# Church of The Immaculate Conception

*Muire gan Smál, Maigh Cuilinn*

## Moycullen Parish Newsletter

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*Mission Sunday*
*18th October 2026*

2026 Today and Forever Christ Yesterday,

**Mass Times**:
*Saturday Eve:* 7pm (Vigil Mass)
*Sunday Morning:* 10am & 12 noon
*Weekday Mass:* 9.30am Tue—Fri.
*Holy Days:* 7pm (Vigil Mass) & 12 noon
**Fr Martin available after wknd Masses, for 10 min in Sacristy.**
**Coeliacs:** Gluten Free host available from the priest at the Altar.
**Baptisms:** 1st & 3rd Sundays, each month @ 1pm. 2 wks notice.
**Pastoral Council** *Caifé & Dónuts* 1st Sun of Month after 10am Mass
**Marriages:** 3 months notice for Church & State
**Pre-Marriage Course:** Book 1 year in advance
**Confession**: Sat eve 6-6:45pm and by Request
**Communion Calls:** 1st Fri, of Mth & on request.
**Adoration:** Tue 10-10:30am Wed 8 - 9pm, Fri 10am-11am & Sun eve, 7pm
**Parish Office:** 091-555106/085-8253379. Open: 9:30am-1:30pm, Mon—Fri.
**St Vincent de Paul:** 091-563233.

**MASS INTENTION:**

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| **Sat 17 7pm** | • Richard Noone, Gortacleva/Woodstock (11th)<br>• Marie Queeney, Clooniff (A)<br>• Mary & Seán Barrett & Dec'd family, Thullanoone (A)<br>• Joseph & Dan Geraghty & Jimmy Conneely, Knockarasser (A) |
| **Sun 18 10am** | • **1st Anniv:** Anne Madden, Loughwell<br>• John, Joseph Gavin, San Francisco (A)<br>• Mariah & Michael Keady, Coolaghy & Dec'd family<br>• Tony O'Halloran, Poulnaclough (A) |
| **12 noon** | • **People of the Parish** |
| **Mon 19** | • **NO MASS** |
| **Tue 20 9:30am** | • Patricia Egan, Derrybrien (A) |
| **Wed 21 9:30am** | • |
| **Thu 22 9:30am** | • Barney & Peggy Sweeney, Kylebroughlan (A) |
| **Fri 23 9:30am** | • Dan Geraghty, Knockarasser (A) |
| **Sat 24 7pm** | • **M/M**: Sean McGillicuddy, Cloonabinnia<br>• Mary-Ellen O'Malley, Leagaun (A)<br>• Robert Hegerty, 6 Mths Remb & 60th Wed Ann<br>• Mary Leonard, Tooreeny (A) |
| **Sun 25 10am** | • **1st Anniv:** Dillon McDermott, Kylebroughlan<br>• Pat & Katie Devaney & daughter, Margaret, Knockaunranny (A)<br>• Michael Acton, Ballybane/Knockaunranny (A)<br>• Tommy Feeney, Killrainey (A) |
| **12 noon** | • **M/M**: Michael Lydon, Poulnaclough |

**Church Cleaning**: Knockbane/Ballyquirke
**Counters:** ***This week*:** Team 5
*Next week: Team 6*

| **Readers**: This Week | *Next Week* |
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| **7pm** Olivia King | Nicola McNabb |
| **10am** Sharon Langan | Peter Tobin |
| **12 noon** Margaret Madden | Maura Thornton |

**Eucharistic Ministers for Oct:**
**7pm:** Helen Mullarkey & Kathleen Kearns
**10am:** Seamus Acton, Sheila Lydon & Alan Carty
**12 noon:** Frank Downes & Mary O'Reilly

**Offertory**: €1325. Online: €40.
COPE: €55. DYFS: €5. Mission Sunday: €5.

**Autumn Dues;** envelopes available at the back of the church. Their return is very much appreciated as this is the main source of income for our priest.
NB: Parish Office will reopen on **Mon 19th @ 9:30am**. PH: 555106 or WhatsApp: 085-8253379, to leave a msg.

## Mass Theme— Téama Aifrinn

The relationship between religious faith and public life is perplexing. In some societies, even today, there is virtually no difference between the two. In other more secular societies, any expression of religious conviction is unacceptable in public. It is true of course that there is an appropriate distinction and even separation to be made, as indeed Jesus does make today in the Gospel. But on at least two issues, there is bound to be some crossover. Religious faith informs our values and in society today policies and laws must be grounded, not in a particular faith certainly, but in values nevertheless.




## Reflection-Machnamh

**Following in His Footsteps**

When someone does a kindness
it always seems to me
That's the way God up in heaven
would like us all to be.
For when we bring some pleasure
to another human heart
We have followed in His footsteps
and we've had a little part
In serving Him who loves us…
for I am very sure it's true
That in serving those around us
we serve and please Him, too.

**Helen Steiner-Rice**

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## Notice Board-Clár Fógra

**Holy Communion 2027 Preparation Mass**— 1st Holy Communion Preparation Mass **THIS Sat 17th Oct @ 7pm.** For all Children & their families preparing to receive **First Holy Communion** in May 2027. **ALSO; CANCELLED-Confirmation 2027 Preparation Mass**—1st Confirmation Preparation Mass due to takes place **next Sat 24th Oct @ 7pm has been cancelled and will now take place on Sat 28th Nov @ 7pm Mass.** For all children & their families preparing to be Confirmed in April 2027.

**2nd Collection THIS Wknd 17th & 18th Oct** for **Propagation of the Faith** (Mission Sunday) - Supports the Church's work in mission territories, funding priests, sisters, catechists, and lay missionaries. Your generosity sends hope to places where the Church is young or struggling.

**Scoil Mhuire 2027 Enrolment**—Applications are now being accepted for places in Junior Infants Classes for **Sept 2027.** Please, call: 091-555454 or email: office@moycns.ie or see our website: https://moycullencentralschool.ie/admissions/

**Maigh Cuilinn Community Bingo:** Weekly Bingo sessions has resumed. **Every Thurs at 8pm in Áras Uilinn,** Moycullen. All welcome. Bígí linn.

**World Youth Day 2027 Seoul, Korea—**19-30 yrs. **Expression of Interest** - Are you interested in joining our pilgrimage to Korea for World Youth Day 2027? Approx. travel dates: 27th July—12th Aug '27. If interested, please email with your name, age and parish to dlohan@clonfertgalway.ie. See poster.

**CROI NUA-October Events**
Wood You Believe—NEXT **Fri 23 Oct, 7:30–9:30pm & Sat 24 Oct, 10am–4pm €60.** Facilitators: Fr Jim Cogley & Luba Rodzhuk. More info, please see website www.croinua.com or Ph: 085-7829855.

**Scéalaíocht na Samhna** - Imeacht do pháistí, **3.30-5pm, Déardaoin 22ú, Teach na Gaeilge, Maigh Cuilinn**, H91TN9E. Bígí linn le haghaidh spraoi, dearadh puimcíní, bácáil agus scéalta! Breis eolais: 085-8504935

**Getting Married in 2027**? 3 months notice is required by Church and State. See: www.moycullenparish.ie/Sacraments/Marriage for all the necessary details for getting married in the Catholic Church, or email: moycullen@galwaydiocese.ie to book a date & complete a Provisional Wedding Booking form. Information packs available form the Parish Office.

**Child Protection Policy available in Sacristy**

***Items for the Newsletter should be delivered, in writing or e-mail, by 1pm Thursday evening.***
*Please note: Items are included based on availability of space, and should be brief and to the point.*
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