

OUGHTERAGH & DRUMREILLY LOWER PARISH NEWSLETTER

1st Feb 2026 *Aughawillan - Aughnasheelin - Ballinamore & Corraleeahan* **4th Sunday O/T**
1st Feb St Brigid, 2nd Feb The Presentation of the Lord, 3rd Feb St Blaise,
5th Feb St Agatha, 7th Feb St Collette

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

Mass Intentions

Sat 31st Jan 11am
Sun 1st Feb 11am

No Intention
 John & Bridie Milton (Aghadark)
 Marie Flynn (Lahard) 2nd Anniversary
Feast of St Brigid, blessing of crosses after mass

Mon 2nd Feb 7pm
Tues 3rd Feb 9am

Candlemas Day, (blessing of throats and candles)
Feast of St Blaise (blessing of throats after mass)

Sat 7th Feb 11am
Sun 8th Feb 11am

No Intention
 Miriam Martin, High Street (1st Anniversary)

Eucharistic Adoration: Fridays 9:30am – 10:30am



Ministers of the Eucharist: 1st Feb Thomas Kelly, Deirdre Harvey & Mona Creamer, 8th Feb Patricia Griffin, James Maguire & Brendan Sweeney, 15th Feb Máirín Martin, Mona Creamer & Liam McGovern
Ministers of the Word: 1st Feb Siobhan Dolan, 8th Feb Alan Banks, 15th Feb Leigh Murphy, 22nd Feb Raymond McHugh
Door Collectors: 1st & 8th Feb Camillus Martin, Michael Fanning & Gerard D'Arcy, 15th & 22nd Feb Anne Kavanagh, Walter Sharpley & Ruairi Sullivan, 1st & 8th Mar Mary Corby, Mel Duignan & John Creamer

AUGHNASHEELIN ST. MARY'S CHURCH Mass times: Fri 7pm, Sat 8:15pm

Mass Intentions

Fri 30th Jan 7pm

Sean & Alice Keenan (Dundalk)
 Anne & Joe Callaghan (Derrinkeher Roycroft) and deceased members of the Callaghan and Travers families

Sat 31st Jan 8:15pm

Tommy & Carmel Meehan (Derrinkeher McDonnell)
 Margaret Cafferty (Stralongford)
(Blessing of St Brigid's crosses, throats and candles after 8:15pm mass)

Fri 6th Feb 7pm

No Intention

Sat 7th Feb 8:15pm

Seamus McWeeney (Miskawn) and all deceased family members
 Aidan & Bridie McTeigue (Moher), their daughter Mary McDermott and sisters, Rita McTeigue and Maisie Lyons and all deceased family members.

Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesdays, 11am-12noon and 8pm - 10pm

Eucharistic Ministers: 31st Jan & 7th Feb Terence Boyle & Kealen Mulvanerty, 14th & 21st Feb Mary Rooney & Breda Mulvanerty. Readers: Shirley Sammon & Maureen Keaney Door Collectors: John Pat Creamer & James McCaffrey

CORRALEECHAN ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH Mass times: Sun 9:45am, Wed 9:30am

Mass Intentions

Sun 1st Feb 9:45am

Angela McNiff (Kiltyhugh) her father Thomas Joseph and all deceased family members.
 May, Kathleen and Sonnie McGovern and all deceased family members.
(Blessing of St Brigid's crosses, throats and candles after 9:30am mass)

Sun 8th Feb 9:45am

People of the Parish

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

Eucharistic Ministers: Teresa Maxwell & Annie McManus

Ministers of the Word: Claire McNiffe & Lawrence Fee

Door Collectors: Packie Maguire & Michael McGovern

AUGHAWILLAN ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH Mass time: Sat 7pm

Mass Intentions

Sat 31st Jan 7pm

Rosaleen McHugh (Boeshill), her husband Packie, grand-daughter Grace, and all deceased members of the McHugh family.
(Blessing of St Brigid's crosses, throats and candles after 7pm mass)

Sat 7th Jan 7pm

PJ & Celia McGovern (Lisgrudy)
 Joe Donohoe (Drumreilly, Garadice)

Eucharistic Ministers: Des Quinn & Breege McCauley
Altar Society: Bernadette Mahon & Caroline McGovern

Door Collectors: Charlie Kelly & Patsy McGovern
Ministers of the Word: Kate McCauley

RECENT DEATHS: Your prayers are asked for Dr Grace Molloy (Bray), whose funeral took place on Thursday last. May she rest in eternal peace.

