

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.

No Masses in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Glencastle

Masses will be celebrated in The Sacred Heart Church Belmullet and can be viewed on line on churchtv.ie and click onto Belmullet

Please Note that due to Government Restrictions on all

Public gatherings Masses are celebrated **online only** starting on 26th of December in The Sacred Heart Church, Belmullet and can be viewed on our webcam at churchtv.ie and click onto Belmullet.

Fr. Michael Reilly wishes you all a very happy and joyful Easter and sincere Thank You to all who helped at the Easter Ceremonies and in the Church in any way.

MASS TIMES - BELMULLET

Sun	Apr	18th	10.30a.m.	Tommy Lennon - Month's Mind -- Bridget Sweeney, Glengad - 1st Anniv -- Sonny Shevlin -- Denny, John, Barbara & Rita Garvin -- Annie & Pat Coyle, Bernadette & Cyril Duignan & Francis Scahill - Mary & John McAndrew, Carrowmore -- Michael McDonnell - 15th Anniv & 80th Birthday Remembrance
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Wed	Apr	21st	10.00a.m.	Eddie McAndrew - 100th Birthday Remembrance -- Maura Sheridan
				-- Tom, Rose & Paddy Murphy & Patrick & Julia Murphy -- Mary & William Barrett
Thurs	Apr	22nd	10.00a.m.	Paddy & Marcella Shevlane
Fri	Apr	23rd	10.00a.m.	Keiran Gannon & Mary McNamara & Deceased Gannon & Coyle Families -- Annie & Sean Heneghan & Deceased Heneghan Family
Sun	Apr	25th	10.30a.m.	Kathleen Barrett - Month's Mind -- Jim Kelly -- Maura & Willie Walshe -- Edward & Teresa Barrett, Derrycorrib -- Theresa & Kevin McDonnell & Dec McDonnell & McAndrew Families -- Bernadette Lavelle & Dec Lavelle Family

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray soul of

Adrian Howard, Glencastle,

Mary Maloney nee Barrett, Shanvogroomeen/Solihull, U.K.

wife of Pat Maloney

& Margaret McArthur U.K. sister of Tess Reilly, Mulhern Crescent

Michael Ruddy, Alt/Virginia, USA Brother of Gus Ruddy (Funeral arrangements will be announced later)

May they rest in Peace

SUPPORT FOR THE PARISH

Thank you to parishioners for your generosity to the Priests' Easter Collection. We are grateful that you are remembering the parish and our priests at this time of year. Thank you

GIFT OF LIFE

“Life itself is the most precious gift of all. I give thanks to God for this ultimate gift without which nothing else is possible. In these days we are all very aware of the need to protect the life of every child in the womb. However, it is paradoxical, and in some ways the ultimate delusion, to extinguish this most fundamental right of all, the right to life of the innocent child, in the name of personal and civil rights. May the Lord open our eyes to see the image of God in every child at every stage of their lives”

Bishop Dermot Farrell.

To doubt is part of our faith

YOU could say that St Thomas is your patron saint and mine. Because at some point in all of our lives, no matter how strong our faith, we are confronted with the reality of doubt. Doubt is a universal experience. In fact, it's part of the essence of faith. As a famous theologian once said, absolute certainty is the very opposite of faith. Sooner or later what we believe is confronted with difficult and sometimes expected realities. Believing is easy when all is well but when the storms of life come, it can be difficult to reconcile them with a God of love. Family difficulties, the breakdown of an important relationship, the sudden onset of serious illness, the death of those we love can all place question-marks against what may, up to then, be a confident faith in a God who loves us and cares us. Or we may have prayed for some favour for ourselves or a family member and it is if all we hear are the echoes of our own words reverberating back to us. And suddenly we're confronted with a God of silence. That's why a compelling truth about the nature of faith is contained in the following lines:

I believe in the sun, even when it's not shining

I believe in love, even when I'm alone, I believe in God even when he is silent

Just a thought!

Don't get disheartened.

Try to strengthen your will more and more.

The will has to be fed.

You've gotta grease it up once in a while.

Determination and desire

are what will grease up your

rusty wheel called 'the will'.

Once your will is in God's Will

you won't have the problems you

had before.

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.

EASTER MESSAGE - FR. MICHAEL

“What strange times we live in” have become the opening words to so many conversations over the past

year. New terminology has become common place and are almost clichéd by now; “self-isolating”, “social distancing”, “safe-distancing”, “cocooning”, “sanitising”... all reflecting the unprecedented situation we now find ourselves in, not just in Belmullet or Mayo but all over the world. We have literally been confined to barracks, living and working from home, for those for whom that is possible.

