

## OUGHTERAGH / DRUMREILLY LOWER PARISH NEWSLETTER

12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

*Aughawillan - Aughnasheelin - Ballinamore & Corraleeahan*

12<sup>th</sup> Baptism of the Lord, 13<sup>th</sup> St Hilary, 15<sup>th</sup> St Ita, 16<sup>th</sup> St Fursa, 18<sup>th</sup> Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

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### BALLINAMORE – St. PATRICK'S CHURCH

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

Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 11am

Mairead Wryne - Funeral Mass

Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Jan 11am

John & Rose Ann Kelly (Church Street)

Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Jan 11am

Lynette Dooner (Months Mind)

Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Jan 11am

Brendan Gormley (High Street & Fohera)

Michael Keegan (Lahard) grand-daughter Saoirse and all deceased family members

**Eucharistic Adoration:**

**Fridays 9.30am –10.30am**

**Eucharist Ministers**

12<sup>th</sup> Jan Michael Darcy, Maeve Sharpley & Noel Dolan, 19<sup>th</sup> Jan Alice Costello, Raymond McHugh & Marcella McKiernan, 26<sup>th</sup> Jan Evelyn McHugh, Marian Sharpley & PJ McLoughlin

**Ministers of the Word**

12<sup>th</sup> Jan Thomas Kelly, 19<sup>th</sup> Jan Kay Maguire, 26<sup>th</sup> Jan John Darcy

**Door Collectors:**

12<sup>th</sup> Jan, Liam McGovern & Dessie Wisley, 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> Jan, Philip Murphy & Pat Ferguson

### AUGHNASHEELIN - St. MARY'S CHURCH

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

**Mass Intentions**

Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 10:30am

Mary Harvey (Knockacullion) – Funeral Mass

Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 8:15pm

Bridie & Michael Murray (Killaneen) and deceased members of the Murray and Nagle families

Pat Joe Mulvey (Corrabeegher) Months Mind

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 7pm

Carmel McManus (Mulnasillagh)

Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Jan 8:15pm

Sean & Alice Keenan (Dundalk)

**Eucharistic Adoration:**

**Wednesdays, 11am - 12noon and 8pm - 9pm**

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

11<sup>th</sup> Jan, Mary Rooney & Breda Mulvanerty

18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Jan, Caroline Sammon & Kerry Meehan

**Readers:** Bernie Prior, Sharon Flynn

**Door Collectors:** Gerry Smith, Francis McTeigue, Andy Mc Partland

### CORRALEECHAN - St. BRIGID'S CHURCH

Mass times: Wed 9:30am Sun 9.45am

**Mass Intentions**

Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Jan 9:45am

Patrick Francis McGovern (Drumderg)

Frank McCabe (Kiltyhugh)

Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Jan 9:30am

Bernie & Mary Prior (Derrinever) and deceased members of the Prior and McGovern families

Des O'Rourke (Corraleeahan Beg)

John Francis & Brigid Ann Prior (Greagh) and all deceased family members

**Eucharistic Ministers** Carmel McNiff & Philomena Dolan

**Altar Society** Tracy McTague & Imelda Prior

**Ministers of the Word** Sean McGovern & Volunteer

**Door Collectors:** Hugh Patrick Prior & Sean McNiff Jnr

### AUGHAWILLAN – St. PATRICK'S CHURCH

Mass times: Sat 7pm

**Mass Intentions**

Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 7pm

People of the Parish

Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Jan 7pm

No Intention

**Eucharistic Ministers** Michelle Dolan & Mary Farrell Quinn

**Altar Society** Martina Maxwell & Geraldine Maxwell

**Ministers of the Word** Ronan Maxwell & Marie Quinn

**Door Collectors** Christy McGovern & Cathal McBrien

**RECENT DEATHS:** We pray for Mary Harvey (Knockacullion), Mairead Wryne (Fenagh and formerly High St.), and Padraig Donohoe (Ballyconnell, brother of Sheila O'Brien).

**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.

**MEMORIAL MASS FOR GARDA GARY SHEEHAN AND PRIVATE PATRICK KELLY:**

Chief Superintendent Aidan Glackan wishes to thank the parish community for their support

throughout the recent ceremony. To quote "Your presence and participation was a testament to the strength and unity of the community during such a poignant time".



