



## OUGHTERAGH / DRUMREILLY LOWER PARISH NEWSLETTER

16<sup>th</sup> March 2025

*Aughawillan - Aughnasheelin - Ballinamore & Corraleeahan*

17<sup>th</sup> St Patrick, 18<sup>th</sup> St Cyril, 19<sup>th</sup> St Joseph, 20<sup>th</sup> St Cuthbert, 21<sup>st</sup> St Enda

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### BALLINAMORE – St. PATRICK'S CHURCH

Mass times: Sat & Sun 11am, Mon 11am, Tue, Wed & Thur 7:30am, Fri 9am

Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar 11am	Confirmation	
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar 11am	Gerry Brady (Aghadark)	
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar 11am	Bridget, William and Charles McWeeney (Longstones) St Patrick's Day – Patrick & Mary Travers (St Brigid St) and Mary Leavy and all deceased members of the Leavy family.	
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar 11am	No intention	
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar 11am	Austin Quinn (Ardrum), his brothers Kilian & Francis and his parents Phil & Helena. Phil & Lily McGovern and all deceased members of the McGovern & Cosgrave families.	

**Eucharistic Adoration: Fridays 9.30am –10.30am**

**Eucharist Ministers** 16<sup>th</sup> Mar Philomena Earley, Mary McWeeney & Aileen Wisley, 17<sup>th</sup> Michael Darcy, Maeve Sharpley & Noel Dolan, 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar Alice Costello, Raymond McHugh & Marcella McKiernan

**Eucharistic Ministers during Lent:** Mon: Patricia Griffin, Tues: Marian Quinn, Wed: Mona Creamer, Thur: Alice Costello, Fri: Deirdre Harvey

**Ministers of the Word** 16<sup>th</sup> Mar Marie Sweeney, 17<sup>th</sup> Mar Volunteer, 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar Thomas Kelly 30<sup>th</sup> Mar Sylvia Dolan

**Door Collectors:** 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar Felim Maxwell & John Galligan, 30<sup>th</sup> Mar & 6<sup>th</sup> Apr Francis McTague & Alan Banks 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> Apr John McWeeney, Michael Duignan, David Prior

### AUGHNASHEELIN - St. MARY'S CHURCH

Mass times: Fri 7pm Sat 8:15pm Sun 8:15pm

#### Mass Intentions

Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Mar 7pm Frank McNulty (Kiltybarden) and all deceased family members  
Mary Ellen & John Joe Guckian, (Gubnaveigh) and their daughter Maureen and all deceased family members.

Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Mar 8:15pm Deceased members of the McGirl family (Drumany)

Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Mar 8:15pm St Patrick's Day Vigil.

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Mar 7pm No intention

Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Mar 8:15pm No intention

*On our National Saints Day La Fheile Padraig we will walk to St Patrick's Well leaving from Aughnasheelin Church at 12 noon, everyone very welcome.*

**Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesdays, 11am - 12noon and 8pm - 10pm**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar Detta McNiffe & Tom Prior 29<sup>th</sup> Mar & 5<sup>th</sup> Apr Margaret Murphy & Volunteer  
**Readers** Confirmation Class **Door Collectors** Peter Flynn, Brendan Reynolds & Brian O'Dowd

### CORRALEECHAN - St. BRIGID'S CHURCH

Mass times: Mon 9:45am Wed 9:30am Sun 9.45am

#### Mass Intentions

Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Mar 9:45am Sean McNiff (Drumgowna)

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Mar 9:45am St Patrick's Day

Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar 9:45am No intention

**Eucharistic Ministers** Carol McNiff & Bernie Dolan **Altar Society** Seamus McGovern & Helen McGovern

**Ministers of the Word** Helen McGovern & Sean McNiff **Door Collectors** Gerry Meehan & Joseph McNiff

### AUGHAWILLAN – St. PATRICK'S CHURCH

Mass times: Wed 7pm Sat 7pm Sun 7pm

#### Mass Intentions

Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Mar 7pm Bridie Stringer (Boeshill)

Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Mar 7pm St Patrick's Day Vigil – Jack & Christina Fox, (Glendargan) and all deceased family members

Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar 7pm Patrick & Rita McCauley (Drumreilly)

**Eucharistic Ministers** Damien Conefrey & Patricia Deane **Altar Society** Michelle Dolan & Katie Meekin

**Ministers of the Word** Doreen Flanagan & Donal Quinn **Door Collectors** Paddy Deane & Gerry Flanagan

**CONFIRMATION:** Congratulations to all our young people who were confirmed by Bishop Martin in St. Patrick's Church Ballinamore, on Saturday March 15<sup>th</sup> at 11am.

