

## 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.

### MASS TIMES - BELMULLET

<b>Sat</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>8th</b>	<b>9.00p.m</b>	<b>Holy Saturday</b> - Michael McDonnell, Church Rd. -- Patrick O'Connor, Tallagh, 10th Ann
Sun	Apr	9th	10.30a.m	<b>Easter Sunday</b> - Patrick Ruddy - 1st Anniv. -- Eddie Cuffe
Mon	Apr	10th	9.30a.m.	Special Intention
Tues	Apr	11th	9.30a.m	A.P. Connell -- Patrick & Mary Hegarty
Wed	Apr	12th	9.30a.m	Adrian, Aaron & Leo Howard -- Margaret, James & Tony Barrett
Thurs	Apr	13th	9.30.a.m	Annie & Sean Heneghan & Deceased Heneghan Family -- Mamie Neary, Foxpoint
Fri	Apr	14th	11.00a.m	<b><u>Sunday Mass for Senior Citizens</u></b> - Pat & Annie Coyle, Bernadette & Cyril Duignan & Frances Scahill -- Kathleen Utting née Norfolk/Shore Rd.
Cafferkey,				
Sat	Apr	15th	8.00p.m	Anne Lynskey, Kiltimagh/Seaside - Month's Mind -- Sonny Shevlin
Sun	Apr	16th	10.30a.m	Michael McDonnell, Church Rd. -- Kitty, Joe Patrick Lenehan, Murphy, Ceclia & John Lenehan
Jenny				

### MASS TIMES - GLENCASTLE

<b>Sat</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>8th</b>	<b>7.00p.m</b>	<b>Holy Saturday</b> -- Bridgie, Tom, Harry & Andy Barrett, Northampton -- Martina & Charles Donaghey, Alt
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>9th</b>	<b>6.30a.m</b>	<b>Dawn Mass in Glencastle Cemetery</b>
Sun	Apr	9th	12.00p.m	<b>Easter Sunday</b> - Patrick Connor - 3rd Anniv. -- Adrian, Aaron & Leo Howard, Derrycorrib -- Jim Kelly- 5th Anniv. -- Michael John Barrett & Deceased Barrett & Tighe Families - Breege & John Joe Barrett
Sat	Apr	15th	10.00a.m	Thomas & Mary Donohue & son Martin Gerard & Jack & Mary Gaughan & son Tommy
Sun	Apr	16th	12.00p.m	James McAndrew, Carrowmore -- Michael Joe & Peggy Corcoran
&				Deceased Corcoran & McAndrew Families -- Adrian Howard 2nd Anniv.

**Launching the Year of Vocations** In life, many hear God's call to priesthood. Is your heart open to the Lord? Have you ever considered taking the risk to follow in the footsteps of Jesus? If so, you are invited to the national seminary of Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth, on 25 April, to attend a special conference on evangelisation and vocations in Ireland today. Archbishop Rino Fisichella, Pro Prefect of the Vatican's Dicastery for Evangelisation, will be the keynote speaker. Please register directly on [www.vocations.ie](http://www.vocations.ie), or contact the National Vocations director Father Willie Purcell at [willie.purcell@iecon.ie](mailto:willie.purcell@iecon.ie) or Rev Eric Cooney secretary of the National Vocations Office at [eric.cooney@iecon.ie](mailto:eric.cooney@iecon.ie) May God bless you!

**Re: Certificate in Lay Leadership**

As our diocese and parishes face the new challenge of having fewer priests in the near future, it is vitally important now that training for lay leadership in parishes be provided and availed of.

A Certificate in Lay Leadership Course commenced at the Newman Institute in Ballina on Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> of February 2023.

Over sixty people registered for this course and those people have already completed the first two weeks of the “Church History” module of the course with Professor Salvador Ryan of Maynooth College.

This part-time course will give participants an opportunity to learn more about their faith and will provide them with practical training in the area of liturgy and pastoral ministry. This is all with a view to enabling the participants to become effective lay leaders in their parishes.

A degree of flexibility has been built into the design of the course. This has been done because the organizers of this Lay Leadership Course recognize that many people have already multiple and varied commitments including family, work and community involvements. Therefore, if a person is unable to attend a particular module of the course, they will have other opportunities throughout the course to choose alternative options.

In order to avoid burdening people with continuous modules over an intensive time-frame, the modules have been spread over the spring and autumn terms, with each module consisting of four evenings from 7.30pm to 9.30pm (that is, just eight hours training per module in all).

The overall aim of this certificate programme is to empower people throughout the 22 parishes of Killala Diocese to become actively involved in lay leadership in the future, working together with the priests and the bishop.

