

OUGHTERAGH & DRUMREILLY LOWER PARISH NEWSLETTER

5th April 2026

Aughawillan - Aughnasheelin - Ballinamore & Corraleeahan

5th Apr *The Lord's Resurrection*

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BALLINAMORE - ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

Mass times: Sat 8:30pm, Sun 12pm, Mon & Wed 7pm, Tues, Thur & Fri 9am

Mass Intentions

Sat 4th Apr 8:30pm

Sun 5th Apr 12 Noon

Sat 11th Apr 11am

Sun 12th Apr 11am

Easter Vigil - Eamon & Josephine Canning (Main St)

Easter Sunday

Patsy & Mary Galligan (Dromore) and all deceased family members

Mary McGrath, her parents Johnny & Delia Maher and Michael Maher (Drumlonan)

Peggy Logan & Tom Logan (Tully)

Fr Séamus Ó Dubhtaigh

Eucharistic Adoration:

(No Eucharistic Adoration On Good Friday)

Ministers of the Eucharist: 5th Apr Philomena Earley, Mary McWeeney & Aileen Wisley, 12th Apr Maeve Sharpley, Mona Creamer & Ellis O'Dell, 19th Apr Alice Costello, Raymond McHugh & Marcella McKiernan

Ministers of the Word: 5th Apr Gabriel Cronin, 12th Apr PJ McLoughlin, 19th Apr Mary Corby

Door Collectors: 5th Apr Tommy McWeeney & Joe Murphy, 12th & 19th Apr Liam McGovern & Dessie Wisley

AUGHNASHEELIN

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Mass times: Fri 7pm, Sun 11am

Mass Intentions

Fri 3rd Apr 7pm

Sun 5th Apr 11am

Good Friday - Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Easter Sunday James, Alice & Chris Mulvanerty (Derrinkeher Roycroft) and all deceased members of the Mulvanerty & Travers families

Frank & Aileen Flynn (Derrynawana)

Tom Joe Flynn (Drumenaun)

Fri 10th Apr 7pm

Sat 11th Apr 8:15pm

Katie & John Joe Gormley (Crimlin) and all deceased family members

Michael & Eileen Maguire (Gubnaveigh) and their sons Michael & Brendan

John & Mary Reilly and their daughter Breege McGill (Greaghrevagh More)

Eucharistic Ministers: 5th Apr Mary Costello & Sheila O'Dowd, 11th & 18th Apr Detta McNiffe & Tom Prior

Ministers of the Word: John Maguire & Barbara Gunn & family **Door Collectors:** Sean McWeeney, Paddy Beirne & Michael McGill

CORRALEECHAN

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH

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

Mass Intentions

Sat 4th Apr 7pm

Sat 11th Apr 7pm

Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil

People of the Parish

Eucharistic Adoration:

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

St Anthony's Donation Box: €265 has been forwarded to Merchant's Quay, Dublin. Your generosity is appreciated.

Eucharistic Ministers: Gillian McNiff & Michael McGovern

Ministers of the Word: Joanne Curnan & Phyllis McTague

Door Collectors: Brian McGovern & Paul Prior

AUGHAWILLAN

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

Mass time:

Sun 9:45am

Mass Intentions

Sun 5th Apr 9:45am

Sun 12th Apr 9:45am

Easter Sunday - Tommy & Agnes Deane (Glebe)

James Boyle (Boeshill)

Pat Sutherland (Drumreilly) and all deceased family members

Eucharistic Ministers: Michelle Dolan & Mary Farrell Quinn

Door Collectors: Morgan Quinn & Ciarán McBrien

Altar Society: Joan McBrien & Roisin Sexton Smith

Ministers of the Word: Niamh McBrien & Edel Shanley

This weekend sees the change of weekend mass time in Aughawillan, to Sunday at 9:45am and Corraleeahan, to Saturday at 7pm. This change will be in place until the weekend of 3rd & 4th October.

TRÓCAIRE: A gentle reminder to please place your Trócaire donation in the envelope provided and bring it to your local church. Many thanks for your continued generosity to Trócaire.

RECENT WEDDING: Congratulations to Orla Ward and Cathal Quigley who were recently married. We wish them a lifetime of health and happiness together.

CONGRATULATIONS: to all our young people who were confirmed by Fr Seán Mawn last Saturday, 28th March in St Patrick's Church, Ballinamore.

PARISH PRAYER GROUP: will reassemble on each Tuesday starting on 7th April from 8pm-9:30pm in the Prayer Room in Ballinamore Church, (*NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE*). All are welcome from the four Parish areas. Come along to an hour of Praise, Quiet time, Sharing & Intercessory Prayer. Time for Peace & Quiet in the Presence of Our Lord & Saviour.

