & Eileen Carey, Bridge Rd. -- Martin & Bridget Ruddy & Deceased Family
Fri	Dec	10th	11.00a.m	Sunday Mass for Senior Citizens - Mary, Hugh & Frank Carolan & Deceased Family -- Bridget & Patrick Gaughan, Grace & Bill Harkin & Jim Bourke
Sat	Dec	11th	12.00p.m	Patricia Quinn - (Celebrated by Fr. James Quinn)
Sat	Dec	11th	8.00p.m	Ted, Mary, Seamus & Joseph Deane -- Micheál, Michael, John & Áine O'Donoghue -- Kathleen & Bernie Scanlon
Sun	Dec	12th	10.30a.m	Fred McDonnell, Barrack St/Lincoln - Month's Mind -- Martin & Sarah Keane

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Sun	Dec	5th	12.00p.m	The Deceased Carey Family, Derrynameel -- Maura & Willie Walshe -- John & Mollie O'Malley & Sons P. J. & Tony
Wed	Dec	8th	12.00p.m	Feast of Immaculate Conception - Funeral Mass - Brendan Howard, Derrycorrib/London
Sun	Dec	12th	12.00p.m	Eamon Monaghan, Muings & Deceased Monaghan & Barrett Families -- Pat & Mary Jo Conway, Billy, Lena & Tony O'Connor, Pat McAndrew & Nora Conway -- Sean Gaughan -- Julia Kilker & Deceased Family

MINISTRIES	CHURCH	MASSES	SUNDAY Dec 12th
Stewards	Belmullet	Vigil 8.00p.m	Helen Lynch & Maeve Carabine

		10.30a.m.	Cathal Shevlin & Brendan Deane
Readers	Belmullet	Vigil 8.00p.m 10.30a.m.	Mairín Uí Mhurchú Deirdre Reuland
Eucharistic Ministers	Belmullet	Vigil 8.00p.m 10.30a.m	Mairín Uí Mhurchú Maeve Carabine
Stewards	Glencastle	12.00p.m	Mary Sweeney & Sean Lally
Eucharistic Ministers	Glencastle	12.00p.m	Marian Gaughan

Steward for During the week
Helen Lynch

Cancellation of The Diocesan Service thanks for the members of the last Pastoral Council and stewards and all helpers during Covid 19 which was due to take place in St Muredach's Cathedral on the 5th December is cancelled

ALTAR SOCIETIES

BELMULLET Group 5

Carmel McIntyre & Maura Murphy

GLENCASTLE Muings/Pullaguranne

Ann Lally, Mary Geraldine Shevlin,

Kathleen Walsh & Loretta McGuire

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the soul of

P.J. Barrett, Toorglass West

Mary Sweeney, Dooyork

Paul Hefferon, Muing

Martin McAndrew, Pullathomas

May they rest in Peace

BAPTISED RECENTLY

We welcome into God's Family

Sarah Catherine Hett, Claremorris

We wish her every Blessing

COMMUNION CALLS

Fr. Michael will be calling to the sick and housebound for Christmas starting on Monday 6th December

Thank you to Glan Assured

for sanitizing the churches and to all the Parishioners who sponsored the disinfection of both churches.

That family feeling

CHRISTMAS is shot through with a sense of family. Santa Claus, the turkey, the coming home, the special cards from those who won't be home. The feelings and the memories and the thoughts that make up Christmas are inevitably bound up with family. So

too are the frustrations and the hurts and the sense of loss that Christmas also brings. What we have, we take for granted and what we haven't got, we spend our days longing for. The truth is that out of this great mixture of emotions, whatever we feel is heightened at Christmas time: joy seems all the greater; loss all the more intense. It is as if our whole being is picking up the complex of emotions that flood into our consciousness at Christmas-time and that we seem to pick up with ever-sensitive antennae. And part of the great truth that dawns on us is that family is important. Family life is special. Frustrating, difficult, unnerving, complicated, yes all of that.

So today we pray for all families and particularly our own.

A Prayer

O God our Father be with our family as Christmas approaches. Help us to understand the coming of you son into the world was a gift you have given everyone of us a gift of the first Christmas. You so loved the world that you sent your son among us to lead us into life and into happiness now and when this life is over. Amen

A New Parish Council for Belmullet

At the meeting of the Placing Faith in Hope group in the Broadhaven recently it was decided that New Parish Pastoral Councils would be elected in the Diocese.

