

OUGHTERAGH & DRUMREILLY LOWER PARISH NEWSLETTER

15th March 2026 *Aughawillan - Aughnasheelin - Ballinamore & Corraleehan* 4th Sunday Lent

17th Mar St Patrick, 19th Mar St Joseph

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BALLINAMORE - ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

Mass times: Sat, Sun & Tue 11am, Mon 7pm, Wed & Thurs 7:30am, Fri 9am

Mass Intentions

Sat 14th Mar 11am

Maureen & Tommy Dolphin and all deceased members of the Roddy family

Sun 15th Mar 11am

JP & Margaret O'Hara (Kilrush)

Michael Sherkle

Bridget, William & Charles McWeeney (Longstones)

Tues 17th Mar 11am

✠ *Lá Fhéile Pádraig* ✠

Packie & Mary Travers (St Brigid Street)

Mary Leavey and deceased members of the Leavey family

Sat 21st Mar 11am

No Intention

Sun 22nd Mar 11am

Austin Quinn (Ardrum) his brothers Kilian & Francis and parents Phil & Helena

Mon 23rd Mar 7pm

Anne McKiernan **Months Mind**

Thomas & Rose Ann Whitney



Eucharistic Adoration:

Fridays 9:30am – 10:30am

Ministers of the Eucharist: 15th Mar Alice Costello, Raymond McHugh & Marcella McKiernan, 17th Mar Evelyn McHugh, Marian Sharpley & PJ McLoughlin 22nd Mar Patricia McGoldrick, Marian Quinn & Leigh Murphy,

Ministers of the Word: 15th Mar Mary McKiernan, 17th Mar Michael Dolan, 22nd Mar Marie Sweeney

Door Collectors: 15th & 22nd Mar Thomas Kelly & Hugh McTague, 29th Mar & 5th Apr Tommy McWeeney & Joe Murphy

AUGHNASHEELIN

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

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

Mass Intentions

Fri 13th Mar 7pm

Packie, Joe & Brigid McCabe and all deceased members of the McCabe family

Sat 14th Mar 8:15pm

Frank McNulty (Kiltybarden) and all deceased family members

Paddy Joe & Celia Mulvey (Aghlin)

Mon 16th Mar 8:15pm

✠ *Vigil for St Patrick's Day* ✠

Fri 20th Mar 7pm

Mollie McTiernan (Miskawn) 1st Anniversary

Sat 21st Mar 8:15pm

People of the Parish



Lenten Stations of the Cross 2026 in Aughnasheelin 7pm Mass on the six Friday's of Lent

Eucharistic Ministers: 14th & 21st Mar Maura Mulvey & Maureen Conway, 28th Mar & 5th Apr Mary Costello & Sheila O'Dowd **Ministers of the Word:** Confirmation Class **Door Collectors:** Peter Flynn, Brendan Reynolds & Brian O'Dowd

CORRALEECHAN

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH

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

Mass Intentions

Sun 15th Mar 9:45am

People of the Parish

Tue 17th Mar 9:45am

✠ *Lá Fhéile Pádraig* ✠

Sun 22nd Mar 9:45am

Sean McNiff (Drumgowna)

Eucharistic Adoration:

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



Eucharistic Ministers: Carol McNiff & Bernie Dolan

Ministers of the Word: Helen McGovern & Sean McNiff

Door Collectors: Gerry Meehan & Joseph McNiff

AUGHAWILLAN

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

Mass time: Sat, Mon & Wed 7pm

Mass Intentions

Sat 14th Mar 7pm

Teresa McKiernan (Sradrinan) 1st Anniversary

Bridie Stringer (Boeshill)

Mon 16th Mar 7pm

✠ *Vigil for St Patrick's Day* ✠

Sat 21st Mar 7pm

Patsy Prior (Lecken) **Months Mind**



Eucharistic Ministers: Pat Stringer & Angela Sutherland

Door Collectors: Paddy Deane & Gerry Flanagan

Altar Society: Michelle Dolan & Katie Meekin

Ministers of the Word: Doreen Flanagan & Donal Quinn

RECENT DEATHS: We pray for Mathias Victor Julius (father of Nicki) who died in Holland and whose funeral takes place on Sat 14th March also Jim & Liam Higgins (formerly of Main St. Ballinamore) who died in Birmingham. May they rest in peace.

✠ **PILGRIM WALK TO ST PATRICK'S WELL AUGHNASHEELIN:** on 17th March 2026 we plan to have our annual walk to St Patrick's well. We will meet at 11:45am in Aughnasheelin church car park. Recite the Rosary on the way, prayers & hymns at the well site. Fr Sean will lead us. We welcome all members of our parish community young, old and in between. *Lá Fhéile Pádraig sona duit.*

✠ **RECENT WEDDING:** Congratulations to Matthew Murphy and Laura O'Dowd who were recently married in Ballinamore Church. Wishing them many years of health and happiness together.

RECENT BAPTISMS: We welcome Adedamola, Olakunle and Camilla Olageshin and Toluwanini Adesina into our Christian Community and congratulate their families on this joyous occasion.

