

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	Jan	18th	8.00p.m	Paddy Conroy - 4th Anniv, Michael, Elizabeth & Gusty McDonnell -- John Reynolds - 8th Anniv. & Kit Reynolds 18th Anniv. -- John Barrett – Birthday Remembrance -- Ruby Gaughan - 30th Birthday Remembrance
Sun	Jan	19th	10.30a.m	Bridget McDonnell, Shore Rd. - 25th Anniv.
Mon	Jan	20th	9.30a.m	Intention
Tues	Jan	21st	9.30a.m	Intention
Wed	Jan	22nd	9.30a.m	Intention
Thurs	Jan	23rd	9.30a.m.	Jimmy Connell, Foxpoint
Fri	Jan	24th	11.00a.m.	<b>Sunday Mass for Senior Citizens</b> -- Margaret & Jim Hopkins & Deceased Family -- Mary Coyle & Tessie Cormac
Sat	Jan	25th	8.00p.m	Paddy Murphy - 8th Anniv
Sun	Jan	26th	10.30a.m	Paul Healy - 7th Anniv.

**MASS TIMES - GLENCASTLE**

Sun	Jan	19th	12.00p.m	Richard Barrett - Month's Mind
Sat	Jan	25th	10.00a.m	Michael, Julia & Bernadette Kilker
Sun	Jan	26th	12.00p.m	John Lally(Marty), Foxpoint - Month's Mind -- Tony O'Connor - Anniv -- Anne Barrett, Lakefield - 3rd Anniv. & Deceased Keane & Barrett Families

Coeliac Hosts available in both churches, just inform Priest before Mass if your require a gluten free host

**The week of Prayer for Christian Unity** runs from the 18th - 25th January 2025.

It is an international ecumenical celebration. Let us all pray for Unity among Christians everywhere.

MINISTRIES	CHURCH	MASSES	SUNDAY Jan 26th
Readers	Belmullet	Vigil 8.00p.m	Máirín Uí Mhurchú
		10.30a.m	Maria Conroy
Eucharistic	Belmullet	Vigil 8.00p.m	Carmel Gaughan

<b>Ministers</b>		10.30a.m	Delia Garvin
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Glencastle	12.00p.m	Claire O'Donoghue

### **Reflection**

Oscar Romero [1917–1980], Archbishop of San Salvador, was gunned down on March 24, 1980, while celebrating Mass. Over the next few days, his body lay in state in the cathedral where he had so often preached. Thousands of mourners filed past his coffin, many of them campesinos, landless peasants and field workers, who had traveled miles to be there. They hadn't come just to pay their respects to a Church dignitary, although that was certainly part of it. They came because they loved Romero. During the three years he had served as their archbishop, they knew him as a father who stood between them and a death-dealing government. Now that he was gone, they not only felt orphaned, they were terrified.... [Romero] was accused of being a Communist, an agitator, a Soviet stooge, a gullible fool, imprudent, unintelligent, and a bad priest. The calumny hurled at him soured his relations with the Vatican, leading to humiliating curial scolding during his lifetime and stonewalling on his canonization after his death. But Romero was clear in his own mind and conscience that he was doing Christ's work, not playing power politics. [Kerry Walters, Saint Oscar Romero: Pastor, Prophet, Martyr (Franciscan Media, 2018)]

In a homily he gave on September 25, 1977, Óscar Romero said: - "Let us not tire of preaching love, for this is the force that will overcome the world. Let us never tire of preaching love. Even if we see waves of violence coming to drown out the fire of Christian love, love must win out. It is the only thing that can."

In a homily given on October 29, 1978, Archbishop Romero urged communities and individuals to recognize how their actions had the power to convert and transform the world. He preached: - "A Christian community is evangelized in order to evangelize. A light is turned on in order to give light. "People do not light a candle and put it under a basket," said Christ. "They light it and put it up high so that it gives light" (Matthew 5:15). That is true community. A community is a group of women and men who have found the truth in Christ and in his Gospel and join together to follow the way of truth more resolutely. It is not just a matter of individual conversion but of community conversion. A community is a family that believes; it is a group where each member accepts God and feels strengthened by the others. In their moments of weakness, they help one another and love one another; they shed the light of their faith as an example for others. When that happens, the preachers no longer need to preach because there are Christians whose very lives have become a form of preaching. I said once before and I repeat today, sisters and brothers, that if some sad day they silence our radio and stop us from writing in our newspaper, then all of you who believe must become microphones, radio stations, and loudspeakers—not by talking but by living the faith."

### **The Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2025**

January :- For the right to an education.

