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11th October, 2026 • Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time • Year A

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Spirit of Renewal

Welcome to our special initiative, ***SPIRIT OF RENEWAL*** aimed at preserving and enhancing the beauty and functionality of ***St. Muredach's Cathedral.*** As your clergy team, we are committed to ensuring that our beloved Cathedral continues to serve our community for generations to come.

For almost two centuries, people have gathered to worship in St. Muredach's Cathedral. It is the most recognisable landmark in the town and serves as a focal point for the spiritual community of the Diocese of Killala.

Our vision for our Bicentenary in 2027 is to restore and upgrade key parts of the Cathedral, making it a more inviting and inspiring place for devotion, community gatherings, and personal reflection.

This campaign, ***Spirit of Renewal,*** represents our shared commitment to our heritage and faith.

Thank you again for your willingness to consider such an impactful donation in the future of our Parish.

We look forward with optimism and hope and ask for your prayers and enthusiastic support in this great endeavour.

May God bless our efforts.

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and read more about the restoration.

"Jesus cautions about exclusive beliefs!"

IN the parable of the wedding feast, Jesus offers an image of the kingdom of heaven using the symbol of a wedding banquet. Jesus' listeners would have been familiar with the image of a wedding feast as a symbol for God's salvation. They would consider themselves to be the invited guests. Keeping this in mind helps us to understand the critique Jesus makes with this parable.

The king dispatches his servants to invite the guests to the wedding feast that he is planning for his son. The listeners would have been surprised to learn that the first guests refused the invitation. Who would refuse the king's invitation? A second dispatch of servants follows. Again to the listeners' great surprise, some guests ignore the invitation. Some of the invited guests even go so far as to mistreat and kill the servants. The king invokes his retribution against these murderers by destroying them and burning their city.

With the invited guests now deemed unworthy to attend the king's wedding feast, the servants are sent to invite whomever they can find. The guests arrive, but it appears that accepting the king's invitation brings certain obligations. The guest who failed to dress in the appropriate wedding attire is cast out of the feast. We are reminded that while many are invited to the kingdom of heaven, not all are able to meet its requirements. God invites us to his feast, giving us his salvation. Yet he asks us to repent for our sins.

Jesus' message in the parable cautions against exclusive beliefs about the kingdom of heaven. The parable also teaches about humility. Those who assume that they are the invited guests may find that they have refused the invitation, and so others are invited in their place. To accept the invitation is also to accept its obligations. God wants our full conversion in complete acceptance of his mercy.

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in the
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It makes good economic sense to place an advertisement on the back page of the Parish Bulletin.
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Friday, 30th October deadline

Nine-Night Novena to Saint Anthony

and in memory of the Holy Souls

St. Patrick's Church, Ballina

Monday, 2nd Nov. – Tuesday, 10th Nov. 2026

Mass, Talk & Novena Prayers nightly @ 7.30 p.m. *More details to follow.*

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Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time 11th October 2026

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 25:6-10

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain, he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; The Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain. The Word of the Lord.

R. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

SECOND READING Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever.Amen. The Word of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 22:1-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding". So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth". For many are called, but few are chosen.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

