

27th September 2026 OUGHTERAGH & DRUMREILLY LOWER PARISH NEWSLETTER 26th Sunday O/T <u>Aughawillan - Aughnasheelin - Ballinamore & Corraleeahan</u> 28th Sept St Wenceslaus, 29th Sept Archangels St Gabriel, St Raphael & St Michael, 30th Sept St Jerome, 1st Oct St Thérèse of Lisieux, 2nd Oct Guardian Angels Fr. Seán Mawn P.P. Home: 071-96 81992 Mobile: 087-6869040 Parish Office Hours: Open – Thurs & Fri 9 – 4 Closed – Mon, Tue & Wed PARISH OFFICE: 071-9644039 Website: ballinamoreparish.ie E-mail ballinamore@kilmorediocese.ie Mgr Liam Kelly (Ballyconnell) Mobile: 0879877739 Fr. Moses Malachy (Bawnboy): 087-490 4380 Join us live, @ churchtv.ie Select Leitrim, then Aughawillan, Aughnasheelin, Ballinamore or Corraleeahan		
BALLINAMORE - ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH Mass times: Sun 11am, Mon & Wed 7pm, Tues, Thurs 9am, Fri 12noon		
Mass Intentions Sat 26th Sept <i>No morning mass in Ballinamore on Sat 26th</i> Sun 27th Sept 11am Tom & Alice McGovern (Ballyduff) and Mary Travers (Railway Road) Hilary Farrelly (Willowfield Road) Fri 2nd Oct 12noon Ballinamore Community School mass for new school year Sat 3rd Oct 11am Joseph McTiernan (Oughteragh) and his parents and all deceased family members. Catherine Hanly (Months Mind) Sun 4th Oct 11am Marie Wisley Eucharistic Adoration: (Fridays 9:30am – 10:30am, all are welcome)		
Ministers of the Eucharist: 27th Sept Máirín Martin, Mona Creamer & Liam McGovern, 4th Oct Patricia McGoldrick, Marian Quinn & Leigh Murphy, 11th Oct Philomena Earley, Mary McWeeney & Aileen Wisley. Ministers of the Word: 27th Sept Mary Corby, 4th Oct Gerard D'Arcy, 11th Oct Ann Gillen, 18th Oct Patricia McGoldrick. Door Collectors: 27th Sept & 4th Oct Camillus Martin, Michael Fanning & Gerard D'Arcy. 11th & 18th Oct Ann Kavanagh, Walter Sharpley & Ruairí O'Sullivan.		
AUGHNASHEELIN ST. MARY'S CHURCH Mass times: Sat 12noon & 8:15pm, Friday 7pm		
Mass Intentions Fri 25th Sept <i>No Mass this Evening on Fri 25th</i> Sat 26th Sept 12noon Deceased members of the Dolan family, Aughnasheelin. Mary Ann, Jack, Fr. Joe, Fr. Leo, Br. Tony, Vincent & Kathleen, Canon Joe, Fr. Ben and Jim & Bridie Crampton. Sat 26th Sept 8:15pm Michael Loughlin and all deceased family members Fri 2nd Oct 7pm Jack & Katie Anne Doherty, Jim & Michael Doherty and deceased members of the Doherty & Mulvey families (Foxwood). Michael Joe & Mary Elizabeth Nealon (Foxwood). Eucharistic Adoration: (Wednesdays, 11am – 12 noon and 8pm – 10pm)		
Eucharistic Ministers: 26th Sept Sharon O'Dowd & Brendan Sammon, 3rd & 10th Oct Terence Boyle & Kelan Mulvanerty Month of October Ministers of the Word: Niall & Shane Gallagher & Mary Mulvey Door Collectors: Seamus Prior, Eddie Dolan & Kelan Mulvanerty		
CORRALEECHAN ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH Mass times: Wed: 9:30am, Sat 7pm		
Mass Intentions Sat 26th Sept 7pm Brian Prior & Ann McKeague née Dolan (Garryfluich & New York) and all deceased members of the Prior and Dolan families. Sat 3rd Oct 7pm Patrick Francis & Mary McGovern (Drumderg) Eucharistic Adoration: (Wednesdays 10am – 8pm, please come along and join us)		
Month of October Eucharistic Ministers: Teresa Maxwell & Annie McManus Ministers of the Word: Joanne Curnan & Phyllis McTague Door Collectors: Michael Gilheany & Christy Creamer		
AUGHAWILLAN ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH Mass time: Sun 9:45am.		
Mass Sun 27th Sept 9:45am James & Brigie McBrien (Glennanbeg) Sun 4th Oct 9:45am Rita McGovern, James McGovern, Eileen McGovern & Catherine Maguire (Garadice) John & Mary Maguire (Cornamahon) and their daughter Veronica Denning		
Month of October: Eucharistic Ministers: Sinéad Kiernan & Bernadette Mahon Altar Society: Mary Sammon Quinn & Cathy Quinn Ministers of the Word: Ava Gaffney & Isobelle Quinn Door Collectors: John Stringer & Pat Flanagan		
CHANGE IN MASS TIMES: Please note from the weekend of 3rd & 4th October until the 31st of December 2026, the following will be the schedule for weekend masses: Corraleeahan Saturdays at 7pm, Ballinamore Sundays at 11am. Aughawillan and Aughnasheelin will rotate the Sunday 9.45am mass commencing in Aughawillan on Sunday 4th October. From the 5th October 2026 there will be no 7pm mass on Wednesdays in Ballinamore church. Please note that whenever there is a funeral mass in any of the four churches, the scheduled mass for that day will be cancelled, except in the case where an anniversary or month's memory mass has already been arranged.		