The importance of community has become so evident, and it is so encouraging and heartening to see the positive effect of the great efforts of so many across Erris and Belmullet. So much of our work and efforts as Church is in creating community. *Pobal Dé, Teach an Phobail*. The Body of Christ, building up a community that not only prays but puts the Christian message into action and radiates the caring presence of Christ in our parishes. *Ar scáth a chéile a mhaireann na daoine*. We live in each other's shadow. Where would we be without the help of neighbours and people around us?

This year, more than ever, and in the light of the pain and suffering around us, Easter takes on a whole new significance and meaning as it mirrors where we might be at the present time and lifts us above and beyond that to hope of better times.

Despite whatever challenges we have, deep down we are Easter people, we are people of hope, we have an indomitable spirit within us, because we are baptised!

As Irish people we have an ingrained toughness, a natural resilience. We survived difficult times down through the centuries, we survived a famine that threatened to wipe us out completely. I know we will pull through this crisis as well, with the help of our faith and the care of each other.

By way of a parting message, just three parting words of advice:

- ◇ Stay at home, Stay safe,
- ◇ Look out for each other, especially our elderly and vulnerable neighbours!
- ◇ Keep hopeful, keep the faith and pray to God for an end to the Crisis, soon after Easter!

A heartfelt thank you to all who support our Parish so generously and all who help out in anyway.

A sincere thank you to Fr. Kevin and Fr. John who help me in the cluster.

EASTER HOPE

One of the words which we associate most strongly with Easter is “hope”. It is a word that has become a bit debased in the way we use it nowadays. “I hope so” very often means “I would like to think this or that might happen, but I doubt if it will”.

Nothing could be further from the victorious and positive nature of our Easter hope.

Easter falls at a season of the year that is full of hopefulness. Longer evenings, Spring flowers, birdsong, and the sap rising in the trees. The whole creation (at least in the Northern hemisphere) is bursting with hope and the promise of new life. And the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead brings that hope to a new level of reality. Far from the resurrection being simply a metaphor that religious people use for natural renewal, as some believe, it is the yearly renewal of the Earth in Spring which is an anticipation of the resurrection; a sign pointing to something greater than itself. A shadow in search of a substance.

Transience moving towards permanence.

That is how the creator God has imprinted something of Himself into the fabric of the world. He has made it full of intimations of eternity, for instance in beauty and in music which are where many of us find the strongest suggestions of intense joy and infinity. These created things won't fulfil our yearning for eternal fellowship with God, but they will arouse it, and prepare us to find it unexpectedly, in the servant life and death of Jesus Christ.

Even today there are other signs all around us, not this time in nature or in music, but in the human lives which our eyes have been opened to value, often for the first time.

It has been a tough year since last Easter, and many people, Christians and others, have found ways of making the best of a bad job by helping one another in ways that we haven't been used to doing before. We've also found ways to show our appreciation and admiration for people who we don't usually think about. They aren't sports people, or billionaires or even politicians. They are nurses and delivery drivers and people toiling in cavernous warehouses and food factories for very low wages. People who serve the fundamental needs of God's world. And, in its own way their hidden service is a shadow of the resurrection life; the life of heaven, God's place. Our sure and certain hope.

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

COMMUNION CALLS

Due to the government guidelines and the increase in the coronavirus cases in the country it is not safe to call from house to house on the first Friday calls at the moment however if you need a priest to call please contact

Fr. Michael Reilly 086 0847179

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

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.

COLLECTION BASKETS

To help our Collectors with the Offertory Collection at the weekend Masses please hand the baskets back from seat to seat and leave at the end of the seat for collection. Please don't leave the baskets on the floor since it is hard for some collectors to pick them up from the ground. Thank you for your help.

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 during the winter months

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

ARMCHAIR AZURE TOURS IN MAYO

Mayo County Council Arts Service in partnership with local arts venues is delighted to announce Armchair Azure, a new series of free Dementia Inclusive Friendly virtual visual art tours. For those living with dementia, the virtual visual art tours are an accessible way of engaging with art online. Tours are one-hour long and are guided by a trained dementia inclusive facilitator who will guide participants through a selection of visual artworks while actively encouraging conversation and responses to each work. People are welcome to share the tour with a family member, a friend or a carer. Contact Katriona Gillespie at Mayo County Council Arts Service at mayoarts@mayococo.ie or phone 094 9064666. We will be happy to answer your questions. Tour will take place at 11am in Aras Inis Gluaire May 04th.

FREE IT & BUSINESS STUDIES COURSE NOW ENROLLING IN BELMULLET!

