

OUGHTERAGH / DRUMREILLY LOWER PARISH NEWSLETTER

29th Dec 2024

Aughawillan-Aughnasheelin-Ballinamore & Corraleehan

29th Dec Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph, 31st Dec St Sylvester, 1st Jan Mary Holy Mother of God,
2nd Jan Sts Basil and Gergory, 3rd Jan St Munchin.

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BALLINAMORE - St PATRICKS CHURCH:

Mass times Sat ,Sun & Tues 11am, Mon 7pm, Wed.12pm
Thurs & Fri 9am

Sat 28th Dec 11 am

Paul McGauley

Sun 29th Dec 11 am

Michael Costello (Ardrum)

Jannie McCormack, Betty and Thomas Galligan.

Wed 1st 12 noon

No Intention

Sat 4th Jan 11am

Tony McKiernan (Tully) 2nd Anniversary

Sun 5th Jan 11am

Michael Dolan (Stradermot)

Mon 6th Jan 11am

Feast of the Epiphany

Eucharistic Adoration:

Fridays 9.30am –10.30am

Eucharist Ministers

29th Dec Patricia McGoldrick, Marian Quinn & Leigh Murphy, 5th Jan Phil Early, Mary McWeeney & Aileen Wisley, 12th Jan Michael Darcy, Maeve Sharpley, Noel Dolan.

Ministers of the Word

29th Dec Patricia Griffin, 5th Jan Ciara Creamer, 12th Jan Volunteer

Door Collectors:

5th&12th Jan, Liam McGovern & Dessie Wisley, 19th&26th Jan, Philip Murphy & Pat Ferguson



AUGHNASHEELIN - St. MARY'S CHURCH:

Mass Fri 7pm & Sat 8:15pm

Mass Intentions

Fri 27th Dec 7pm:

No intention

Sat 28th Dec 8:15pm: No intention

Fri 3rd Jan 7pm:

No intention

Sat 4th Jan 8:15pm: No intention

Mon 6th Jan 8:15pm

Feast of the Epiphany, J.P. Doran (Moher) Months Mind

Eucharistic Adoration:

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

Eucharistic Ministers:

28th Dec, Terence Boyle and Kealan Mulvanerty

4th & 11th Jan, Mary Rooney and Breda Mulvanerty

Readers: Bernie Prior, Sharon Flynn

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

CORRALEECHAN - St. BRIGID'S CHURCH:

(No Mass on Wed Jan 1st) Sun 9.45am (No Mass Mon 6th Jan)

Mass Intentions

Sun 29th Dec 9:45am

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

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

Sun 5th Jan 9:45am

No Intention

Eucharistic Ministers Carmel McNiff and Philomena Dolan

Altar Society Tracy McTague & Imelda Prior

Ministers of the Word Sean McGovern and Volunteer

Door Collectors: Hugh Patrick Prior & Sean McNiff Jnr

AUGHAWILLAN - St PATRICK'S CHURCH:

Mass Sat 7pm (Mass on Mon Jan 6th 7pm)

Mass Intentions

Sat 28th Dec 7 pm

No Intention

Sat 4th Jan 7pm

Paddy & Annie Dolan (Lisroughty) and deceased family members

Eucharistic Ministers Michelle Dolan & Mary Farrell Quinn

Altar Society Martina Maxwell & Martina Maxwell

Ministers of the Word Ronan Maxwell & Marie Quinn

Door Collectors Christy McGovern & Cathal McBrien

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.



CHURCH ENVELOPES FOR 2025 are available for collection in all churches from

Dec 27th. It would be appreciated if you would kindly collect your box of envelopes at your earliest convenience as they will be in use from Sunday week the 5th of January. Perhaps you would also take one for your neighbour. If you are new to the parish please call the parish Office on 071 964 4039 or email, ballinamore@kilmorediocese.ie

JUBILEE YEAR 2025: The theme for Jubilee Year is Pilgrims of Hope; A time of Renewal and Grace.

WORD OF THANKS AT CHRISTMAS: Sincere thanks to everyone who helped out and took part in the Christmas Masses in our 4 churches. To our Organists, Musical Directors, Soloists, Instrumentalists, Servers, Sacristans, Altar Societies, and all who prepared the churches so tastefully for the feast. To our Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Collectors, Counters, Liturgy Teams and the Parish Pastoral Council, a big Thank You to all. As we come to the end of 2024 thanks to all involved in Parish and Community organisations and committees who give of their time to improve the quality of life for all who live in our parish and elsewhere. A word of thanks to the Church Finance Committees, to all staff members of our schools, members of School Boards of Management and Parents Associations and our Parish Secretary.

Wishing everyone a Blessed, Healthy, and Happy New Year.

BON VOYAGE FR. MOSES: We wish Fr. Moses a safe journey as he returns to his family in Nigeria for the month of January. May he enjoy a well-deserved rest and holiday.

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.

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

COMMUNITY NOTES

ATHLETIC CLUB: Training has now concluded for the Christmas break, it will likely resume on 7th January 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.

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

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.

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**

'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

COMMUNITY NETWORKING HUB: This is an excellent opportunity for creating connections, building relationships and ensuring integration in our community. We extend a warm welcome to Teemore Regeneration, who are a Cross Community Group, working together for the betterment of their community. Join us in welcoming them and for free refreshments, a space to talk/socialise, see our repair and swap shops. This event is FREE and all are welcome ON TUESDAY 31st DECEMBER 2024 from 10am to 1pm. in THE COMMUNITY DEN N41R522 (beside Sports Complex).

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**.

New Year - REFLECTION

Lord, whether I leave behind a year of joy or of trials and difficulties, I pause to give thanks.

Thank you for being with me every day of every year. Thank you for making all things new and for giving me the grace of fresh starts and new beginnings. Remind me of your presence in the days to come, even when I feel pushed and rushed by busyness. Be glorified in my life this year. **Amen**

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**.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2025:

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

First Holy Communion: Aughawillin: Sun 4th May @ 9.45am. Ballinamore: Sat 17th May @ 12pm. And Aughnasheelin: 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.

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

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.

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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