

OUGHTERAGH & DRUMREILLY LOWER PARISH NEWSLETTER

11th Jan 2026

Aughawillan - Aughnasheelin - Ballinamore & Corraleeahan

*11th Jan Baptism of the Lord, 12th Jan St Bernard of Corleone,
13th Jan St Hilary, 15th Jan St Ita, 16th Jan St Berard, 17th Jan St Anthony*

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BALLINAMORE - ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH Mass times: Sat & Sun 11am, Mon & Wed 7pm, Tues, Thurs & Fri 9am

Mass Intentions

Sat 10th Jan 11am

Gerard Cumiskey (1st Anniversary)

Sun 11th Jan 11am

Michael James Gilhooly (Killaneen) his son Michael Joseph and all deceased members of the Gilhooly and Hennessy families

Sat 17th Jan 11am

Margaret McKiernan (**Months Mind**)

Sun 18th Jan 11am

Stephen Ralph (Ballinamore & New York)

Brendan Gormely (High Street) and his parents Joe & Mary

Michael Keegan (Lahard) his grand-daughter Saoirse and all deceased members of the Keegan and McCabe families

Eucharistic Adoration:

Fridays, 9:30 – 10:30am

Ministers of the Eucharist: 11th Jan Alice Costello, Raymond McHugh & Marcella McKiernan, 18th Jan Evelyn McHugh, Marian Sharpley & PJ McLoughlin, 25th Jan Michael Duignan, Peggy Ferguson & Máirín Martin.

Ministers of the Word: 11th Jan Ciara Creamer, 18th Jan Kay Maguire, 25th Jan John Darcy, 1st Feb Siobhan Dolan

Door Collectors: 11th Jan John O'Connell & David McBrien, 18th & 25th Jan Damien O'Brien, Andy O'Rourke & Rory O'Rourke, 1st & 8th Feb Camillus Martin, Michael Fanning & Gerard D'Arcy

AUGHNASHEELIN

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

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

Mass Intentions

Fri 9th Jan 7pm

James & Elizabeth Canning (Dernahelty Beg), Ann & Harry Sager, Michael Durkin and all deceased members of the Caning and Gannon families.

Sat 10th Jan 12noon

Funeral Mass of Patrick Smyth, London (formerly Drumdarton)

Sat 10th Jan 8:15pm

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

Fri 16th Jan 7pm

Carmel McManus (Mullinasella)

Tommy Prior (Lisculfea) **Months Mind**

Sat 17th Jan 8:15pm

People of the Parish

Eucharistic Adoration:

Wednesdays, 11am-12noon and 8pm - 10pm

Eucharistic Ministers Jan 10th Seamus Prior & Margaret McTeigue 17th & 24th Sharon O'Dowd & Brendan Sammon

Readers: Bernie Prior & Sharon Flynn

Door Collectors: Gerry Smyth, Francis McTeigue & Andy McPartland

CORRALEECHAN

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH

Mass times: Sun 9:45am, Wed 9:30am

Mass Intentions

Sun 11th Jan 9:45am

John Francis & Brigid Ann Prior (Greagh) their son Hugh Patrick Prior and all deceased family members

Sun 18th Jan 9:45am

Bernie & Mary Prior (Derrinivver) and all deceased members of the Prior & McGovern families.

Des O'Rourke

St Anthony's Collection Box: €285 has been paid forward to the Franciscan Missions, Dublin. Many thanks for your donations

Eucharistic Adoration:

Wednesdays 10am – 8pm (please come along and join us)

Eucharistic Ministers: Carmel McNiffe & Philomena Dolan

Ministers of the Word: Seamus McGovern & Volunteer

Door Collectors: Sean McNiff & Volunteer

AUGHAWILLAN

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

Mass time: Sat 7pm

Mass Intentions

Sat 10th Jan 7pm

People of the Parish

Sat 17th Jan 7pm

No Intention

Eucharistic Ministers: Damien Conefrey & Patricia Deane

Door Collectors: Declan McGovern & Cathal McBrien

Altar Society: Martina Maxwell & Geraldine Maxwell

Ministers of the Word: Marie Quinn

RECENT DEATHS: We pray for Fr Phil Brady (retired PP of Laragh and former curate of Lower Drumreilly) whose funeral takes place in Bruskey on Saturday 10th January. May his soul rest in peace.

! ! IMPORTANT MEETING NOTICE: A meeting for **all church counters** and **all church finance committees** from Ballinamore, Aughnasheelin, Aughawillan and Corraleehan will take place on Monday 12th January at 8pm in St Brigid's Parish Centre. Full attendance would be appreciated.

