Ballybunion Parish Newsletter	*18th October, 2026*	*Twenty-Nineth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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Schedule for the Week:	
Sat. 17th Oct. 7.00p.m.	Rose Ann Diggin (1st Anniv.); John Joe & Sheila Hennessy; Denis & Noreen O'Connor, Dirra & decd. members of the Kelly Family Upper Lahardane; John Noel Dillon; Thomas Moloney, Church Rd.; Mary Delea; Winnie, Maudie and Jerry O'Sullivan; Eileen, John Michael & Mai Mangan.
Sun. 18th Oct. 11.30am	Kathleen, Billy, Mick, Kate & John Murphy, East End; Jeremiah Lawlor; Jimmy Dalton, Church Rd.; Thomas Falvey, John Falvey, Ann Meehan McCarron.
Mon. 19th Oct. 9.00am	**STATION**: Bromore, Tullamore, Acres, Castlequarters, Lahesrough, Lahardane
Wed 21st Oct. 10.00 a.m.	**STATION**: Gortnaskehy, Commons, Barna, Moohane, Farranpierce, Dromin
Fri. 23rd Oct. 10.00a.m.	**STATION:** Lower sandhill Road, Marconi Ave, Gleann na Mara, Pairc na dTur
Sat. 24th Oct. 7.00p.m.	Bridie Whelan, Paddy and Kitty Rowan, Mulvihill Family East End Marian Mulvihill,
Sun. 25th Oct. 11.30am	Francis O'Carroll, Trish Nagle, Eddie Hennessy Clounamon & decd. members of the Walsh Family Blackparks, Tom & Anne Foley & their grandson Tom Collins Gullane

Parish Notes

Welcome to St. John's Church. This is a House of the Lord: Please speak to Him for yourself and those dear to you. This is a Sanctuary of God: Please maintain the silence and respect befitting its sacredness. This is a place of sacrifice: Please, let us be especially conscious of this as we prepare for the celebration of Mass. **Confession:** Saturdays 6.15p.m. - 6.45p.m.

Priest on Duty Sunday 18thOct.: Fr. Pat Crean Lynch Ardfert: 087-2000114

Please pray for the souls of Liz Coleman Hillview Crescent & Marie Pierce Bromore who were buried during the week & for Ned Purtill and Patsy Ryan whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament: Mass on Monday morning 19th Oct. at 9 a.m. followed by exposition until 10.30 a.m. **UN International Day of Eradication of Poverty** is 17th October

NEWKD Smartphone Support for Older People. 5 Euro a class. 068-23429

Christmas Wreath Workshops 20 Euro Kerry Parents & friends Listowel 0872995337

Propagation of the Faith Collection - The Pope's annual appeal to support missionaries will be taken up at Masses this weekend 17th/18th Oct. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