**RECENT DEATHS:** We pray for Bernie Prior (Yonkers, NY and Derradda), who's funeral took place on Fri 14<sup>th</sup> in Corraleeahan. May his soul rest in peace.

**CHARITABLE DONATIONS:** Donations totalling €988.20 from the Carol Service in December 2024, has been paid forward to Ballinamore Day Care Centre and The Jack & Jill Foundation. Many thanks for your tremendous support.

**BALLINAMORE PRAYER GROUP:** 8pm on Tuesday night at the Parish Centre. Come along and invite your friends.

**PLEASE COLLECT YOUR TRÓCAIRE BOX IN THE CHURCH PORCH. Thank you.**

**PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2025:** Kilmore Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes led by Bishop Martin Hayes. From 30<sup>th</sup> May for 5 nights, Tel: 049-4361222 or email, [info@cavantravel.com](mailto:info@cavantravel.com)

**THE SWEET SPIRIT SINGERS:** under the direction of Tish Dunleavy will return to St Patrick's Church Aughawillan for a concert on Friday 11th April 2025 8pm. Proceeds to 'Aware' and Parish funds.

**KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBANUS: OPEN NIGHT, Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2025:** **Venue: The Hive @ 8:00pm**  
The Carrick Primary Council (Branch), known as CK88, caters for faithful Catholic men, living in Carrick-on-Shannon, Ballinamore, Boyle, Bornacoola, Carrigallen, Cloone, Dromod, Drumsna, Drumshanbo, Elphin, Keadue, Mohill, Newtowngore, Rooskey, and surrounding areas. If you are interested in finding out more about the Knights of St. Columbanus, in the Carrick Council, please contact Ciarán on 086-6027126. Attendance by pre-arrangement only. Website: [www.knightsofstcolimbanus.ie](http://www.knightsofstcolimbanus.ie) (The Hive, Castlecara Road, Carrick-on-Shannon. N41 FD83)

**WAYS OF SUPPORTING the PARISH FINANCIALLY:** The traditional way to support your parish is by contributing through your weekly envelope collection. Thanks to all who do so, so generously each week. In recent times some people set up a SO/EFT to pay, please contact parish office at **071 964 4039** / [ballinamore@kilmorediocese.ie](mailto:ballinamore@kilmorediocese.ie), or you scan the QRcode with your smartphone, <https://churchtv.ie/>, follow the links for your Church to make a donation. The light a candle feature lets you light a candle in Ballinamore Church from anywhere, 24/7.



### COMMUNITY NOTES



**ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE:** will take place in Ballinamore on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> of March 2025 at 4pm. Special thanks to Leitrim County Council for their support and assistance, we appreciate it very much. We look forward to seeing both new and returning entrants in our Parade and of course most especially visitors from near and far. If anyone would like to help out or donate in any way we would greatly appreciate it. You can email us on [ballinamorestpatricksdays@gmail.com](mailto:ballinamorestpatricksdays@gmail.com)



**AUGHNASHEELIN YELLOW RIVER PLAYERS:** Present, **NOBODY'S TALKING TO ME.** A dramatic comedy, written by Tommy Marren. In Aughnasheelin Hall on 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> of March, Curtain @ 8pm. Booking only on Eventbrite <https://shorturl.at/Yk5DI>

**ATHLETIC CLUB:** Training continues in the sports complex every Tuesday and Thursday evening, from 7pm. Preparations continue for the final part of the club's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations, May bank holiday weekend.

**BALLINAMORE HEARTSAFE DEFIB:** Thank you all for your very generous donation of €415 at the church gate collection on Sunday, 2nd March at 11am mass. This all helps in the upkeep of defibrillators in the town, replacement defibrillators pads and the training of volunteers.

