

## OUGHTERAGH / DRUMREILLY LOWER PARISH NEWSLETTER

2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025

*Aughawillan - Aughnasheelin - Ballinamore & Corraleeahan*

1<sup>st</sup> Feb St Brigid, 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb Presentation of the Lord, 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb St Blaise, 5<sup>th</sup> Feb St Agatha

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### BALLINAMORE – St. PATRICK'S CHURCH

Mass times: Sat 12pm, Sun 11am, Tues, Thurs & Fri 9am, Mon & Wed 7pm. (No mass Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Feb)

Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 12 noon

Joey Smith (Months Mind)

**Blessing of St Brigid's Crosses after mass.**

Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 11am

**Candlemas Day**

Marie Flynn (Lahard)

**John & Bridie Milton** (Aghadark)

**Anne O'Connor** nee Gallagher (Lahard) 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary

**Blessing of candles during mass. Blessing of St Brigid's Crosses and blessing of throats after mass.**

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb

Feast of St. Blaise (blessing of throats after mass)

Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Feb

Padraig Flanagan (Church St.) his parents Rita & John James Flanagan (Lisacarn)

Annie Flanagan (Tráthnóna) and Jimmy Flanagan

Eucharistic Adoration:

**Fridays 9.30am –10.30am**

Eucharist Ministers

**2<sup>nd</sup> Feb** Brendan Sweeney & Ellis O'Dell, **9<sup>th</sup> Feb** Michael Duingan, Peggy Ferguson,

Máirín Martin, **16<sup>th</sup> Feb** Thomas Kelly, Gerard McCartin & Deirdre Harvey

Ministers of the Word

**2<sup>nd</sup> Feb** Siobhan Dolan, **9<sup>th</sup> Feb** Alan Banks, **16<sup>th</sup> Feb** Leigh Murphy

Door Collectors:

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Feb** Padraig McGovern & Brian McWeeney,

**16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb** Brendan Sweeney & Sean Kavanagh.

### AUGHNASHEELIN - St. MARY'S CHURCH

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

Mass Intentions

Fri 31<sup>st</sup> 7pm

Margaret Cafferty (Stralongford) and all deceased family members

Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 8:15pm

Tommy & Carmel Meehan (Derrinkeher McDonald)

Jim & Mary Earley (Unshinagh) and deceased members of the Early & McCabe families

**Blessing of candles during mass. Blessing of St Brigid's Crosses and blessing of throats after mass.**

Fri 7<sup>th</sup> 7pm

Seamus McWeeney (Miskawn)

Sat 8<sup>th</sup> 12 noon

Mary Harvey (Knockacullion) Months Mind

Sat 8<sup>th</sup> 8:15pm

Aileen & Frank Flynn (Derrynawana) and Tom Joe Flynn (Drunenaun)

Pat McGovern (Gubnaveigh and Ballinasloe) and deceased members of the McGovern and Burns families.

Eucharistic Adoration:

**Wednesdays, 11am - 12noon and 8pm - 10pm**

Eucharistic Ministers:

**1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Feb**, Maura Mulvey & Maureen Conway

Readers - Shirley Sammon & Maureen Keaney

Door Collectors - John Pat Creamer & James McCaffrey

### CORRALEECHAN - St. BRIGID'S CHURCH

Mass times: Wed 9:30am Sun 9.45am

Mass Intentions

Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 9:45am

Angela McNiff (Kiltyhugh), 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary, her father Thomas Joseph and all deceased members of the McNiff family.

May, Kathleen and Sonnie McGovern (Moher) and deceased members of the McGovern family.

**Blessing of candles during mass. A blessing of St Brigid's Crosses and a general blessing of throats after mass.**



Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 9:45am

No intention

Eucharistic Ministers Teresa Maxwell, Annie McManus

Altar Society Joanne Curnan, Bernie Dolan

Ministers of the Word Claire McNiffe, Laurence Fee

Door Collectors Packie Maguire, Michael McGovern

### AUGHAWILLAN – St. PATRICK'S CHURCH

Mass times: Sat 7pm

Mass Intentions

Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 7pm

**Rosaleen McHugh**, (Boeshill), her husband **Packie** and all deceased member of the McHugh family

**Blessing of candles during mass. A blessing of St Brigid's Crosses and a general blessing of throats after mass.**

Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 7pm

Joe Donohoe (Drumreilly, Garadice)

Eucharistic Ministers Sinead Kiernan & Bernadette Mahon Altar Society Bernadette Mahon & Caroline McGovern

Ministers of the Word Kate McCauley & Aisling Quinn Door Collectors Charlie Kelly & Patsy McGovern

**RECENT DEATHS:** We pray for Olive Leddy (Lahard), Miriam Martin (High St.) and Breege Walsh (Westport), whose funerals took place during the week. May their souls rest in peace. Our sympathy to their families.

