

OUGHTERAGH / DRUMREILLY LOWER PARISH NEWSLETTER

2nd March 2025

Aughawillan - Aughnasheelin - Ballinamore & Corraleeahan

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BALLINAMORE – St. PATRICK'S CHURCH

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

Sat 1st Mar 11am

Patsy & Mary Galligan (Dromore) and deceased family members.

Sun 2nd Mar 11am

Miriam Martin (High Street) Months Mind

Michael Sherkle (Tully)

JP & Margaret O'Hara (Kilrush)



Wed 5th Mar 7:30am

Ash Wednesday - Tom Joe & Annie Creamer (Cornawall)

Sat 8th Mar 11am

Berney & Mary McKiernan (Railway Tce) and deceased members of the Whelan,

Cassery, McAndrew and McKiernan families.

Sun 9th Mar 11am

Mollie Prior (Lisacarne), her sons Micheál & Bernie Prior.

Anna & Michael Duignan and their son Pauric (Curraghnabania)

Eucharistic Adoration: Fridays 9.30am –10.30am

Eucharist Ministers 2nd Mar Máirín Martin, Mona Creamer & Liam McGovern, 9th Mar Patricia McGoldrick, Marian Quinn & Leigh Murphy, 16th Mar Philomena Earley, Mary McWeeney & Aileen Wisley

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

Ministers of the Word 2nd Mar Mary McKiernan, 9th Mar Michael Dolan, 16th Mar Marie Sweeney

Door Collectors: 2nd & 9th Mar Seamus McTeague & PJ Duignan. 16th & 23rd Mar Felim Maxwell & John Galligan, 30th Mar & 6th Apr Francis McTague & Alan Banks

AUGHNASHEELIN - St. MARY'S CHURCH

Mass times: Wed 8:15pm, Fri 7pm & Sat 8:15pm

Mass Intentions

Fri 28th Feb 7pm

Tom & Mary Prior, their daughter Mary Varilly and deceased family members.

Eileen Boyle (Tullybawn) and deceased members of the Boyle family.

Sat 1st Mar 8:15pm

No intention

Wed 5th Mar 8:15pm

Ash Wednesday – Packie Joe & Brigid McCabe (Gubnaveigh) and deceased members of the McCabe family.

Fri 7th Mar 7pm

Molly & Francie Darcy (Meenahill) and Peral Hall & all deceased family members

Sat 8th Mar 8:15pm

John Packie McKiernan (Unshinagh)

Sadie, Francie & Pádraic Mulvey and their grandson Donie Greene and all deceased members of the Mulvey and Shanley families.

Conor, Anthony, Annie, All and Bernadette McCaffrey (Mullinasella)

Stations of the Cross after 7pm Mass each Fri in Aughnasheelin for the Lenten period. Commencing Fri 7th Mar. Stations will be led by lay persons. If interested in helping out please call Breda Mulvanerty 0863763809.

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

Eucharistic Ministers: 1st & 8th Mar Laura Creaven & Gary Prior, 15th & 22nd Mar Detta McNiffe & Tom Prior

Readers Confirmation Class

Door Collectors Peter Flynn, Brendan Reynolds & Brian O'Dowd

CORRALEECHAN - St. BRIGID'S CHURCH

Mass times: Wed 9:30am Sun 9.45am

Mass Intentions

Sun 2nd Mar 9:45am

Fr Larry Karney (Laragh) former C.C. of Corraleeahan

Wed 5th Mar 9:30am

Ash Wednesday

Sun 9th 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

Mass Intentions

Sat 1st Mar 7pm

Kathleen Campbell and deceased members of the Gallagher family, Killaphort.

Wed 5th Mar 7pm

Ash Wednesday

Sat 8th Mar 7pm

No intention

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

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

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY: taking place in our diocese this weekend, Sat 1st and Sun 2nd of March 2025. Bishop Martin would like to thank the many volunteers who ensure safeguarding is firmly embedded in the culture of our diocese, the many people who have made the Church and its modus operandi safe places for all. A special word of gratitude to our parish safeguarding representatives and volunteers. The present parish safeguarding representative is Sheila Murray from Aughnasheelin, our thanks to Marie O'Connor who recently retired from that position. The Annual Newsletter and all policies and procedures can be viewed and downloaded from kilmorediocese.ie

THE ANNUAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR VICTIMS & SURVIVORS OF CLERICAL ABUSE: will take place on Fri 7th of Mar: On this day we remember not only victims and survivors, whose lives have been so severely damaged either inside or outside the Church, but also for families and communities affected by grief for their loved ones.

