

OUGHTERAGH & DRUMREILLY LOWER PARISH NEWSLETTER

1st March 2026 *Aughawillan - Aughnasheelin - Ballinamore & Corraleehan* 2nd Sunday Lent

4th Mar St Casimir, 5th Mar St Kieran, 6th Mar World Day of Prayer for Peace,

7th Mar St Perpetua & St Felicity

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BALLINAMORE - ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

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

Mass Intentions

Sat 28th Feb

No morning mass in Ballinamore

Sun 1st Mar 11am

People of the Parish

Sat 7th Mar 11am

Berney & Mary McKiernan (Railway Tce) and deceased members of the Casserly, Whelan & McAndrews families
Gerry Brady (Aghadark)

Sun 8th Mar 11am

Phil & Lily McGovern (Tully) and all deceased members of the McGovern & Cosgrove families
Molly Prior (Lissacarn), her sons Micheál and Bernie Prior
John & Winnie McNamee (Church St) 10th Anniversary



**St. Anthony's collection box donation of €1035 has now been forwarded to The Capuchian Missions.
Many thanks and blessings to all who contribute.**

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

Ministers of the Eucharist: 1st Mar Philomena Earley, Mary McWeeney & Aileen Wisley, 8th Mar Maeve Sharpley, Mona Creamer & Ellis O'Dell, 15th Mar Alice Costello, Raymond McHugh & Marcella McKiernan

Ministers of the Word: 1st Mar Gabriel Cronin, 8th Mar Mary Conlon, 15th Mar Mary McKiernan, 17th Mar Michael Dolan

Door Collectors: 1st & 8th Mar Mary Corby, Mel Duignan & John Creamer, 15th & 22nd Mar Thomas Kelly & Hugh McTague Jnr, 29th Mar & 5th Apr Tommy McWeeney & Joe Murphy

AUGHNASHEELIN

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Mass times: Fri 7pm, Sat 12 noon & 8:15pm

Mass Intentions

Fri 27th Feb 7pm

Mary & Joe Moran and family

Sat 28th Feb 12 noon

John Joe Doherty (Months Mind)

Sat 28th Feb 8:15pm

No Intention

Fri 6th Mar 7pm

Mick & Mary Kate Flanagan (Derrywana) Pete Flanagan (Buggaun) and all deceased members of the Flanagan family.

Sat 7th Mar 8:15pm

Maureen McPartland (Months Mind)

Conor McCaffrey (Mullinasella) and all deceased family members
John Packie McKiernan (Unshinagh)

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

Eucharistic Ministers: 28th Feb & 7th Mar Caroline Sammon & Kerry Meehan, 14th & 21st Mar Maura Mulvey & Maureen Conway, 28th Mar & 5th Apr Mary Costello & Sheila O'Dowd

Door Collectors: Peter Flynn, Brendan Reynolds & Brian O'Dowd

Ministers of the Word: Confirmation Class

CORRALEECHAN

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH

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

Mass Intentions

Sun 1st Mar 9:45am

No Intention

Sun 8th Mar 9:45am

Bernie Prior (Lissacarn & New York) 1st Anniversary

Peter Prior (Derrinevver) 1st Anniversary

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 & Wed 7pm

Mass Intentions

Sat 28th Feb 7pm

Bernie & Monica Prior (Glennanmore) and all deceased members of the Prior family

Sat 7th Mar 7pm

People of the Parish

Eucharistic Ministers: Pat Stringer & Angela Makay Sutherland

Door Collectors: Paddy Deane & Gerry Flanagan

Altar Society: Michelle Dolan & Katie Meekin

Ministers of the Word: Doreen Flanagan & Donal Quinn

A GROWING IN FAITH COURSE: continues this Wednesday from 8-9pm in St. Brigid's Parish Centre. **"Exploring my faith is not something I considered before now, but listening to others speak about their faith in such practical and relevant ways has changed something inside me. If you do one thing this Lent, make time to come along on Wednesday evenings. You won't regret it!"**..... some feedback from our first week.

VISITATION OF THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Fr Sean will be in contact prior to his visit on Wednesday 4th March. This month, Fr Sean will also visit the sick on behalf of Fr Moses, on the morning of Thursday 5th March.

✦ **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. *La Fheile Padraig sona duit.*

AFTERNOON RETREAT: will take place for all involved in Ministry in our four churches on **Sunday March 8th from 2-6pm in Aughnasheelin Community Hall.** The retreat will be facilitated by our own Fr. Sean Kelly.

So if you are a Eucharistic Minister, Minister of the Word, choir member, collector, counter, usher, traffic attendant etc. this is for you. The evening will conclude with mass followed by refreshments. Please let Bernadette in the Parish office know if you are attending. Email: ballinamore@kilmorediocese.ie or Phone 071-9644039.