St. Muredach's Cathedral – Daily Masses

Monday, 12th October
8 a.m. Celebrant's Intention.
10 am *Ann Maughan, *St. Patrick's Estate*
***John Neary,** *Amana Estate.*
***Jackie and Anne Clarke**, *O'Rahilly Street.*
Tuesday, 13th October
8 a.m. Nuala Dempsey, *Killala*
Deceased Ruttledge and Bourke families.
10a.m. Des, Margaret and Patricia Nelson, *Ennis / Ballina*
Wednesday, 14th October
8 a.m. Frank and Ellie Moore, *Faranoo, Killala Road.*
10am *Erna Troy, Greenhills* **(First Anniversary)**
***Kathleen McGowan,** Quignalegan*
Deceased McGowan, Howley & Kilcullen families.
Thursday, 15th October
8 a.m. Celebrant's Intention.
10am Mary McKeague, *Hillside Rise/New York/ Creggs*
(First Anniversary)
Friday, 16th October
8 a.m. Celebrant's Intention.
10 a.m.*Bridget and John McAndrew, *Binghamstown*
Mai and Jack Heffernan, *Amana Estate*
***Johnny and Mary McHale**, Garden Street*
Caroline McHale-Corcoran, *Garden Street.*
Saturday, 17th October
10 a.m. *Noel Quinn, *Creggs Road* **(First Anniversary)**
***Eilish Cronin-Walsh**, Convent Hill Crescent*
6.30pm *Gretta & Martin Harrison, Childers Hgts/Greenaun*
***Frank and Bridget Convey**, Cloonishlaun*
Deceased Convey, Doherty and Daly families.
Sunday 18th October
8.30am Celebrant's Intention.
11 a.m. *Amanda Naughton, Cloonagun* **(First Anniv.)**
***Mary and Ernest Pownall,** Belmullet*
12.30pm *Michael Heffernan, Carrowkelly*
and Luke Lackey, *Moy Heights.*

St. Patrick's Church – Daily Masses

Monday 12th October
7.30 pm. *Charlie and Agnes Humber, P.J., Seamus, Baby Diane and John Humber,
Roches Terrace / Mount Assumpta.
***Mary Mahony,** Bunree* **& Deceased members of Mangan, Loughney, Nallon & Mahony families.**
***Private Intention.**
Tuesday, 13th October
9.30 a.m. Edward Wellard, *Abbey Court.*
Wednesday, 14th October
9.30 a.m. Celebrant's Intention.
Thursday, 15th October
9.30 a.m. Celebrant's Intention.
Friday, 16th October
9.30 a.m. People of the Parish especially the Sick.
Saturday, 17th October
9.30am Teresa and William Geelan, *Lord Edward Street.*
7.30p.m. Kevin and Peggy Judge, *Mount Assumpta*
Diane O'Brien Judge, *Limerick*
Michael & Eileen Sherlock, *Roscommon.*
Sunday, 18th October
10 am Manus McGinty, Mary McGinty
Una Ryan (nee McGinty),
Mary Rosser (nee McGinty), *Tyrawley Terrace*.
12Noon Paddy and Kathleen Marley, *Mount Assumpta*
and Cam Marley.

Priest on Duty: tel. 087 2586015

We welcome into God's family:

Corey Bobby Anderson Moran, *Moy Heights*
Valencia Claire Harvey, *Tone Street*

May God grant them Eternal Rest:

Seamus Killeen, *Church Road.*
Pat (Patsy) Mongan, *Laynsn, Bohernasup / Belleek.*
Bunny (Bernadette) Doherty (nee Walsh), *Old Shanaghy Heights.*
Veronica (Ronnie) Carey (nee Walshe), *Fenian Row/ Bray.*
Eugene Neary, *Skreen (brother of Myra Jordan)*

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
The Blessed Sacrament Chapel is open
Mon. – Fri. 2-8 pm, Sat. and Sun. 2-7 pm

Rosary for month of October 7 pm at Marian Crescent.

We welcome Fr. Francis O'Dowd of O'Dowd's Pub, Garden Street, Ballina ordained for the Diocese of Tyler, Texas. Fr. Francis was ordained on 6th October 2001 and will be celebrating his Silver Jubilee to the Priesthood on Wednesday 21st October at 6.30 p.m. in St. Muredach's Cathedral and afterwards for refreshments in the Newman Institute. All are welcome to attend the celebrations. On behalf of the Parish of Kilmoremoy we extend every blessings, good wishes and continued good health in the Vineyard of the Lord. We extend our congratulations to Fr. Francis' family who will be celebrating his Jubilee Mass. Ad Multus Annos. Prayers and best wishes from the Parish of Kilmoremoy.
Fr. Anthony, Fr. Aidan and Fr. Kieran.

