

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART, BELMULLET

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

CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES, GLENCASTLE

Sunday 12.00 noon, Wednesday and Saturday 10.15am

Fr. Michael Reilly P.P. 097-81426 or 086-0847179

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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

Fri	Dec	24th	11.00a.m	<u>Christmas Eve Mass for Senior Citizens</u> - Seamus Rutherford
Fri	Dec	24th	8.00p.m	Christmas Eve -- For all the Deceased in the Parish
Sat	Dec	25th	9.00a.m	Christmas Day -- For all the Sick and Housebound
Sat	Dec	25th	10.30a.m	Christmas Day -- People of the Parish
Sun	Dec	26th	10.30a.m	St Stephen's Day -- Kate & Paddy Hopkins, Johnny Hickey, Catherine Gavin & Annie & Patrick Geraghty, Pat & Kate Cuddy & Deceased Walsh & Barrett Families, Shraigh
Tues	Dec	28th	11.00a.m	Dan Hegarty -- Gerald & Moya McLoughlin & Deceased McLoughlin Family
Wed	Dec	29th	9.30a.m	Tony O'Malley, Carratigue - Birthday Remembrance
Thurs	Dec	30th	9.30a.m	Kathleen Garrett -- Teenie & Willie Tallott
Fri	Dec	31st	11.00a.m	<u>Sunday Mass for Senior Citizens</u> - Jimmy & Mary Lynskey & Martin Gibbons & Deceased Families -- Sr. Evelyn Gallagher & Deceased Doocey & Gallagher Families -- Josephine Sweeney - Birthday Remembrance
Sat	Jan	1st	8.00p.m	Johnny Hickey & Deceased Hopkins & Hickey Families -- Michael & Kathleen Togher & Thomas & Margaret Togher
Sun	Jan	2nd	12.00p.m	P.J. Barrett - Month's Mind -- Eamonn & Kathleen Scanlon & Mary & Pat Keane -- Peggy & Patrick Doherty, Barrack St

MASS TIMES - GLENCASTLE

Fri	Dec	24th	6.00p.m	Christmas Eve -- For the Deceased of the Parish
Sat	Dec	25th	12.00p.m	Christmas Day -- People of the Parish
Sun	Dec	26th	12.00p.m	St. Stephen's Day -- Brendan Howard - Month's Mind -- Thomas Meenaghan, Foxpoint -- Tommy & Mary Lennon, Annie & Paul Cuffe & Jim, Bridgie & Paddy Joe Kennedy -- Francis McGoff & Deceased Kilker & McGoff Families
Sun	Jan	2nd	12.00p.m	Mary(Molly) McNulty, Carrowmore/Birmingham -1st Anniv. -- Paddy Barrett --Peter, Michael & Bridget Howard, Ann Handley & John Mooney -- Ann & Hughie Carolan & Deceased Carolan Families -- Kathleen Barrett-Birthday Remembrance -- Sabina & Anthony Conway & Deceased Conway & Barrett Families -- Seamus Keenaghan, Gortmelia

Stewards	Belmullet	Vigil 8.00p.m	Helen Lynch & Maeve Carabine
		10.30a.m.	Robbie Barrett & Ian McAndrew
Readers	Belmullet	Vigil 8.00p.m	Patricia Barrett
		10.30a.m.	Nuala Sheridan
Eucharistic Ministers	Belmullet	Vigil 8.00p.m	Mairín Uí Mhurchú
		10.30a.m	Delia Garvin
Stewards	Glencastle	12.00p.m	Audrey Murphy & Andrew Parks
Eucharistic Ministers	Glencastle	12.00p.m	Michael Joe Lally

