

Aughawillan - Aughnasheelin - Ballinamore & Corraleeahan

27th Apr St Asicus, 29th Apr St Catherine of Siena, 1st May St Joseph the Worker

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BALLINAMORE - ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

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

Mass Intentions

Sat 25th Apr 11am

No Intention

Sun 26th Apr 11am

Tessie & Frankie Flynn (Kiltymooden) and their daughter Teresa Dowd

William Winters (Willowfield Rd.)

Kevin Mitchell

Mon 27th Apr 7pm

Cathal Mawn (Glenfarne & Boston)

Wed 29th Apr 7pm

Memorial Mass for Fr Oliver O'Reilly

Fri 1st May 9am

Paddy & Michael O'Boy

Sat 2nd May 11am

No Intention

Sun 3rd May 11am

Sonnie & Rita McBrien (Curraghawall)

Stephen McTiernan (Liscarn)

Charlie Egan (Aghacashel) and deceased members of the Egan family



Eucharistic Adoration:

(Fridays 9:30am – 10:30am, all are welcome)

Ministers of the Eucharist: 26th Apr Evelyn McHugh, Marian Sharpley & PJ McLoughlin, 3rd May Michael Duignan, Peggy Ferguson & Máirín Martin, 10th May Thomas Kelly, Deirdre Harvey & Mona Creamer

Ministers of the Word: 26th Apr Gerard D'Arcy, 3rd May Ann Gillen, 10th May Patricia McGoldrick,

Door Collectors: 26th Apr & 3rd May Philip Murphy, Pat Ferguson, John Conway & Dan Gallogly, 10th & 17th May Pdraig McGovern, Brian McWeeney, Philip Farrelly & Donal Duignan

AUGHNASHEELIN

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

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

Mass Intentions

Fri 24th Apr 7pm

Paddy & Maura Fee (Lisculfea) and all deceased family members

Sat 25th Apr 8:15pm

Jim & Mary Earley (Unchinagh) and all deceased members of the Earley & McCabe families

Paddy Flynn (Aughnasheelin & Leixlip)

John, Mary & Pat Creamer (Castleroggy)

Fri 1st May 7pm

No Intention

Sat 2nd May 8:15pm

People of the Parish

Eucharistic Adoration:

(Wednesdays, 11am – 12 noon and 8pm – 10pm)

Eucharistic Ministers: 25th Apr & 2nd May Gary Prior & Margaret Murphy, 9th & 16th May Margaret McTeigue & Seamus Prior, 23rd & 30th May Sharon O'Dowd & Brendan Sammon. **Ministers of the Word (May):** Meadhbh

McTeague, Cillian McWeeney & Daniel Murray **Door Collectors (May):** Philip Roddy, Damien Kellegher & Thomas Prior

CORRALEECHAN

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH

Mass times: Sat 7pm, Wed 9:30am

Mass Intentions

Sat 25th Apr 7pm

People of the Parish

Sat 2nd May 7pm

No Intention

Eucharistic Adoration:

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

Eucharistic Ministers (May): Carmel McNiff & Philomena Dolan

(May) Ministers of the Word: Assumpta Bohan & Kathleen McTague **Door Collectors:** Gerard McGovern & Enda McNiff

AUGHAWILLAN

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

Mass time: Sun 9:45am

Mass Intentions

Sun 26th Apr 9:45am

Margaret & Columba Quinn (Garadice) and deceased family members

Sun 3rd May 9:45am

First Holy Communion

May - Eucharistic Ministers: Sinead Kiernan & Bernadette Mahon **Door Collectors:** Donal Quinn & Michael Flanagan

May - Altar Society: Patricia Deane & Mary O'Haire

Ministers of the Word: Darragh Maxwell & Rachel Dolan

RECENT DEATH: We pray for James Joseph Duffy Jnr (son of Marie McCormack, Lahard) who died in Illinois, USA

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY: also known as Vocation Sunday, takes place this weekend. While we reflect on our Christian calling or vocation which we received in Baptism, we pray especially for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Each year we have a special collection on this day for the Diocesan Vocation & Support Services, and your generosity would be gratefully appreciated once again this year.

VISITATION OF THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Fr Sean will be in contact prior to his visit on Tuesday 28th April and Fr Moses will be in contact prior to his visit on Friday 1st May.

ROSARY RALLY, KNOCK SHRINE: Saturday 6th June. To book bus seat please phone Monica Tuite 086 8281727.

PARISH PRAYER GROUP: each Tuesday from 8pm-9:30pm, in the Prayer Room in Ballinamore Church.

PARISH FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS: 100 year Anniversary Five 1st Saturdays Devotion 1926 – 2026 - Parish celebration. To celebrate this 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima requesting of Sr Lucia - the 1st Saturday Devotion from all Catholics for peace in the world, the conversion of Russia and in Reparation to Her Immaculate Heart. Please join our parish in fulfilling Our Lady's important request, for the **Five First Saturdays devotions for the next 5 consecutive months, starting Saturday 2nd May 2026.** We will have our usual Saturday morning Mass at 11am, followed by Confessions, Rosary and the 15 minute meditation. Our Lady promises that there will be *PEACE* and that *MANY SOULS* will be saved through this devotion.

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 **27th April, 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 **€895.** If you intend to travel on this pilgrimage, please contact Marian Foy on 087 6350506 as soon as possible, as only a few places remain.

KILMORE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2026: 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.

MARCH FOR LIFE DUBLIN 2026: Bank Holiday Monday, 4th May Starting at 2pm. This May, people from every part of Ireland will come together in Dublin for the annual March for Life. It is a hopeful, peaceful, and welcoming public gathering that brings families, friends, and communities together to stand up for mothers, babies, and the right to life. Route: From Newman University Church, St Stephen's Green, to Leinster House.

