

OUGHTERAGH & DRUMREILLY LOWER PARISH NEWSLETTER5th Oct 2025Aughawillan - Aughnasheelin - Ballinamore & Corraleehan27th Sun. OT

6th Oct, St Bruno, 7th Our Lady of the Rosary, 9th St John Henry Newman, St Denis,
10th St Daniel Comboni, 11th St Canice

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BALLINAMORE ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH Mass times: Mon & Wed, 7pm - Tue, Thur & Fri 9am - Sat & Sun 11am**Mass Intentions****Sat 4th Oct 11am**

No Intention

Sun 5th Oct 11am

Miley & Maureen McKeon (Camagh)

Marie Wisley

Sat 11th Oct 11am

In Memory of the deceased Sisters of Mercy

Sun 12th Oct 11am

Josie McGovern and her daughter Deirdre Meehan (Camagh)

McGourty families (Aughnasheelin & Co. Meath) and Early families (Mohill) and all deceased family members

Eucharistic Adoration:**Fridays, 9:30 – 10:30am****Ministers of the Eucharist:** 5th Oct Evelyn McHugh, Marian Sharpley & PJ McLoughlin, 12th Oct Michael Duignan, Peggy Ferguson & Máirín Martin, 19th Oct Thomas Kelly, Deirdre Harvey & Mona Creamer**Ministers of the Word:** 5th Oct Rhona Conlon, 12th Oct Mary Conlon, 19th Oct Mary McKiernan 26th Oct Michael Dolan**Door Collectors:** 5th & 12th Oct Brendan Sweeney, Sean Kavanagh & Damien Hamill, 19th & 26th Oct Seamus McTague, Michael Gillen, PJ Duignan & Eugene Maxwell, 2nd & 9th Nov Felim Maxwell & John Galligan**AUGHNASHEELIN****ST. MARY'S CHURCH****Mass times: Fri 7pm - Sat 8:15pm****Mass Intentions****Fri 3rd Oct 7pm**

Sissy & Pete Murphy (Knockacullion) and their son Sean

Sat 4th Oct 8:15pm

No Intention

Fri 10th Oct 7pm

Roseanne & John Murphy and Katie & Pat Sammon (Derrinkeher McDonnell)

Hughie & Tessie Doherty (Kiltybarden)

Frank & Nora Gannon, Matthew Dolan and Katie Gannon

Sat 11th Oct 8:15pm

Gerard Smyth (Drumdarton) his grandparents Francie & Margaret Smyth and John,

Jimmy, Mary & Liz Smyth.

Margaret Creamer (Foxwood)

Eucharistic Adoration:**Wednesdays, 11am - 12noon and 8pm - 10pm****Eucharistic Ministers:** 4th Oct Terence Boyle & Kealan Mulvanerty 11th & 18th Oct Mary Rooney & Breda Mulvanerty**Readers:** Breda Mulvanerty & Mary Mulvey**Door Collectors:** Seamus Prior, Eddie Dolan & Keilan Mulvanerty**CORRALEECHAN****ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH****Mass times: Wed 9:30am Sun 9:45am****Mass Intentions****Sun 5th Oct 9:45am**

Mary McGovern (Drumderrig) and Patrick Francis McGovern

Sun 12th Oct 9:45am

Alice & John Joe Creamer (Kiltyhugh)

Eucharistic Adoration:**Wednesdays, 10am - 8pm (please come along and join us, everybody welcome)****Eucharistic Ministers:** Carmel McNiff & Philomena Dolan**Altar Society:** Assumpta Bohan & Claire McNiffe**Ministers of the Word:** Helen McGovern & Sean McNiff**Door Collectors:** Conor McGovern & Ciarán Dolan**AUGHAWILLAN****ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH****Mass time: Sat 7pm****Mass Intentions****Sat 4th Oct 7pm**

People of the Parish

Sat 11th Oct 7pm

Seamus McTague (Killaphort)

Thomas & Alice Flanagan and their sons Francie & Thomas Joseph.

