

25th Jan 2026 *Aughawillan - Aughnasheelin - Ballinamore & Corraleeahan* **3rd Sunday O/T**
26th Jan Sts Timothy & Titus, **27th Jan** St Maria De Jesus, St Angela, **28th Jan** St Thomas Aquinas,
30th Jan St Hyacinth, **31st Jan** St John Bosco

RECENT DEATHS: We pray for **Margaret Scollan** (Fenagh), mother of Mairéad Flynn, whose funeral took place on Saturday last. **John Joseph Doherty**, (Drumcullion) whose funeral takes place this Sunday at 12noon in Aghnasheelin. **Cáit Quinn nee Curran** (formerly Derradda) whose funeral takes place on Monday in Castleblaney and **Peggy McKeon nee Stretton** (Keshcarrigan, and formerly Drumbibe), whose funeral takes place on Saturday in Durmcong. May their souls rest in eternal peace.

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.

FEAST OF ST BRIGID: Sunday week, 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.

MEETING FOR PARENTS: Information for parents of children receiving their First Confession and First Communion this year will take place on Monday 26th January at 8pm in St Brigid's Parish Centre, N41 XY88.

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.

CHRISTIAN UNITY: the week of prayer for Christian Unity concludes this Sunday. Please continue to pray for unity among Christians.

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

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.

GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS: Starting Tuesday 27th January at 11:15am in Ballinamore Community Hall at the Island Theatre. Suitable for Seniors. 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: 28th March, 23rd May, 18th July, 12th September, and 21st 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 or phone 087 0680714.

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.

TWINNING ANNIVERSARY: The 30th Anniversary of Ballinamore Community Area Twinning with Pouezéc, Brittany will be celebrated in Pouezéc from the 1st - 8th 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 22nd January.

ANNUAL BALLINAMORE DRAMA FESTIVAL: takes place again this March, 1st - 8th, 2026. A deal on a 3 ticket package is currently on offer until Jan 31st. 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 in The Island Theatre - 8pm. Tickets available at the door each night.

ISLAND THEATRE UPCOMING EVENTS: 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

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.

REFLECTION

A light rises where we least expect it, calling us out of our familiar darkness. When Christ says "Follow me," may we have the courage to leave our nets and begin again.

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

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 3^d 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.

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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