

## Parish of Kilclooney & Creagh

### Ballinasloe Faith Community Area

Sunday, 1st February, 2026 – Feast of St Brigid – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT  
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**RIP:** Sarah (Jo) Burton, Woodlands; Bernadette (Bernie) Keating, Ard Mhuire; Kevin Walsh, Kilgarve Park; Very Rev James Egan, Tipperary; Marjorie Salter, Hawthorn Close; Paddy Daly, Fardrum, Athlone (br.of Nancy Mulvihill, Birchgrove).

### MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK IN ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH: 10a.m.

**Mon:** John & Mary Ward, St Grellans Tce: Patrick, Anne, Johnny & Mary Geraghty, Georgie & Mary Geraghty, Mackney.

**Tues:** Olive D'Arcy, St. Michael' Place.

**Wed:** James Phelan, Duggan Avenue.

**Thur:** Dec Mem of Meade Family, Portnick; Michael Kelly, Ard Mhuire.

**Fri:** Mary Kelly, Woodview, Brackernagh.

**Sat:** People of the Parish.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>:** First Mass of; Sat 7p.m. Mary Coughlan, Fairfield;

Darren Sammon & Dec mem Sammon Family; Angela O Carroll, Millrace, Mary & Patrick Burns, Clonadron.

**9a.m.** Personal Intention

**12noon:** Charlie Walker, Ahascragh; John O Connell, Mackney; Mary Ward, Portumna & John Ward, 44, St Grellans Tce; Teresa & Pat (Patsy) Finn, St Josephs Place & dec mem of Finn & Dwyer Family.

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH, CREAGH: SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>:**

**10.30a.m:** Emer McGowan, Clarary (M.M.)

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**Adoration:** Wed from 3-5p.m. Intercessory prayer for priests' vocations. Thur from 2-7p.m.

**Sacrament of Confession:** Saturdays 10.30-11.00am

**The Five First Saturdays Devotion:** St Michaels Church, beginning 7<sup>th</sup> February – 9.15 Am.

**World Day for Consecrated Life.** We give thanks for the gift of those who live out their Christian calling in religious orders and religious communities. Their life, witness, work and prayer among us is deeply appreciated. Bishop Michael will host a special Gathering for All Religious in the Diocese of Clonfert and the Diocese of Galway, Kilmacduagh and Kilfenora on Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup> in Galway Cathedral at 12.30pm.

**Solemn Novena 2026** — Galway Cathedral Solemn Novena takes place between Monday 2 and Tuesday 10 February: For further information [www.galwaycathedral.ie/novena](http://www.galwaycathedral.ie/novena)

**Celebration of the Sacraments of First Confession, First Holy Communion, Confirmation**

**2026:** We remember in our prayers those who are beginning to prepare for the celebration of the important Sacraments of First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation this year. We also remember their families, sponsors, teachers and our entire parish community who will journey with them.

**Collection Envelopes and Parish Calendars are** available from the Presbytery. Thank You. **The Dioceses of Clonfert and Galway, Kilmacduagh and Kilfenora** are currently **hiring for a range of roles**, based primarily in Galway City. Further information and full job descriptions are available at [www.clonfertgalway.ie/jobs](http://www.clonfertgalway.ie/jobs)

**'Life in the Spirit' seminars:** continue every Tuesday until the 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 7p.m at Clonfert Family Centre, Brackernagh, H53 NX59. Guest speaker every week. All are welcome to come and see. Details: Theresa on 086 3241269

**Managing Challenging Behaviour:** For Parents/Guardians of children who have experienced Domestic Violence or Coercive Control and act out aggressively. To support parents to keep themselves and their children safe and help their child to develop new ways of coping., This programme will run every Tuesday for 9 weeks-starts 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2026 – 10.15 am to 12.30pm, Ballinasloe Family and Community Resource Centre, Ballinasloe Social Services, Brackernagh.

**Parent, Guardian and Toddler Group Join us on Fridays from 10am to 12pm in the FCRC,** H53 KC98 for a lovely space for parents, guardians and toddlers to meet, chat and play. For more information contact Teresa Madden 085 1846940 or [frc@ballinasloesocialservices.ie](mailto:frc@ballinasloesocialservices.ie) H53 KC98. Support Meeting for parents of children with additional needs, every Monday, during term time, 10.30 am – 12pm, Ballinasloe Family & Community Resource Centre, Ballinasloe Social Services, Call in for a chat & cup of tea with other parents. Tel: Teresa Madden, 085 1846940.

**Addiction & Mental Health wellbeing workshop.** On Wed, 4th February, (1.30 - 4.30 pm). Contact: Amanda Hunt, Email: [regarirecoverycollege@gmail.com](mailto:regarirecoverycollege@gmail.com) Tel: 087 968 4352

**Anam Cara Galway**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents. Monthly Parent Support Evening for bereaved parents is on Wednesday 4th February @ 7.30pm in the Maldron Hotel, Headford Point, Sandy Road, Galway. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)

**Login I.T. Training:** Free Drop In Sessions for I.T training in B'sloe Library on Fridays 11-1p.m. starts on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> until Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March. No booking required -bring your device along.

**Tea Dance:** in aid of Galway Hospice in Treacy's, Killimor on Sat 7<sup>th</sup> from 9p.m. Adm: €10.

**A successful businessman** once was asked the secret of success. His reply summed up success in three words: AND THEN SOME. He learned early in life that the difference between average people and truly successful people could be simply stated in those three words. Top people did what was expected and then some! Jesus taught them 'and then some' principles in the Sermon on the Mount. He is saying: Go beyond what is expected! Go a little further! Let these words serve as a tonic for your spirit. Practice your faith faithfully –and then some. Give generously of your time and resources- and then some. Greet those you meet with a smile – and then some. Meet your obligations; be dependable –and then some. Do your best in all things and at all times –and then some. - Clarence DeLoach Jr

**Saint Brigid**, You were a woman of peace. You brought harmony where there was conflict. You brought light to the darkness. You brought hope to the downcast.

May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious. May peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world. Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made. Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the weary.

Strengthen what is weak within us. Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens. May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit. Amen.

