

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	Dec	16th	8.00p.m	Mai Noone -- Kathleen McDonnell, Barrack St.-- Michael Ginnelly & Mary & Áine Goonan & Martin Ginnelly & Peter Howard -- Jenkins
Paula				
Sun	Dec	17th	10.30a.m	Dan Hegarty -- Noel Reilly -- Thomas Meenaghan & Daughters Ellen, Lisa & Josephine, Tommy & Kathleen Lynskey & Thomas Lynskey Junior
Mon	Dec	18th	9.30a.m	Michael Gaughan & Granddaughter Ruby Gaughan -- Nora & Deceased Family -- P.J Barrett, Toorglass
Tues	Dec	19th	9.30a.m	Mary & Peter McAndrew & Deceased McAndrew Family & Mary, Hugh, Frank & Michael Carolan & Debbie Murtha
Wed	Dec	20th	9.30a.m	John & Annie McAndrew, Glencastle & Deceased Barrett & McAndrew Families
Thurs	Dec	21st	9.30a.m	Kitty, Joe, Patrick, Celia & John Lenehan & Jenny Murphy
Fri	Dec	22nd	11.00a.m	<u>Sunday Mass for Senior Citizens</u> - Gerard Reilly - 1st Anniv & Sadie, Christy, Domonic & Sabina & Martin Reilly -- Deceased McLoughlin & Davitt Family
Sat	Dec	23rd	8.00p.m	Rita Gibbons - Month's Mind -- Vincent Murphy - 2nd Anniv. -- Deceased Tighe & O'Donnell Families -- Marcella O'Donnell
Sun	Dec	24th	9.00p.m	Christmas Eve - People of the Parish

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Sun	Dec	17th	12.00p.m	Pat & Mary Jo Conway, Billy, Lena & Tony O'Connor, Pat McAndrew & Nora Conway -- Sean Gaughan -- Michael Joseph Carroll & Deceased Carey Family -- Hannah & Phelim & Scanlon & Deceased Family
Sat	Dec	23rd	10.00a.m	Imelda Carey - Birthday Remembrance -- Larry & Anne Kerrigan & Deceased Family & Lawrence, Michael & Micheal Gerard Reilly & Michael Hynes -- Mary, John, John Junior, Peter & Michael Carolan & Mary McGoldrick
Sun	Dec	24th	7.00p.m	Christmas Eve - People of the Parish

MINISTRIES	CHURCH	MASSES	SUNDAY Dec 24th
Readers	Belmullet	Vigil 8.00p.m	Máirín Uí Mhurchú
		10.30a.m	Gerry Murphy

Eucharistic	Belmullet	Vigil 8.00p.m	Carmel Gaughan
Ministers		10.30a.m	Eva Reilly
Eucharistic	Glencastle	12.00p.m	Alan Gaughan
Ministers			

Reflection

Today, the third Sunday of Advent, is called 'Gaudete Sunday' which means, "Rejoice Sunday". The opening antiphon for today's liturgy asks us to "**Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice. Indeed the Lord is near.**" Today, on our Advent Wreath we light our pink candle to mark this day of joy. St. Paul's advice and encouragement from the first reading today gives this third Sunday of Advent its traditional name Gaudete Sunday. Joy is the central message of our readings and prayers this Sunday, and indeed it is the central message of the whole of Advent. The whole Advent season is celebration of Christ. One of the most well-known Christmas carols is 'Joy to world.' The words to this carol were written by Isaac Watts in 1719. At Christmas it will be sung all over the world. The music for it comes from Handel's 'Messiah.' The first words that Mary hears when she is told that she is going to be the mother of Jesus are, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured.' Mary is to be filled with joy because God has called her by her name and her son will be the long awaited Messiah. Let us all, like Mary, rejoice in the Lord always! Again I say, "Rejoice!"

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.

Penitential Service

Our Lady of Lourdes Church
Glencastle on Monday 18th at 7.00p.m
Church of The Sacred Belmullet
Monday 18th at 8.00p.m

Offertory Collection
Belmullet € 1905.00
Glencastle € 954.37

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 6**
Joan Fahey & Carmel McAndrew
GLENCASTLE Glencastle
Kathleen McAndrew, Mary Ellen Rowland & Caroline
McDonagh

RECENTLY DECEASED
Please pray for the soul of
Jackie Connor, Carnerock,
Belmullet
May he Rest in Peace

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
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.