In the coming weeks between now and mid January, parishes across the Killala diocese will be establishing new parish pastoral councils for the next five years. Our parish of Belmullet is beginning this process now. The parish pastoral council is a leadership group through which priests and people work together as co responsible partners in furthering the mission of Christ in our parish. As a Group, they think and plan for the parish on an ongoing basis, to respond to present and future needs. The task of the parish pastoral council members is to "represent"

parishioners, by "making present" the

wisdom of the parish. We are asking your help to identify people who could serve on the new parish council. As we undertake this work, let us pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Helpful and important qualities to bear in mind when

proposing those you feel would be good on the new parish council include the following:

desire for spiritual growth in oneself and the parish, enthusiasm about the future of the parish, ability to reflect on issues and draw some conclusions, eagerness to help in implementing parish decisions, capacity to listen to other people's points of view, ability to speak honestly and work towards a consensus, flexibility and openness with people and ideas, prayerful, communicative, inclusive, realistic, open, wise, and time to attend a monthly meeting (September to June).

The new parish pastoral council will endeavour to be representative of the whole parish, with a balance of age and gender. Members may serve a maximum of two terms of five years' duration each. - While membership of the new parish pastoral council will be limited to between 10 and 14 people, other parishioners with particular skills or interest will be invited to

participate in sub-committees. For example, liturgy, planning, finance, grounds and maintenance, particular projects on hand, or whatever the new parish council deems appropriate.

Please cut off

I recommend the following parishioners to serve on the new Parish Pastoral Council. I promise to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit before writing down names. (Please try to nominate two women and two men, and list beside the names the parish area they are from.)

1. _____ 3. _____

2. _____ 4. _____

Thank you for your suggestions. Please return this slip of paper and place it in one of the Special Boxes provided at the church doors. Closing date: 12th December next.

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known that anyone who
fled to thy protection, implored thy help,
or sought thy intercession was left unaided.
Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee,
O Virgin of virgins, my Mother;
to thee do I come; before thee I stand,
sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not my petitions,
but in thy mercy hear and answer me.
Amen.

Just a thought!

*Cover my poor soul with the
healing balm of love and
compassion. Make me
unselfish sweet Jesus,
so I will be content with just loving
and count it a privilege to
forgive even seventy times seven.*

Pope Francis

Easter Blessings

May the Lord bless you this Easter time:
Bless you with faith, guard you in doubt;
Bless you with hope, uplift you in despair;
Bless you with love, keep you from fear;
Bless you with peace, calm you in trouble;
Bless you with mercy, help you to forgive;
Bless you with joy, comfort you in sorrow;
So your heart may rejoice in Him who is Risen. Amen.

CHURCH ENVELOPES

ONLINE DONATIONS. This diocese of Killala has launched an Online Donation System on a secure online platform operated by Stripe, a leading global company for secure online payments. The online donation option will be available on the homepage of our diocesan website (www.killaladiocese.org) and donations can be made to three types of collections: Weekly Offering Collection, Priest's Revenue Collections and Special Collections. Donors will be able to select their parish and the collection(s) they wish to donate to. Monies will be transferred to a central "Parishes Account" in the Diocese of Killala and forwarded to the individual parishes on a monthly basis.
Thanks to all who are returning Church envelopes & giving donations to support & keep our Churches open.

Finding New Ways of Praying at Home

The restrictions in place because of Covid-19 mean that as a Christian Community we cannot gather for our usual religious services. This situation challenges us to find new ways of reflecting on our faith and praying in our homes as the "Domestic Church". One way of doing this is to set up a prayer space in a prominent place in your home. There, each day, you can place different symbols or things of meaning to you and your family. You can light a candle, read from your Bulletin or a Bible, the Word of God to enrich us our Lives.

Pope Francis Words

Do you want to fast this lent
Fast from hurting words and say kind words
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude
Fast from anger and be filled with patience
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
Fast from worries and trust in God.
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

Our Lady of Lourdes Prayer for healing

O ever-Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy,
health of the sick, refuge of sinners,
comforter of the afflicted,
you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings;
look with mercy on me.

By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes,
you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary,
whence you dispense your favours;
and already many sufferers have obtained
the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal.

I come, therefore, with complete confidence
to implore your maternal intercession.

Obtain, O loving Mother, the grant of my requests.
(mention your petition)
Through gratitude for your favours,
I will endeavour to imitate your virtues,
that I may one day share your glory.
Amen.

Celebration of Baptisms

While the celebration of the sacrament is within our remit, the concern we must have is the fact that it may facilitate family gatherings which do not observe the restriction in place at present. I suggest, therefore, that you outline the restrictions in place before you undertake to celebrate the sacrament. It is important to remember that the manner in which the celebration of the sacraments of baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation are celebrated at present may put the celebration of them in jeopardy for next year.

