29th Nov 2026 **OUGHTERAGH & DRUMREILLY LOWER PARISH NEWSLETTER** *1st Sunday of Advent*

Aughawillan – Aughnasheelin - Ballinamore & Corraleehan

30th Nov St Andrew, 3rd Dec St Francis Xavier, 4th Dec St John Damascene

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

Mass Intentions

Sat 28th Nov 11am	Seán Maxwell (Months Mind)
Sun 29th Nov 11am	Seddie (Edward) Cafferty and all deceased family members
	Frank & Eileen Logan and all deceased family members
Sat 5th Dec 11am	David Toolan (Ballinamore & Longford) Memorial Mass
Sun 6th Dec 11am	Patrick Joseph Kellegher (Clenaghoo)
	Louis Quinn (Drumlonan)
	John Joe & Brigid McGirl & Mary Mulvihill
Mon 7th Dec	***No Mass in Ballinamore***
Tue 8th Dec 11am	**Feast of the Immaculate Conception**
Eucharistic Adoration:	***(Fridays 9:30am – 10:30am, all are welcome)***



Ministers of the Eucharist: 29th Nov Máirín Martin, Mona Creamer & Liam McGovern, **6th Dec** Patricia McGoldrick, Marian Quinn & Leigh Murphy, **13th Dec** Philomena Earley, Mary McWeeney & Aileen Wisley
Ministers of the Word: 29th Nov John Darcy, **6th Dec** Siobhán Dolan, **13th Dec** Alan Banks, **20th Dec** Leigh Murphy
Door Collectors: 29th Nov Tommy McWeeney & Joe Murphy, **6th & 13th Dec** Liam McGovern & Dessie Wisley

AUGHNASHEELIN ST. MARY'S CHURCH Mass times: Friday 7pm

Mass Intentions

Fri 27th Nov 7pm	Kevin Cummings (Kiltybarden)
	John Pat Doran & his sister Molly
	Thomas & Matilda Reilly (Cronabrone)
	Deceased members of the Keenan & McKeown families, Co. Louth
Fri 4th Dec 7pm	Michael & Anna Bohan (Drumcara) and all deceased family members
	Robbie & Eileen Boyle and all deceased members of the Boyle & Shanley families
Sun 6th Dec 9:45am	Mary Boyle (Tullybaun)
	Pat Joe Mulvey, his parents Patrick & Mary Mulvey and Annie & Ellen McCabe
Tue 8th Dec 9:45am	***Feast of the Immaculate Conception***
Eucharistic Adoration:	***(Wednesdays, 11am – 12 noon and 8pm – 10pm)***

Eucharistic Ministers: 28th Nov & 5th Dec Mary Costello & Sheila O'Dowd, **12th & 19th Dec** Detta McNiffe & Tom Prior, **24th Dec** Gary Prior & Margaret Murphy, **27th Dec** Seamus Prior & Margaret McTeigue
DECEMBER: **Ministers of the Word:** Caroline Moran & Maura Mulvey
Door Collectors: Philip Rooney, Terence Boyle & Christopher McNulty

CORRALEEHAN ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH Mass times: Sat 7pm, Wed 9:30am

Mass Intentions

Sat 28th Nov 7pm	People of the Parish
Sat 5th Dec 7pm	Tommy Flynn (Kiltyhugh)
	Jack & Rita Walsh
Mon 7th Dec 7pm	***Vigil for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception***
Eucharistic Adoration:	***(Wednesdays 10am – 8pm, please come along and join us)***

DECEMBER: Eucharistic Ministers: Gillian McNiff & Michael McGovern
Ministers of the Word: Damien Gilheany & Tracy McTague **Door Collectors:** Seamus Beirne & Michael McManus

AUGHAWILLAN ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH Mass times: Sun 9:45am

Mass Intentions

Sun 29th Nov 9:45am	Thomas & Alice Flanagan & their son Francie, and Thomas McGovern (Drumarigna)
	Hugh & Mary Brady, (Corramahan, Garadice)

DECEMBER: Eucharistic Ministers: Des Quinn & Breege McCauley **Door Collectors:** Patrick Stringer & Pat Prior
Ministers of the Word: Sinéad Quinn & Morgan Quinn **Altar Society:** Mary Quinn, Colleen Quinn & Martina Conefrey

RECENT DEATHS: We pray for **Tom Lunney**, (Derry) and formerly of Kinawley (late husband of Geraldine née McHugh, (Boeshill) whose funeral took place in Derry on Friday 20th. **John McGovern**, (Drumharly, Carrigallen) son of Nan and P.J. McGovern, Dromore, Ballinamore, whose funeral took place in Carrigallen on Friday 27th. **Pat Glancy** (Derryoaks, Ballyconnell) formerly of Corraleehan, whose funeral took place in Bawnboy on Friday 27th. **Christine Kellegher**, (Clenaghoo), whose funeral takes place at 11:00AM, in St Patrick's Church, Ballinamore on Sunday 29th. May their souls rest in eternal peace.

Advent is a profound and meaningful season that invites Christians to pause, reflect, and prepare. It is a time of hope, peace, joy, and love, marked by traditions that help believers to focus on the true meaning of Christmas. Whether through lighting candles, reading scripture, or singing hymns, the practices of Advent serve to deepen the spiritual experience of the holiday season.

Online Advent Retreat. The Priory Institute is delighted to offer a FREE OF CHARGE Advent retreat. Visit our website prioryinstitute.com to register/find out more.

VISITATION OF THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: is scheduled to take place on the Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th December. Fr Seán will be in touch prior to his visit.

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

LEGION OF MARY: each Monday at 7:30 PM (after 7:00 PM mass) in Ballinamore Church Sacristy.