**Steward for During the week
Loretta McGuire**

***FR. MICHAEL REILLY WISHES YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY, PEACEFUL AND BLESSED
CHRISTMAS***

**ZYCZENIA S ZCZESLIWEGO ORAZ SPOKOJNEGO NOWEGO ROKU
LAIMIGU JAUNO GADU**

Christmas 2021 message by Bishop John Fleming

The road to Bethlehem was a rocky one for Mary and Joseph. The news of her pregnancy came as a surprise to both of them. Then Herod intervenes and causes them to leave home and go to Bethlehem to fill up a census form. Her labour pains came before she arrived at her accommodation and her baby was born in a stable, only to be quickly surrounded by shepherds and angels. You could be forgiven for wondering why God did not plan the birth of his Son better. And of course the fact is that God did what he did to make the point that Jesus is just like us. So often all our plans for a calm, stress free life, with support all around us from family and friends and not a shadow of difficulty, never materialise. Illness crosses our path, Covid-19 enters our world, job insecurity raises its ugly head and restrictions mean that we cannot plan for the holiday we hoped for or the wedding reception we dreamed of or, most importantly, the consolation of an Irish funeral.

The pregnancy, Herod and the journey brought Mary and Joseph, together with Jesus, into the world of uncertainty that we experience and live in. But on the other hand, angels brought them comfort, shepherds brought them joy, the Magi brought him recognition and the final angel brought protection, as they left by night for Egypt. And God is saying to us this Christmas, through all the uncertainty of our lives and, in particular, of this pandemic, you'll get through it and come out at the other end. Jesus is the reason for this season and the bottom line of his message through the ages is; 'I have conquered sin and death to reach the Resurrection and eternal life; so will you. Hope is my message'. What more could we want from Christmas 2021? In these days before Christmas, I want to offer my sympathy to all who have lost family members or friends in the past year, and who couldn't mark their passing as they would have wanted to. I take this opportunity to say a word of thanks to our

priests and to all the parish volunteers who have given so generously of their time to keep us safe and allow us to worship. I wish you and your families every blessing for Christmas and the coming year.

A happy and blessed Christmas to everyone.

John Fleming

Bishop of Killala

We offer heart-felt thanks to all those people who voluntarily give of their time to assist us - Parish Pastoral Council, parish office staff, housekeeper, cleaners, sanitizers, counters, choirs, organists, flower arrangers, sacristans, crib-builders, caretakers, decorators, readers, Eucharist Ministers - and everyone who helped in any way throughout the year. A sincere thanks to Fr. Kevin and Fr. John who helps me in the cluster. May the Christ-Child bless you in abundance.

Fr. Michael Reilly P.P.

ALTAR SOCIETIES

BELMULLET Group 7

Catherine Barrett, Mary O'Connor & Rose Conroy

GLENCASTLE Foxpoint

Breege Meenaghan, Kathleen Monaghan & Marian Gaughan

Christmas Morning

A priest was tidying on the gallery of the church, putting some leaflets away after Christmas morning Mass when he heard a noise. Looking down into the church, he saw a little boy cycle up the aisle at great speed. He jumped off his bike, grabbed baby Jesus from the crib, strapped him to the carrier of the bike and made a hasty exit from the church. The priest was dumbfounded and did not know what to do. He considered calling the child's family but felt that might only cause trouble. Within minutes the boy returned, cycled to the crib and left

Jesus where he had found him. The priest called to him: "Why did you do that?"

"Ah Father", the boy beamed with pride "I wrote to Santa for a bike and I told Jesus that if Santa delivered, I would come here and bring him for the first spin on it". A boy of his word! The word was made flesh.

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.

CHURCH ENVELOPES

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

Finding New Ways of Praying at Home

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

Pope Francis Words

Do you want to fast this lent
Fast from hurting words and say kind words
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude
Fast from anger and be filled with patience
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
Fast from worries and trust in God.
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

Our Lady of Lourdes Prayer for healing

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

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

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

Obtain, O loving Mother, the grant of my requests.

(mention your petition)

Through gratitude for your favours,
I will endeavour to imitate your virtues,
that I may one day share your glory.
Amen.

Celebration of Baptisms

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

Reflection

Where 2 or 3 meet in my name . . .

