

## CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART, BELMULLET

Sunday 10.30am, Monday to Thursday 9.30a.m, Friday 11.00am, Saturday Vigil 8.00pm

## CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES, GLENCASTLE

Sunday 12.00 noon, and Saturday 10.00am

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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

Sat	Nov	25th	8.00p.m	<b>Holy Souls</b> -- Desmond Hefferon & grandson Ryan Lynch
Sun	Nov	26th	10.30a.m	<b>Holy Souls</b> -- P.J. Barrett -2nd Anniv. & Dan & Margaret Barrett
Mon	Nov	27th	9.30a.m	<b>Holy Souls</b> -- Pdraig Brogan
Tues	Nov	28th	9.30a.m	<b>Holy Souls</b> -- Deceased Members of The Legion of Mary
Wed	Nov	29th	9.30a.m	<b>Holy Souls</b> -- Tom, Mary & Leo Moran
Thurs	Nov	30th	9.30a.m	<b>Holy Souls</b> -- Intention
Fri	Dec	1st	11.00a.m	<b><u>Sunday Mass for Senior Citizens</u></b> - Willie & Mary Togher -- Chris Tallott - Brithday Remembrance
Sat	Dec	2nd	8.00p.m	Kevin Gorman 1st Anniv. -- Michael & Kathleen Togher & Thomas Lynch & Margaret Togher -- Mai Gorham & Deceased Gorham & Families
Sun	Dec	3rd	10.30a.m	Kevin Gannon - 1st Anniv -- Margaret & John Lally, Lwr. Muings

### MASS TIMES - GLENCASTLE

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Sat	Dec	2nd	10.00a.m	Tony Lally & Deceased Lally, Mills & McManamon Families
Sun	Dec	3rd	12.00p.m	Tommy Heffron - 1st Anniv.

MINISTRIES	CHURCH	MASSES	SUNDAY Dec 3rd
<b>Readers</b>	Belmullet	Vigil 8.00p.m	Máirín Uí Mhurchú
		10.30a.m	Liam McAndrew
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Belmullet	Vigil 8.00p.m	Patricia Barrett
		10.30a.m	Martina Mills
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Glencastle	12.00p.m	Brid Henry

### GRAVEYARD ROSARY FOR NOVEMBER

Sunday November 26th after 12.00pm Mass in The Old Graveyard

### **Reflection**

How do we help the “holy souls? Scripture teaches that Purgatory exists, even if it doesn’t use that word. The Second Book of Maccabees in the Old Testament tells us, very succinctly, “It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they might be loosed from their sins” (2 Maccabees chapter 12:verse 45).

The New Catechism of the Catholic Church, produced in 1992 by Pope John Paul the 2nd, says, “All who die in God’s grace and friendship but imperfectly purified are indeed assured of their eternal salvation, but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of Heaven.” And the same Catechism also says, “From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers . . . for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God.”

God has set it up that our deeds of love offered in union with Christ’s own sacrifice may help others. Christ calls us to be co-redeemers with him. Just as his passion, death and resurrection brought salvation to the whole human race, so our deeds of love united to his, by God’s own design, can help those who have gone before us. This is one of the reasons why St. Paul could exclaim, “In my own flesh, I make up what is lacking in the sufferings of Christ for the sake of His Body, the Church” (Col 1:24).

The Church teaches that praying for the dead is a spiritual work of mercy, a spiritual work of loving co-redemption. And the greatest prayer of all we could offer for the dead is the prayer of the Mass, when we unite our own personal prayers — those emanating from our lips, our hearts, even our bodies in all types of actions of loving sacrifice for others — to Christ’s own prayer in the Mass, the continuous, saving sacrifice once-and-for-all begun during the Last Supper and finished on the Cross.

That is why the Church has venerated for centuries the practice of praying for the dead at Mass, explicitly having Masses offered for a particular loved one as well as praying, in every Eucharistic prayer, for all those “who have gone before us with the sign of faith” (The First Eucharistic Prayer), as well as “all the dead, whose faith you {God] alone have known” (The Fourth Eucharistic Prayer).