FEAST OF ST BRIGID: Sunday 1st February is the feast of St Brigid, patron saint of our parish. St Brigid's crosses will be blessed at masses from January 30th to 1st February. You are encouraged to make the pilgrimage to St Brigid's well. Leaflets for the pilgrimage will be available in Ballinamore Church porch.

CANDLEMAS DAY AND FEAST OF ST BLAISE: Candles and throats will be blessed at masses as outlined above. Please refer to the details for your church area.

VISITATION OF THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Fr Sean & Fr Moses will both visit the sick and housebound on Thursday 5th February, and will be in touch prior to visiting.

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 **€845 until 30th January 2026**, increasing to €895 thereafter. For booking please contact Marian Foy on 087 6350506.

STUDY THEOLOGY ONLINE: is this for you? The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tullaght or from the comfort of your own home. Register before February 10th. Find out more on our website, prioryinstitute.com

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!

KILMORE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: takes place this year from 5th – 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. To care for the Assisted pilgrims two extra nurses are required. If you would be interested please contact Paula Brady, Director of Nursing on 0861721712.

PARISH SECRETARY POSITION: applications are invited for the position of Parish Secretary based in St Brigid's Parish Centre, Ballinamore. The position is 20 hours per week, and a strong administration background together with qualifications in book-keeping and accounts are all highly desirable. Please send your CV and covering letter to: **Fr Seán Mawn, Parochial House, Convent Road, Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim.** Closing date for applications is 5pm on Sunday 15th February, 2026. Interviews will be held week commencing 23rd February, 2026. *Please mark your envelope: Job Application.* A comprehensive job specification is available on our website: ballinamoreparish.ie.

COMMUNITY NOTES

CLOTHES COLLECTION: St Patrick's National School Corlough are holding a clothes collection. Drop off day for clothes is Saturday the 7th of February from 11am to 12pm. Collection point is Corlough GAA grounds. Please contact Paula on 0879365982 or Imelda on 0874188327 if you have any queries.

PADDY'S ICE BREAKERS: sincerely thank everyone who participated in, and donated to, our Christmas day swim at Garadice Lake. The total donated to Vision Ireland from the event was €1295. With gratitude for your outstanding generosity, committed support, compassion and the determination to keep Paddy's legacy ongoing.

🎵 **BALLINAMORE YOUTH MUSICAL SOCIETY:** proudly presents "Sherlock & Cinders" - a clever twist on the timeless story of Cinderella, filled with mystery, music, and magic! In the Island Theatre, Ballinamore. Tickets: Available soon at www.islandtheatre.ie. Show Dates & Times: Sun 15th Feb Matinee @2pm, - Tues 17th, Wed 18th and Fri 20th Feb @ 7pm. Sat 21st Feb @ *6pm*

👩 **MSLETB:** Upcoming courses: **Culinary and Service Skills QQI Level 5**, open day. January 28th 11am – 1pm in the Food Hub, Drumshanbo. Meet tutors and find out more. Contact: Claire 086 2016614 email: CMvKeaney@ldco.ie – Teresa 086 0212258 email: teresacullen@msletb.ie.

💻 **Digital Citizenship, AI & Communication Skills for the Workplace** in the Mohill Enterprise Centre. **Build confidence. Communicate clearly. Understand today's digital world.** This short part-time adult learning course supports learners to develop practical digital skills, understand how AI is used in everyday work, and improve communication for employment, education, and life. Apply now as places are limited. Call **071 9632024/085 8118818** or email eileen@mct.ie for more information. Course begins April 2026.

🌱 **GARDENING CLASS:** A Free Garden Planning class (Level 3) will be starting on Wednesday 4th 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.

🎵 **ISLAND THEATRE:** 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



May Brigid bless the house wherein you dwell.
Bless every fireside, every wall and door.
Bless every heart that beats beneath its roof.
Bless every hand that toils to bring it joy.
Bless every foot that walks its portals through.
May Brigid bless the house that shelters you.

Parish Office Hours:

Open – Mon, Thurs & Fri

Closed – Tue & Wed

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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 **23rd February, 2026** after 7pm Mass in Prayer Room Ballinamore Church. 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**

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.***

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.

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@scoilchlannnaofa.com for the enrolment pack. Application forms are also available to download from our website www.scoilchlannnaofa.ie.

♪♪ **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.

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 or phone 087 0680714.

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.

⚡ **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.

ALONE: is seeking volunteers across Leitrim 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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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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