When we see the tabernacle
with the red light beside it, we
immediately accept that here is
the reserved presence of Our
Lord and Saviour. When we
attend Mass and the priest
holds up the sacred host we
immediately sense that we are
in the presence of God. But
sometimes too God may be present to us and
we can't tune into that presence. We can get a
glimpse of God in a beautiful sunset, in the
exquisite playing of a musician, in an
experience of great love.

But the other reality is that God is present to us
always. God lives in us by virtue of our baptism.
And God is present to us every time a few of us
meet in his name

Peace Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

A PRAYER FOR EVERYDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

Helplines Available:

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

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

Other Services:

Mayo University Hospital	094 9021733
Community Response Team	094 9064660
Mayo Mental Health Association	094 9038148
Mindspace Mayo	094 9067001
Mayo Recovery College	086 8255441
CROÍ	091 544310

First Prayer

O Mary,
You shine continuously on our journey
as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the foot of the cross,
were united with Jesus' suffering,
and persevered in your faith.
"Protectress of the Roman people",
you know our needs,
and we know that you will provide,
so that, as at Cana in Galilee,
joy and celebration may return
after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father
and to do what Jesus tells us.
For he took upon himself our suffering,
and burdened himself with our sorrows
to bring us, through the cross,
to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.
We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God;
Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always
from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.

Second Prayer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Accord's specialist in counselling (marriage and relationships), Mary Johnston said, "Accord is very conscious of those experiencing difficulties in their relationships and family lives as we are confined to home during this unprecedented period for all in society. The circumstances in which we are living now can increase stress and pressure on relationships and in families. To help address these challenges, Accord has established a relationship support phone line to enable callers to speak to experienced couples and relationship counsellors in order to talk through the difficulties they are experiencing". The support line is open from 9.00am – 8.00pm Monday to Friday. Please see contact details below:

- Accord NI – 028 9568 0151 or 00353 1 531 3331
- Accord CLG – 01 531 3331

Prayer for a Pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced,
Remember those whose lives are at stake.
May we who have no risk factors,
Remember those most vulnerable,
May we who have the luxury of working from home,
Remember those who must choose preserving their health, or making their rent.
when their schools close,
Remember those who have no options.
May we who have to cancel our trips
Remember those that have no safe place to go.
May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market
May we who settle in for a quarantine at home
Remember those who have no home.
As fear grips our country, let us choose love.
During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other
Let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbours. Amen

Prayer to Saint Roch

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

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

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

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

(Repeat the following 3 times)

Saint Roch, Pray for us,
That we may be preserved from all diseases of body and soul.

Peace Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord, make me an instrument
of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

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

Opening Prayer

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

1st Station: Jesus is condemned to death
2nd Station: Jesus carries His cross
3rd Station: Jesus falls the first time
4th Station: Jesus meets His Mother
5th Station: Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus to carry his cross
6th Station: Veronica wipes the face of Jesus
7th Station: Jesus falls the second time
8th Station: Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem
9th Station: Jesus falls a third time
10th Station: Jesus clothes are taken away
11th Station: Jesus is nailed to the cross
12th Station: Jesus dies on the cross
13th Station: The body of Jesus is taken down from the cross
14th Station: Jesus is laid in the tomb

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

Offertory Collection

Belmullet €

Glencastle €

Many thanks for your continued support.

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

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

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

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

Sacred Heart Church Belmullet

Church will be closed at 6.30p.m every evening

HOUSE STATIONS

Anyone interested in hosting Stations please contact the priest.