Reflection

Where 2 or 3 meet in my name . . .
When we see the tabernacle
with the red light beside it, we
immediately accept that here is
the reserved presence of Our
Lord and Saviour. When we
attend Mass and the priest
holds up the sacred host we
immediately sense that we are
in the presence of God. But
sometimes too God may be present to us and
we can't tune into that presence. We can get a
glimpse of God in a beautiful sunset, in the
exquisite playing of a musician, in an
experience of great love.
But the other reality is that God is present to us
always. God lives in us by virtue of our baptism.
And God is present to us every time a few of us
meet in his name

Peace Prayer of Saint Francis
Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

A PRAYER FOR EVERYDAY

Everyday I need you Lord,
But this day especially,
I need some extra strength,
To face whatever is to be.

This day more than any day,
I need to feel you near,
To fortify my courage,
And to overcome my fear.

By myself, I cannot meet,
The challenge of the hour,
There are times when humans help,
But we need a higher power.

To assist us bear what must be borne,
And so dear Lord, I pray,
Hold on to my trembling hand,
And be near me today. Amen

This year, people can return their Lenten donation in several ways:

1. Online at www.trocaire.org
2. To the Parish Office.
3. By post to any of our offices: Trócaire, Maynooth, Co. Kildare 4.
4. Bill Pay at any Post Office

Helplines Available:

HSE	1850 24 1850
Alone	0818 222 024
Samaritans	116 123
Childline	1800 66 66 66
Farm & Rural Stress	1800 742 645
Pieta House (24HR)	1800 247 247
Shine	1890 621 631

Alcoholics Anonymous helpline no. 089 2109824 12noon-10pm daily

Other Services:

Mayo University Hospital	094 9021733
Community Response Team	094 9064660
Mayo Mental Health Association	094 9038148
Mindspace Mayo	094 9067001
Mayo Recovery College	086 8255441

First Prayer

O Mary,

You shine continuously on our journey
as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the foot of the cross,
were united with Jesus' suffering,
and persevered in your faith.

"Protectress of the Roman people",
you know our needs,
and we know that you will provide,
so that, as at Cana in Galilee,
joy and celebration may return
after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father
and to do what Jesus tells us.

For he took upon himself our suffering,
and burdened himself with our sorrows
to bring us, through the cross,
to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God;

Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always
from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.

Second Prayer

"We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God".

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you,
Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are
distracted and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them
deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to
prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the
uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may
end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the
families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency,
and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity
and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and
fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find
effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those
lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by
farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realise that we are all members of one great family and to recognise the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course. To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

Accord establishes support phone line to help relationships during COVID-19

To help support marriage and relationships in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic, Accord CLG and Accord Northern Ireland have established a new relationship support phone line which will be staffed by experienced couples and relationships counsellors. This will be a free service but calls are charged at a local rate.

Accord's specialist in counselling (marriage and relationships), Mary Johnston said, "Accord is very conscious of those experiencing difficulties in their relationships and family lives as we are confined to home during this unprecedented period for all in society. The circumstances in which we are living now can increase stress and pressure on relationships and in families.

To help address these challenges, Accord has established a relationship support phone line to enable callers to speak to experienced couples and relationship counsellors in order to talk through the difficulties they are experiencing".

The support line is open from 9.00am – 8.00pm Monday to Friday. Please see contact details below:

· Accord NI – 028 9568 0151 or 00353 1 531 3331

· Accord CLG – 01 531 3331

Prayer for a Pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced,
Remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors,
Remember those most vulnerable,

May we who have the luxury of working from home,
Remember those who must choose preserving their health, or making their rent.
when their schools close,

Remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips

Remember those that have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home

Remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country, let us choose love.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other

Let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbours. Amen

Prayer to Saint Roch

(St. Roch is patron saint of people suffering from infectious diseases)

O Blessed Saint Roch,
Patron of the sick,
Have pity on those
Who lie upon a bed of suffering.

Your power was so great
When you were in this world,
That by the sign of the Cross,
Many were healed of their diseases.

Now that you are in heaven,
Your power is not less.
Offer, then, to God
Our sighs and tears
And obtain for us that health we seek

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Repeat the following 3 times)

Saint Roch, Pray for us,

That we may be preserved from all diseases of body and soul.