ARE YOU OUT OF WORK? AT A DISADVANTAGE IN THE LABOUR MARKET? UNEMPLOYED DUE TO ILLNESS? ACCIDENT OR DISABILITY? And interested in gaining a wide variety of Computer Skills that will enable you to: Return to the workplace, gain a QQI level 5 qualification, develop on-line technologies for business use such as social media or set up your own business. If so, you could be entitled to FREE Training at National Learning Network. Participants are provided with all equipment required for the duration of the course FREE OF CHARGE—including laptop, software and online support. The course is a blend of centre and home-based Learning. If you are interested, please contact Sharon Allen on 087 290 9064 or Seamus Corless on 087 608 7154 Contact your Local Employment Office on 087 1268490

Living Well is a free online group programme delivered over six workshops (2.5 hrs x 6). It is delivered by trained leaders, most of whom are also living with a long-term health condition. You will develop self-management skills and confidence to live well with your health conditions.

Free online Living Well Programme – next programmes commences on (Limited Places)

- * **Wednesday 14th April**
- * **Thursday 22nd April**
- * **Tuesday 18th May**
- * **Wednesday 26th May**

You must register in advance as places are limited to 10/12 participants. Please note you do not have to disclose your health condition on the programme. Please contact Liam Gildea on 087 349 0393 or by email at liam.gildea@mayocil.ie

SHRAIGH N.S. ENROLMENT FORMS FOR SEPTEMBER 2021 NOW AVAILABLE IN THE SCHOOL. PLEASE RING 097 81636

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.

A NEW BOOK “SEODA MUIGHEO THU AIDH” BY JOHN COSGROVE HAS BEEN PUBLISHED. IT COULD BE DESCRIBED AS A “ FROM THE NEEDLE TO the anchor” Compendium. It contains pisreoga, paidreacha, beanachtaí, mallachtí, (some of the latter wouldn't pass the Censor), rannta, focal, seanfhocal, triads, etc. A dictionary of North Mayo Gaelic words and period photographs of the region.

Included also are short accounts of North Mayo heros and legends.

This hardcover book, containing over five hundred pages retails at €30. Though written in Irish, the book has full English translation.

Contacts: John Cosgrove 096-31138/086-3704762 or Fr. Sean Killeen, Cloghans, (who made a vast contribution to this book) 096-27003/086-8349600

Mary's Meals is the simple solution to world hunger. We believe that every child should have enough food to eat and be able to go to school. We work with some of the world's poorest communities in 19 different countries to set up school feeding programmes in places where hunger and poverty can stop children from gaining an education. Currently we are feeding over 1.6 million children each weekday.

We are a no frills charity just €18.30 will feed a child for a whole school year. At least 93% of all monies raised go directly to our charitable activities. Our school feeding programmes are owned and run by local community. We are currently looking for volunteers. If you're interested about learning more about this wonderful charity please contact Nicola 087 962280

Cara Iorrais Belmullet Cancer Support House will be reopening on Tuesday 29th of September.

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.

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 9916791 or 087 7440729. Our website is www.alhomecare.ie

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.

Doing a Clear Out – Clothes Recycling

If you are clearing out your home please drop the clothes, shoes, bags etc into the Ballina Family Resource Centre, Abbey Street, Ardnaree. We are doing a Cash for Clobber as a Fundraiser for the Centre, your support would be greatly appreciated. If you need bags we have some in the centre, just drop in and collect them. For more info call 096 75573, all money received for clobber goes directly to Ballina FRC.

Mindspace Outreach Service in Ballina FRC

Mindspace Mayo offers a support service to young people (15-25yrs) 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 is running by phone or online whilst the lockdown is on for Covid19.** For further information on Mindspace Mayo please see our website www.mindspacemayo.ie or call us on 094-9067001

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**

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 your area, from pharmacies and local shops, delivering critical medical supplies to the elderly, the vulnerable and sick. If you need of such support or know someone who does contact Local Link Mayo on 094 900 5150/086 029 3728 between 9:00am and 5:00pm or email mayo@locallink.ie

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.

ARE YOU FINDING IT DIFFICULT TO COPE WITH LIFE'S PROBLEMS? PERHAPS GROW CAN HELP YOU. GROW IS A FREE CONFIDENTIAL SUPPORT group, promoting positive mental health using a 12 step program. Meetings run weekly on Tuesdays at 8pm in the Ballina Community centre. For further information on GROW or other GROW meetings across Co Mayo, you can contact Emily at 0864183543, www.grow.ie or the GROW information line 1890 474 474.

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.