NOTIFICATION OF SICKNESS

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

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

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

PARISH NOTICE

GLANathon - Belmullet Tidy Towns

Did you know that Belmullet gained an extraordinary 13 points in this year's national Tidy Towns competition, bringing us to a fantastic total of 341 – this is only 14 points away from the national Tidy Towns winner (Ennis, Co. Clare)! Following on from our remarkable results, we're organising a week-long GLANathon in the town. The volunteers are eager to get the town sparkling again for Christmas, with the help of the whole community! Beginning on Mon. 13 Dec. (ending on Fri. Dec. 17) this year's event allows more flexibility for students, residents and business owners to get stuck in at a time and place of your choosing. Your practical help would be very much appreciated – whether you do 10 minutes or two hours! Each day during the GLANathon you will see volunteers & scheme workers busy throughout the town cleaning, weeding, scuffling, sweeping, litter-picking, planting – anything that will further enhance Belmullet's beauty! If you are joining in, please remember that your safety is paramount - be very careful if you are on, or near, busy roads and please be Covid-cautious at all times. If you need hi-vis vests or any equipment, please call Elaine on 097 20977. If you are able to make a donation to the online fundraiser on the GoFundMe platform, please know that Baile Slachtmhar Bhéal an Mhuirthead are truly grateful for every cent – it makes a big difference to our town. The target this year is €2,021 – to celebrate this year's amazing competition results! Míle buíochas. Ní neart go cur le chéile!

4 lectures for the Taster in Theology Series Spring 2022 on “Keeping Faith in the Future” given by Professor Michael A. Conway, Professor of Faith and Culture, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth. The course nights are February 10th, 17th & 24th and March 10th from 7pm to 10pm. The cost of the course is €60 and booking is essential. Please phone 096 72066 or email reception@newman.ie to book a place.

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

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

Thursday 20th January

Monday 07th February

Tuesday 01st March

Wednesday 09th March

If you or any of your friends or colleagues would like to join the next course in January, you can contact me at 087 349 0393

Please see below link for more information about the course www.hse.ie/livingwell

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

Adult Literacy classes available one to one. Contact 0876643796

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

Knock Market @ the Plaza

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

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

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

We look forward to seeing you on the day.

Events at Áras Inis Gluaire:

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

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

For information on reserving places for any of the above or any question please call 097 81079 or e-mail info@arasinisgluaire.ie

Covid restrictions will apply.

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

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

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

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

Further Education Centre Belmullet (Part Time Courses October 2021)

The Back to Education Initiative is planning to commence the following QQI components in October 2021 -

QQI Level 5 Challenging Behaviour

QQI Level 5 Intellectual Disability Studies

For further information please contact Geraldine Tighe: 096 71652/087 7715096 or email: geraldinetighe@msletb.ie

COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

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

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If you have any further questions don't hesitate to call me, I'd be delighted to have a chat about it all.

Frances O'Loughlin, Tel: +353 (0)86 8510769 (mobile) www.prioryinstitute.com

TFI LOCAL LINK MAYO SERVICES ARE CURRENTLY OPERATING AT 75% CAPACITY DUE TO COVID REGULATIONS. PRE BOOKING IS RECOMMENDED.

Contact 094 900 5150 or visit <https://locallinkmayo.ie/time-table/> for more information about services in the area

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

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

Free Training! Enrolling Now If you struggled at school, have been long term unemployed, are recovering from or living with an illness or would benefit from extra support, the National Learning Network could be for you. We offer the

expertise and time to enable people to flourish. QQI courses include: IT & Business Skills (home and centre based), Sports and Gym Instructor Studies, Fast Track to Employment and more. If you are registered with the DEASP you could be entitled to the free training, Continuous enrolment, payments are protected and people under 26 could gain extra training allowance. Contact: Castlebar@nln.ie; (094) 9022770; Breaffy Road, Castlebar, or see our website www.nln.ie.

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

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

MARIAN PILGRIMAGES

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

COVID-19 COLLECT AND DELIVER SERVICE

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

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

Services that are still available during current Lockdown @BallinaFRC:

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

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

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

Cara Iorrais Belmullet Cancer Support House

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

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

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

Colette Corless : Employability Service : 0863418643

Marie O'Donnell : Local Employment Service: 09781722

Ann Conroy : Local Employment Service: 0872156660

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

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

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

Pieta House Outreach Service Ballina

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

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Extract from Saint Patrick's Breastplate

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

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

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

available. Contact 096 31809.

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

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

Tune on your television to the 'EWTN' catholic station on (sky channel 588 or on Saorview free to air) where you will be able to view daily Masses, the rosary, the divine mercy 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 085 1305390. You are not alone in your need for help.

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