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;
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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.

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 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.

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 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

Belmullet 1824 - 2024 - Bicentenary Ball on 1st January 2024 . Event Information: Tickets are priced at €60 per person which includes a three course evening meal and entertainment from the renowned Late Late Show house band, The Camembert Quartet, alongside special guest singer Buck Taylor. Doors open at 5:30 with pre-dinner entertainment. A limited number of group tables of 8-10 individuals are available to book through The Broadhaven BayHotel reception T:(097)20600.

The Noel Reilly Annual St Stephens Day Dip At 12 noon in aid of Cancer Care West. For more info. Contact Eva Reilly 0863199905 or Paul Reilly 0863571849. All proceeds going to Inis Aobheann

Carúil na Nollag This year's Carols by Candlelight event will take place in the Old Church, Belmullet, on Sat. 16 Dec. after 8pm Mass in Belmullet. Sa tSean-Seipéal, Dé Sathairn 16 Nollag, tar eis Aifreann in mBéal an Mhuirthead. Beidh fáilte roimh gach éinne agus beidh deoch te do chách! Hot drinks for everyone! Admission free – donations gratefully received. All welcome!

Transition year students from St. Brendan's College, Belmullet will present their Christmas Variety Concert in Arás Inis Gluaire on Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th December at 7.30pm. Students and OAP's €7. Adults €10. Tickets must be pre-booked at (097) 81437.

Bangor Hall Bingo Thursday night 21st December at 8pm. Jackpot €600 in 47 calls or less F26 AE80

Free Christmas Advertising for Community Groups with Mayo PPN: Are you holding a community event/activity? Email you details with a Jpeg poster to mayoppn@mayococo.ie We will circulate via the PPN social media platforms to our 1000 plus community groups registered with Mayo PPN. To register with Mayo PPN, follow this link: <https://mayoppn.ie/join-mayo-ppn/>

JOB VACANCY The Board of Management of Killmore Erris NS, Binghamstown invite applications for the position of PART TIME SECRETARY (10 hours per week) The position is subject to satisfactory Garda vetting and a probationary period. The ideal candidate should be highly proficient in word processing, data processing, excel, IT skills and bookkeeping. Applications with C.V references and any other supporting documentation should be forwarded to the following address by Wednesday, 20th December The Chairperson, Board of Management, Binghamstown, Belmullet, Co. Mayo. F26 TX0

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 in Westport commences on 09th February 2024 (or the online programme will commence on 30th January 2024) 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

Thanks to everyone who got involved in the cleaning and decorating of both Churches for Christmas. Your help is very much

appreciated.

Prayer Group Meeting There will be an advent Prayer Meeting in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in Belmullet Church at 7.00pm on Wednesday Wednesday 13th December. It will be led by Monica Morley of Midwest Radio of Faith alive programme and Angela Alder. This is part of the movement led by Bishop John Fleming to increase lay involvement in Pastoral ministry in the Parishes of Killala Dicoese. All are invited and are most welcome to attend.

Holding Out for a Hero is the title of a new book from Fr Brendan Hoban, looking at the hope and promise that Pope Francis is bringing to the Church. Copies available in Carey's Newsagents, Belmullet at €18.

Interested in hosting an Italian student in 2024, Experience new cultures and become a host. Students arrive at different times of the year which allows host families great flexibility when to host. Payment of €330 p/w, For more information text Rina on 0877414252 or email rinagarrett@gmail.com to receive your application form.

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

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 or click on this link [HERE](#) to register/find out more.

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 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

Information and Support for Birth Mothers - whose babies were placed for adoption may be found at 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 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

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

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
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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

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 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

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 / 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 Is your Community Group listed on the map? If not email mayoppn.ie and we will send you on the link to add the groups details.

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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@nlm.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 or follow the link 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?

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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

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 fsully@enableireland.ie for further information. This is a very rewarding role and our Volunteers are very positive about their experience.

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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 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 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

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 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.”

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 for our Prospectus. Please contact Karen McHale, Principal Recovery Educator 086 0294901 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 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

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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL Tel. Helpline 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.