MARY'S MEALS: Donations can be dropped into Scorpio Boutique, Railway Road, between now and Christmas. Christmas wreaths on sale, all proceeds to Mary's Meals. Thanks to Tom Cunningham Trust, donations will be doubled. Online donations to www.marysmeals.ie

GENTLE REMINDER: as we approach the end of 2026, we gently remind all to take the opportunity 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.

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 can 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.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

🎅🎄 **HO HO HO... HE'S ON HIS WAY!** 🎄🎅 ✨ **SANTA IS COMING TO BALLINAMORE!** ✨

* **Saturday, 5th December * 5.30pm * The Junction, Ballinamore.** * Meet **Santa** at **Stáisiún Óige (Youth Centre) *** Special visit from **Mrs. Claus** (*Subject to North Pole travel arrangements),* bringing extra Christmas Cheer * Festive fun with **Leitrim Art School *** Festive Fireworks (keep your pets safe) * Teas, coffees & treats in aid of **Abbey Rovers FC *** Wear your Christmas jumper and join us for an evening full of festive fun, magical surprises, and Christmas cheer for all the family! * **Bring your Christmas spirit. * Santa can't wait to see you! HO! HO! HO!**

BALLINAMORE SPORTS COMPLEX: available to rent with wide variety of sports on offer.

☆ ☆ **AUGHAWILLAN CHRISTMAS WHIST DRIVE**: this year's Christmas Whist Drive takes place in Aughawillan Community Centre on Tuesday 8th December at 8.30pm. All donations are gratefully appreciated. ☆ ☆

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

FAMILY CARERS IRELAND: Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional needs? A spouse, partner, child, close relative, or neighbour? Then you are a family carer! Become a member of Family Carers Ireland, the national charity supporting Ireland's 624,000+ family carers nationwide. Contact 057 93 70221 and hear how we can support you or for more info visit www.familycarers.ie.

🎭 **THE BREFFNI PLAYERS PRESENT: A Christmas Carol** by Charles Dickens, adapted for the stage by John Mortimer, at the **Island Theatre, Ballinamore**, on **Friday 18th and Saturday 19th December 2026 at 8pm.** A wonderful festive production for all the family, bringing Dickens' much-loved Christmas classic to life! **Tickets and booking information:** https://www.islandtheatre.ie/

BALLINAMORE LIBRARY EVENTS: **Family Festive Fortnight at Ballinamore Library -** Saturday, November 28th – Saturday, December 12th**. 1) The Great Christmas Jumper Swap & Design Competition – Saturday November 28th 10-1pm.** Swap your pre-loved or outgrown Christmas Jumper for a token to exchange for a brand-new-to-you one. Christmas Jumper Design Competition: design your dream jumper and win a prize for the best (*Winners announced on December 12th).* **2) Paint Your Own Christmas Ornaments Family Friendly Workshop - Saturday, December 5th 11-12.30pm.** Booking: Essential Call 071 965 0476 or email ballinamorelibrary@leitrimcoco.ie. **3) Festive Storytime & "Jumper Day" - Saturday, December 12th 11-1.** Collect your new-to-you jumper and wear for a cozy social winter story-time.

ISLAND THEATRE: **28th Nov** Solas Art Gallery, Winter exhibition, **5th Dec @ 8pm** Greatest 80s Show, **13th Dec** Christmas Fair – 12-4pm, **18th & 19th Dec @ 8pm** A Christmas Carol – Breffni Players. For further details go to: www.islandtheatre.ie.

REFLECTION

Lord Jesus, help us to stay awake to your presence in our lives. Open our eyes to see you in those we meet, and keep our hearts ready to welcome you each day. May this season of Advent renew our hope and deepen our trust in you. Amen.

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

DATES FOR YOUR 2027 DIARY: Confirmation: Saturday 29th May St. Patrick's Church Ballinamore @ 11am. **First Holy Communion: AUGHAWILLAN**: Sunday 25th April @ 9.45am Mass. **AUGHNSHEELIN**: Saturday May 8th 12pm mass. **BALLINAMORE**: Saturday 15th May @ 12pm mass.

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.

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.***

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. To book your Masses please email ballinamore@kilmorediocese.ie or phone 0719644039.

BALLINAMORE COMMUNITY SCHOOL ENROLMENT: Ballinamore Community School are accepting First Year Enrolments for the 2027/28 School Year. Digital Application Forms will be available from November 12th on the school website. All enrolment details have been distributed in advance to local primary schools. To complete the digital enrolment student's relevant documentation will be required (Eircode, birth cert, PPS number, educational reports).

SCOIL CHLANN NAOFA, BALLINAMORE: has commenced accepting applications for admission to our school for the 2027/2028 school year. Please contact the school: email the school at info@scoilchlannnaofa.com or on 071 9645001 for an enrolment pack. Application forms are also available to download from www.scoilchlannnaofa.ie.

COMMUNITY DEN: What's on each week? Foróige on Mondays; Cumann na bhFiann on Tuesdays; Assorted Fitness with Michelle on Wednesdays and on Fridays Pilates with Edel. Spacious, warm, comfortable DEN, with toilet and kitchen facilities available to rent for various events including birthday parties. FREE car parking adjacent to the Children's Playground and on the Greenway. Training room with white board and overhead projector also available to rent. Further info call Máirín 0861547788.

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!

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED URGENTLY: ALONE is currently seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and ongoing support are provided. To get involved, please sign up at: https://alone.ie/volunteers/
For more information, please contact Collette on 086 192 1505 or email Collette.Ferguson@alone.ie

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

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

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

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.

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.

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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