**CHURCH ENVELOPES 2025** are available for collection in all churches. It would be appreciated if you would kindly collect your box of envelopes at your earliest convenience as they are in use since the 5<sup>th</sup> January. Perhaps you would like to take one for your neighbour. If you are new to the parish please call the Parish Office on 071-9644039 or email, [ballinamore@kilmorediocese.ie](mailto:ballinamore@kilmorediocese.ie) and we can assign you your own church envelopes. Please complete your CHY3 forms (enclosed in last annual acknowledgement letter) and return to the parish office, thank you.

**GENTLE REMINDER:** to update your church contributions. Offertory contributions for the upkeep of your Church are made payable to *your local church*. All Dues contributions are made to Ballinamore Catholic Church No.2 Acc.

**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**

**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.

**PRE-MARRIAGE COURSE Dates 2025:** Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 7.30pm–10pm & Sat 8<sup>th</sup> 10am– 5 pm. 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)

### COMMUNITY NOTES

**ATHLETIC CLUB:** The weather affected the resumption of training last week but we plan to resume on 7<sup>th</sup> Jan, Tues night at 7 00 p.m. in the Sports Hall, when new members will also be enrolled.

**AUGHNASHEELIN CHOIR:** are looking for an organist. If you or anyone you know might be interested please contact Cáit on **087 212 3703** or Sheila on **087 652 7815**. New choir members always welcome.

**AUGHNASHEELIN COMMUNITY CENTRE:** Social Dance Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Jan, music by Eamon Jackson dancing 9.30 to 11.30pm. Doors open 9pm. Refreshments served.

**AUGHAWILLAN WHIST:** Whist drive in Aughawillan community centre on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 8.30pm.

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

**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 new 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:** Join us 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). The event is free and everyone is welcome. Upcoming dates: 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> Jan, 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Feb, 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> March.

**WANT TO IMPROVE YOUR IRISH?** Ballinamore Library will again be running a Ciorcal Comhrá every Tuesday where people meet to practice their Irish and to improve their use of the language. The Ciorcal Comhrá starts Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025 in Ballinamore Library at 8.00pm. Please text to book a place at 087 6821 566. Admission is free. Beidh Fáilte romhat.

**FIDDLE LESSONS:** Resuming on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 5.30 – 6.15pm in Sean O'Heslins. Contact Sarah, 087-7620523.

**UNDERAGE HURLING:** will take place in the Sports Complex starting Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Jan for 6 weeks. 2nd, 3rd and 4th class @ 7pm. 5th and 6th class @ 8pm. Hurls and equipment are provided, just bring €2 to cover the cost of the hall. Please text Ruairi on 087 248 8875 to register interest. Include name, school and class in your text.

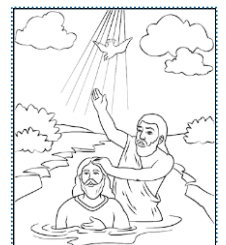
**SEAN O'HESLINS - NEW YEAR DRAW:** Our annual draw is taking place in Priors, Highstreet, Ballinamore on the 11<sup>th</sup> of January. **Congratulations:** to Desmond Wisley, a recipient of the 2025 Connacht GAA bursary awards. Desmond was presented with his award at the Connacht GAA Centre of Excellence last weekend.

**HEDGE CUTTING GRANT SCHEME 2024/2025:** This scheme is now open to all, individual applicants, communities and groups. The Grant is €75 per km (with a min of 1km per applicant). A new additional Grant of €50 per 10 trees per km has been introduced to encourage the cutting of dangerous overhanging tree canopies/branches along the public road network (This would be a maximum of €125 per km). Further information and application forms are available from Leitrim County Councils website [www.leitrimcoco.ie](http://www.leitrimcoco.ie) or by contacting the Roads Department by e-mail: [roads@leitrimcoco.ie](mailto:roads@leitrimcoco.ie) or Telephone 071 9620005 Ext. 630. **Closing Date is 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025.**

**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. If you would like further information please contact, 071 9150578 / 085 875 9319 or email [sligoleitrim@alcoholforum.com](mailto:sligoleitrim@alcoholforum.com)

### REFLECTION

We are invited on this Feast of the Baptism of the Lord to grasp ever more deeply the deeper meaning of being a Christian and to choose to live our lives in the Lord, by living in the heart of the Church for the sake of the world. *Ref: Deacon Keith Fournier – CAN*



**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.

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

**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

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Aughnasheelin: Sun 18<sup>th</sup> May @ 12 pm.