The good news is that people can still join the Lay Leadership Course after Easter. Module 2 begins on Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> 2023.

Let us all pray and hope that some lay people in our parish of Belmullet and Glencastle will be inspired to answer this call to mission and enrol in this lay leadership course. For further information, please contact Father Tommy Doherty or Father Eddie Rogan or Belmullet parish office.

**Congratulations** to the Mayo Senior Football Team who won the Allianz National Football League in Croke Park last Sunday

### **Trócaire**

Please bring your Trócaire Boxes or donation to the Church at next weekend’s Masses. A basket will be left on the Alter Rail.

### **RECENTLY DECEASED**

Please pray for the soul of  
Lily Murphy, Corclough/Shore Rd.  
Tommy Barrett, Belmullet/U.K &  
Linda Fisher  
May they rest in Peace

### **ALTAR SOCIETIES BELMULLET Group 5**

Carmel McIntyre, Maura Murphy & Kirstie Lavelle

### **GLENCASTLE Bunnahowen**

Brid McDermott, Catherine Barrett & Marcella Stich

### **Adoration of Blessed Sacrament**

in Church of The Sacred Heart, Belmullet every Tuesday from 10.00a.m to 8.00p.m

### **Times for Practise in Belmullet Church for Sacraments**

#### **First Communion:**

Mon. 17th April to Fri. 21st April 10a.m - 12.00noon daily

#### **Confirmation:**

Mon. 8th May to Fri. 12th May 10a.m - 12noon daily

### **DATES FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION 2023**

#### **First Holy Communion:**

**22nd April at 12 noon**—Belmullet NS in The Sacred Heart Church, Belmullet.

**13th May at 1p.m**— Glencastle, Barnatra & NS’s in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Glencastle.

#### **Confirmation:**

**12th May at 6.00p.m** Belmullet NS in The Sacred Heart Church, Belmullet.

**19th May at 6.00p.m.**—Glencastle, Barnatra & Shraigh NS's in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Glencastle.

I invite all of us to pray for peace in Ukraine and to pray this prayer every day

**Prayer**

Loving God, We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid,  
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis,  
we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine,  
and for all the world.

Amen

The Memorare

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.

**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.

**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](http://www.trocaire.org)
2. To the Parish Office.
3. By post to any of our offices: Trócaire, Maynooth, Co. Kildare4.
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
CROÍ	091 544310

**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 distraught 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](http://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.

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](http://www.killaladioceseorgsafeguarding).

#### 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 2.30p.m.

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

#### PARISH NOTICE

**Would you be interested in hosting a Spanish Student** this summer? If you have a child aged 13 - 17 years old then this could be for you!! They will arrive on the 27th June 2023- to 25th July 2023 . How it works..... Students are placed in host families with children of the same gender and a similar age, and are carefully matched in terms of interests and hobbies, the focus is on participating in daily family life and activities so the student can enjoy the real Irish experience, staying with an Irish family. Each family can only host one student at a time. Payment is €350 p/w. If interested please contact Rina 0877414252 for more information.

**Belmullet Tidy Towns** would be grateful for donations of plastic seed trays that anyone would like to have recycled

**A 25 card game** will be held in Inver Community centre on Easter Monday night the 10th April at 8.30pm.

All welcome and refreshments served

**Free 6 Month Course** Are you interested in doing a training course to give you the skills to work in Hospitality?. Are you receiving a DA payment or do you need assistance in finding employment?. The course covers HACCP, Barista, Customer Care & 1st Aid training. In addition a work placement in a local hotel or restaurant will be secured for you. The classroom based training on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday is held in Westport. Call Ruairi @ 087 120 2617 or email [ruairi.hughes@nln.ie](mailto:ruairi.hughes@nln.ie) "



**Belmullet Town** has been awarded a research position by the Irish Architecture Foundation. Our local town architect Mark Ruddy will work with the wider community of Belmullet through public meetings and workshops to develop a whole-community vision for the sustainable development of the town. Announcements for community meetings will be made over the coming weeks.

**Bereavement Course at Knock Shrine** A four week course on ‘Understanding grief, a journey towards healing’ will be held in St John’s Welcome Centre, Knock on April 5th, 12, 19th and 26th beginning each evening at 8pm. It will be presented by Monica Morley. Admission is free but booking is essential on 094-9375320.

**Bangor Hall Bingo** Thursday night at 8pm. Usual transport from Doohoma Geesala. Transport available from Belmullet. Call 0872427347

**Theology Open Day**, is this for you? 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 Open Day on Saturday 29 April.

