

OUGHTERAGH / DRUMREILLY LOWER PARISH NEWSLETTER

8th Dec 2024 *Aughawillan - Aghnasheelin - Ballinamore & Corraleeahan* 2nd Sunday of Advent

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BALLINAMORE - St PATRICKS CHURCH: Mass Sat & Sun 11am, Mon 11am, Wed 7pm, Tues, Thurs & Fri 9am

Sun 8th Dec 11am Vera McTague (Lahard)

Louis Quinn (Drumlonan)

Johnny Gallogly (Drumrane)

John and Annie Prior (Camagh)

Mon 9th Dec 11am Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Tues 10th Dec 9 am Eugene Fee and all deceased members of the Fee family

Thurs 12th Dec 9 am Patrick and Margaret McGoldrick (Lisnatulla)

Sat 14th Dec 11 am No Intention

Sun 15th Dec 11 am People of the Parish



Eucharistic Adoration: Fridays 9.30am –10.30am

Eucharist Ministers 8th Dec Evelyn McHugh, Marian Sharpley, & PJ McLoughlin, 15th Dec Brendan Sweeney and Ellis O'Dell 22nd Dec Micheal Duignan & Peggy Ferguson 24th Dec Thomas Kelly, Gerard McCartin & Deirdre Harvey

Ministers of the Word 8th Dec PJ McLoughlin, 15th Dec Mary Corby 22nd Dec Gerard Darcy 24th Dec Volunteer

Door Collectors: 8th & 15th Dec Thomas Kelly and Hugh McTague Jnr 22nd, 24th & 25th Dec Tommy McWeeney, Micheal Hanly & Joe Murphy 5th & 12th Jan Liam McGovern and Dessie Wisley

Confessions Available: Saturdays after the 11am Mass in Ballinamore Church, and on request at any time.

AUGHNASHEELIN - St. MARY'S CHURCH: Mass on Fri 7pm, Sat 8:15pm & Mon 8.15pm

Mass Intentions

Fri 6th Dec 7pm Michael Bohan, his wife Anna (Drumcara) and all deceased Bohan family members

Michael Gilbride (Drumracken) and all deceased family members

Sat 7th Dec 8:15pm Lizzy Cafferty (Stralongford) and all deceased family members

Laurence Moran and Josephine Brogan, & all deceased Moran and Duignan family members

Johnny Mahon (Buggain) and all deceased members of the Mahon family

John Joe & Brigid McGirl, and Mary Mulvihill (Ballinamore)

Mon 9th Dec 8.15pm Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Fri 13th Dec 7pm: No Intention Sat 14th Dec 8:15pm People of the Parish

Eucharistic Ministers: 7th&14th Dec Seamus Prior & Margaret McTeigue 21st&24th Sharan O'Dowd & Brendan

Readers: Stephanie Prior & Maura Mulvey **Door Collectors:** Philip Rooney, Terence Boyle & Christopher McNulty

CORRALEECHAN - St. BRIGID'S CHURCH: Mass on Wed 9:30 am, Sun & Mon 9.45am

Mass Intentions

Sun 8th Dec 9:45am Michael Galligan, his brother Peter and their parents Katie and Patrick Galligan

Mon 9th Dec 9.45am Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Sun 15th Dec 9:45am Evelyn Beirne (Millinavanogue) 1st Anniversary

Cosmas Prior (Coragh) and Bernie and Katie Prior and all deceased family members

Agnes McKeon (Arvagh & Manchester)

Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesday 10 am to 4pm & 6pm to 8pm

Eucharistic Ministers Carol McNiff and Bernie Dolan **Altar Society** Bridie McNiff & Josie Maguire

Ministers of the Word Damien Gilheany & Tracy McTague **Door Collectors:** Seamus Beirne & Micheal McManus

AUGHAWILLAN - St PATRICK'S CHURCH: Mass Sat & Mon 7pm

Mass Intentions

Sat 7th Dec 7 pm People of the Parish

Mon.9th Dec 7pm. Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Sat 14th Dec 7 pm Thomas and Alice Flanagan and also Francie Flanagan 2nd Anniversary (Drumgowna)

Eucharistic Ministers Patricia Deane and Des Quinn **Altar Society** Mary Quinn, Colleen Quinn & Martina Conefrey

Ministers of the Word Sinead Kiernan & Morgan Quinn **Door Collectors** Pat Stringer and Michael Quinn

RECENT DEATHS: We pray for John Pakie Doran, Mayo, Aghnasheelin who died on Thursday.