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

ATHLETIC CLUB: Outdoor training in St Felim's continues Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7pm. All events catered for and new members welcome. First competition Ballinamore Area Community Games Thursday May 7th.

CASH FOR CLOBBER COLLECTION: Scoil Chlann Naofa is holding a "Cash for Clobber" collection. Bags of used clean clothes, bedding (no duvets or pillows accepted), curtains, handbags, belts and shoes may be left *in the shed to the rear of the After-School Building* between 9am and 10am on the mornings from Monday 27th to Thursday 30th of April. Bags will be collected on Thursday the 30th. All donations should be clean and in good condition. All support is greatly appreciated.

STOP PRESS! The Co. Leitrim Percy French Society's 16 track album of the songs, recitations and parody of Percy French will be launched on Friday 1st May, 2026 at 7pm in the beautiful Cavan Co. Museum, Ballyjamesduff, by the Curator of the museum, Ann Gerety Smyth. This is a beautiful unique album, with each performer bringing life to every performance. The album will be available to purchase on the night, and from 1st May 2026 online at leitrimpercyprenchsociety.com, and from other outlets including the Cavan Co. Museum shop in Ballyjamesduff.

ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY OF IRELAND NATIONAL TEA DAY: on Thursday 7th May 2026, Fundraiser. Please join us for a cuppa on this day to celebrate and support our community members, and for research and care for those living with this condition. Venue: **Commercial Hotel Ballinamore, Thursday 7th May, 10:00am to 1:00pm.** Your support will be greatly appreciated. Contact: 089-2432273

BREIFNE HISTORICAL SOCIETY TALK: on Tuesday 28th April in Cavan library at 7pm. Fr Liam Kelly will talk about "John McGahern: (1934-2006): a look back twenty years after his death". All welcome, free event.

AN EVENING WITH PERCY FRENCH: Join the County Leitrim Percy French Society in Cavan County Museum on Fri May 1st at 7pm to celebrate and remember Percy French's birthday as part of our 30th Anniversary Celebrations.

MONAGHAN INSTITUTE'S OPEN EVENING: takes place on **Thurs 7th May 4pm-7pm.** Meet our staff team and learn more about studying with us in September 2026. Browse courses and apply now, www.monaghaninstitute.ie.

ISLAND THEATRE: Friday 8th May - **Declan Nerney, John McNicholl & Gavin Gribben**, Saturday 16th May - **Tina Turner Tribute with Proud Mary and City Limits**, Saturday 23rd May - **Philomena Begley & Ray Lynam**, Saturday 6th June - **We Have Him Back**, Saturday 11th July - **Ballinamore Camino.** Exciting news!

Sunday movie nights – Sundays at 8pm, 26th Apr – Spilt Milk, 3rd May – A Quiet Love.

STEP BACK TO 1960S IRELAND: and experience the sparkle of the Showband era like never before. Watch an all-female showband burst into life in this hilarious Irish comedy play, packed with the favourite hits that defined a generation. Join us at The Cornmill Theatre on Sunday 3rd May at 8pm for a night of laughter, nostalgia, and unforgettable local entertainment.

REFLECTION

Prayer for Vocations: Loving God, our need for Vocations to the priesthood in our diocese is great.

In a busy world it is difficult for people to hear and respond to your gentle but insistent call. We pray for the gift of courage, generosity and faith in the hearts of those you call. We beg you, Lord for the gift of new vocations to the Priesthood in our diocese. In your fatherly care, accompany those who are seeking to do your will in their lives. Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

Parish Office Hours: Open – Mon, Thurs & Fri 9 – 4 Closed – Tue & Wed Phone: 071-9644039 ballinamore@kilmorediocese.ie

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

ADDITIONAL PARISH AND COMMUNITY ITEMS

CEMETERY SUNDAY: Corraleehan Sunday 26th July @ 12 noon – Aughnasheelin Sunday 2nd August @ 12 noon – Aughawillan 9th August after 9:45am mass – Ballinamore/Oughteragh 16th August @ 1pm.

PILGRIMAGE TO LISIEUX: September 18th to 21st, staying in a beautiful hotel across the road from the Carmel of St Therese. €795 includes flights, coach transfers, full religious programme, all dinners and some lunches. Please phone 057 93 55050 or email info@myriam.ie



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.

ENCOUNTER WEEKEND DONEGAL: Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny, 6.00pm - 10.30pm Friday 5th June, 9.00am - 10.30pm Saturday 6th June. Expect to experience the presence of God through the celebration of the Sacraments, Spirit-led worship, inspiring talks, healing service, and fellowship. Keynote Speakers: Patrick Reis: co-founder and Executive Director of Encounter Ministries USA & Fr. Patrick Gonyeau who serves with the U.S. Province of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood in Ohio. For more info, email donegal@encounterschool.org. Bookings at <https://encounterschoolofministrydoneg.regfox.com/encounter-conference-donegal>

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.

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.

SING TOGETHER: Further dates are: 23rd May, 18th July, 12th September, and 21st November from 11.00am – 12.30pm, come earlier for a warm-up cup of tea. Island Theatre, Ballinamore.

STEP OUT & JOIN IN! Ballinamore Community Walk every Tuesday morning starting March 24th 10am. Meet at The Island. Wear comfortable shoes. All welcome.

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.

✳️ **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.

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.

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.

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED: Would you be willing to provide companionship through a weekly friendly visit to an older person seeking more social contact, just one hour per week? **ALONE** is currently seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and ongoing support are provided. To get involved and sign up at www.alone.ie/volunteers For more information, please contact Collette on 086 192 1505 or Collette.Ferguson@alone.ie

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

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.pps@tusla.ie

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.

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.

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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