

OUGHTERAGH / DRUMREILLY LOWER PARISH NEWSLETTER

22nd Dec 2024 *Aughawillan-Aughnasheelin-Ballinamore & Corraleehan* 4th Sunday of Advent

23rd Dec St John of Kanty, 25th Christmas Day, 26th St Stephen, 27th St John Apostle

28th The Holy Innocents

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BALLINAMORE - St PATRICKS CHURCH:

Mass Sat & Sun 11am, Mon.7pm Christmas Eve 9:00pm,

Christmas Day 12pm, Thurs & Fri 11am

Sun 22nd Dec 11 am

Barney Breen (Aughadark) and Paddy and Pam McGovern.

Joseph & Mary Gormley (High Street & Fohera) and deceased Gormley family members.

James Bohan (Drumrane) and deceased members of the Bohan and Prior families
Christmas Eve

Tues 24th Dec 9:00 pm

Christmas Day

Wed 25th Dec 12 noon

Sat 28th Dec 11 am

Paul McGauley

Sun 29th Dec 11 am

Michael Costello (Ardrum)

Jenny McCormack, Betty and Thomas Galligan



Eucharistic Adoration:

Fridays 9.30am –10.30am

Eucharist Ministers

22nd Dec Micheal Duignan & Peggy Ferguson 24th Dec Thomas Kelly,

Gerard McCartin & Deirdre Harvey 25th Dec Máirín Martin, Mona Creamer & Liam McGovern

29th Dec Patricia McGoldrick, Marian Quinn & Leigh Murphy

Ministers of the Word

22nd Dec Gerard Darcy 24th Dec Volunteer 25th Dec Philomena Early

Door Collectors:

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 Fri 7pm & Sat 8:15pm, Christmas Eve 6:30pm

Christmas Day 10 am

Mass Intentions

Fri 20th Dec 7 pm:

No Intention

Sat 21st Dec 8:15 pm: No Intention

Tues 24th Dec 6:30 pm

Children's Mass

Wed 25th Dec 10 am Christmas Day

Eucharistic Adoration:

Fri 27th Dec 1am-12 noon and again on New Year Day 1st Jan 2025, from 11am-12 noon.

Eucharistic Ministers:

21st & 24th Sharon O'Dowd & Brendan Sammon

25th & 28th Terence Boyle and Kealan Mulvanerty

Readers: Stephanie Prior & Maura Mulvey

Door Collectors: Philip Rooney, Terence Boyle & Christopher McNulty

CORRALEECHAN - St. BRIGID'S CHURCH:

Mass Christmas Day 11 am, & Sun 9.45am

Mass Intentions

Sun 22nd Dec 9:45am

No Intention

Wed 25th Dec 11 am

Christmas Day

Sun 29th Dec 9:45am

Josephine & Jim Joe Prior, (Drumderg) and all deceased family members

Michael & Brigid McManus (Drumderg) and all deceased family members

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 7pm, Christmas Eve 7.45 pm

Mass Intentions

Sat 21st Dec 7 pm

Margaret Martin (Drumarigna) and all deceased Martin and Gallagher family members

Tues 24th Dec 7.45 pm Kathleen & Luke McGovern (Glebe) and all deceased family members

Hughie and Jim McGovern (Cully) and all deceased family members

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

CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES – Aughnasheelin 6:30pm, children's mass – Aughawillan 7:45pm – Ballinamore 9:00pm

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES – Aughnasheelin 10am, Corraleehan 11:00am – Ballinamore 12 noon.

CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS – Sunday 22nd Dec Penitential Service, Ballinamore 6pm, concludes with a

blessing for healing and anointing with the oil of mercy. **Confessions - Ballinamore** Christmas Eve 12 noon -

Corraleehan confessions after 9:30am mass Wed 18th - **Aughnasheelin** after 7pm mass Fri 20th - **Aughawillan** after 7pm mass Sat 21st.