BLESSING OF PETS: This is an annual tradition celebrated around the feast of St. Francis. You are invited to please bring your pets along to the **Junction at St. Felim's Square** for a blessing on **Sunday the 4th of October at 3pm**.

VISITATION OF THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Fr Seán will visit the sick and housebound in Corraleehan and Aughawillan on Wednesday morning 30th September, Aughnasheelin on Thursday morning 1st October and Ballinamore on Thursday afternoon.

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 **28th September, 2026** after 7pm Mass in the Prayer Room in Ballinamore Church. All are welcome.

ÉIRU IN CONCERT: in St Patrick's Church Glangevlin to celebrate the 170th Anniversary of the Church – Sunday 27th September at 7.30 pm. This promises to be a most enjoyable evening. Please consider supporting.

ABIDE IN HIS LOVE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: The Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran, 20–22 November 2026.

Join women from across Ireland for a faith-filled weekend with inspiring speakers including Sarah Swafford, Danielle Noonan, Fr Mark Wharton, Fr Barry Braum, Fr Oisín Martin, the Dominican Sisters of Nashville, Bishop Fintan Gavin, and more. A conference not to be missed! Register now: <https://abideinhislove.eventbrite.com/>

♥ **MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND:** A Weekend Like No Other. Take time out for just the two of you. Whether newly married or many years together, rediscover the love that brought you together. Friday 2nd – Sunday 4th October 2026. Focolare Centre, Prosperous, Co. Kildare. Apply online: www.marriageencounter.ie · 087 629 9153.

ACCORD CLG: is seeking an Executive Director who will be the chief executive officer of Accord CLG and be responsible for providing strategic and operational leadership across the organisation. The deadline for applications is 12 noon on Monday, 28th September 2026. For more information, visit, www.forvismazars.com/ie/en/executiverecruitment.

DIOCESAN GATHERING FOR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: You are most welcome to a Diocesan Gathering for Eucharistic Adoration on 10th October 2026, beginning with a Talk by Fr Sean Kelly OFM Cap., in Derrylin Parish Hall @ 10 am, followed by Tea/Coffee, Adoration in Derrylin Church from 11.15 am, and concluding with Mass @ 12.30 pm to be celebrated by Bishop Martin Hayes. All who regularly participate and who are interested in the prayer of Eucharist Adoration in our parishes are encouraged to gather for this diocesan event.

ANNUAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS 2025: please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office if you require your 2025 acknowledgement by emailing: ballinamore@kilmorediocese.ie and requesting it. Alternatively, you may wish to call to the Parish Office during opening hours and request a printed copy.