**FEAST OF ST. BRIGID:** Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb is the feast of St Brigid, patron saint of our parish. St. Brigid's Crosses will be blessed at weekend masses. You are encouraged to make the pilgrimage to St. Brigid's well. Leaflets for the stations will be available in the church porch where you being the pilgrimage.

**CANDLEMAS DAY AND FEAST OF ST BLAISE:** Candles and throats will be blessed at weekend masses. Please refer to the details for each church area as listed above.

**VISITATION OF THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:** will take place during the week. Fr Sean and Fr Moses will be in contact with you in advance of their visit.

**MEETING FOR PARENTS:** Information meeting for parents of First Communion children on Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Feb at 8pm is cancelled and will be rescheduled for a later date.

**STORM ÉOWYN:** As a result of storm Éowyn many of you are still without electricity, heat and water. Please God all services will be restored as soon as possible. We are grateful to The Island Theatre, Ballinamore who are open this weekend providing hot drinks, charging stations and showers. The Den is also open providing these amenities in order to alleviate the hardship so many are experiencing at present.

**CHURCH ENVELOPES 2025** are available for collection in all churches. It would be appreciated if you would kindly collect your box of envelopes at your earliest convenience as they have been in use since the 5<sup>th</sup> January. Perhaps you would like to take one for your neighbour. If you are new to the parish please call the Parish Office on 071-9644039 or email, [ballinamore@kilmorediocese.ie](mailto:ballinamore@kilmorediocese.ie) and we can assign you your own church envelopes. CHY3 forms are available in each church porch. They can be returned to the parish office. Thank you.

**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](mailto:ballinamore@kilmorediocese.ie), or you scan the QRcode 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.

**PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2025:** Kilmore Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes led by Bishop Martin Hayes. From 30<sup>th</sup> May for 5 nights, Tel: 049-4361222 or email, [info@cavantravel.com](mailto:info@cavantravel.com)

**THE BACKPACK FOR ADULTS:** will run again at Cavan Institute on Tues evenings from 4<sup>th</sup> Feb for 8 weeks. This is a human and spiritual development programme. To apply: [cavaninstitute.ie/eveningcourses](http://cavaninstitute.ie/eveningcourses) or call: 049 437 7940.

### COMMUNITY NOTES

**ATHLETIC CLUB:** Training continues Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7pm at the Sports Complex.

New members welcome each night. Well done to all who competed in Carrick-on-Shannon last Sunday.

**CIORCAL NA MBAN GROUP:** is up and running again in Aughnasheelin Community Centre, with lots of interesting activities planned for the year ahead. This month's activities include mindfulness workshops, pickle ball, St Brigid's Cross copper workshop. New members always welcome.

**SCOIL CHLANN NAOFA, BALLINAMORE:** is accepting applications for admission to our school for the 2025/26 school year. Please contact **071 964 5001** or email [info@coilchlannnaofa.com](mailto:info@coilchlannnaofa.com) for an enrolment pack. Thank you.

**ST. MARY'S N.S. AUGHNASHEELIN:** is now accepting enrolments for September 2025. Enrolment Day will take place on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February, from 10:00am to 12.30pm, when we look forward to welcoming prospective students and their families to our school. Enrolment forms are available by contacting the school at, 071 9644868 or by emailing the school at, [office@stmarysnsaughnasheelin.com](mailto:office@stmarysnsaughnasheelin.com)

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

**BALLINAMORE GREENWAY PARKRUN & WALK:** each Saturday at 9.30am - looking forward to seeing you there.

**BALLINAMORE WALKING GROUP:** Join our walking group, meeting every Tuesday at 10am at the basin near Supervalu. A weekly walk & talk with a friendly group of people. All welcome to join.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES HUB in the Den, N41R522:** Join us every other Tuesday from 10am-12pm. Featuring information and signposting, free refreshments, a space to talk and socialise, sewing and mending clothes, basic bike repairs and a swap shop (clothes, toys, books and plants). The event is free and everyone is welcome. Upcoming dates: 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Feb, 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> March.

**SING TOGETHER:** St Brigid's Day Spring Sing Together at the Island Theatre, Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Feb, from 11-12.30pm. No experience necessary. Book for €10 at Eventbrite or pay on the door. Contact Sarah for details 087620523

**ISLAND THEATRE BALLINAMORE:** The new 2025 season continues at The Island Theatre, Ballinamore with Kevin Logue. Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2025. Tickets €20 + €2 BF. <https://islandtheatre.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows>  
Ballinamore Musical Society presents: **Sister Act**, from 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> Feb.