Peace Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord, make me an instrument
of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

Opening Prayer

O Jesus Christ, my Lord, with what great love did you pass over the painful road which led you to death; and I, how often have I abandoned you! But now I love you with my whole soul, and because I love you I am sincerely sorry for having offended you. My Jesus, pardon me and permit me to accompany you in this journey. You are going to die for love of me, and it is my wish also, my dearest Redeemer, to die for love of you. My Jesus, in your love I wish to live. In your love I wish to die.

1st Station: Jesus is condemned to death

2nd Station: Jesus carries His cross

3rd Station: Jesus falls the first time

4th Station: Jesus meets His Mother

5th Station: Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus to carry his cross

6th Station: Veronica wipes the face of Jesus

7th Station: Jesus falls the second time

8th Station: Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem

9th Station: Jesus falls a third time

10th Station: Jesus clothes are taken away

11th Station: Jesus is nailed to the cross

12th Station: Jesus dies on the cross

13th Station: The body of Jesus is taken down from the cross

14th Station: Jesus is laid in the tomb

In response to the COVID 19 related restrictions on public gatherings **RTE News** will air Mass at 10.30am each day. Mass broadcast on **Midwest Radio** 10.00am on Wednesdays and Fridays. Mass is broadcast each day via webcam from **St. Muredach's Cathedral** www.ballinaparish.org and scroll down to livestream. This webcam is only on when Mass is starting. Monday to Friday 8.00am and 10.00am Saturday 8.30am and 7.30pm and Sundays 8.30am, 11.00am and 12.30pm.

Offertory Collection

Belmullet €

Glencastle €

Many thanks for your continued support.

Eucharistic Ministers and Readers needed for both Churches. If interested please give your name to Fr. Michael Reilly or Parish Office.

Any parishioner who intends inviting a priest from outside the Diocese of Killala to celebrate Mass in their houses should inform the clergy of the parish of their intention to do so. The Bishop has requested that this be done in the interests of ensuring the safety of children in this diocese.

Eucharistic Adoration in Belmullet Church Tuesday 6am -10pm, Wednesday and Thursday 10a m -10pm New adorers needed to spend a weekly hour in the Church. (097) 20777.

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE - The Diocese of Killala is fully committed to keeping children safe. If you have any concerns around their safety in any circumstance please contact D.L.P. Confidential line 087 1003554.
www.killaladioceseorgsafeguarding.

Sacred Heart Church Belmullet

Church will be closed at 6.30p.m every evening

HOUSE STATIONS

Anyone interested in hosting Stations please contact the priest.

NOTIFICATION OF SICKNESS

Please inform the priest if a family member outside this parish is sick or has died. Thank you.

Religious Bookshop in Belmullet beside the Church Monday-Friday 10.00a.m.to 3.00p.m.

All notices for the bulletin must be handed into the bookshop or by email: belmulletparish@gmail.com before noon on Thursdays.

PARISH NOTICE

Erris Agriculture show is running a lights Parade for all vehicles on the 18th of December starting at the Broadhaven Bay hotel at 6pm and children can join in @Shevlins Garage at 6.45pm
Erris Agriculture Show will take place on the 24th of July 2022(10th anniversary)

New International Computer Driving Licence training in Castlebar, Achill and Belmullet. Eligibility criteria applies.
Contact Sharon on 087 2909064"

Free online living well programme – next programmes commences on (limited places)

Thursday 20th January

Monday 07th February

Tuesday 01st March

Wednesday 09th March

If you or any of your friends or colleagues would like to join the next course in January, you can contact me at 087 349 0393
Please see below link for more information about the course www.hse.ie/livingwell

Blacksod Lighthouse Tours: Guided tours of Blacksod Lighthouse are available this Christmas season for limited hours only. Opening dates are Thursday 30/12/2021 to Tuesday 04/01/22 from 12-3pm. Advanced booking is recommended due to limited capacity. We are closed on New Years Day 01/01/22. Please contact evin@ionaddeirbhile.ie, call us on 09785727 or see our website visitblacksodlighthouse.ie to book. Nollaig Shona daoibh go léir!

Adult Literacy classes available one to one. Contact 0876643796

North West STOP offers a free counselling service with no waiting lists. North West STOP: 086 777 2009 to arrange free confidential counselling.

Knock Market @ the Plaza

Give the gift of handmade this Christmas. Knock Christmas Market @ the Plaza takes place Saturday, 18th & Sunday, 19th December. Time: 11am to 4pm. Venue: Pope Francis Plaza, Knock. For bookings see contact information below.