ST PATRICK'S DAY COLLECTION: Your generosity to St Patrick's Day collection goes to help support St. Paul's Missionary Society and Minna Diocese, Nigeria, the Irish Missionaries and Immersion Programme in African Countries and provides support to the Irish Chaplaincy abroad.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: 12th April 2026. Novena to the Divine Mercy begins on Good Friday. Jesus said "Oh what great graces I will grant to souls who say this chaplet"

MINISTER'S RETREAT: Thanks to those who attended the retreat for all involved in ministry in our parish, on Sunday afternoon last. A special word of gratitude to Fr Sean Kelly for his uplifting and inspiring words. Our thanks to Aughnasheelin Community Centre Committee for the use of their excellent facilities.

A GROWING IN FAITH COURSE: continues Wednesdays, from 8-9pm in St. Brigid's Parish Centre. Come along and experience a deeper faith this Lent.

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

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

COMMUNITY NOTES

☘ **Ballinamore St. Patrick's Day Parade:** will take place on Tuesday 17th March at 4pm. Floats and clubs all welcome. Prizes to be won. Assemble at Tesco. Contact: Adrian @ 087 2498659 ☘

BALLINAMORE GOLF CLUB TABLE QUIZ: The club are holding a table quiz in the Poor Scholar on Friday 20th March at 8.30pm, if you can get a team, donate, or give a raffle prize it would be much appreciated. Thank you.

DAFFODIL DAY 2026: collection will take place in Ballinamore on **Fri 20th and Sat 21st March.** Please come out and support the **Irish Cancer Society's Daffodil Day.** Volunteers will be collecting at **Supervalu and Tesco** on both days. Cash and cashless options available. Contact Mary on 086 1564790 to volunteer on either day.

BETTER TOGETHER: Celebratory Event on Fri 13th March from 3-6pm, Island Theatre, Ballinamore.

MOHILL FAMILY SUPPORT CENTRE: Canon Donohoe Hall are holding a Coffee Morning on March 26th from 10 am to 12 pm. Everyone welcomed to join. **Parents Plus Children's Programme:** A 9-week evidence-based course for parents of children aged 6 to 11. The programme promotes confidence, learning and positive behaviour. For more information or to book your place, please contact **Abi** on **087 674 4993** or **Rachel** on **086 603 5977.** **Parent and Toddler Group:** Our weekly Parent and Toddler group meets every **Tuesday morning from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon** at the [Hall, Mohill](#). All are welcome for a chat and play.

AUGHNASHEELIN WALKING FOR ALL INITIATIVE: every Saturday at 11am sharp, at Aughnasheelin GAA pitch - for maximum half hour - walk at your own pace. All welcome, no need to be member of the GAA Club. Text Meadhbh McTeigue at 087-062 6644 if you would like to get involved as a leader.

☘ **AUGHNASHEELIN YELLOW RIVER DRAMA PLAYERS:** will bring their hilarious production of Sam Crees 'Separate Beds' to Aughnasheelin Hall on the 13th, 14th, 16th, 20th & 21st of March. Tickets can be booked through Eventbrite, Leitrim Events or you can email yellowriverplayers@gmail.com for enquiries.

🏠 ✠ **OPEN DAY:** Looking to upskill, start a business, or make your home more energy efficient? Then don't miss the **Mohill Enterprise Centre Open Day** on **Thursday, March 19th, from 2pm to 8pm.** Discover exciting new courses, including **Digital Skills and AI**, see live demonstrations in **robotics, drones and digital technology**, and get expert advice on **solar energy, home retrofits and business supports.** It's **free**, it's **informative**, and **all are welcome.** Visit **Mohill Enterprise Centre**, call **071 963 2024**, or follow us on social media for full details. ✠ ✠

✿ *Wishing all Mothers a Blessed and Happy Mother's Day* ✿

REFLECTION

St Patrick's Prayer (Children's Version)

I arise today With God's strength to guide me, God's love to surround me, God's wisdom to teach me, And God's light to keep me safe.

Christ be with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ beside me, Christ to comfort me, Christ to protect me, Christ over me, Christ under me.

God of heaven, stay close to me. Shine in the sun, Glow in the moon, Sparkle in the stars, And keep me safe in every place I go.

God's angels guard me. God's hands hold me. God's shield protect me from all harm and fear. **I arise today** With God's strength, God's peace, And God's love. **Amen.**



All New items for the Newsletter should be dropped into the Parish Office, Convent Road or emailed before 12 noon on Thursdays to ballinamore@kilmorediocese.ie the editor reserves the right to edit or omit items according to suitability of content & space in the newsletter

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ADDITIONAL PARISH AND COMMUNITY ITEMS

BALLINAMORE WEEKLY PRAYER GROUP: returns on Tues 31st of Mar 8pm-9:30pm each week. All are welcome.

MEDJUGORJE GROUP PILGRIMAGE 2026: Journey to Medjugorje as part of our Group Pilgrimage from September 9th – 16th 2026, with Spiritual Director, *Fr Seán Mawn*. Cost of 7 nights' accommodation, including breakfast and dinner, flights from Dublin, coach transfers, airport and local taxes is **€895**. For booking please contact Marian Foy on 087 6350506.