**Pilgrimage to Holy Land**. In February of next year, God willing, Father Eddie Rogan will lead a nine day pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The pilgrimage will begin on the 21st February 2024 and finishing on the 29th February 2024. The cost of the pilgrimage will be €1955 per person sharing (there is a supplement of €650 for a single room). Since the number of places on the pilgrimage is limited early booking is advised.

**25 Card Drive in Aid of Carne & Shanahee Churches** Good Friday 7th April at 8.30p.m sharp in Broadhaven Bay Hotel. Prize Money €600.00, spot prizes and raffle on the night. Refreshment served.

**Alone** “Hi, my name is Paul Stafford and I am the Volunteer Support Officer for ALONE and your local community. I am looking for volunteers in the Mayo area for older people who need befriending for up to 1 hour per week and our telephone service for up to 2 hours per week. Our befriending program is designed to help older people combat loneliness and isolation. We need your help more than ever. If this is something that interests you, then please reach out to me on 086 0135043, email paul.stafford@alone.ie or follow the link [www.alone.ie](http://www.alone.ie) <https://alone.tfaforms.net/.../ALONE-Volunteer-Expression...>

**Aras Inis Gluire** Events –

‘Voice’ – An exhibition by Jane Dunn and Dr. Ann O Mahony will be displayed in Áras Inis Gluaire until the 22nd of April. Seó Iorras – A variety concert will take place on the 22nd of June, any children under 12 who would like to be involved can contact Deirbhle on dhealy@arasinisgluaire.ie or 097-81079. Classes will begin at the end of March. For more information or to purchase tickets for any of the above please contact us on 097-81079, email info@arasinisgluaire.ie or visit our website [www.arasinisgluaire.ie](http://www.arasinisgluaire.ie).

**The Irish Wheelchair Association** are currently recruiting Community Employment participants for Belmullet, Monday – Friday positions. No experience necessary, all accredited training provided. There is also an opportunity to gain a QQI Level 5 in Healthcare Support Assistant to support your career progression. Eligibility to participate on Community Employment Scheme will be verified by the DEASP. For more info, please contact Aoife on 085 7483678 or aoife.ralph@iwa.ie .

**Singing Lessons** - 1 to 1 private singing lessons, RIAM voice exams, junior and leaving cert practical exam tuition available. Improve vocal ability and build confidence. All levels welcome. Contact Deirbhle on 085-7613008

**Livingng Well** is a free group programme delivered over six workshops (2.5 hrs x 6) on both online and in a classroom setting. It is delivered by trained leaders, most of whom are also living with a long-term health condition. This free group programme is aimed to help people manage their long-term health conditions and improve their wellbeing. You must register in advance as places are limited to 10/12 participants. Please note you do not have to disclose your health condition on the programme. Please contact Liam Gildea on 086 014 2675 or by email at [lgildea@southmayo.com](mailto:lgildea@southmayo.com)

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**MSLETB Belmullet FET Campus** have places available on the following courses: QQI Level 5 Ecotourism – Monday 10 am – 12.30 pm; Spreadsheets – Tuesday 10 am – 2 pm; Communications Wednesday 10 am – 12.30 pm; Work Experience

Wednesday 12.30 pm – 2.30 pm. Any of these courses can be completed as a single subject certificate or as part of a Major Award in Business Administration or Tourism with Business. Also available - Computer Literacy Thursday afternoon.

**Erris Parent & Toddler Group** Erris Parent, Baby & Toddler Group meets every Monday from 10.30am-12pm in the Irish Wheelchair Centre, Logmore. All parents, guardians and caregivers are welcome to attend with their little ones. There is a weekly €3 contribution fee for each family. Toys, tea, coffee and snacks provided. In conjunction with Erris Family & Community Support Centre. Supported by Mayo County Childcare Committee.

**The Erris Tours Annual Trip for 2023** is to the Allingham Arms Hotel Bundoran, Donegal . We will be leaving on Tuesday 27th June to Friday 30<sup>th</sup>. Cost of trip is Single room €350 and double or twin is €310 . Buses and breakfast going and Dinner on return is included in price. €50 deposit is required when booking seat and is strictly non refundable . Names as soon as possible to Mary Irwin 0879232327 and Carmel Gaughan 0868488266 . . There are only 2 buses going so places are limited.