COMMUNITY NOTES

ATHLETIC CLUB: Training will commence in The Sports Hall and St Felim's on Tuesday October 6th and new members will be enrolled that evening at 7pm. Training takes place Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7-8pm. The Leitrim County Cross Country Championships will be in St Felim's on Saturday October 10th.

PROJECT CHILDREN: As part of the Irish book launch of "Project Children – The Legacy," the founders of Project Children, Denis Mulcahy and his wife Miriam Mulcahy (née O'Rourke, a native to the area) will come to Aughnasheelin on 10th October at 10AM-11:30AM for a *Meet and Greet*. Denis & Miriam have for over 40 years, helped bring 23,000 young teenagers from Northern Ireland to the US, for respite from violence and conflict. The program continues today as an intern for college students. Come along from 10AM-11:30AM on 10th October to Aughnasheelin Community Centre for a chat, catch up and more information about Project Children's incredible work. Refreshments will be served all are welcome.

SAFETALK – SUICIDE TRAINING AND PREVENTION: free training taking place on Tuesday, 20th October 2026 from 10am – 1:30pm, in The Landmark Hotel, Carrick-On-Shannon, Co. Leitrim, N41 N9W4. To book email darlene@breakthrough.org.

BALLINAMORE LIBRARY EVENTS: ■ **Craft in Company:** Join a friendly group of needle crafters every Thursday at 11-1pm for problem solving and a chat at Ballinamore Library. Refreshments Served. ■ **Mum2Mum Breast Feeding Support Group** Meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month at Ballinamore Library 10-12pm. All new mums welcome (whether breast feeding or not). Refreshments served. For more information contact Nadia 086 8618460.

IRISH LANGUAGE CLASSES AND CIORCAL COMHRÁ: for all levels from beginners to fluent speakers will begin on Tuesday 6th October in Ballinamore Library. Places must be booked in advance by texting or ringing 087 6821566. Classes are free.

TIN WHISTLE AND MUSIC CLASSES: Classes for beginners and improvers on fiddle and tin whistle in Seán O'Heslin's GAA club every week. For information and to book ring Sarah at 083 483 5881.

BALLINAMORE COMMUNITY DEN: Lots of activities are now taking place: **Mondays** – Women's Group Art Classes; **Tuesdays** – Cumann na bhFiann; **Wednesdays** - Assorted Fitness with Michelle; **Fridays** - Pilates with Edel. **Our office is open Mondays to Wednesdays from 9am** if you have any queries or would like to see the venue. It can also be booked for Children's Birthday Parties, with a spacious room, kitchen and toilet facilities and adjacent to the Children's Playground. Contact: 0873835513 for more information.

BALLINAMORE WHIST: first Thursday of each month at 8:30pm in the Island Theatre. New members welcome.

5 STEP SUPPORT SERVICE: Are you affected by the misuse of alcohol or other drugs by another individual? 5 Step Support can help you; it is a free, non-judgemental, one - one service. Putting your needs and wellbeing first, helping you manage often stressful, difficult and emotional issues. If you would like further information or an appointment, please contact 071 9150578 / 085 875 9319 or email sligoleitrim@alcoholforum.com. You don't have to be addicted to suffer from addiction!

REFLECTION

Am I the first son, who initially refuses but later obeys, representing repentant sinners who respond to God's call? Or am I the second son, who says "yes" but does not act, symbolising those who are outwardly pious but inwardly resistant to God's will? Jesus declares that even those considered most sinful can enter the Kingdom through repentance, while those hardened in pride remain outside.

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

AUGHNASHEELIN APOSTOLIC: Honorary Membership now due, this goes towards helping our Priests and Nuns who work abroad on the Missions, all donations greatly appreciated, can be given to Maura 087 648 6967.

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

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. **Forms are available in each church porch.**



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.

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**

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.