Lots of beautifully hand crafted gifts, hand made by local crafters. Adjacent to Knock Shrine, wheelchair accessible, car park, restaurants, gift shops and toilet facilities close by.

Market @ the Plaza takes place the last Sunday of each month.

We look forward to seeing you on the day.

Free of Charge Online Advent Retreat Lectio Divina reflections on the Advent and Christmas Gospels. The Piority Institute is delighted to offer a Free of Charge online retreat which is a repeat of the popular Advent Retreat we ran in 2018. Visit our website piorityinstitute.com or click on this link <https://bit.ly/3DWrtKx> to register/find out more.

To celebrate the 175th anniversary of 'Black '46 ☐ – thirsonic year of 1847 at the heart of the Great Famine – a new book, Ocras, The Great Famine in Killala Diocese, 1845-1852 – by Fr Brendan Hoban, has just been published. Ocras is a hardback

of over 500 pages with individual chapters on each of the Famine years, 1845-52, with chapters on The Potato and the Blight, Evictions, the Protestant Crusade and Rich seas and starving people as well as five chapters outlining the years before the Famine – on life before the Famine, how people lived and the lives of the Killala clergy – and a 16-page colour insert. Ocras is a limited edition and sells at €35 and is now available in Carey's Newsagents Belmullet.

The Priory Institute provides online theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Click [here](#) or email enquiries@prioryinstitute.com to find out more about our Online Open Evening on Thursday 2 December 7pm.

This is the link to register for the Online Open Evening

<https://prioryinstitute.com/events/priory-institute-open-evening>

Pope John Paul 11 award presentation ceremony 2021

Despite the covid restrictions many young people continue to be involved in their parish and social awareness activities. The Pope John Paul 11 award is the faith achievement award for young people between 16 and 18yrs. it's non-competitive, inclusive, flexible and voluntary. The website <https://thepopejohnpauliiaward.com/> provides guidance and ideas for jpii participants and their award leaders. These young people are taking an active part in the life of their parish church and the community. The award recognises their contribution and the presentations will take place on Thursday 9th December at 6pm in St Muredach's cathedral. We congratulate those who are to receive the awards and thank sincerely their teachers, families and parishes for their support and involvement. If your school(s) or parish wish to enrol please contact me for more information. Thank you

The Castlebar Rotary Club Christmas Tree of Remembrance will run online again this year throughout the month of December in partnership with Western Care Association, you can access the Tree of Remembrance here <https://visufund.com/2021-mayo-tree-of-remembrance>

GETTING ONLINE Are you struggling to use your laptop or Smart Phone? Would you like some help? Mayo North East Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme in collaboration with Áras Inis Gluaire are offering FREE classes to help you.

Every Tuesday Morning for 4 week's from 11am to 12.30pm in Áras Inis Gluaire , Start's 16.11.2021

The Course Covers

- Online Government Services
- Online Banking
- Shopping online
- Conducting everyday transactions
- Use of Apps
- Internet Safety and Security
- And much more

To book a place on any of these programmes call 097 20820/0871840214

SICAP eligibility requirements apply!

Events at Áras Inis Gluaire:

ART IN THE AFTERNOON is back every Monday for adults. First class 1pm – 3pm - second class 3pm – 5pm.

Professional tuition provided. Everybody welcome.

Would you like to improve your Irish? For work or assisting with homework or just for pleasure. Classes available in Áras Inis Gluaire, day and evenings for individuals or groups.

Tuesday Night - Movie Night. This Tuesday 9th November showing "On the Rocks" romantic comedy.

The Smash Hit Show "ABBA FOREVER" a night of fun & song on Monday 22nd November @ 8pm. Booking Essential

For information on reserving places for any of the above or any question please call 097 81079 or e-mail

info@arasinisgluaire.ie

Covid restrictions will apply.

Mayo, Sligo & Leitrim Education and Training Board are hosting a FURTHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING FAIR for the Erris area on Wednesday 17th November from 11am to 3pm and 5pm to 7pm in Aras Inis Gluaire Arts Centre, Belmullet. All young adults and adults are welcome to attend. All attendees must adhere to COVID 19 guidelines. Adult Literacy classes available one to one. Reading and spelling. Contact 087 6643796

Mayo North East Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme in collaboration with MFitness are bringing you 3 FREE Health and Fitness Programme's.

1. Mens 6 week winter wellness programme in Belmullet starts Monday 8th November
 2. Mens Winter Wellness Programme in Bangor Erris starts Tuesday 9th November
 3. Womens New Beginnings fitness Programme Bangor Erris starts Monday 8th November
- To book a place on any of these programmes call 097 20820/0871840214
SICAP eligibility requirements apply!