INTERESTED IN CARING FOR CREATION IN OUR PARISH?: You are invited to enrol in a free online Laudato Si' Animators Course from April 15th (4 sessions) inspired by the '30% Return to Nature of church grounds by 2030' initiative. Sign up through the <https://laudatosianimators.org/> website.

A YOUTH 2000 DAY RETREAT: takes place on **April 25th at Knock Shrine, Co. Mayo**. Youth 2000 provides an opportunity for young people (16-35) to develop their relationship with God, learn more about the Catholic faith & meet other young people through a structured retreat programme. Talks, testimonies & games. Donation only. Check out Youth2000.ie to register or contact connaught@youth2000.ie for more information.

CHOIR TUITION: Down and Connor Folk Group DCF will be holding a full day's tuition for choirs, individuals and musicians at **St Ninnidh's Primary School in Derrylin on Saturday the 25th of April**. The cost of the day is £12 per person and this includes a hot meal at lunchtime and tea breaks during the day. Contact Debbie Murphy 0044 7940800920 or email dmurphy634@c2ken.net.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: Faith Formation for Families and Parishes Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock, International Eucharistic and Marian Shrine, Saturday 18th April 2026, beginning at 11am. All welcome especially Parents, School Staff, Parish /Family of Parishes Pastoral Councils, Diocesan, Faith Formation Personnel and all those wishing to understand and deepen their understanding of the Church as the People of God. Celebrant of Holy Mass, Bishop John Keenan, Diocese of Paisley, Scotland.

COMMUNITY NOTES

ATHLETIC CLUB: Ballinamore Athletic Club resumes summer training at the Sportshall and St Felim's on Tuesday April 14th at 7pm, with sessions Tuesdays and Thursdays until mid June in preparation for Leitrim and Connacht Championships, Schools and Community Games competitions.

VACANCIES REMAIN: On the RSS for general operatives in the Aughnasheelin area. Please contact the Leitrim Development Company, Church Street, Drumshanbo, Co. Leitrim N41 RF24 or telephone James: 0868521785

MORNING SOCIAL EXERCISE CLASS: Easter - Summer term Tuesdays at 11:15am in Ballinamore Community Hall at the Island Theatre. Suitable for Seniors. A great way to get movement into the body in a lovely social welcoming atmosphere. Just come along or contact 087 939 0980 for further information.

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

AI AND DIGITAL SKILLS FOR THE MODERN WORKPLACE: a short course is starting on Tuesday 13th April 2026 at Mohill Computer Training. This course offers a valuable opportunity to develop practical digital and AI skills in a supportive learning environment. Contact us now to secure your place. Email eileen@mct.ie or call 071 9632024.

AUGHNASHEELIN AFTERSCHOOL FUNDRAISER: Easter Sunday Bake Sale after Easter Sunday mass at St.Marys church Aughnasheelin all proceeds go to new Breakfast Club and Afterschool for Aughnasheelin School.

OPEN DAY: Leitrim College of Further Education and Training is hosting an OPEN DAY on Wednesday 15th April 2026 from 10am to 6pm at our Drumshanbo campus - Hilly Road, Drumshanbo, Co. Leitrim N41 C6X6 and Carrick on Shannon campus - The Courtyard, Main Street, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim N41 A386 and N41 TE20. Find out about our QQI Level 5 & 6 adult education courses in Business, Health Nutrition and Food Science, Tourism, Music, Equine, Outdoor Sports and Recreation and Healthcare Skills on our website www.leitrimcollege.ie, our Facebook and Instagram pages @LeitrimCollege or call 089-2667813.

ISLAND THEATRE: www.islandtheatre.ie Saturday 18th April - **Jack L**, 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 beginning 12th April with Báite, 19th Apr - Sanatorium, 26th Apr – Spilt Milk.

REFLECTION



For he has risen as he said he would

A Personal Easter Prayer

Risen Lord Jesus,
I praise You for the victory of Easter,
For life over death and hope made new.
Walk with me today,
Strengthen my faith, and help me to live as a
witness to Your risen life and love.
Remain with me always, now and forever.

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.

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

ADDITIONAL PARISH AND COMMUNITY ITEMS

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**. For booking please contact Marian Foy on 087 6350506.

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.

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.***

KILMORE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2026: takes place from 5th to the 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. **Concert:** A fundraising concert with Gospel and Country singer Owen Mac and his band will take place in Saint Clare's Church Manorhamilton on Sunday 26th April. Tickets are €20 and are available from the Parochial House, Manorhamilton and Eventbrite, or contact 0879170879, Fr. Tom Mannion.

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.

MOHILL FAMILY SUPPORT CENTRE: are facilitating a Parenting Plus Children's Program on April 15th 10:30-1pm for a nine-week course, please get in touch with Abi on 087-6744993 if you are interested.

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

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@alzheimer.ie or phone 087 0680714.

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



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.

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 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-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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