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

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

Joan Fahey, Carmel McAndrew

### **GLENCASTLE Muings/Pullaguranne**

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

**ALTAR SERVERS Sat 25th/Sun 26th BELMULLET VIGIL 8.00p.m vigil**

Team B Saoirse Doherty, Farrah Healy, Lily O'Boyle, Megan O'Boyle

**Sun 10.30a.m** Team D Maggie McDonnell, Alba Coppens, Sarah Healy, Freya Tyrrell

**ALTAR SERVERS for Sun 26th For Glencastle Church 12.00noon**

Larry McDonnell, James Kerrigan, Rúairí Walsh & Odhran Howard

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Please pray for the soul of  
Paul Gaughan, Shraigh East/Chicago, Bernadette Condron,  
Roscommon, (mother of Aislinn Swanick) & Betty McAndrew,  
Nottingham (wife of Frank McAndrew, Main St.  
May they Rest in Peace

**"Funeral Mass"** prior to the burial of her Ashes for Phyllis Rutherford

There will be a "Funeral Mass" at 12 noon on Saturday the 25th of January in Belmullet Church for the late Phyllis Rutherford. The Mass will be followed by the burial of Ashes in Emlybeg Cemetery. Phyllis Rutherford used to live in Quay Street Belmullet and was a teacher in Belmullet National School. She died during the Christmas in Dublin and has already had a funeral Mass and cremation there.

**CHURCH ENVELOPES**

Thanks to all who are returning Church envelopes & giving donations to support & keep our Churches open. Boxes of church envelopes are being distributed. If you haven't received a box and would like one please call into parish office or call  
097-20777

**First Holy Communion: & CONFIRMATION 2025**

**10th May at 1.00p.m.**— Glencastle, Barnatra & Shraigh NS's in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Glencastle

**17th May at 12 noon**—Belmullet NS in The Sacred Heart Church, Belmullet.

**Confirmation:**

**4th May at 12.00 noon** Belmullet NS in The Sacred Heart Church, Belmullet.

**18th May at 12.00 noon**—Glencastle, Barnatra & Shraigh NS's in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Glencastle.

**Sunday Mass Notices**

If there are no collectors available for the offertory collection could two people please come forward and pass the baskets around.

**Mass Leaflets**

Please do not leave your Mass Newsletter on the seat after mass. Please take them home with you or leave on the porch table as you leave the church.

Thanking you  
Fr. Eddie Rogan

**Offertory Collection**

Belmullet € 1170.0

Glencastle € 342.21

Many thanks for your continued support

**PIONEER ASSOCIATION**

If anyone is interested in restarting  
the Pioneer Association please  
contact Fr. Eddie Rogan on 086 2329151 or Parish Office on  
097 20777

**Volunteers** wanted for Church Cleaning of Belmullet Church. If interested please ring 097-20777 or drop in to Parish Office.

#### 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.

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.

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

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of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
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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.

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

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

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.  
Amen.

### PARISH NOTICE

**St. Brendan's College**, Belmullet Enrolment & Open Evening on Thursday 23rd January between 6p.m - 8.00p.m. All students who wish to attend the school next year September should present themselves for enrolment along with a parent/guardian. For more info contact Principal Michael Walshe on 087-81437

**Mayo College of Further Education** will hold its Open Day on Thursday 13th February 12pm – 6pm in in all their locations throughout Mayo. The Open Day will allow potential learners to meet teachers and tour all the college facilities in the main campus locations in Ballina, Castlebar and Westport and College Hubs in Ballina, Castlebar, Swinford, Achill and Ballinrobe. Mayo College of FET will have over 60 FET/PLC Level 4, 5 and Level 6 QQI, ITEC, CIDESCO and BTEC Courses on offer for the 2025-2026 academic year, as well as our exciting new Apprenticeship courses in National Sales, Accounting Technician and Digital Marketing. Please visit [www.mayocollege.ie](http://www.mayocollege.ie) for more information and to make a free online application for September.

**Solas Eachléim** St. Bridgid's Cross Making – 30<sup>th</sup> January at 7.00p.m

**The Irish Pilgrimage Trust** are holding a church gate collection this weekend. All funds collected will go directly to the cost of bringing children and young adults with additional needs to Lourdes at Easter. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

**Live Life!** National Youth Retreat at Knock Shrine. On May 8th students from all over the country will gather in Knock Shrine to celebrate the life of Donal Walsh and to reflect on his message - to 'Live Life!'. If you are interested in learning more about the day or registering a group please email [youthministry@knockshrine.ie](mailto:youthministry@knockshrine.ie).