MARY'S MEALS CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: Thank you to all who gave so kindly this Christmas to the collection for Mary's Meals, made through Scorpio Boutique, Ballinamore. A total of €700 was raised.

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**

AUGHAWILLAN NS: is now taking Enrolments for September 2026. Enrolment forms are now available by e-mailing: aughawillanns@gmail.com or contacting the office on 071 9644246.

ST. MARY'S NS AUGHNASHEELIN: is now taking Enrolments for September 2026. Enrolment forms are now available by e-mailing: office@stmarysnsaughnasheelin.com or contacting the office on 0719644868.

SCOIL CHLANN NAOFA, BALLINAMORE: has commenced accepting applications for admission to our national school for the 2026/2027 school year. Please contact the school on 071 9645001 or email us at info@scoilchlannaofa.com for the enrolment pack. Application forms are also available to download from our website www.scoilchlannaofa.ie.

CHURCH ENVELOPES 2026: some church envelopes are still available for collection in all four churches. It would be appreciated if you would kindly collect your box of envelopes at your earliest convenience as they have been in use from 4th January. If you are new to the parish please contact the parish office to request your box of envelopes. Tel: 071-9644039 or email: ballinamore@kilmorediocese.ie

CONFIRMATION 2026: The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place in Ballinamore at 12noon on 28th March 2026

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026: The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will take place in: **Aughawillan on 3rd May 2026 at 9:45am**, **Ballinamore on 9th May 2026 at 12 noon** and **Aughnasheelin on 16th May 2026 at 12 noon**.

COMMUNITY NOTES

ATHLETIC CLUB: training has resumed on Tuesdays (Over 10s outdoors) and Thursdays Over 10s outdoors and Under 10s in the Den. New members being enrolled, must be born in 2018 or earlier.

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 13th January 2026 in Ballinamore Library at 8.00pm. Please text to book a place at 087 6821 566. Admission is free. Beidh Fáilte romhat.

YELLOW RIVER DRAMA GROUP: will hold their **Annual General Meeting** on **Tuesday, 20th January at 8:00pm** in **Aughnasheelin Hall**. All members and anyone interested in getting involved are very welcome to attend.

BALLINAMORE GREENWAY PARKRUN & WALK: each Saturday at 9.30am – Meet at the Junction.

A WORD OF THANKS: Oranmore Maree Coastal Search Unit would like to sincerely thank all those who attended or supported the recent Fundraising Table Quiz in Priors, Ballinamore. A Special Thank you to Shirley Sammon for organising this Quiz. The fantastic sum of €2,210 was raised which is gratefully appreciated. Once again, a sincere Thank You to everyone involved.

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

AUGHAWILLAN WHIST: second Tuesday of the month, 8:30pm. New members welcome. Spot prizes appreciated.

A REMINDER - HEDGE CUTTING SCHEME: This scheme encourages the cutting of roadside hedges/trees along the Public Road Network. Open to individual applicants, communities and groups. **New grants available this year** so please contact roads@letirimcoco.ie or phone 071-9620005 Ext. 630. **Closing Date is 30th Jan 2026.**

ISLAND THEATRE UPCOMING EVENTS: A Bunch of Amateurs – Breffni Players, **17th Jan 2026**. The Drifters - Anniversary Tribute Tour, **30th Jan 2026**. Brendan Kelly Band, **31st Jan 2026**. Donal O'Connor & Matteo Cullen, **7th Feb 2026**. 'The Love Hungry Farmer' by John B Keane - Seamus O'Rourke, **22nd Feb 2026**. Legends of the 60s Show, **27th Feb 2026**. Details on www.islandtheatre.ie

REFLECTION

God of all mercy, as Your Son was
baptised in the waters of the Jordan,
renew in us the grace of our own
baptism, that we may rise each day as
Your beloved people. Amen



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ADDITIONAL PARISH AND COMMUNITY ITEMS

MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRAYER FOR PRIESTS & FAMILIES: as requested by Our Lady of Fatima via interior Locutions to Fr Stefano Gobbi will take place on the **last Monday** of each month. Our next date is **26th January, 2026** after 7pm Mass in Prayer Room Ballinamore Church. All are welcome.

CHARITABLE DONATIONS FORM: We wish to thank those who have taken the time to complete the CHY3 form which is being sent with the annual acknowledgement letters at present. Whether you are self-employed or a PAYE tax payer, you can help the church in your area by completing the CHY3 form and returning it to the parish office. This does not give us access to any of your tax details or your personal tax data in any way. If you donate in excess of €250 per annum to the church and pay tax to Revenue, the CHY3 form can be used by the church to reclaim some of the tax you pay, and any money reclaimed is paid directly to the church account for your area.