**SCOIL CHLANN NAOFA, BALLINAMORE:** is accepting applications for admission to our school for the 2025/26 school year. Please contact **071 964 5001** or email [info@coilchlannaofa.com](mailto:info@coilchlannaofa.com) for an enrolment pack. Thank you.

**AUGHAWILLAN N.S.** are now taking Enrolments for September 2025. Enrolment forms are now available by e-mailing: [aughawillanns@gmail.com](mailto:aughawillanns@gmail.com) or contacting the office on 071 9644246.

**AUGHAWILLAN WHIST:** second Tues of the month at 8:30pm. New members always welcome.

**ST. MARY'S N.S. AUGHNASHEELIN:** is now accepting enrolments for September 2025. Enrolment forms are available by contacting the school at, 071 9644868 or by email to, [office@stmarysnaughnasheelin.com](mailto:office@stmarysnaughnasheelin.com)

**AUGHNASHEELIN SOCIAL DANCE:** on 21st March in Aughnasheelin Community Centre. Music by Pat McKenna and Robert Brown. Doors open 9pm dancing 9.30pm to 11.30pm, refreshments served.

**BALLINAMORE WHIST DRIVE:** first Thurs of each month at 8:30pm in the Island Theatre. New members welcome.

**BALLINAMORE GREENWAY PARKRUN & WALK:** each Saturday at 9.30am - looking forward to seeing you there.

**BALLINAMORE WALKING GROUP:** Join our walking group, meeting every Tuesday at 10am at the basin near Supervalu. A weekly walk & talk with a friendly group of people. All welcome to join.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES HUB in the Den, N41R522:** every other Tuesday from 10am-12pm. Featuring information and signposting, free refreshments, a space to talk and socialise, sewing and mending clothes, basic bike repairs and a swap shop (clothes, toys, books and plants). Free event, all welcome. Next date, 25<sup>th</sup> March.

**ISLAND THEATRE BALLINAMORE:** Sharon Shannon in concert on Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Mar. Tickets €30 + booking fee. 29<sup>th</sup> Mar 8pm Comedian Gearóid Farrelly in Gearóid Rage, Tickets €20+ fees, available online from [islandtheatre.ie](http://islandtheatre.ie).

**BALLINAMORE CAMINO:** 12<sup>th</sup> July. Registration is through [islandtheatre.ie](http://islandtheatre.ie)

**OLDER WISER LEARNING EVENT:** at Breifne College. For people who need tips on Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, A.I., Zoom calls, PC security, Website safety, Online Shopping, Data transferring Social Media Group chats. Connecting devices etc. Tea and refreshments will be provided. Bring your own device. It takes place in Breifne College, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 1pm. Come along or ring 0494331735 for further information.

**SEAN O'HESLIN'S:** 50/50 Draw, Tickets for this Saturday nights draw are available online and from Priors, Smyths, Murphy's and Fresh Today. The draw will be in Smyths on this Saturday night, if you're not in you cannot win! *Save the date, this year's Cúl camp will run from 7th to the 11th of July.*



### REFLECTION

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. We praise you for the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Transform us by your Spirit that we may be more like Jesus each day. **Amen.** Ref: [dailyprayer.com](http://dailyprayer.com)

All New items for the Newsletter should be dropped into the Parish Office, Convent Road or emailed before 12 noon on Thursdays to [ballinamore@kilmorediocese.ie](mailto:ballinamore@kilmorediocese.ie) the editor reserves the right to edit or omit items according to suitability of content & space in the newsletter

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2025:**

**CONFIRMATION:** will be celebrated Sat 15<sup>th</sup> of March in Ballinamore Church @ 11am

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:**

Aughawillan: Sun 4<sup>th</sup> May @ 9.45am Ballinamore: Sat 17<sup>th</sup> May @ 12pm Aughnasheelin: Sun 18<sup>th</sup> May @ 12 pm