**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

**FRIENDS & CONCERNED COMMUNITY MEMBERS:** there is a new date on the Evictions from Carraig Accommodation Centre – 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025 ☹ what a dreadful Christmas present ☹ CATU members are willing to assist highlight this situation to local public representatives and letters of support are being sought from local community members, copies of which are available to all groups please contact [sligoleitrim@catuireland.org](mailto:sligoleitrim@catuireland.org) for info.

**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](http://www.ivol.ie) or contact Claire @ [claire@volunteerleitrim.ie](mailto:claire@volunteerleitrim.ie)

**QQI LEVEL 4 - GROWING FRUIT** 🍏🍎🍇🍓: Weds 10am-2pm in Ballinamore at the Old Tech. Gain the skills and competence to plan, prepare, plant, maintain, prune, propagate and harvest many fruits. Call Seamus **087 916 8087**

**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.

**HEDGE CUTTING GRANT SCHEME 2024/2025:** To encourage the cutting of roadside trees and hedges, Leitrim County Council operate a Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme. The Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme is now open and aims to encourage the cutting of roadside hedges/trees along the Public Road Network. Open to all, individual applicants, communities and groups. The Grant is €75 per km of the roadside hedge/overhanging trees which are cut back. Minimum length of road network per application is 1km. A new additional Grant of €50 per KM (Total of €125 per KM) has been introduced by Leitrim County Council to encourage the cutting of dangerous overhanging tree canopies/branches along the public road network. Further information and application forms are available from Leitrim County Councils website [www.leitrimcoco.ie](http://www.leitrimcoco.ie) or by contacting the Roads Department by e-mail - [roads@leitrimcoco.ie](mailto:roads@leitrimcoco.ie) or Telephone **071 9620005 Ext. 630**. Closing Date is Friday 31st January, 2025.

**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)

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**CAREER IN CARING FOR THE ELDERLY:** Home Instead are always looking to recruit Caregivers. Whether you can work a couple of hours a week or want to work full time, we would like to hear from you. Experience and FETAC/ QQI level 5 qualification in healthcare is an advantage but not compulsory as training is provided. Please contact Seyi or Ciara on **(071) 9317051** or [recruitment-admin.sligo@homeinstead.ie](mailto:recruitment-admin.sligo@homeinstead.ie) for more information.

**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](http://www.muvehealthcare.ie)

**HOME INSTEAD CARERS** are you looking for a career in caring for the elderly? Have you recently retired or have your children now left home? Home Instead are always looking to recruit Caregivers. Whether you can work a couple of hours a week or want to work full time, we would like to hear from you. Experience and FETAC/ QQI level 5

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**ALONE IS LOOKING FOR VISITATION VOLUNTEERS:** in your area to make befriending visits to older people looking for extra social contact for 1 hr per week. **\*Volunteers needed\*** would you provide companionship visit or make friendly calls to Older People once a week for an hour or two? ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided, if interested please sign up here: <https://alone.ie/volunteers/> for more information, contact Sinead on [Sinead.Flanagan@alone.ie](mailto:Sinead.Flanagan@alone.ie) on **086 192 1505** and leave a message with your name and contact number and I will phone you back.

**ACCORD NOW SEEKING MARRIAGE PREPARATION FACILITATORS.** Might this be you? Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. If you are supportive of marriage in the Catholic Church; and have the enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team that supports couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage ... then Accord wishes to hear from you! An Accord marriage preparation facilitator is a personally fulfilling leadership role, blending life experience and faith. Successful applicants will receive professional training and be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programs locally. email [marriagepreparation@accord.ie](mailto:marriagepreparation@accord.ie) and further information see [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)

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