Wishing all our Parishioners & Visitors a Blessed & Happy Christmas.

From, Fr. Seán, Fr. Moses, Patricia (Our Pastoral Worker) & The Parish Pastoral Council.

RECENT DEATHS: We pray for Joey Smith (High Street), Mairéad Foreman nee Wrynn Fenagh & Ballinamore (funeral postponed to New Year) Fr. John Murphy Bawnboy, Lynette Dooner (Lahard) reposing in Smiths Funeral Home on Sat pm with Service in Lakelands Crematorium Cavan on Sunday afternoon, Kieran Donohoe (Ballyconnell), may their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed Rest in Peace.

CHURCH ENVELOPES FOR 2025: are available for collection in the Churches from 27th Dec. It would be appreciated if you would kindly collect your box of envelopes at your earliest convenience as they will be in use from the 5th January. If you are new to the Parish please call the Parish Office on 0719644039 or email ballinamore @kilmorediocese.ie

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

ATHLETIC CLUB: Training has concluded for the Christmas break. We will likely resume on 7th Jan 2025.

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 087 652 7815. New choir members always welcome.

POKER CLASSIC: will be held on Fri. 27th Dec. at 9pm in Jackie's, Lakeland Bar, Ballinamore. Admission is €25. Refreshments & Raffle. Proceeds to Ballinamore Nursing Unit Patient Comfort Fund. Info call Catriona 086 160 3393.

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 PayAsYouGo. All welcome. Ballinamore Sports Comp.

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. 31st Dec, 14th & 28th Jan, 11th & 25th Feb, 11th & 25th March.

ANNUAL SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION: 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.

SEAN O HESLINS - NEW YEAR DRAW: Tickets are on sale for our annual draw, taking place in Priors@Highstreet on the 11th of January. Tickets available from members or Michael on 086 390 6791 by cash or Revolut

COULD YOU BE A BIG 50:50 WINNER?? A monthly chance to win big. Tickets available Priors@Highstreet, Smyth's Siopa Ól, Murphy's Newsagents, or Fresh Today, Online or Via the Ballinamore SOH App on iOS and Android. Also @ Tesco and Supervalu this W/end Ruairi on 087 248 8875

📢!!!**SANTA UPDATE!!!** 📢: After 10 fantastic years, and even managing through the challenges of Covid, Santa's visit to Ballinamore was sadly cancelled this year due to the aftermath of Storm Darragh. We'd like to thank our incredible team of helpers and wish everybody a Happy and Healthy Christmas and New Year.

THE LEITRIM GATHERING' is a celebration of Leitrim, which takes place from Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th May 2025. The event promises a weekend of exciting activities for all the family with a series of literary, cultural, heritage, music and dance events taking place. The event is designed to connect with the Leitrim Diaspora all over the world and encourage as many as possible to attend the event or alternatively to organise an event to celebrate their Leitrim roots wherever they reside. A warm welcome awaits everyone who calls Leitrim home. For those living abroad, check out a competition for free flights home to 'Lovely Leitrim' - visit www.theleitrimgathering.com/competition

SEÁN O'HESLINS: Connacht Scór Finals - Well done to our young team of Set Dancers who represented Ballinamore SOH and Leitrim so well in the Connaught Scór na óg finals at the weekend. All the hard work paid off and they were a credit to the club and their families. Tickets are now on sale for our annual New Year draw which will take place in Priors, Highstreet on the 11th of Jan. A jackpot of €4000, 2nd Prize of €1000 and 10 prizes of €100. Tickets can be purchased from all club members or by contacting Michael on 086 390 6791.

CHRISTMAS REFLECTION

At Christmas time our thoughts go out to our loved ones, far and near to those we remember each day throughout the year. At Christmas time we cherish hope with love and joy to share and pray for peace to fill the world for people everywhere. Amen

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@scoilchlannaofa.com for enrolment pack. Thank you

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:

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 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

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**

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Women's Circle

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