**Adult Music Lessons** Ever wanted to learn an instrument? Why not try at our adult music classes, starting Wednesday 22nd January in Inver Community Centre 8pm -9pm. €10.00 per class. Enjoy an evening while learning. For further information contact 0894285402

**Bangor Hall Bingo** Thursday 23 rd January at 8pm. Jackpot €850 in 52 calls or less F26 AE80.

**Tullaghan Bay Rowing Club**: Tickets are available for our Club Dinner Dance at the Erris Coast Hotel on Sunday 2nd February. Adults €40 Under 12s €20. 4 Course Dinner, Complimentary Raffle, Music by Michael S & Clodagh & Disco to follow. Tickets available at the Erris Coast Hotel, all welcome.

**Erris Special Olympics** It is hoped to re - establish Erris Special Olympics. To gauge interest and potential of a club in Erris, we are asking anyone interested, to contact EYDN on any of the following; Email - [errisyouthdisabilitynetwork@gmail.com](mailto:errisyouthdisabilitynetwork@gmail.com). Tel - Mary Deane 0857410528 / Eithne Dixon 0860681418 If sufficient interest is expressed, Special Olympics Ireland will hold a meeting in Erris to reestablish the club. Please respond by 26th January 2025.

**Driver Theory Test Preparation Course** Would you like to study the Rules of the Road in a small group setting, with a friendly tutor? Would you like to practice for the Driver Theory Test for an hour every week? This Driver Theory Test Preparation course will be facilitated by Erris Workability (Mayo North East) and delivered by MSLETB (Belmullet Campus). It will run for up to 10 weeks. Starting date to be confirmed. Employment status and other eligibility criteria apply. To find out more or express your interest, please contact Siobhán - 087 499 6605 or email [siobhanscanlon@mayonortheastldc.com](mailto:siobhanscanlon@mayonortheastldc.com)

**First Aid Awareness** Would you like to complete a one-day First Aid Awareness Course? This workshop will be facilitated by Erris Workability (Mayo North East) and it will take place in Belmullet on Wednesday 5 February 2025. Employment



status and other eligibility criteria apply. To find out more or express your interest, please contact Siobhán - 087 499 6605 or email [siobhanscanlon@mayonortheastldc.com](mailto:siobhanscanlon@mayonortheastldc.com)

**Study Theology Online**, 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. Register before February 11. Find out more on our website, [prioryinstitute.com](http://prioryinstitute.com)

**Mayo stoma Support Group** will be holding a Meeting on the 23rd-January-2025. At 7pm in the Ellison Hotel Castlebar All are welcome. If you attending please message me on (087) 6275766 with your name and number of people attending

**Baby massage course** starting in Bangor Erris Community Centre. This is a 5 week course starting on Tuesday 11th February - Tuesday 11th March 2025, from 10am - 11.30am each week. It is suitable for babies aged between 3 months - 1 year. The cost is €30, payable on week 1. Places are limited. Please contact Leah on 087 7059705. Course is run by Erris Family & Community Support Centre.

**MSLETB** - Part-Time Accredited Courses Starting January/February 2025 in the Further Education Centre Belmullet

There are places available on the following QQI Components:

Healthcare - Care of the Older Person, QQI Level 5

Healthcare - Care Skills, QQI Level 5

Computer Skills for Beginners, QQI Level 3

Improve your Computer Skills, QQI Level 4

Spreadsheet Skills (Excel), QQI Level 4

Digital Media Skills, QQI Level 4

Desktop Publishing, QQI Level 4

For further information please contact Geraldine Tighe: 096 71652 or Marilia Barreto 097 82981

email: [mariliabarreto@msletb.ie](mailto:mariliabarreto@msletb.ie)

**Defective Concrete Blocks Facilitator**: Mayo North East Partnership hold clinics in North Mayo, Castlebar and Westport by appointment to assist homeowners with the DCB Grant scheme and application. All enquiries/appointment please contact : Caroline on 087 482 8261 / email: [carolinewilson@mayonortheast.com](mailto:carolinewilson@mayonortheast.com)

**MyMind Brings its Not-for-Profit Counselling Services to Ballina** MyMind provide professional, affordable, and accessible therapy without waiting lists or need for referral, with free appointments for homeowners affected by Defective Concrete Blocks and €30 appointments for full-time third level students, the unemployed, retirees, and anyone earning under €25,000 per year. New location in Mayo North East Office, Kevin St, Ballina opening January 6th. Register and book at [www.mymind.org](http://www.mymind.org) or call 0818 500 800.