Reflection: Mission to love – Proclaiming, living and sharing God's faithful love. If unity is the condition of mission, love is its essence. The Good News that we are sent to proclaim to the world is not an abstract ideal; it is the Gospel of God's faithful love, which became flesh in the face and life of Jesus Christ. The mission of the disciples and the Church as a whole is to continue the mission of Christ in the Holy Spirit: a mission born of love, lived in love, and leading to love. In fact, the Lord himself, in his great prayer to the Father before his Passion, after invoking unity among his disciples, concludes: "so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them" (Jn 17:26). Impelled by the love of Christ, the Apostles then went out to evangelize for Christ. In the same way, throughout the centuries, multitudes of Christians — martyrs, confessors and missionaries — have given their lives to make this divine love known to the world. Thus, guided by the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of love, the Church's evangelizing mission will continue until the end of time. I would like to express my special gratitude to today's missionaries. Like St Francis Xavier, they have left their homeland, their families and all sense of security in order to proclaim the Gospel and bring Christ and his love to places that are often challenging, poor, conflict-ridden or culturally distant. Despite adversity and human limitations, they continue to give themselves joyfully, because they know that Christ himself, and his Gospel, are the greatest treasures we can offer. Through their perseverance, they demonstrate that God's love transcends all barriers. The world still needs these courageous witnesses of Christ, and ecclesial communities still need new missionary vocations. We must always keep them close to our hearts and continually pray to the Father for them. May he grant us the gift of young people and adults who are willing to leave everything behind to follow Christ on the path of evangelization even to the ends of the earth! Filled with admiration for men and women missionaries, I make a special appeal to the whole Church to join them in the mission of evangelization through the witness of our lives in Christ, through prayer and through our contributions to the missions. As St Francis of Assisi said, "Love is not loved," and we look to him in a special way on the eight hundredth anniversary of his passing to heaven. Let us find inspiration in his desire to live in the love of the Lord and to transmit it to those both near and far, because, as he said, "this love Who hath loved us much is much to be loved" (St Bonaventure). Let us also draw inspiration from the zeal of St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, who declared that she would continue her mission even after death: "I shall desire in heaven the same thing as I do now on earth: to love Jesus and to make him loved". Inspired by these testimonies, let us all commit to contributing to the great mission of evangelization — which is always a work of love —according to our own vocation and the gifts we have received. Your prayers and practical support, particularly on World Mission Day, will be a great help in bringing the Gospel of God's love to everyone, especially the poorest and those most in need. Every gift, no matter how small, becomes a meaningful act of missionary communion. I renew my heartfelt gratitude "for everything you will do to help me help missionaries throughout the world" . To foster spiritual communion, I give you my blessing with this simple prayer: Holy Father, make us one in Christ, rooted in his love that unites and renews. May all members of the Church be united in mission, docile to the Holy Spirit, courageous in bearing witness to the Gospel, proclaiming and daily embodying your faithful love for all creatures. Bless all missionary men and women, support them in their efforts, and watch over them in hope! Mary, Queen of Missions, accompany our work of evangelization in every corner of the earth: make us instruments of peace, and grant that the whole world may recognize in Christ the light that saves. Amen. (Extract from Message of Pope Leo XIV for Mission Sunday, 2026) **God Bless.** **Fr. Gearóid Walsh, P.P.**

CONFIRMATION COMMITMENT CEREMONY

(Invite the Confirmandi, along with their parents/guardians to come to the front of the Church)

Celebrant: Parents/Guardians, what do you ask of God's Church for your children?
Parents/Guardians: Confirmation.

Celebrant: By asking for the Sacrament of Confirmation for your children, you are accepting responsibility for helping them to grow in the practice of the Catholic faith and in their appreciation of it. Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?
Parents/Guardians: I do.

Celebrant: Parents/guardians, in the name of the faith community, I ask you to bless your children by tracing the cross of Christ on their foreheads as you did when they were baptised. **(*Parents sign your child with the sign of the Cross)***

Celebrant: Boys and girls, what do you ask for?

Confirmandi: We ask for the Sacrament of Confirmation. We ask for the support of our parents, sponsors and families. We ask also for the support of our parish faith community. It is only with your example and witness that we can prepare well to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Celebrant: Do you believe that God's Spirit has called you in Baptism to live as Jesus asked us to?
Confirmandi: I do.

Celebrant: Do you believe that in Baptism God's Spirit made you beloved sons and daughters of God?
Confirmandi: I do.

Celebrant: Do you wish to receive a fresh outpouring of God's Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation?
Confirmandi: I do.

Celebrant: Do you promise to spend some time in prayer each day?
Confirmandi: I do.
Priest: Do you promise to deepen your understanding of what it means to belong to God's family by joining with your faith community at the celebration of Mass every weekend?
Confirmandi: I do.

Celebrant: I now accept each of you as a candidate for Confirmation. I ask you to be diligent in your preparation. May the love of God the Creator support you; may the light of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, guide you; and may the Holy Spirit strengthen you.
Confirmandi: Amen.

Parents together: We, the parents, commit ourselves wholeheartedly to journeying with our sons and daughters. We promise to help them to prepare for Confirmation by doing our best to create a Christian environment in our home, and through worship with the faith community on Sundays. As we did at their Baptism, we commit ourselves again to giving witness to our faith in daily life, by attitudes and behaviour inspired by Gospel values.

Celebrant: I ask you, the members of the parish faith community, to support these parents with your prayers and witness to the faith as they journey with the boys and girls in preparation for Confirmation.

Rite of Renewal of Baptismal Promises (All stand)

Celebrant: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth?
All: I do.
Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only son, Our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?
All: I do.
Celebrant: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting?

All: I do.
Celebrant: This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it, in Christ Jesus our Lord.
All: Amen.