SEASON OF LENT: commences on Ash Wednesday, 5th Mar. Ashes will be blessed and distributed in all 4 churches. During the season of Lent we ask the Lord to re new us with fresh hope and dedication as we follow his way. **PLEASE COLLECT YOUR TRÓCAIRE BOX IN CHURCH PORCH. Thank you.**

KILMORE DIOCESE ON-LINE LENTEN SCRIPTURE COURSE: begins on Monday, March 3rd, at 7.30 pm and continues Tuesdays: 11th, 18th, 25th March, and 1st, 8th April (online via Zoom). The Pastoral team are delighted to have Bishop Emeritus Leo O'Reilly in attendance, who will be on hand to answer questions and offer fresh insight. All are welcome! To register and receive your Zoom link, contact Martina Gilmartin at pastoralservices@kilmorediocese.ie.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2025: Kilmore Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes led by Bishop Martin Hayes. From 30th May for 5 nights, Tel: 049-4361222 or email, info@cavantravel.com

VISITATION OF THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: will take place during the week. Fr Sean and Fr Moses will be in contact with you in advance of their visit.

BIBLE STUDY: Lenten Programme. 'Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible' study will commence on Tues 4th Mar 2025 from 8.30pm to 10.00pm in St. Joseph's Community Centre, Leitrim Village, N41PY51. This is a seven week course. All are welcome. Participants will meet every week at the same time.

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, 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

ATHLETIC CLUB: Training resumes Tuesday night following the short break. New members are welcome to all club training sessions. Leitrim Sports Partnership, Primary Schools Sports Hall Athletics take place in the Sports Hall on Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th March.

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@scoilchlannaofa.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 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@stmarysnsaughnasheelin.com

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. Upcoming dates: 11th & 25th March.

DRAMA FESTIVAL BALLINAMORE: From 2nd – 9th March, Drama Festival. Line up announced, Sun 2nd Mar The Dry House - Pomoroy Players, Mon 3rd Mar, Drama - free night, Tues 4th Mar The Weir - Upstage Players, Wed 5th Mar, The Last Days of Judas Iscariot - Clontarf Players, Thurs 6th Mar, A Whistle in the Dark - Corn Mill Theatre Group, Fri 7th Mar, Skylight - Wexford Drama Group, Sat 8th Mar, The Weir - Corofin Dramatic Society, Sun 9th Mar, Class - Glenamaddy Players. Season tickets and nightly tickets available from Murphy's Newsagents, or on the door.

SEAN O'HESLIN'S: Our footballers are in action this Sunday in Ballinamore at 14:00 as they take on Offaly. This is an all ticket event and tickets must be purchased in advance. Our next 50:50 draw takes place in Priors of High Street on Sat 1st March. Tickets on sale from Murphy's Newsagents and Fresh Today.

BEO LE CEOIL: 'Alive with Music' Traditional Irish Music course Spring Charity Concert in The Mayflower Hall, Drumbshanbo, Co. Leitrim on Fri 7th of Mar @ 8:00pm in aid of the Alzheimer Society of Ireland and North West Hospice. For more details contact Mossie Martin 0877640332 or mossiemartin@msletb.ie

REFLECTION

"Teach me to feel another's woe, to hide the fault I see.
That mercy I to others show, that mercy show to me." *Poet: Alexander Pope*

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2025:

CONFIRMATION: will be celebrated Sat 15th of March in Ballinamore Church @ 11am

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

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

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.

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 or phone **071 964 4039**

LAY PASTORAL MINISTRY JOURNEY BEGINS: On Saturday, February 15th, 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 or 087 7917000

PRE-MARRIAGE COURSE Dates 2025: Fri 7th Feb 7.30pm–10pm & Sat 8th 10am– 5 pm. Friday 11th April 2025 7.30pm–10pm & Saturday 12th April 10 am–5pm. Friday 10th October 2025 7.30pm – 10.00pm & Saturday 11th Oct 10am–5pm. Courses take place in the Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Cavan H12 E5C7. To book: 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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ISLAND THEATRE BALLINAMORE: Upcoming events - Sharon Shannon in concert on Sat 15th Mar. Tickets €30 + booking fee. 29th Mar 8pm Comedian Gearóid Farrelly in Gearóid Rage, Tickets €20+ fees, available online from islandtheatre.ie.

LEITRIM FLEADH 2025 - Ballinamore will host this year's Fleadh event from April 25th - 27th.

Entries are now being taken and the **closing date is strictly Friday March 7th** 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.

Laisir Gilbride (Ballinamore CCÉ) - laisirgilbride@hotmail.com / 086-179-2121

Fiona O'Reilly (Carrigallen / Ceol Alainn CCÉ) - fionao.reilly@hotmail.com / 086-861-4290

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Patricia Lee (Drumsna CCÉ) - patricialee030@gmail.com / 087-631-5769

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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

LEITRIM CALLING'- befriending visitation project seek Volunteers to provide a home visit for one hour per week. The Volunteer will be matched with an older person (client) in the Ballinamore area and through mutual interests. The Volunteer will be provided with full training. The Volunteer will be introduced to the client by the Coordinator on the first visit and then will continue as suits all. Please apply on www.ivol.ie or contact Claire @ claire@volunteerleitrim.ie

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 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

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

MUVE HEALTHCARE provides homecare services in the local area. If you are looking for a carer or nurse for your relative or loved one, please contact Caroline O'Neill, Head of Homecare on **089 611 1647** for more details. Our website is www.muvehealthcare.ie

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