**The Complete Guide to Belmullet** now includes Inishkea Island. Great gift idea only €10. Inexpensive and invaluable. Available locally in Careys, Solas & Tourist Office or at [AlchemyTours.ie/shop](http://AlchemyTours.ie/shop)

**RHS Home Care** are recruiting for care staff to provide Home Care in clients house in your area If you are interested or require more details, please email [jobs@rhshomecare.ie](mailto:jobs@rhshomecare.ie) or phone our Head office on 090 6625988m

**Home Instead Mayo** 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 Training and Support provided. Cal 094 9044785. Email [siobhan.brennan@homeinstead.ie](mailto:siobhan.brennan@homeinstead.ie)

**Ballina Bereavement Support Group**. Life after a bereavement can feel very lonely especially as we approach Christmas. Sometimes spending time, talking and sharing with others who share that experience can be helpful. Trained facilitators conduct a monthly Bereavement Support Group meeting at the Newman Institute on the second Wednesday of each month at 8pm. Next meeting is Wednesday 11th December. All are welcome.

**Interested in having the Spotlight on your Community Organisation?**

Mayo PPN are currently running a series called 'Community Spotlight'. It involves a weekly feature highlighting PPN groups' events and activities and is showcased on the PPN website and social media platforms for one week.

Send us a short description of your group –150/250 words. 3-4 photographs. By email to : [mayoppn@mayococo.ie](mailto:mayoppn@mayococo.ie) If you would like to find out more about this project have a look at some of the groups that have featured so far, go to: Community Spotlight - Mayo PPN

**Seeking Adult Mentors for Young People in the Belmullet Area** Do you have an hour to spare in the week? Adult Mentors required for Foróige's Big Brother Big Sister Programme in the Belmullet Area. If you are interested in supporting a young person, this is an enjoyable way to spend your time and have a positive impact in a young person's life! We have many young people waiting to be matched to a Big Brother/Sister and would be delighted to hear from you! Call 086 047 1420 for more information or use this link [https://foroige.tfaforms.net/f/bbbsvoleoi?tfa\\_459=a0T5J000000cOmS](https://foroige.tfaforms.net/f/bbbsvoleoi?tfa_459=a0T5J000000cOmS) to express your interest in volunteering.

**Living Well is a free HSE programme** which helps people living with a long-term health condition to manage their condition and improve their overall wellbeing. Anyone with any chronic illness such as diabetes, arthritis, COPD, cardiac illness, anxiety, etc. can benefit from these workshops. The next programme commences on Wednesday the 6th of November. The programme is delivered over six weekly workshops (2.5 hrs x 6) by trained leaders. Advance registration is required. To find out more, please contact Liam Gildea on 086 014 2675 or by email at [lgildea@southmayo.com](mailto:lgildea@southmayo.com)

**Belmullet Library** Digital DIY for All – Locked out of your laptop? Fed up with your smartphone? Ticked off with your tablet? If your device is getting you down and you know you could be doing more with it but you don't know how, come along to our drop-in sessions and get some useful tips and advice. Bring your device to Belmullet Library Tuesday & Wednesday 5p.m – 6.30p.m

**Would you like to join us in a FREE** fun-based interactive cooking course? 'Heathy Food Made Easy' is a community based healthy food and nutrition course being delivered in the Erris and Achill areas. It is delivered over the course of 6 weeks whereby the attendees enjoy participating in practically preparing, cooking and tasting foods. The emphasis throughout the course is on group learning rather than formal teaching. It is open to all ages and abilities, so join us for 90 minutes that will help you to shop smart and save money while eating a healthy balanced diet. The next course will start 17 th October 2024 to 21 st November 2024 from 7pm – 9pm in the Solas Centre, Aughleam. A qualified dietician will join us in week 5 to answer any of your questions. To find out some more information or to book your place please contact the following - [hselaintecare@maynortheastldc.com](mailto:hselaintecare@maynortheastldc.com) or call Emma on 087 213 3241.

**Monthly Bereavement Support Meeting** Every second Wednesday at 8.00pm in Newman Institute, Ballina on Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>, March 12<sup>th</sup>, April 9<sup>th</sup>, May 14<sup>th</sup>. A place to find solace and support through sharing with others who are on the same journey. For info. call 096 72066 or email [reception@newman.ie](mailto:reception@newman.ie)

**Erris Workability: Inclusive Pathways to Employment** Do you have neurodiverse, physical or mental health challenges? Are you over 16 years old? Do you wish to gain meaningful employment? Do you feel that you need more confidence or more training? The Erris Workability team is here to help you achieve your goals – we can assist you in accessing training and we will match you with an Employer that is aware of your strengths and interests. We will support both you and your Employer throughout your exciting journey. If you would like to register with us, or if you want find out more, please contact us for a chat. Call Siobhán 087 499 6605 or email [rosemariemangan@maynortheastldc.com](mailto:rosemariemangan@maynortheastldc.com) or call Carolyn 087 398 0575.