The Kilmoremoy Parish Children's Choir welcomes boys & Girls (3rd-6th class) which sings @ 10 a.m. Mass on allocated Sundays. Practice is on corresponding Fri. 5-6 pm Tel. Mary Caulfield @ 086-346 3515.

St Muredach's Cathedral Boys' Choir welcomes (boys 3rd - 6th class). The boys' choir sings @ the 6.30pm Sat Mass once a month in St Muredach's Cathedral, @ the Carol Service & other concerts in the community. They rehearse weekly. Boys that can play instruments i.e. flute, fiddle, accordion,guitar etc. Apply email stmuredachsboyschoir@gmail.com.

Rosary in Leigue Cemetery Sun. 1st Nov. at 3 pm. Blessing of graves @ Leigue Cemetery will take place, along with Rosary & Prayers for the deceased.

Annual Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated on Sun. 8th Nov. at 7.30 p.m. in St. Patrick's Church. It is a time when we remember and call to mind the names of our loved ones and pray together that they enjoy the eternal embrace of Our loving Father, eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. **Amen**.

St. Anthony Novena
Nine-night Novena to Saint Anthony and in memory of the Holy Souls begins Monday 2nd November 7.30 p.m. in St. Patrick's Church.

Monthly Mass for Peace in the Pastoral Centre on Tuesday at 8 p.m.

Parish office & Gift Shop is open from Monday–Friday 9 am–5pm (Parish Office tel. 70555) cards, candles, rosary beads and gifts in stock.

Keeping Children Safe
The diocese of Killala is fully committed to keeping children safe. Information is available on the diocesan child safeguarding website / safeguarding. Anyone who has issues or concerns around the safety of children, please contact the diocesan confidential helpline 087-6473755. Concerns and complaints may also be passed on directly to TUSLA (Child and Family Agency) and/or An Garda Síochána. Fr. Francis Mitchell is the Designated Liaison Person for the Diocese of Killala.

The Bereavement Course presented by Monica Morley, is due to commence Tues. 3rd Nov. at 8pm in The Newman Institute. The cost of the course is €60 & will run for the 4 Tuesday nights in Nov. To book a place tel. 096 72066 or emailreception@newman.ie

A Bereavement Support Group meeting will be held at the **Newman Institute, Ballina** on the second Wednesday of each month (October-May), starting on 14th October at 8pm. Trained facilitators conduct the meetings, which provide guidance and support to all who find loss difficult. All are welcome.

A Bereavement Support Group meets at Knock Shrine Family Centre each Wed. @ 11am. Trained facilitators conduct the meetings, which provide support & guidance to all who find loss difficult. All welcome. Further info. from Monica Morley on 094-9375320.

The priest at Mass has low gluten hosts available for people who are celiac or have gluten intolerances

Medjugorje Weekend Retreat led by Fr Jason Lewis (Medjugorje Chaplain) in St John's Day Care Centre, Knock Shrine, from Friday 23 October to Sunday 25th October, Booking is essential, for more info contact Nicola 087 9622800.

Confessions in St. Muredach's Cathedral Saturday: 10.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. & 5 – 5.45 p.m.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Family Carers Ireland's Ballina Carer Support Group Meeting in the Ballina Manor Hotel, 10-11.30am on 2nd Thursday monthly going forward. An opportunity to sit & have a cuppa & chat with other carers and also meet Supports Manager for Mayo, Michelle Moriarty.

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The Mayo Branch of Down Syndrome Ireland wish to express our huge gratitude to the parishioners of Ballina churches. Thanks to your enormous generosity, €757.50 was raised by the parishioners of St. Patrick's church and €1507.01 was raised by the parishioners of St Muredach's Cathedral during our church gate collection on the 12th and 13th September 2026.

Craoibhín Ballina Curious Creativity art workshops with Úna Morris starts Fri. 9th Oct.10.30am to 12.30pm (F26AEC5) Halloween Coffee afternoon on Thurs. 22nd October, 1 pm to 3 pm. Refreshments & raffle on the day. Music by Padraig Moran. Cost is €5 per person.