RECENT BAPTISM: We welcome Niall Hughes and Clodagh Marie Mulvey into our Christian family, and congratulate their families on this joyous occasion.



♪♪ **PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE** ♪♪

Takes place in St. Patrick's Church Ballinamore on Sunday December 8th @ 7pm.

Choirs from our 4 churches, along with children from our schools will participate.

Donations on the night will be divided between Ballinamore Day Centre,

Ballinamore Nursing Unit and North West Simon for the Homeless.

BALLINAMORE PRAYER GROUP: every Tues 8-9:30pm in Parish office Ballinamore, all are welcome.

A CHALLENGE FOR ADVENT: Perhaps this is what the second part of John's message means to us during these Advent days; he calls, invites and challenges us to prepare a way for the Lord. As well as preparing for Christmas by shopping and getting our homes ready, we could also take some time to get ourselves ready at a prayer and spiritual level too. What in my own daily life needs changing and improving? Is there someone in my family or a colleague in work to whom I am being asked to say sorry and apologise to?

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. Please complete your CHY3 forms (enclosed in last annual acknowledgement letter) and return to the parish office, thank you



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

AUGHAWILLAN WHIST DRIVE: Tues 10th Dec at 8.30pm in Aughawillan Community Centre. Donations for spot prizes would be appreciated. All welcome.

SCOIL CHLANN NAOFA, BALLINAMORE are accepting applications for admission to our school for the 2025/2026 school year. Please contact **071 964 5001** or email school info@scoilchlannnaofa.com for enrolment pack. Thank you

BALLINAMORE FORÓIGE: Registration night Monday 9th December, 7pm @ Afterschool building, N41 KD98.

SOCIAL DANCING CLASSES: in Aughnasheelin Community Centre Wednesday at 8 pm. All welcome.

AUGHNASHEELIN CHOIR are looking for an organist. If you or anyone you know might be interested please contact Cait on 087 212 3703 or Sheila on 0876527815. New choir members always welcome.

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

BALLINAMORE GREENWAY PARKRUN & WALK: every 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.

TIN WHISTLE CLASSES: Tin whistle classes, continue for beginners to advanced Fridays @ 5.30pm in Sean O'Heslin's GAA Clubroom. Contact Sarah on **083 483 5881**.

BADMINTON (adults) Tuesdays 8-10pm. €5 per person PAYG. All welcome. Ballinamore Sports Comp.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR: 7th of Dec, the Island Theatre Ballinamore. To book craffairs.islandtheatre@gmail.com

COMMUNITY SERVICES HUB in the Den, N41R522: Join us every other Tuesday from 10am-12pm. On **Tues 17th Dec.** we will have a **Christmas Swap Shop at the Community Services Hub**. A chance to find the perfect pre-loved Christmas gift. With toys, trinkets, books and plants. Bring & Swap. The event is free, open from 10am-12pm

ISLAND THEATRE BALLINAMORE EVENTS: Declan Nerney with guest John Hogan: Sunday 8th Dec 8pm. Tickets €25 + €2 fees **Ballinamore Community School presents "Christmas Variety Concert"** Thurs & Fri 12th & 13th of Dec Start time: 7.30pm (doors 7pm) Running time: Approx. 3 hours (including interval) Adult €10 + €2 fees/Student & Child €5 + €2 fees **Mack Fleetwood** Sat 14th Dec 8pm Doors 7pm Tickets €30+€2 fees

👉 **SANTA CLAUSE IS COMING TO TOWN** 👈: So it is getting closer and closer... get yourselves ready for an evening of fun, visits and fireworks. And of course goodies for all the kids. Yes Santa is coming to turn on the Christmas lights. With a new venue, **THE JUNCTION, Sat 7th Dec at 6 pm**. There will be music, goodies and fun. Wrap up well in your festive gear and come along and enjoy. Please take good care of your pets as the fireworks may frighten them.

CHRISTMAS TIME! Join TISH DUNLEAVY & THE SWEET SPIRIT COUNTRY GOSPEL SINGERS in the Dock Theatre, Carrick on Shannon on Thursday 12th of December at 8pm for an evening of beautiful songs from 'Oh Happy Day', 'Abeline', 'Lucky old Sun' to a beautiful aria 'Song to the Moon' from the opera Rusalka along with the usual Christmas favourites – 'O' Holy Night' 'Silent Night' 'Drummer Boy, 'Peace on Earth' and many many more favourites. Contact the Dock Tel **071 965 0828** or online booking at www.thedock.ie

CORRALEECHAN HERITAGE SOCIETY BONUS BALL RAFFLE: We have a trailer load of sticks up for grabs.€10 and your chance to win this prize pick your lucky number 1 to 47; for sale after mass in Corraleechan on Sunday 15th of December. Funds to be used for flowers and upkeep in the area in 2025. Thanks in advance for your support.