Enable Ireland - Mayo services require volunteers to work with children with disabilities throughout Co. Mayo. Roles vary to meet the needs of the child and their family. Volunteers usually work one-to-one with a child within their own homes, within their communities and at our service - centre based in Castlebar. Training is provided. Please contact Fiona at 094-9060234/087 6808350 or email fscully@enableireland.ie with any queries or to receive an application pack

A Bereavement Course The Bereavement Course presented by Monica Morley, Director of the Knock Shrine Family Centre and Broadcaster is due to commence Tuesday 2nd November at 8pm here at The Newman Institute. The cost of the course is €60 and will run for 4 Tuesday nights. To book a place please phone 096 72066 or email reception@newman.ie

Corrective Energy Therapy Clinic operating from Broadhaven Hotel daily bookings are by appointment only contact Pauline 0872472284/Sean 0861069506

Singing Lessons Available One to one, RIAM examinations, junior and leaving very practical, improve vocal ability, build confidence, all levels and ages welcome. Contact Deirbhle on 0857613008

November Wine Courses with Fáilte Wine Education – for more information contact Mairín at - failtetraining@gmail.com

Moyne College/ Abbey Street Further Education Centre, Ballina Places still available on Healthcare Support/ Nursing Studies (QQI Level 5) and Childcare/ SNA (QQI Level 5). Mature students particularly catered for. Contact 0860451474 or email sineadcaffreyblaine@msletb.ie

Further Education Centre Belmullet (Part Time Courses October 2021)

The Back to Education Initiative is planning to commence the following QQI components in October 2021 -
QQI Level 5 Challenging Behaviour
QQI Level 5 Intellectual Disability Studies
For further information please contact Geraldine Tighe: 096 71652/087 7715096 or email: geraldinetighe@msletb.ie

Further Education Centre Belmullet

Places available on VTOS Courses in Business Administration Level 5 and Tourism with Business Level 5.
For more information contact: 097 20901 / 086 0610023 or email: vtosbelmullet@msletb.ie

COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

THE PRIORY INSTITUTE PROVIDES ONLINE THEOLOGY COURSES TO DEGREE LEVEL.

lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Register now for Autumn 2021. Find out more on our website, prioryinstitute.com Click [here](#) to see a 2 minute introductory film Prioryinstitute.com
If you have any further questions don't hesitate to call me, I'd be delighted to have a chat about it all.
Frances O'Loughlin, Tel: +353 (0)86 8510769 (mobile) www.prioryinstitute.com

TFI LOCAL LINK MAYO SERVICES ARE CURRENTLY OPERATING AT 75% CAPACITY DUE TO COVID REGULATIONS. PRE BOOKING IS RECOMMENDED.
Contact 094 900 5150 or visit <https://locallinkmayo.ie/time-table/> for more information about services in the area

THE NEWMAN INSTITUTE FOUNDATION IN COUNSELLING COURSE - WE PLAN TO RUN THE FOUNDATION IN COUNSELLING COURSE AGAIN THIS AUTUMN. IT IS A ONE-YEAR Part-time course which will begin 7th October and will run for 26 Thursday nights from 7pm to 10pm until 20th May 2022. There are also two Saturdays

from 10am to 5pm to attend. Some people complete the course as a first step to train as a counsellor while others participate for their own self development or to help them to cope better in their workplace or family life.

The cost of the course is €1200 which can be paid in instalments. There is a deposit of €100 required to secure a place on the course and this will be deducted from the full price. Please email reception@newman.ie for enquiries or phone 096 72066 for further details. Please find attached copy of the brochure/application form for your attention and for further information on the course.

Affordable Live-in Homecare provides live in carers for the elderly in your area. If you are looking for a live-in carer for your relative, please call Eileen or Tom today on 087 991 6791 or 087 744 0729. Our website is www.alhomecare.ie

Erris Heartbeat Defibrillator has a go fund me page on facebook on erris defib page if you are on facebook it would be wonderful if you could make a donation, we have 36 defibrillators in Erris and over the past 2 years we were unable to have our Church Gate Collection

Free Training! Enrolling Now If you struggled at school, have been long term unemployed, are recovering from or living with an illness or would benefit from extra support, the National Learning Network could be for you. We offer the expertise and time to enable people to flourish. QQI courses include: IT & Business Skills (home and centre based), Sports and Gym Instructor Studies, Fast Track to Employment and more. If you are registered with the DEASP you could be entitled to the free training, Continuous enrolment, payments are protected and people under 26 could gain extra training allowance. Contact: Castlebar@nlm.ie; (094) 9022770; Breafoy Road, Castlebar, or see our website www.nlm.ie.