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

EUCCHARISTIC HEALING RETREAT IN KNOCK SHRINE: led by gifted Croatian Priest, Fr Rozo Palic Saturday March 7th. Venue: St. John's Welcome Centre; 10:00 am - 6:30 pm.

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.

🎉 **CONGRATULATIONS:** Many congratulations to all those involved in the recent musical "Sherlock & Cinders" which had a sold out week, in the Island Theatre!

COMMUNITY NOTES

🎵 **THE COUNTY LEITRIM PERCY FRENCH SOCIETY:** will present their show 'Remember me is all I ask'- the songs, recitations and parodies of the great Irish composer Percy French in the Hunt Hall, Mohill, Co. Leitrim on Thursday evening 5th March 2026 at 8pm. Proceeds to St Mary's Parish.

TABLE QUIZ IN AID OF MARYS MEALS: in Lock 10, Kilclare on Friday March 13th. Table of four €40. Raffle on the night. Come and support this worthy cause.

🚶 **5KM COMMUNITY WALK/RUN:** Aughawillan GAA are delighted to support a Community 5km Walk/Run in aid of **North West Hospice on Sunday, 1st March at 12 noon.** The 5km will **start and end at Aughawillan Clubrooms (N41 E446)**, with refreshments afterwards for all! Please feel free to call up for a cup of tea or coffee, even if you're not taking part in the walk! If you're looking to beat a PB or just a leisurely walk with friends, all are most welcome.

📖 **UNDERTAND TODAY'S DIGITAL WORLD:** Starting **April 2026 – Digital Citizenship, AI & Communication Skills for the Workplace** in the Mohill Enterprise Centre. 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. **Come and discuss with the tutor at our Open Day on Thursday March 19th from 2pm to 8pm.**

THIS INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY: let's celebrate, 'The Power of Her Story': We invite all women to come and share a meaningful story from your own life OR a story about a woman who inspires you — an author, a mentor, a friend, a colleague, or a trailblazer. **Friday 6th March at 10am at Ballinamore Library.** Tea/Coffee & light refreshments provided. Organised by Leitrim County Council Integration Team.

CAVAN INSTITUTE OPEN DAY: on Thursday, 5th March 2026, from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. The event will be held across two locations: the Cathedral Road campus and our state-of-the-art Dublin Road campus. Register for the event at <https://www.cavaninstitute.ie>

SOCIAL FARMING IRELAND: are planning a conference which is scheduled for the **24th April 2026** at **The Heritage Hotel, Killenard, Co Laois.** Please following www.socialfarmingireland.ie for further details.

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.

CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING: Looking for an interesting evening out? Daniel Caldwell will be giving a lively talk on **Wednesday 4th March at 7pm** in **St Patrick's Church, Newtowngore.** He'll explore **cultural understanding** — how we're all the same in some ways, and wonderfully different in others. **Everyone is welcome.**

EPILEPSY AWARENESS DAY: In Ireland today, over 45,000 people live with epilepsy. For further information, please visit www.epilepsy.ie. Purple Day (or Epilepsy Awareness Day) will take place on Thursday 26th March.

🎵 **ISLAND THEATRE:** Legends of the 60s Show, **27th Feb 2026.** 42nd BALLINAMORE DRAMA FESTIVAL, **Sat 2nd to Sun 10th Mar.** 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

REFLECTION

Parish Office Hours:

Open – Mon, Thurs & Fri 9 – 4

Closed – Tue & Wed

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**In the Transfiguration, Jesus reveals His divine glory, reminding us that faith is strengthened when we truly encounter who He is.
Like the disciples, we are called to rise, shed our fear, and walk with renewed trust in the light of Christ.**

ADDITIONAL PARISH AND COMMUNITY ITEMS

† **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 Aghnasheelin on 16th May at 12 noon.**

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.

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.

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.

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

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, **Aghnasheelin** 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 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.

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.

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 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.

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.

MSLETB:  **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.

LEAVING CERT STUDENTS: Monaghan Institute's Open Day is taking place on Tuesday, 3rd March 10am - 6pm. Meet our staff team and learn more about studying with us in September. Go to www.monaghaninstitute.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 not 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.

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 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

THE SACRED HEART MESSENGER MAGAZINE is always a pleasant and thoughtful read with Items on scripture and prayerful reflection sitting beside those with a focus on the Jesuit priorities of social and climate justice and creating a hope-filled world for our young people. Subscribe here <https://www.messenger.ie/product/sacred-heart-messenger-subscription/>



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