**Healthy Food Made Easy** is a community based healthy food and nutrition course, delivered over the course of 6 weeks. Those attending the course enjoy participating in practically preparing, cooking and tasting foods. The emphasis throughout the course is on group learning rather than formal teaching. The course also teaches people to shop smart and save money while eating a healthy balanced diet. Each workshop has a total of six sessions each with a different topic each week with a visit from a nutritionist on week 5. Suitable for all ages and valuable in teaching skills for life. New workshop will be starting soon. To register your interest please email [siobhanscanlon@mayonortheast.com](mailto:siobhanscanlon@mayonortheast.com). Call / Text 0838696276

**Pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi & San Giovanni Rotondo** – Led by Fr. Michael Harrison on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 for 7 nights @ €1199 per person. Direct return flights from Dublin, 20kg bag included, Joe Walsh Tours Representative throughout the tour, All transfers & tours in Italy by private coach, 3 night San Giovanni Rotondo – Full Board, 2 nights in Assisi – Half Board, 2 nights in Rome B&B, Full religious Programme, Optional travel Insurance – Single room supplement. For More Information please contact Fr. Michael Harrison on 087 8112163

**A new full-time** & fully funded course by MSLETB is starting soon in FIT, Teeling Street, Ballina. **Introduction to Manufacturing Processes QQI Level 4**. Topics include Electronics, Control Systems and Career Planning. Apply through [www.fetchcourses.ie](http://www.fetchcourses.ie) or email [jennifermurray@fit.ie](mailto:jennifermurray@fit.ie)”

#### **We Can Quit – Stop Smoking Group Belmullet**

The HSE under the Sláintecare Healthy Communities initiative are offering a FREE stop smoking programme in Belmullet starting on February 9th for 7 weeks. We Can Quit is a FREE Group Based Stop Smoking Programme. FREE nicotine replacement medication, group support and one to one Support will be offered to all participants. For more information or to book a place please contact Brenda Mc Nicholas on 087 4484711 or email [brenda.mcnicholas1@hse.ie](mailto:brenda.mcnicholas1@hse.ie)

**St. Vincent de Paul** urgently require Volunteers to assist in the Shops in Ballina. Make new friends and enjoy helping others. Please give as little as 2 hours a week. Call Jackie on 085-8759460 or 096-72905

**Enrolment** is now taking place in Belmullet Junior National School. Forms can be collected from the school, to be returned by 15th February 2023

**Spring 2023 Wine Course** at a glance with Fáilte Wine Education. Máirín Uí Mhurchú is the WSET Approved Programme Provider and Certified Wine Educator. More info. at [failtetraining@gmail.com](mailto:failtetraining@gmail.com)

**Exciting Volunteer** role to become a Volunteer for Children with a disability.

Have you some free time on your hands or have you always been thinking of becoming a Volunteer to help those in your community?

“My time spent volunteering at Enable Ireland provided me with the opportunity to have a lasting and positive impact on people’s lives, a chance to work with a wide range of people and I absolutely believe it will impact my life and my career. In particular, it has shown me that helping people can be a really valuable and rewarding experience and that there are so many people out there that really need and would appreciate the support and help a volunteer can provide.

My main activities when working with children with a variety of disabilities was to support them in living their lives more independently and to reach their potential by providing support. This was usually done through art, music and play.

Volunteering with Enable Ireland has developed my communication skills in many ways. My volunteering experience has taught me the value of empathy and compassion and how deeply rewarding volunteering can be.” A Volunteers story

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suit your lifestyle. Training is also provided. If you are interested please contact Fiona at 087 6808350 or email [fscully@enableireland.ie](mailto:fscully@enableireland.ie) for further information. This is a very rewarding role and our Volunteers are very positive about their experience.

### **Live in Home Care for retired Members**

We understand people are in need of care in your area - with so many shortages of carers especially during this cold weather. If anyone in the area needs more information please ring us 087 7440729 or 087 9916791

**Living Well is a free online group** programme delivered over six workshops (2.5 hrs x 6). It is delivered by trained leaders, most of whom are also living with a long-term health condition. This free online group programme is aimed to help people manage their long-term health conditions and improve their wellbeing.

**On Our Knees by Fr Brendan Hoban** On Our Knees, Famine in the Parishes of Killala Diocese is the second volume of a comprehensive study of the Great Famine in Killala diocese written by Fr Brendan Hoban. This book relates the famine history of each of the 22 parishes revealing the agony and the anguish of the Famine years. Copies are available in Carey's Bookshop.