Clobber Collection - if you are doing a clear out, ie clothes, shoes, bags etc we are still able to take your clobber, please call 0870618525 to arrange a drop off time. Wear a mask & please keep a 2-metre distance from our staff when dropping of clothes

Become a Western Alzheimers Befriender. Can you spare a couple of hours a week? A little of your time goes a long way! Do you have a few hours to spare, if so Western Alzheimers befriending volunteers are currently being sought. This is a befriending service for those in the early stages of dementia, who require friendship and stimulation. We are looking for individuals who can give 2-3 hours a week in the homes of people living with dementia. The supports would range from companionship, meeting for coffee and generally supporting them in their own homes. This support is to offer the family carers a break from their caring role & companionship for those living with dementia. Full training provided. Get in Touch Today : 094 93 64900 or email info@westernalzheimers.ie

FREE IT & Business Studies Course Now Enrolling in Belmullet.

ARE YOU OUT OF WORK? AT A DISADVANTAGE IN THE LABOUR MARKET? UNEMPLOYED DUE TO ILLNESS? ACCIDENT OR DISABILITY? And interested in gaining a wide variety of Computer Skills that will enable you to: Return to the workplace, gain a QQI level 5 qualification, develop on-line technologies for business use such as social media or set up your own business. If so, you could be entitled to FREE Training at National Learning Network. Participants are provided with all equipment required for the duration of the course FREE OF CHARGE—including laptop, software and online support. The course is a blend of centre and home-based Learning. If you are interested, please contact Sharon Allen on 087 290 9064 or Seamus Corless on 087 608 7154 Contact your Local Employment Office." Find us on Facebook Also.

MARIAN PILGRIMAGES

“Marian Pilgrimages have released their pilgrimage schedule for 2021 & 2022 to Lourdes, Medjugorje, Fatima, Italy & Holy Land. For more information or to register your interest please visit www.marian.ie or ring Marian Pilgrimages on (01) 878 8159”

COVID-19 COLLECT AND DELIVER SERVICE

Helping people to stay at home is the new role of Local Link Mayo rural transport services. Local Link Mayo is offering a collect and deliver service in existing Local Link routes throughout Mayo from pharmacies and local shops, delivering shopping and critical medical supplies to the elderly, the vulnerable and sick. If your need of such support or know someone who does, contact Local Link Mayo on 094 900 5150 between 9:00am and 5:00pm (M-F) or email mayo@locallink.ie

BALLINA FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE ARE WORKING BEHIND CLOSED DOORS DURING THIS LOCKDOWN, IF YOU DO NOT GET AN ANSWER ON OUR landline 09675573 please call us on our mobile number 0870618525 or leave a message on either and we will get back to you. You can also email us admin@ballinafrc.com or you can contact us through messenger on our Facebook page or Whatsapp.

Services that are still available during current Lockdown @BallinaFRC:

Senior Alert Scheme is still happening during the lockdown. Just ring us and we will deal with your application over the phone. 09675573/0870618525 or email admin@ballinafrc.com

COUNSELLING SERVICES CAN STILL BE ACCESSED DURING THE LOCKDOWN, OUR OUTREACHES SUCH AS MINDSPACE 0949067001 & PIETA HOUSE 09325586 are still running their services online or on the phone so please do call them. Also, our own Counsellors are still working remotely & some face to face too, depending on the need of the client, so if you need a counsellor do not hesitate to call 09675573 or 0870618525 or email us at admin@ballinafrc.com and we will refer you.

HAVE YOU ROOM IN YOUR HOME? HAVE YOU ROOM IN YOUR HEART? HOME SHARERS REQUIRED. WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN SHARING YOUR home and supporting a person with additional needs, for a few hours per day, a couple days per month, or long term. We are looking for single people, couples, married people and/or families to provide short or long term respite for children or adults. If you are interested please contact Western Care Association, Social Work Dept. on 094 9025133.

Cara Iorrais Belmullet Cancer Support House

Due to Covid Restrictions we will be operating on an appointment only basis until further notice. Our phone service is always available, for appointments or further information we can be contacted on 097 20590, 087 0678630 or email caraiorrais@gmail.com or private message us on Facebook. We are adhering to HSE guidelines.