KILMORE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2026: takes place from 5th to the 10th of May. To book a place please contact Cavan Travel. 049 4361222. Pilgrims who need assistance please contact Fr. Tom Mannion on 087 9170879. **Concert:** A fundraising concert with Gospel and Country singer Owen Mac and his band will take place in Saint Clare's Church Manorhamilton on Sunday 26th April. Tickets are €20 and are available from the Parochial House, Manorhamilton and Eventbrite, or contact 0879170879, Fr. Tom Mannion.

THE WAY: A national on-line network helping people to discover, live and pass on the Catholic faith. Find out more at www.theWay.ie, and help spread the Good News! This initiative from the Bishops' Conference is intended to be a collaborative effort which we can build together to our mutual benefit.

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 **30th March, 2026** after 7pm Mass in Prayer Room Ballinamore Church. All are welcome.

EUCCHARISTIC HEALING CONFERENCE – BUNDORAN: March 20th – 22nd, 2026, a weekend of renewal at The Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran. Speakers include Fr. John Keane, Mr. Aidan Byrne, and Mr. Eddie Stones. The programme features Holy Mass, Adoration, Confessions, and Healing Services. Registration: Friday @ 10am (€50). Contact: 086 3152460 or 087 7847304. All are welcome

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**

CHARITABLE DONATIONS FORM: 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.

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.

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.

AUGHNASHEELIN CIROCAL NA mBan: Yoga continues every Wednesday evening 6.45 -7.45pm with Edel Quinn. Arts and crafts with Friends from 10am - 12.30pm every Saturday morning. This is a drop in workshop doing various arts and crafts activities. Contact Geraldine 086-3376411 for info.

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.

🎵 **SING TOGETHER:** Further dates are: 28th March, 23rd May, 18th July, 12th September, and 21st November from 10.00am – 1.00pm. Island Theatre, Ballinamore. For more information call Sarah 087 762 0523.

🎵 **ISLAND THEATRE:** Dubliner - The Luke Kelly Story, **Sat 14th Mar.** Easter Craft Fair, **Sun 29th Mar, 12-4pm.** Here Come The Girls, **10th Apr 2026.** Movicals **17th Apr 2026.** Jack L 'Chez Jack L + All The Hits', **18th Apr 2026.** Declan Nerney in concert with guests John McNicholl and Gavin Gribben, **8th May 2026.** Details on www.islandtheatre.ie

VACANCY IN MOHILL: A part-time Caretaker role for a fixed term 6-month contract in Mohill Family Support Centre. If interested please contact email on coordinator@mohillfsc.info.

✿ **FREE GARDEN PLANNING COURSE:** The free garden planning course continues every Wednesday, 10am-2pm in the Old Vocational School, Ballinamore. Drop in or call Seamus on: 087-9168087.

DRUMSHANBO COMMUNITY CENTRE BINGO: The 40th anniversary of Drumshanbo community Centre Bingo will take place on Monday 30th March starting at 7.30pm. Prizes money €4,090 plus spot prizes and an extra draw on the night. Tea and refreshments served. Everyone welcome

THE ALZHEIMER SOCIETY OF IRELAND: now offer Day Services in Carrick on Shannon with more services to be added in the not too distant future. If you or a loved one or someone you know would benefit from our Services or like more information, then please contact Sinéad Foley Coleman by: E-mail sineadfoley.coleman@alzheimier.ie or phone 087 0680714.

FAMILY CARERS IRELAND: is currently conducting the State of Caring 2026 Survey, an important survey to better understand the experiences of family carers. As a family carer, your input is invaluable and will contribute to shaping policies and decisions. The survey usually takes 30 minutes but this can vary. Please take part online at : <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/StateOfCaring2026>. If you would prefer to complete a paper copy or complete the survey by phone, please contact Joanne Murphy, Research Officer| jmurphy@familycarers.ie | 086 032 6187 The survey will remain open until March 4th 2026.

MPACT: Supports families who have been affected by parental substance misuse, where there are children aged 8–17. For further information contact: M-PACT Sligo, Leitrim, West Cavan, First Floor, The Westward Town Centre, Bridge Street, Sligo. F91 XH77 Tel: 07191 50578/ 085 8759313.

ALONE: is seeking volunteers in Ballinamore to visit older people or make friendly phone calls to help prevent loneliness and isolation over the winter months. 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 throughout Sligo awaiting on both services. For more information or to get involved, please visit alone.ie or contact **Collette, Volunteer Support Officer**, at: **086 1921505** or email collette.ferguson@alone.ie

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.

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.

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

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.

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

GROW: is a national mental health organisation offering support to people who are experiencing or have experienced mental health challenges. We invite you to join our friendly, strictly confidential, and non-judgemental weekly peer support meetings in Breffni FRC, Carrick on Shannon every Wednesday from 11am-1pm. You don't have to face this alone. With GROW, you'll find understanding, connection, and hope. For more information call Marie on 086 8516939.

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.

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

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 transformationalyses@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.

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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