GENTLE REMINDER: to update your church contributions. Offertory contributions for the upkeep of your church are made payable to your local church. On-line donations can be made using the following bank details. Offertory Donations: **Ballinamore** IBAN IE26 AIBK 937037 03815040, **Aughawillan** IBAN IE19 AIBK 937037 00004036, **Corraleehan** IBAN IE32 AIBK 937037 02021111, **Aughnasheelin** IBAN IE58 AIBK 937037 03814076. All Dues contributions are made to Ballinamore Catholic Church No. 2 Account. **IBAN IE16 AIBK 937037 03815123** Your continued support is gratefully appreciated.

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



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 QR code 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.



PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE: Our new **Oughteragh and Drumreilly Lower Parish** Facebook Page was launched earlier in 2025. Please like our new page where you can find and share our upcoming events.

KILMORE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: next year will take place from 5th – 10th May 2026 flying from Ireland West Airport, Knock. Bookings will be with Cavan Travel, Main Street, Cavan 049 4361 222 and for Assisted Pilgrims with Fr Tom Mannion, Pilgrimage Director, Ballinaglera, Co Leitrim 087 9170 879

ST PATRICK'S NATIONAL SCHOOL CORLOUGH PARENTS ASSOCIATION: would really appreciate your support! If you have plastic bottles or cans with the Re-turn symbol and are willing to donate them to raise funds for the children of St Patrick's Corlough, you can place them in the yellow Re-turn bin located in the Chapel car park at Corraleehan or Corlough church. Alternatively, there is a bin in the school.

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THE COMMUNITY CONNECT PROJECT SURVEY: aims to gain a deeper understanding of how local communities and groups are experiencing and responding to new arrivals - identify the challenges, opportunities, and supports needed to help communities remain inclusive and connected - gather insights that will guide future supports, resources, and training for community groups across the county. You can take part ☞ **Online:** Leitrim Development Company, Have your say ■ **By post:** **Leitrim Development Company, Church Street, Drumshanbo, Co. Leitrim, N41 N6K6.** For more information, please contact: ✉ Ckavanagh@ldco.ie

FAMILY CARERS IRELAND: is the National Charity Supporting 500,000+ Family Carers Nationwide, we are currently recruiting for Community Homecare Workers to provide support to clients. Work hours are flexible based on your availability. Own car and Full Driving Licence essential. Please send your CV to jobs@familycarers.ie or contact Carol on 049 8511031 or 086 4183949 for more information.

MEITHEAL: is a Tusla led process for children and families who may need support. Meitheal enables families to identify what is working well - and no so well, and work towards changes they would like to see happen for their child or young person. For more information on Meitheal please call 087-6562844 or email meitheal.ppfs@tusla.ie

ALONE: recruits, trains, and supports volunteers for two key services: **Visitation and Befriending Service**, Volunteers give **one hour per week** to provide companionship to an older person. **Telephone Support and Befriending Service:** Volunteers make friendly weekly calls to older people for a **one-hour shift**. We currently have older people in Ballinamore and the surrounding area awaiting both services. For more information or to get involved, please visit alone.ie or contact **Collette, Volunteer Support Officer**, at **086 921505** or collette.ferguson@alone.ie

AN TOBAR NUA: We provide **confidential counselling nationwide** via telephone and Zoom. Our service is **donation-based**, because we do not want finances to prevent anyone from receiving support. If you are struggling with grief, anxiety, depression, or other life challenges, we are here to help, please telephone: 091-562 175

AUGHNASHEELIN NS RE-TURN BIN: There is a yellow Re-Turn bin located on school grounds. All proceeds from the bottles and cans collected in this bin go directly to supporting our school and meeting the needs of our students. If you'd like to contribute, please consider disposing of your eligible bottles and cans in this bin. Your support would be greatly appreciated. Every donation helps, thank you.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE ADDICTED TO SUFFER FROM ADDICTION: M-PACT, a **FREE** eight-week, whole family support programme. Helping to improve relationships, communication and recovery. If interested or would like further information. Please contact 071 9150578 / 085 875 9319 or email sligoleitrim@alcoholforum.com

LIFE COACH: creating inclusive, uplifting gatherings where everyone is welcome—whether you move, sit, sway, or simply enjoy the moment. These events are designed to support your wellbeing, create connection, and lift your spirit. If this speaks to you, I'd love to hear from you. Please email transformationalyes@gmail.com with a "Yes" and the name of your townland.

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.

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: would like to hear from people willing to get involved as a volunteer on our Befriending Visitation Service - one hour per week commitment visiting an older person in their home for company and chat. Full training and support is provided. For further details, contact: Marion on 087 9585029 or e-mail leitrimcalling@gmail.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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