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Employability Service (Belmullet Office) & Local Employment Service (Belmullet Office)

We wish to advise that whilst our doors remain closed to the public, we are working in the offices and continue to offer the same service via phone, text, zoom or messenger. If you need information on Employment or Courses, or need a CV done to apply for a position, please call :-

Colette Corless : Employability Service : 0863418643

Marie O'Donnell : Local Employment Service: 09781722

Ann Conroy : Local Employment Service: 0872156660

Remember the service continues to be free and confidential. Instructions will be given over the phone re: collecting CV, etc.

DO YOU WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH? HAVE YOU EXPERIENCE WITH MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES? ARE YOU A FAMILY member/supporter or health professional? If yes then join the MAYO RECOVERY COLLEGE this Autumn Winter at our free Online interactive audio/video classes. Log onto www.recoverycollegewest.ie for our Prospectus. Please contact Karen McHale, Principal Recovery Educator 086 0294901 recovery.educatormrc@hse.ie to register”

GLAN ASSURED AN ERRIS BASED BUSINESS HAS COMMITTED TO THE DISINFECTION OF OUR CHURCHES PRIOR TO THE reopening and resumption of Masses. One of our parishioners has kindly sponsored the first eight weeks of church disinfections. Their charitable deed is greatly appreciated by all. Contact www.glanassured.ie 085 2103362.

Pieta House Outreach Service Ballina

Pieta House provides counselling, therapy and support to individuals, couples, families and children who have been bereaved by suicide or feeling suicidal. **Pieta House outreach service is running by phone or online whilst the lockdown is on for Covid19. Contact: 09325586 to make an Appointment**

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Extract from Saint Patrick's Breastplate

Christ with me,

Christ before me,

Christ behind me,

Christ in me,

Christ beneath me,

Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.

THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE PROVIDED TO THE HOUSEHOLD BY CLÁR ICH, BALLYHAUNIS ROAD, CLAREMORRIS, CO Mayo 094-9371830 or 094-9373455. Attic Insulation, Draught Proofing, Lagging Jackets, Low Energy Light Bulbs, Ventilation, Cavity Wall Insulation, Energy Advice. This scheme is available to homes which meet the following criteria. Owner occupied, non local authority homes, Constructed before 2006, The owner is in receipt of one of the following: Fuel Allowance as part of the National Fuel Scheme, Job Seekers Allowance for over 6 months with a child under 7 years, Working Family Payment, One Parent Family Payment, Domiciliary Care Allowance, Carer's Allowance (must live with the person you care for) All calls and queries to 094-9371830 or e mail us at info@clarichmayo.com or message us on Facebook Clár ICH.

GENEALOGY – ARE YOU INTERESTED IN TRACING YOUR ANCESTORS OR HAVE A RELATIVE OVERSEAS WHO WOULD LIKE TO TRACE their roots? The North Mayo heritage centre, Crossmolina can help. Gift vouchers also available. Contact 096 31809.

MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL BELMULLET AREA OFFICE WISHES TO ADVISE THAT THE NEW CONTACT NUMBER DIRECT TO THE OFFICE is 094-9064900 and the old 097 number is no longer operational.

Supporting parents drop in service, offering one to one informal support, information and advice for any parenting concerns, free and confidential service for parents of children of all ages. Irish Wheelchair Association Belmullet, every Friday 9am-3pm, contact Elaine 087-7214511.

Tune on your television to the 'EWTN' catholic station on (sky channel 588 or on Saorview free to air) where you will be able to view daily Masses, the rosary, the divine mercy chapel; also news and interesting talks about the catholic faith.

DO YOU REQUIRE FIRST AID COVER FOR AN EVENT? DO YOU WANT FIRST AID TRAINING? CONTACT THE ORDER OF MALTA ON (087) 7011 540. First aid saves lives.

GETTING MARRIED? BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT WITH THE LOCAL REGISTRAR online at www.crsappoint0

PREGNANT? NEED TO TALK? If you are concerned about an unplanned pregnancy and would you like to talk to someone in confidence contact CURA Lo-Call 1850 622626. See www.cura.ie for local Centre details. All Cura services are free and confidential. Our support service is available to women, men and all family members.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL Tel. Helpline 085 1305390. You are not alone in your need for help.

Signed Mass cards. All Mass Cards Signed in our parish office are sent regularly to the missions, to Fr. Innocent Abonyi, Fr. Keveny, Brazil, Missionaries of Africa & Aid to the Church in Need. All names are recorded by our staff and Masses individually celebrated according to the intention of the donor. This provides a major support and basic need to the priests working in the foreign missions.