ANNUAL SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCHGATE COLLECTION: Takes place 7th & 8th of December at all local Churches, please look out for our donation boxes, or donations can be made directly to the **SVP account** in the **Ballinamore Credit Union, IBAN: IE49BLRU99224009342021 and BIC: BLRUIE21**, or manually in the Credit Union to Acc No 9320380, we really appreciate your ongoing support.

UKULELE CLASSES FOR BEGINNERS: Weds in Scoil Chlann Naofa Ballinamore at 7.30pm, Susan **087 317 8169**

FIDDLE CLASSES FOR CHILDREN (beginners): Fridays in Seán O'Heslin's GAA club, rent a fiddle, in sizes to suit children. Call **087 762 0523**. This is a great opportunity for young people in Ballinamore to learn to play the fiddle

REFLECTION – 2nd WEEK OF ADVENT – PEACE ON EARTH

God of peace, as we light the Second Advent candle of peace, may your peace fill our hearts and our world.
Help us to be peacemakers in our relationships and communities. In Jesus' name, we pray. **Amen.**

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: Tues. 17th & 31st Dec, 14th & 28th Jan, 11th & 25th Feb, 11th & 25th March. On **Tues 17th Dec.** we will have a **Christmas Swap Shop at the Community Services Hub.** A chance to find the perfect pre-loved Christmas gift. With toys, trinkets, books and plants. Bring & Swap. The event is free, open from 10am-12pm in the Den, N41R522.

THE ADVENT WREATH is made of various evergreens, signifying continuous, everlasting life. The Laurel signifies victory over persecution and suffering; Pine, Holly, and Yew: signifies immortality; and Cedar: strength and healing. Holly also has a special Christian symbolism: The prickly leaves remind us of the crown of thorns and the red berries, the blood of Our Saviour. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul and the everlasting life offered by Christ. Any Pine Cones, Nuts or Seedpods used to decorate the wreath also symbolise life and resurrection. **ADVENT CANDLES** demonstrate the strong contrast between darkness and light, which is an important biblical image. Jesus referred to himself as the "Light of the World" that dispels the darkness of sin: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life" (John 8:12). The Second Advent Candle, coloured purple, represents faith/love. It is called the "**Bethlehem Candle**" as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. This candle is also referred to as the **Peace Candle** or the candle of peace. This candle reminds us that the angels declared "peace on earth" at the birth of Jesus. Jesus offers us inner peace and peace with others.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2025:

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

First Holy Communion: Aghawillan: Sun 4th May @ 9.45am. Ballinamore: Sat 17th May @ 12pm. And Aghnasheelin: Sun 18th 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 – 9th 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 for info.

URGENT- CARER WANTED: Male in his 70's based in the town of Ballinamore, approx. 1-2 Hrs per day for personal care, shopping, etc. Eligibility for carers benefit/allowance necessary. If you are interested, contact **087 770 2826**.

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

LEITRIM CALLING³- 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

SOLAS ART GALLERY in THE ISLAND THEATRE-BALLINAMORE, Winter Group Exhibition 2024 until Dec. 20th.

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 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 or by contacting the Roads Department by e-mail - roads@leitrimcoco.ie or Telephone **071 9620005 Ext. 630**. Closing Date is Friday 31st January, 2025.

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.

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

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 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

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 qualification in healthcare is an advantage but not compulsory, as training is provided. Please contact Seyi or Ciara on **(071) 9317051** for further information or email recruitment.sligo@homeinstead.ie

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 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 and further information see www.accord.ie

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BOOKING ANNIVERSARIES 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 donation is 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**

THE SANCTUARY is a meditation centre for social change in the heart of Dublin City. It is a charity founded by Sr. Stan Kennedy in 1998, long before meditation or mindfulness was on the tip of everyone's tongue. The Sanctuary has evolved organically over the years to include mindfulness programmes for schools, programmes for carers and those working on the frontlines of society. Moreover, it offers tailored programmes for commercial organisations, charities, and workplace and management teams. Courses are inspired by a deep and heartfelt wish and mission to nourish personal growth for greater social impact, ultimately helping to create a more resilient and just society.

If you have any questions or queries about anything coming up, you can contact us by email enquiries@sanctuary.ie or call us on **01 670 5419**. For more of what's to come at the Sanctuary www.sanctuary.ie