**BOOKING ANNIVERSARY MASSES:** As you are aware we have shared mass intentions in our churches at the weekends. We try to limit the number of intentions to a maximum of three. To maintain this arrangement please book anniversary masses well in advance of your preferred time. Priests are allowed one mass stipend or donation per day, when we have shared intentions the extra donations are sent to retired or missionary Priests, who celebrate the extra Masses. Please book your Masses via email [ballinamore@kilmorediocese.ie](mailto:ballinamore@kilmorediocese.ie) or phone **071 964 4039**

**LAY PASTORAL MINISTRY JOURNEY BEGINS:** On Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, twenty-one dedicated participants of the Lay Pastoral Ministry Programme took their first step on a six-month journey of discernment at St. Aidan's, Derrylin. Representing over 19 different parishes, the group consists of eight men and thirteen women. As these individuals take this time to discern their call to ministry, let us keep them in our prayers. May they walk this path with courage and faith, secure in the wisdom of God, our loving Father.

**JUBILEE YEAR 2025:** In preparation for the Jubilee Year 2025, themed Pilgrims of Hope, which officially began on Christmas Eve at 7.00pm with the opening of the Holy Door at Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome, the Catholic Bishops of Ireland have launched an official Jubilee page on **CatholicBishops.ie**. This dedicated page will serve as a central hub for all Jubilee-related updates about events and activities taking place both in Ireland and around the world.

**THE YOUNG PARENTS SUPPORT PROGRAMME:** offers support to young parents who are expecting a baby or already have a child. This support can include but not limited to pre- and post-natal support, independent living and education/training. This is a free and confidential service. If you would like to get involved contact: [lindahalstead@homeyouthliaisonservice.ie](mailto:lindahalstead@homeyouthliaisonservice.ie) or 087 7917000

**PRE-MARRIAGE COURSE Dates 2025:** Next date is Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025 7.30pm–10pm & Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April 10 am–5pm. Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025 7.30pm – 10.00pm & Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Oct 10am–5pm. Courses take place in the Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Cavan H12 E5C7. To book: [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)

**SENIORLINE:** a national telephone service for older people open every day 10am-10pm, Freephone **1800 80 45 91**. SeniorLine's older volunteers are trained to listen, to support, to discuss options and to other helpful services.

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**LEITRIM FLEADH 2025** - Ballinamore will host this year's Fleadh event from April 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>.

Entries are now being taken and the **closing date is strictly Friday March 7<sup>th</sup>** for competition entries. Entry forms can be found online but if you have any difficulty please contact your music/dance teacher or branch secretary to get a form emailed to you. Branch secretaries and music teachers are the point of contact for collecting entries.

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**TEMPLEPORT SOCIAL SERVICES-DAY CENTRE:** on Wednesdays. Usual transport schedule. Any queries contact Ann Maguire **087 765 5096** or Anne Smith **087 285 7471**. Looking forward to seeing you all

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**THE RURAL SOCIAL SCHEME:** has vacancies in the local Area. To participate in the Scheme an individual must be in receipt of an eligible Social Welfare payment such as Farm Assist, Job Seekers Allowance or Disability Allowance, The Individual or Family Member must have access to an active Herd Number. Please contact Gerry on **086 771 6896** or Leitrim Development Company on **071 964 1770** or Email [schemes@ldco.ie](mailto:schemes@ldco.ie) for more information.

**FAMILY CARERS IRELAND:** Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional needs? A spouse, partner, child, close relative or neighbour? Then you are a family carer! Become a member of Family Carers Ireland, the national charity supporting Ireland's 500,000+ family carers nationwide. Contact **057 93 70221** and hear how we can support you or for more info visit. [www.familycarers.ie](http://www.familycarers.ie)

**5 STEP SUPPORT SERVICE:** Are you affected by the misuse of alcohol or other drugs by another individual? 5 Step Support can help you; it is a free, non-judgemental, one-one consultation service. Putting your needs and wellbeing first, helping you manage stressful, difficult and emotional issues. You don't have to be addicted to suffer from addiction! **M-PACT** supports the whole family, helping to improve relationships, communication and recovery. If you would like further information please contact **071 9150578** or **085 875 9319** or email [sligoleitrim@alcoholforum.com](mailto:sligoleitrim@alcoholforum.com)

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