Thomas McGovern (Drumarigna)

Eucharistic Ministers: Pat Stringer & Angels Makay Sutherland**Door Collectors:** John Stringer & Pat Flanagan**Altar Society:** Mary Sammon Quinn & Cathy Quinn**Ministers of the Word:** Ava Gaffney & Rachel Dolan**CHANGE IN MASS TIMES – WEEKEND CEREMONIES:** From **Saturday 4th October** Mass in Aughawillan will be at 7pm each Saturday and from **Sunday 5th October** Mass in Corraleehan will be at 9:45am each Sunday.

PARISH VISIT: Bishop Martin will visit our parish on Friday 10th October and will celebrate the 9am mass in Ballinamore followed by visitation to the schools and the nursing home. Bishop Martin wishes to meet the **Church Finance Committees** and **Parish Pastoral Council**. Meeting times will be arranged and all members informed. A social evening for all those engaged in parish ministry will take place in the Commercial Hotel at 9pm on 10th Oct.

THE JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE: Novena to Our Lady of Hope in the Cathedral of Saints Patrick & Felim, Cavan, continues this week and will conclude on Sun 5th Oct. Novena Ceremonies with guest speaker each evening at 7:30pm. The theme of the novena is "Providing Hope on our Pilgrim Journey". All welcome.

MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY: Pope Leo is asking Catholics, individuals, families and communities throughout the world to pray the rosary during this month of October for peace.

PARISH MISSION: It is just two weeks until our Parish Mission begins on 19th October until the 24th - incorporating our schools, our community and our churches. Facilitated by NET Ministries. Programme of events will be available in all churches next weekend.

PRAYERS FOR THE PRE-SYNODAL ASSEMBLY: of the Catholic Church in Ireland. All Catholics are invited to pray for a special gathering that will take place in Kilkenny on 18th Oct, called a Pre-Synodal Assembly of the Catholic Church in Ireland.

SIGNED MASS CARDS: a selection of signed mass cards are available in the parish office.

MASS OF CONSOLATION: for the bereaved takes place in Aughnasheelin church on Friday Nov.21st @ 8pm.

COPIES OF THE 2024 FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR EACH CHURCH NOW AVAILABLE IN THE PORCH

COMMUNITY NOTES

ATHLETIC CLUB: Registration of new members (born 2017 or earlier) followed by light training at the Den on Tuesday, October 7th at 7pm, all new and existing members welcome. Leitrim Primary Schools Cross Country in St. Felim's Wednesday October 8th at 11.30am.

TIN WHISTLE/ FIDDLE CLASSES: in Seán O'Heslins GAA Clubroom. **TIN WHISTLE** starting Fri 19th Sept. Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced welcome. **FIDDLE LESSONS** starting Mon 15th Sept. Beginners and Intermediate welcome. To book either classes please text or ring Sarah at 083 4835881.

IRISH CLASSES FOR BEGINNERS: and improvers in the Library, on Tues 7th Oct at 8pm. Text Seán 087 6821566

WOMENS WRITING GROUP: Beginning in Ballinamore on 9th Oct with Jane Gilheaney. For more details Email: janegilheaney@gmail.com or Call: 087 9412262. Suitable for 18-100 years, every Thurs 6:30-8:30pm.

JOSIE MARTIN STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS: for Credit Union members entering into, or returning to 3rd level Education. Win a scholarship worth €1000 to help you cover back to college costs. Application forms available in Ballinamore and Carrigallen Credit Union branches. Closing date 30th of Sept.

HEDGE CUTTING SCHEME: This scheme is now open - to encourage the cutting of roadside hedges/trees along the Public Road Network. Open to individual applicants, communities and groups. **New grants available this year** so please contact roads@leitrimcoco.ie or phone 071-9620005 Ext. 630. **Closing Date is 30th Jan 2026.**

PUBLIC VIGIL: for the people of Palestine, at Ballinamore bridge, each Saturday evening, 6pm. All welcome.