### **A Prayer**

O God, who in your unfathomable providence  
are pleased to send your holy Angels to guard us,  
hear our supplication as we cry to you,  
that we may always be defended by their protection  
and rejoice eternally in their company.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

### **Offertory Collection**

Belmullet € 1035.00

Glencastle € 367.85

Many thanks for your continued support

### **Confessions**

Available before the Vigil Mass on Sat. Evenings

### **Adoration of Blessed Sacrament**

in Church of The Sacred Heart, Belmullet every Tuesday from 10.00a.m to 8.00p.m & in  
Our Lady of Lourdes Church Glencastle on Wednesdays 7.00a.m until 7.00p.

### **ALTAR SOCIETIES BELMULLET Group 3**

Edel Cuffe, Deirdre Reuland & Marie Cuffe

### **GLENCASTLE Muings/ Pullagurrane**

Ann Lally, Mary Geraldine Shevlin, Loretta McGuire &  
Nora Gaughan

### **BAPTISED RECENTLY**

*We welcome into God’s Family*

Danny Kieran McLoughlin, Bunnahowen

*We wish him every Blessing*

**Big Clean up and Decorating of both Churches  
for Christmas**

Glencastle Church: Tuesday Evening

5th December @ 7.00p.m

Belmullet Church: Wednesday Evening

6th December @ 7.00p.m

Please come along and help out. All Help Needed.

Bring gloves and any spare cleaning clothes you may have.

Thank you

Could the person who left a beautiful brass gift in the Church Porch recently please call in or call the Parish office and give us some information about the piece. Telephone No. 097-20777

**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.

### **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.

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of your peace:  
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Amen.

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.

### **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.

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.

### A Prayer

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are pleased to send your holy Angels to guard us,  
hear our supplication as we cry to you,  
that we may always be defended by their protection  
and rejoice eternally in their company.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

### PARISH NOTICE

**The Cara Iorraais Christmas** Fair will take place in the Broadhaven Bay Hotel on Sunday the 3rd of December from 1pm to 4pm. Tables can be booked by contacting 097 20590 / 087 0678630 email [caraiorraais@gmail.com](mailto:caraiorraais@gmail.com). As usual it promises to be a great day. Raffle on the day with great prizes.  
**Cara Iorraais | Belmullet/Erris Cancer Support Centre**  
No. 9 , Church Street, Belmullet, Co. Mayo  
Ph: 097-20590 or M: 087-0678630

**Knock Christmas Market 2023** We are delighted to announce that our annual Christmas Market will take place indoors at St John's Welcome Centre in Knock. Sunday, 10th December from 10.00 am to 04.00 pm. Knock Christmas Market is always a festive event with wonderful handmade gifts by Irish crafters. The perfect day to get you in the festive spirit. For more information you can follow us on Facebook/Instagram: Knock Market or email [leoniekilroy@gmail.com](mailto:leoniekilroy@gmail.com)

**Comhaltas Seisiún Mór na Nollaig** Traditional music, song and dance, Friday 1st of December, at 7pm, in Áras Inis Gluaire (Arts Centre), Belmullet, followed by a 'Rambling House' session, in Henry's West End Bar, Bangor, at 9pm. All welcome to join in. **Bangor Hall Bingo** Thursday night 30th November at 8pm. Jackpot €850 in 52 calls or less F26 AE80

**BELMULLET /Glencastle Senior Citizens** Christmas Party takes place in the Broadhaven Bay Hotel BELMULLET on Sunday 10th December . Mass at 2pm followed by Dinner, Music and Entertainment. Please give names to BELMULLET



Parish Office, Maeve McDonnell, Claire O Donahue, Carmel Gaughan and Breege McDermott Glencastle/Bunnahowen Post Office. A great afternoon to enjoy before Christmas.

**The Priory Institute** Online Advent Retreat. The Priory Institute is delighted to offer a FREE OF CHARGE online retreat 'Reflecting on the Sunday Gospels of Advent' Visit our website [prioryinstitute.com](http://prioryinstitute.com) or click on this link [HERE](#) to register/find out more.

**Blessing for Expectant Mothers** On Saturday December 2nd , a blessing ceremony for all parents who are expecting a baby, will take place at Knock Shrine at 11am. It will include a short prayer for protection and safe delivery with an individual blessing for all mothers-to-be who are present. All welcome.