CIORCAL NA mBAN AUGHNASHEELIN WOMENS GROUP: Our classes are back running again after the Summer.
▪ **Tai Chi** will run for 4 weeks from next Tues 22nd Sept, from 8-9pm in the Community Centre. Tai Chi is a very gentle meditative movement with great benefits for the body and mind. Why not give it a try? No equipment needed just loose-fitting clothes. Open to men and women. Text Clare at 085-7071698. ▪ **Yoga with Edel** will run on Thursday evenings from 6.15pm in the Community Centre. Text 086-6083516 to book a spot. ▪ **Chair yoga** started last Thursday great to have Sinead back with us and great interest class is full, but if anyone is interested in going to the next block text Geraldine at 086-3376411 ▪ **Drop-in arts and crafts workshop** on Saturday mornings in the Community Centre 10-12.30pm. For the next 4 weeks we are doing a "fabric of home" project but if anyone wants to pop in to see what's going on, please do.

THE IRISH CANCER SOCIETY: is seeking compassionate volunteer drivers to join our pool of drivers. If you can spare 2 days per month, have a valid driving licence, and a safe, reliable vehicle, you are the perfect candidate to make a significant difference. For further information, please contact Monica or Emily at volunteer@irishcancer.ie

LEITRIM YOUTHREACH: provides education and training opportunities for young people aged 15-20 who are looking to re-engage with education and build their future. Enrolment for LCA Programme now open. For further information, please contact: **Karen Murray** 071 968 6018/karenmurray@msletb.ie

AUGHNASHEELIN AFTERSCHOOL: is now open and delighted to welcome new students from the wider community for the current school year! We offer a safe, engaging, and fun environment where children can learn, play, and thrive after school. We are also taking expressions of interest for September—contact us at: aug.afterschoolcare@gmail.com or 0871178796

WALKING FOR ALL: **Free Weekly Walk** organised by Leitrim Sports Partnership, funded by PEACEPLUS, meets TUESDAYS 10AM at THE BASIN BALLINAMORE. Accessible & social local walks lead by trained leader. Register at www.walkingforall.com. More information from dillon.keane@leitrimcoco.ie.

ALZHEIMER SOCIETY OF IRELAND – LOCAL SERVICES: A Day Service runs every Friday (9.30am–2.15pm) in Carrick-on-Shannon. The service offers dementia-specific care, including social activities, gentle therapeutic programmes, and support in a safe, friendly and welcoming environment. For details, contact Sinéad: 087 068 071

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.

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@stmarysnaughnasheelin.com or contacting the office on 0719644868.

ISLAND THEATRE: 10th Oct - Harvest – Neil Young Tribue, 17th Oct - Elvis Spectacular. Details at: www.islandtheatre.ie

SING TOGETHER: Further dates are: 21st November from 11.00am – 12.30pm, come earlier for a warm-up cup of tea. Island Theatre, Ballinamore.

SAVE THE DATE: The Ballinamore Area Twinning Association will be holding a table quiz on Friday, **Oct 30th in Jackie's, The Lakeland Bar, 8pm**. From the 5th – 10th May 2027 will see 30 of our friends from Plouezec, Brittany come to celebrate the 30th Anniversary between our two towns. We gratefully appreciate your support for this fundraiser.

INTERESTED IN PLAYING A NEW SPORT? Come along and try Pickleball any **Thursday evening in Ballinamore Sports Complex at 8pm**. 18+ years, suitable for men and women. Fun guaranteed. €5 cover, no equipment needed

FULL-TIME ADULT EDUCATION COURSES: starting September 2026: in Leitrim College of Further Education and Training located at both our **Drumshanbo campus** and **Carrick on Shannon campus**, The Courtyard, N41 A386 and N41 TE20. Find out about our QQI Level 5 & 6 courses in Business, Equine, Health Nutrition and Food Science, Healthcare Skills, Music, Outdoor Sports and Recreation, Psychology, Youth and Social Studies and Tourism on our website www.leitrimcollege.ie, Facebook and Instagram pages @LeitrimCollege or call 089-2667813.

AUGHAWILLAN WHIST: second Tuesday of the month, 8:30pm in Aughawillan hall. New members welcome.

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.

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

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

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.

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

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-judgmental 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

SENIORLINE: a national telephone service for older people opens 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

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