

OUGHTERAGH / DRUMREILLY LOWER PARISH NEWSLETTER9th March 2025*Aughawillan - Aughnasheelin - Ballinamore & Corraleehan**10th St John Ogilvie, 11th St Aengus, 15th St Louise de Marillac*

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

Sat 8th Mar 11am **Berney & Mary McKiernan** (Railway Tce) and deceased members of the Whelan, Casserly, McAndrew and McKiernan families.Sun 9th Mar 11am **Mollie Prior** (Lisacarne), her sons **Micheál & Bernie Prior**.Thur 13th Mar 7:30am **Anna & Michael Duignan** and their son **Pauric** (Curragnabania)Sat 15th Mar 11am **Confirmation**
Thomas & Rose Anne Whitney (High Street)Sun 16th Mar 11am **Gerry Brady** (Aghadark)

Bridget, William and Charles McWeeney (Longstones)

**Eucharistic Adoration: Fridays 9.30am –10.30am****Eucharist Ministers** 9th Mar Patricia McGoldrick, Marian Quinn & Leigh Murphy, 16th Mar Philomena Earley, Mary McWeeney & Aileen Wisley, 17th Michael Darcy, Maeve Sharpley & Noel Dolan**Eucharistic Ministers during Lent:** Mon: Patricia Griffin, Tues: Marian Quinn, Wed: Mona Creamer, Thur: Alice Costello, Fri: Deirdre Harvey**Ministers of the Word** 9th Mar Michael Dolan, 16th Mar Marie Sweeney, 17th Mar Volunteer, 23rd Mar Thomas Kelly**Door Collectors:** 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: Fri 7pm, Sat 8:15pm

Mass IntentionsFri 7th Mar 7pm Molly & Francie Darcy (Meenahill) and Peral Hall & all deceased family membersSat 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.Fri 14th Mar 7pm **Conor, Anthony, Annie, Ann and Bernadette McCaffrey** (Mullinasella)

Frank McNulty (Kiltybarden) and all deceased family members

Mary Ellen & John Joe Guckian, (Gubnaveigh) and their daughter Maureen and all deceased family members.

Sat 15th Mar 8:15pm Deceased members of the McGirl family (Drumany)Sun 16th Mar 8:15pm **St Patrick's Day Vigil.***On our National Saints Day La Fheile Pádraig 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:** 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 IntentionsSun 9th Mar 9:45am No intentionSun 16th Mar 9:45am Sean McNiff (Drumgowna)Mon 17th Mar 9:45am **St Patrick's Day****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 IntentionsSat 8th Mar 7pm No intentionWed 12th Mar 7pm No intentionSat 15th Mar 7pm Bridie Stringer (Boeshill)Sun 16th Mar 7pm **St Patrick's Day Vigil – Jack & Christina Fox**, (Glendargan) and all deceased family members**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**RECENT DEATHS:** We pray for Francie Carron (Killesher), who died 4th Mar, brother of Owen Carron and Micheál Maher (California) and formerly of Lahard. May their souls find eternal rest.**PLEASE COLLECT YOUR TRÓCAIRE BOX IN CHURCH PORCH. Thank you.**

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

A WORD OF THANKS: to Gerry and Thomas Farry for their hard work in power washing at Ballinamore Church.

LENTEN SCRIPTURE COURSE: Kilmore Diocese Lenten course 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

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, 25th 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 (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, 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 17th 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 ballinamorestpatricksday@gmail.com

ATHLETIC CLUB: Training continues in the sports complex every Tuesday and Thursday evening, from 7pm.

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@scoilchlannnaofa.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

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 TOWN TEAM: AGM will take place Wed 12th Mar in the Crannog Room in the Island Theatre 8pm. Representatives from all community groups in the town are encouraged to attend.

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.

BALLINAMORE FORÓIGE CLUB: has now reconvened, and meet on Monday evenings at 6:30pm in the Afterschool building, N41 KD98. For more information on becoming involved, contact Jason 086-108 4116

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 25th from 11am to 1pm. Come along or ring 0494331735 for further information.

BASIC COMPUTERS: classes with Introduction to the Internet and using a Smartphone starting in Carrick on Shannon on Thursday the 13th of March at 10:00am in the FET Centre, Market Yard, Carrick on Shannon, N41 P997. No appointment necessary, just come along on the day, meet the tutor and find out more information.

MONAGHAN INSTITUTE: Open Evening is taking place on Thursday 13th March 11am -7pm. Meet our staff team and learn more about studying with us in September 2025. Browse courses and apply now @ www.monaghaninstitute.ie.

REFLECTION

"Heavenly Father, I come before you today seeking strength in a world filled with temptations that pull me away from your truth. I ask for your divine support to help me resist the allure of sin, and strengthen me to follow your path.

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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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Siobhan Sweeney (Glenfarne CCÉ) - siobhan.mcmorrow@gmail.com / 086-370-5262

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

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.

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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