**Anam Cara Mayo**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents will meet Tuesday 28th November at 7:15pm in the T. F Royal Hotel, Castlebar, Co. Mayo. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. We now also offer an online support service too. Please contact us on [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) or 085 2888 888 for any queries.

**ALONE** are looking for volunteers in Galway and Mayo and its surrounding areas for older people who need befriending for up to one hour per week and/or telephone support 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](mailto:paul.stafford@alone.ie)

**The Cara Iorrais Christmas Fair** will take place in the Broadhaven Bay Hotel on Sunday the 3rd of December from 1pm to 4pm. Tables can be booked by contacting 097 20590 / 087 0678630 email [caraiorrais@gmail.com](mailto:caraiorrais@gmail.com). As usual it promises to be a great day and ideal opportunity to pick up some Christmas presents. Raffle on the day with great prizes.

**Information and Support for Birth Mothers** - whose babies were placed for adoption may be found at [www.birthinfo.ie](http://www.birthinfo.ie) or by calling the relevant section of TUSLA at +353 818 445 500

**Theology Online Open Evening**, 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](mailto:enquiries@prioryinstitute.com) to find out more about our Online Open Evening on Wednesday 29 November. This is the link to register for the Online Open Evening <https://prioryinstitute.com/events/2023-priory-institute-online-open-evening>

**TFI Local Link Mayo** - 803 Ballyglass to Belmullet, operated by Malachy Gaughan (on behalf of Local Link Mayo) has extended its route taking in Shore Rd, Seaside Rd, and Church St. (Friday Weekly)  
802 Blacksod to Belmullet, operated by Kevin Gaughan (on behalf of Local Link Mayo) has extended its route taking in Church St, Logmore, Toorglass, Attycunnane, and Barrack St. (Thursday Weekly)  
Check out our website [www.locallinkmayo.ie](http://www.locallinkmayo.ie) call our main office 094 9005150 or drop in to our local office in Belmullet Civic Centre for more information.

**Pilgrimage to Holy Land**. Regarding our Pilgrimage to the Holy Land next year, Marian Pilgrimages is keeping the situation that has arisen there under observation and a decision as regards the pilgrimage will be made at a later date.

**Safeguarding survey for survivors of abuse**

The Irish Bishops' Conference, along with the Association of Leaders of Missionaries and Religious of Ireland, have commissioned consultants, RSM Ireland, to undertake a review of child safeguarding in the Catholic Church. One part of this review is to engage with survivors and victims of abuse, to seek their views on Church Safeguarding processes. Specifically, RSM would like to hear from survivors who have disclosed abuse within the last twenty years, to see what needs to be improved. For more information please contact: [survivor.consultation@rsmireland.ie](mailto:survivor.consultation@rsmireland.ie)

Also the second of our Autumn Seisiúns with Ceol Traidisiúnta Iorrais in Áras Inis Gluaire on Friday 10th November 7pm. An evening of traditional music, song and dance. All Welcome  
For queries contact Angela on 097 81079 or email [angela@arasinisgluaire.ie](mailto:angela@arasinisgluaire.ie)

**Belmullet Library & Croí** - blood pressure monitor loan service. Healthy Ireland @ your library

Mayo Library Service & Croí are now offering FREE BP monitoring units for loan via the library service for more information please contact Kate on 097 82555 or [khealy@mayococo.ie](mailto:khealy@mayococo.ie)

**Home Instead.** Change career. Change lives. Take the path to your new caring career with Home Instead Mayo We are urgently looking for Care Assistants across all areas of Co. Mayo. Help us provide Care to someone in need, in a town near you today! Training and Support provided. Cal 094 9044785 or email [carahughes@homeinstead.ie](mailto:carahughes@homeinstead.ie)  
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**Cara Iorrais | Belmullet/Erris Cancer Support Centre Free Driver Service For Chemotherapy**

The Irish Cancer Society operates a free Driver Service that is available to patients undergoing Chemotherapy treatment at Mayo University Hospital in Castlebar. Volunteer drivers will pick up a patient at their home and drop them at the hospital door and after treatment will pick them up at the hospital door and bring them back to their home again. Patients wishing to avail of this service must register with their Oncology Nurse in the hospital.