#### **Employers of Erris**

The Erris Workability team would like to collaborate with Employers in terms of improving accessibility and inclusivity in your workplace and in our community. We aim to match you appropriately with people who may have neurodiverse, physical or mental health challenges. This will be achieved by finding out what the Employer requires, and by assessing the strengths and interests of our participants who wish to gain meaningful employment. The Erris Workability team will work closely with all Employers throughout the course of recruiting and retaining employees, and we will assist you in relation to grants and incentives that are of benefit to you. If you are interested in finding out more about this programme please contact us for a chat. Call Siobhán 087 499 6605 or email [rosemariemangan@maynortheastldc.com](mailto:rosemariemangan@maynortheastldc.com) or call Carolyn 087 398 0575.

**Bereavement Support Group.** Life after a bereavement can feel empty and lonely. Sometimes spending time with others who know the experience can be helpful. Trained facilitators conduct a weekly Bereavement Support Group meeting at the Family Centre, Knock each Wednesday at 11am. No booking required. Further information from Monica Morley on 094-9375320.

**Mayo PPN.** Do you have a community 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 community groups.

**Attention Employers** Erris Workability is a new five year programme whereby people age 16+ with neurodiverse, physical or mental health challenges are supported through education, training or employment. We will support Employers throughout the process of gaining & sustaining employees that are appropriately matched with you & your workplace. We can also assist you in applying for suitable grants & incentives for which you may be eligible as an Employer. Má tá ceist ar bith agat, déan teagmháil linn go luath! Call Carolyn 087 398 0575 or Siobhán 087 499 6605 or email [rosemariamangan@mayonortheastldc.com](mailto:rosemariamangan@mayonortheastldc.com)

**Train to become a care giver?** Mayo Training Institute in Castlebar are running a QQI Care Skills, QQI Care of the Older Person and Patient Moving & Handling course, 7 days over 4 weeks, class room based. Dates: September 12th, 18th, 19th, 25th, 26th, October 2nd and 3rd. Please contact us for more information on 094 9027587 or email [info@mayotraininginstitute.ie](mailto:info@mayotraininginstitute.ie)

**Mayo North East Partnership** will hold clinics throughout Mayo by appointment to assist homeowners with the DCB Grant scheme and application. If anyone has an available local property or storage area in North Mayo, Westport and Castlebar areas that can be rented out to people whose homes are impacted by Pyrite, please contact: Caroline on 087 482 8261 / email: [carolinewilson@mayonortheast.com](mailto:carolinewilson@mayonortheast.com)

**MindSpace Outreach service in Belmullet** MindSpace Mayo offers a support service to young people (12-25yrs) in Co. Mayo, presenting with anything from common concerns (e.g. dealing with break-up, exam stress, bullying) to emerging mental health difficulties like mild depression and anxiety. MindSpace is located in Market Square, Castlebar and an outreach service runs on Tuesdays in the Irish Wheelchair Association office in Belmullet. Anyone can make a referral. Visit [www.mindspacemayo.ie](http://www.mindspacemayo.ie) or call 094-9067001.

**Family Support Drop-in** Erris Community Based Family Support Service will have an open door, drop-in every Wednesday morning @ 9.30am - 1pm. The Family Support Service is a project of Erris Family & Community Support Centre funded by Tusla, and located at I.W.A centre, Logmore Email: [l.owens@mayofamilysupport.ie](mailto:l.owens@mayofamilysupport.ie). Tel: 0877059705.

**ALONE** Volunteer Recruitment Drive ‘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 Galway and Mayo and its surrounding areas for older people who need befriending for one hour per week and/or telephone support for 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 <https://alone.tfaforms.net/f/ALONE-Volunteer-Expression-of-Interest-2021>

**Family Carers Ireland** Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional needs? A spouse, partner, child, close relative or neighbour? Then you are a family carer! Become a member of Family Carers Ireland, the national charity supporting Ireland's 500,000+ family carers nationwide. Contact 057 93 70221 and hear how we can support you or for more info visit [www.familycarers.ie](http://www.familycarers.ie).

**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. 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. Separately there are also some paid roles available as Family support workers. If you are interested please email Fiona: [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.

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**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

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.

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)

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 [cara.hughes@homeinstead.ie](mailto:cara.hughes@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.

**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)

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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?

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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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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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#### 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](http://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.

#### 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.

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.