

18<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026 Aughawillan - Aughnasheelin - Ballinamore & Corraleeahan 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday O/T  
20<sup>th</sup> Jan St Fabian & St Sebastian, 21<sup>st</sup> Jan St Agnes, 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan St Vincent, 24<sup>th</sup> Jan St Francis de Sales.

**MEETING OF COUNTERS AND FINANCE COMMITTEES:** Thanks to all the counters and the members of the four Church Finance Committees who attended the meeting in the Parish Centre on last Monday night, 12<sup>th</sup> January. A number of points were clarified and those in attendance were brought up to date on lodgement arrangements. For lodging arrangements to work smoothly *it is essential that collections are counted weekly and prepared for lodgement.* This is also important from a safety aspect and to avoid errors and inaccuracies in recording counts.

**MEDJUGORJE GROUP PILGRIMAGE 2026:** Journey to Medjugorje as part of our Group Pilgrimage from September 9<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> 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 **€845 until 30th January 2026**, increasing to €895 thereafter. For booking please contact Marian Foy on 087 6350506.

**AUGHAWILLAN NS:** is now taking Enrolments for September 2026. Enrolment forms are now available by e-mailing: [aughawillanns@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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@scoilchlannnaofa.com](mailto:info@scoilchlannnaofa.com) for the enrolment pack. Application forms are also available to download from our website [www.scoilchlannnaofa.ie](http://www.scoilchlannnaofa.ie).

### COMMUNITY NOTES

**ATHLETIC CLUB:** training continues 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.

**NEW TECHNOLOGY OPPORTUNITY:** Banking online, government services, getting better benefits using apps, phone and internet skills. Commencing Monday 19th January 2026. Afternoon from 2.00pm to 5.00pm in Drumshanbo Enterprise Centre N41C6X6. Classes are funded by MSLETB. Contact 0876312708 or 0879469356

**GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS:** Starting Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 11:15am in Ballinamore Community Hall at the Island Theatre. Suitable for Seniors. A great way to get movement into the body in a lovely social welcoming atmosphere. Just come along or contact 087 939 0980 for further information.

**SING TOGETHER:** Special St Brigid's Day Drop In **Sing Together, Saturday 31st January, 10.00am – 1.00pm** Island Theatre, Ballinamore. **€25 per person - €40 for two.** So do bring a friend! Registration and refreshments from 10.00am for a prompt start at 10.30am. For more information call Sarah **087 762 0523.** **Further dates are: 28<sup>th</sup> March, 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 18<sup>th</sup> July, 12<sup>th</sup> September, 21<sup>st</sup> November.**

**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@alzheimer.ie](mailto:sineadfoley.coleman@alzheimer.ie) or phone 087 0680714.

**TEMPLEPORT DAY CENTRE:** re-opens on Wednesday January 21st. Usual transport arrangements. Any queries, please contact either Emily (086 845 0836) or Anne (087 285 7471)

**GARDENING CLASS:** A Free Garden Planning class (Level 3) will be starting on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February, from 10am – 2pm each week, in the Old Vocational School, Ballinamore. For more information please contact Seamus: 087-9168087 or drop in any Wednesday between 10am and 2pm.

**TWINNING ANNIVERSARY:** The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ballinamore Community Area Twinning with Pouezéc, Brittany will be celebrated in Pouezéc from the 1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> April. Over the years it has been a wonderful exchange of culture and friendship. If you are interested in being part of the group travelling, please contact Mary Ann McBrien, 087-9195401 or Pauline Le Guan, 086-3558923 by the 22<sup>nd</sup> January.

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

**ANNUAL BALLINAMORE DRAMA FESTIVAL:** takes place again this March, 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026. A deal on a 3 ticket package is currently on offer until Jan 31<sup>st</sup>. As always Season tickets - available at Murphy's Shop, St. Brigid's St. As part of a national competition, the Ballinamore Drama Festival brings 8 superb Drama Groups from all over Ireland. It runs for 8 nights from 1<sup>st</sup> March to 8<sup>th</sup> March in The Island Theatre - 8pm. Tickets available at the door each night.

**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.

**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@letirmcoco.ie](mailto:roads@letirmcoco.ie) or phone 071-9620005 Ext. 630. **Closing Date is 30<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026.**

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

### REFLECTION

Here is the One who carries what we cannot carry.  
Here is the One who heals what we cannot heal.  
Here is the one who restores what we have broken.  
Here is the One who walks toward us with mercy.

*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](mailto: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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**Open – Mon, Thurs & Fri**

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## ADDITIONAL PARISH AND COMMUNITY ITEMS

**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](mailto:ballinamore@kilmorediocese.ie) or phone **071 964 4039**

**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:ballinamore@kilmorediocese.ie)

**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 **26<sup>th</sup> January, 2026** after 7pm Mass in Prayer Room Ballinamore Church. All are welcome.

**CONFIRMATION 2026:** The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place in Ballinamore at 12noon on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026:** The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will take place in: ***Aughawillan on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026 at 9:45am, Ballinamore on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 12 noon and Aughnasheelin on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 12 noon.***

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

**HEDGE CUTTING SCHEME:** This scheme is now open - to encourage 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](mailto:roads@letirimcoco.ie) or phone 071-9620005 Ext. 630. **Closing Date is 30<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026.**



**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://alone.ie) or contact **Collette, Volunteer Support Officer**, at **086 921505** or [collette.ferguson@alone.ie](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.muvehealthcare.ie)

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