**Belmullet Guide Book** Tourist guide Neal Doherty has published a book that highlights the many local points of interest in Belmullet and the Mullet Peninsula. It is full of spellbinding stories and fabulous photographs that bring this Erris jewel to light. Great for locals living in the area, friends and relatives who are visiting and a powerful reminder for family who are away from home. The book is available in CAREY'S Bookstore in Belmullet or on [www.AlchemyTours.ie/shop](http://www.AlchemyTours.ie/shop)

**Bereavement Support Meetings:** Life after a bereavement can feel very lonely. Trained facilitators conduct a weekly Bereavement Support Meeting at the Family Centre, Knock Shrine, each Wednesday at 11am. There is also a special meeting for bereaved partners / spouses on the First Thursday of each month at 11am. No appointment needed. Further information from Monica Morley on 094-9375320.

**Free Advertising with Mayo PPN.** Have you or your community an event or activity coming up? Avail of FREE advertising with Mayo PPN. It's simple – email [mayoppn@mayococo.ie](mailto:mayoppn@mayococo.ie) and include a Jpeg poster. Mayo PPN will be delighted to promote to their 1000 plus groups.

**Citizens Information Opening Hours** The Citizens Information Office on Main Street, Belmullet is open every Monday for general queries from 10am to 1pm and 2pm to 4.45pm an additional Information Officer from our Ballina office attends every Wednesday. On Friday the office provides a phone service from 10am to 1pm. The office is contactable on 0818 07 6030 while the National citizens Information Phone Service is available on 081807 4000. Alternatively you can access Citizens Information online at [www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie)

**Fatima & Lisbon Coast Pilgrimage 2024** 18th – 25th September 2024. 4 nights in the 4\* Hotel Styler in Fatima, 3 nights in the 4\* Hotel Vila Gale in Estoril. Breakfast & Dinner in both hotels. Full religious programme organised by Marian Pilgrimages with a complete programme of Sight-seeing and visits to sites of interest & Lisbon Coast. €945 per person sharing Booking forms will be available from Fr. Francis Judge, Crossmolina 087 2401899  
Or direct online from [www.marian.ie](http://www.marian.ie) / [www.crossmolinaparish.com](http://www.crossmolinaparish.com)

**Mayo PPN Community Interactive Map.**

The map showcases community groups' location and list each groups services and amenities. It will list assets groups have available to share with other groups in their local area. eg: marquee, stage, utensils etc. The Interactive map is displayed on the PPN website, [www.mayoppn.ie](http://www.mayoppn.ie) Is your Community Group listed on the map? If not email [mayoppn.ie](mailto:mayoppn.ie) and we will send you on the link to add the groups details.

**FREE ADVERTISING WITH Mayo PPN.** Have you or your community an event or activity coming up? Avail of FREE advertising with Mayo PPN. It's simple – email [mayoppn@mayococo.ie](mailto:mayoppn@mayococo.ie) and include a Jpeg poster. Mayo PPN will be delighted to promote to their 1000 plus groups.

**We are recruiting for our Fast Track to Employment programme in Mayo.** FREE Training Course Now Enrolling! Fast Track to Employment. ARE YOU OUT OF WORK? And interested in gaining the skills required to secure employment. The

Fast Track to Employment course allows you to undertake a work placement with an employer in an area of your choice, to upskill and retrain to secure a job. Contact Caroline O' Malley on 0867701996 or email [caroline.omalley@nln.ie](mailto:caroline.omalley@nln.ie)

**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](mailto:paul.stafford@alone.ie) or follow the link [www.alone.ie](http://www.alone.ie) <https://alone.tfaforms.net/.../ALONE-Volunteer-Expression...>

**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

**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

Enable Ireland Mayo Services require Volunteers in all areas of County Mayo to work with Children with a disability. Our volunteers usually work one-to-one with a child within their home but also within their community or at our centre in Castlebar. No more than three hours are required per week. We work around your availability to make this exciting opportunity 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.

**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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**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.westbewell.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).”

**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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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.