**Home Instead** With the current shortage of qualified Caregivers we are struggling to recruit enough Caregivers to service all the clients who need care we are hoping to add a note to the parish newsletter that we are actively recruiting Caregivers throughout Co Mayo but particularly in the following locations:

Louisburgh, Westport, Swinford, Ballinrobe, Cong, Shrute, Kilmaine, Ballyhaunis, Ballina, Castlebar, Knock, Kiltimagh, Foxford, Knockmore, Partry, Ballintubber, Belmullet, Kincon, Crossmolina, Killala

For further information please email: [info.mayo@homeinstead.ie](mailto:info.mayo@homeinstead.ie) or phone our office on 094 9044785

**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](http://www.alhomecare.ie)

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**Mayo Cancer Support** - Mayo Cancer Support provides FREE support services to those affected by cancer. Call (094) 9038407.

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### **Free Training Opportunities**

Are you at home because you don't know what to do next? NLN could help you. We train early school leavers, LCA students and people who would benefit from additional learning supports. Our courses will develop your skills and confidence to open up new opportunities for further training. We offer Sports Studies, Employment Skills, Business & IT Skills, Hospitality courses and more. Find out more by contacting [Castlebar@nlm.ie](mailto:Castlebar@nlm.ie); (094) 9022770; National Learning Network, Breaffy Road, Castlebar.

### **Calling All Community Groups in Mayo**

Do you want your community group to be listed on the PPN County Mayo Interactive Map? This map will showcase community groups' services and amenities. It will also list assets groups have available to share with other groups in their local area.

Submit your details via the link - <https://forms.office.com/r/FfmriDfEqB> Call 094 906 4358/4365 or email: [mayoppn@mayococo.ie](mailto:mayoppn@mayococo.ie)

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**Alone** Older people need your support! ALONE is recruiting volunteers to provide companionship and support through their Telephone Support & Befriending service for older people. ALONE asks that interested volunteers commit to one set shift of 2 hours per week for a minimum of 6 months. Visit [www.alone.ie/volunteers](http://www.alone.ie/volunteers) for more information.

**Accord** is recruiting interested people to assist in the provision of Marriage Preparation Programmes. Application forms are available by contacting [marriagepreparation@accord.ie](mailto:marriagepreparation@accord.ie) Selections will take place in June of this year with training commencing in September. This year Accord is celebrating 60 years supporting couples and families. Please contact us for any support you may need [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)

**Mindspace Mayo** offers a support service to young people (12-25yrs) presenting with anything from common concerns (e.g. dealing with break-up, exam stress, bullying) to young people with emerging mental health difficulties such as mild depression and anxiety. The outreach service will run one day a week (Monday) and is based in the Ballina Family Resource Centre. For further information on Mindspace Mayo please see our website [www.mindspacemayo.ie](http://www.mindspacemayo.ie) or call us on 094-9067001

### **Pieta House**

Pieta House provides counselling, therapy and support to individuals, couples, families and children who have been bereaved by suicide or feeling suicidal. Pieta House operate an outreach service from the Ballina Family Resource Centre on Tuesdays from 1pm to 5pm & on Wednesdays 9.00am to 1.00pm by apt only Contact: 09325586 to make an Appointment

**www.westbwell.ie** our new website– West Be Well is an online mental health resource for Galway, Mayo and Roscommon. West Be Well is happy to share news, events, and resources of relevance on its website and social media channels.

**Connected health** are looking to recruit caregivers throughout all areas of Mayo. Paying rates up to 16 euro PH plus travel. No experience required as full accredited training will be provided. Apply to [info@connected-health.ie](mailto:info@connected-health.ie).”

**Western Alzheimers** Dementia Carer Support group meetings are resuming and will be held on the first Wednesday of each month at 8pm in the Ballina Family Resource Centre, [Unit 2 Abbey Street, Ardnaree, Ballina, Co Mayo](#).

The support group meetings are for carers of people with dementia. They provide an opportunity to meet others in a similar situation, to share stories and experiences, and access information and practical advice in a relaxed, understanding and supportive environment.

If you are caring for a loved one suffering from Alzheimer's or if you are worried about Alzheimer's then you will find this meeting to be very informative.

For more information contact Western Alzheimerson : 094 93 64900

**Religious Book Shop** - New Book “Miracles On Tap” by Frank Duff available in our Shop now

**A message from the Church Choir** .As always new members are very welcome and we want to thank most sincerely all our cantors who sang here in the church during lockdown

**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.

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### **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.

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**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

**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.

### **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](http://www.recoverycollegewest.ie) for our Prospectus. Please contact Karen McHale, Principal Recovery Educator 086 0294901 [recovery.educatormrc@hse.ie](mailto:recovery.educatormrc@hse.ie) to register”

### **Pieta House Outreach Service Ballina**

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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](mailto: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 chaplet; 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](http://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](http://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 St. Vincent de Paul Helpline 096 72905  
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.