**LEITRIM FLEADH 2025** - Ballinamore will host this year's Fleadh event from April 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>. Entries are now being taken and the **closing date is strictly Friday March 7<sup>th</sup>** for competition entries which are available online or contact, Laisir Gilbride (Ballinamore CCE) - [laisirgilbride@hotmail.com](mailto:laisirgilbride@hotmail.com) / 086-179-2121.

### REFLECTION

#### **St. Brigid's Blessing**

May St Brigid bless the house wherein we dwell. Bless every fireside, every wall and door.  
Bless every heart that beats beneath its roof. Bless every hand that toils to bring its joy.



**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](mailto:ballinamore@kilmorediocese.ie) or phone **071 964 4039**

**JUBILEE YEAR 2025:** In preparation for the Jubilee Year 2025, themed Pilgrims of Hope, which officially began on Christmas Eve at 7.00pm with the opening of the Holy Door at Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome, the Catholic Bishops of Ireland have launched an official Jubilee page on **CatholicBishops.ie**. This dedicated page will serve as a central hub for all Jubilee-related updates about events and activities taking place both in Ireland and around the world.

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**PRE-MARRIAGE COURSE Dates 2025:** Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 7.30pm–10pm & Sat 8<sup>th</sup> 10am– 5 pm. Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025 7.30pm–10pm & Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April 10 am–5pm. Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025 7.30pm – 10.00pm & Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Oct 10am–5pm. Courses take place in the Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Cavan H12 E5C7. To book: [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.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](mailto:lindahalstead@homeyouthliaisonservice.ie) or 087 7917000

**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.

**BALLINAMORE PRAYER GROUP:** 8pm on Tuesday night at the Parish Centre. Come along and invite your friends.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2025:**

**CONFIRMATION:** will be celebrated Sat 15<sup>th</sup> of March in Ballinamore Church @ 11am

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Aughawillan: Sun 4<sup>th</sup> May @ 9.45am

Ballinamore: Sat 17<sup>th</sup> May @ 12pm

Aughnasheelin: Sun 18<sup>th</sup> May @ 12 pm

**MOHILL COMPUTER TRAINING:** Evening Computer Course for beginners starting in late February. From 7pm to 9pm on Tuesday and Thursday each week in the Mohill Enterprise Centre. Leading to a Major Award - Certificate in Information and Communication Technologies. Contact - 0719632024 or email [info@mct.ie](mailto:info@mct.ie) to book your place now.

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Patricia Lee (Drumsna CCÉ) - [patricialee030@gmail.com](mailto:patricialee030@gmail.com) / 087-631-5769

**DRAMA FESTIVAL BALLINAMORE:** From 2<sup>nd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> March, Drama Festival. Line up announced, Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar The Dry House - Pomoroy Players Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar, Drama - free night, Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Mar The Weir - Upstage Players, Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Mar The Last Days of Judas Iscariot - Clontarf Players, Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Mar Skylight - Wexford Drama Group, Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Mar A Whistle in the Dark - Corn Mill Theatre Group, Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Mar The Weir - Corofin Dramatic Society, Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Mar Class - Glenamaddy Players. Season tickets and nightly tickets available from Murphy's Newsagents, or on the door.

**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'- befriending visitation project** seek Volunteers to provide a home visit for one hour per week. The Volunteer will be matched with an older person (client) in the Ballinamore area and through mutual interests. The Volunteer will be provided with full training. The Volunteer will be introduced to the client by the Coordinator on the first visit and then will continue as suits all. Please apply on [www.ivol.ie](http://www.ivol.ie) or contact Claire @ [claire@volunteerleitrim.ie](mailto:claire@volunteerleitrim.ie)

**THE RURAL SOCIAL SCHEME:** has vacancies in the local Area. To participate in the Scheme an individual must be in receipt of an eligible Social Welfare payment such as Farm Assist, Job Seekers Allowance or Disability Allowance, The Individual or Family Member must have access to an active Herd Number. Please contact Gerry on **086 771 6896** or Leitrim Development Company on **071 964 1770** or Email [schemes@ldco.ie](mailto:schemes@ldco.ie) for more information.

**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 500,000+ family carers nationwide. Contact **057 93 70221** and hear how we can support you or for more info visit. [www.familycarers.ie](http://www.familycarers.ie)

**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 consultation service. Putting your needs and wellbeing first, helping you manage stressful, difficult and emotional issues. You don't have to be addicted to suffer from addiction! **M-PACT** supports the whole family, helping to improve relationships, communication and recovery. If you would like further information please contact **071 9150578** or **085 875 9319** or email [sligoleitrim@alcoholforum.com](mailto:sligoleitrim@alcoholforum.com)

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