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

COMMUNITY SERVICES HUB: every second Tues from 11am-1pm Tuesdays: 7th & 21st Oct, 4th & 19th Nov, 2nd, 16th & 30th Dec. **Basic First Aid Training** - Two basic first aid training courses available in the Den, Ballinamore on: Thurs 23rd Oct & Sat 1st Nov. €10 non-refundable booking fee. To book call 0894635009 or email managerpeaceimpact@gmail.com

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

TOWARDS A HORIZON OF HOPE: Through input, meditation, scripture, poetry, music etc. We will find ways to 'rise again' from life's setbacks and challenges. Director: Martina Lehane Sheehan. 10th – 12th Oct Costs: €255 for residential or €140 for non-residential.

ISLAND THEATRE: Onóir - 11 Oct 2025, Acorn Players present Loophole – 18 Oct, The Drifters Anniversary Tour - 25 Oct 2025, Legends of American Country - 9 Nov 2025, A celebration of Father Ted - Joe Rooney - 15 Nov 2025, Abba Tribute - The Bjorn Identity - 29 Nov 2025. For information and tickets, www.islandtheatre.ie

BREIFNE HISTORICAL SOCIETY LECTURE: on Wed 8th Oct in Ballinamore Library at 7.30pm. Dr Liam Mc Niffe will speak about 'The 1852 Leitrim Election-small tenant farmers politicised'. Everyone Welcome.

WESTPORT AUTUMN ESCAPE: Sat 25th – Mon 27th Oct 2025. **Organised group travel from Cavan.** Guided tour of the Westport & Achill region. Stories, shared dinners, outdoor activity - indoor relaxation! Enquire today: 087 061 7300 or book online: awaytogether.ie/upcoming-tours.

FAMILY CARERS IRELAND: are currently **recruiting for Community Homecare Workers** to provide support to our clients. Work hours are flexible based on your availability. Essential Requirements: Qualifications – QQI Care of The Older Person and Care Skills Modules completed, must have own car and Full Driving Licence. Please send your CV to jobs@familycarers.ie or contact Carol on 049 8511031 or 086 4183949 for more information.

ALONE - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: ALONE are seeking volunteers for 1 hour per week, in your area. Full training and support provided. If interested, please sign up on <https://alone.ie/volunteers/> For more information, please contact Collette directly on: collette.ferguson@alone.ie or on 086 1921505.

Parish Office Hours:

Open – Mon, Thurs & Fri 9am-4pm

Closed – Tue & Wed

Phone: 071-9644039

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REFLECTION

Even with faith the size of a mustard seed, I know that anything is possible in God's name.

ADDITIONAL PARISH AND COMMUNITY ITEMS

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 October, 2025** after 7pm Mass in Prayer Room Ballinamore Church. All are welcome.

WHY SUNDAY MATTERS: Please pick up a copy of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Pastoral Letter or see catholicbishops.ie to download the four-page resource and to access the video series - 'Sunday Mass - Digging Deeper,' also available by following the video links on our parish Facebook Page.

CHARITABLE DONATIONS FORM: We wish to thank those who have taken the time to complete the CHY3 form which is being sent with the annual acknowledgement letters at present. 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.



NEW PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE: Our new **Oughteragh and Drumreilly Lower Parish** Facebook Page was launched recently. Please like our new page and share our upcoming events.

DIOCESAN JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE PILGRIMAGE TO ROME: There are still some places available on the forthcoming Diocesan Jubilee Year of Hope Pilgrimage to Rome from Thurs 20th to Wed 26th Nov 2025 which will be led by Bishop Martin Hayes. If you wish to book a place (or places) on the pilgrimage, contact Marian Pilgrimages in Dublin directly and as soon as possible on (01) 878 8159. Price: €1,855.00 per person sharing on half-board basis.

EXCITING NEWS! Abide in His Love Women's Conference happening for a second year – November 21-23. A beautiful event for women exploring the beauty and gift of their feminine identity in Christ. Check out Eventbrite for tickets and more information.

CAVAN FAMINE AIDS APPEAL: Due to a shortage of collectors we will not be holding our annual church gate collection this year. We are asking people to donate instead online <https://www.idonate.ie/CavanFamineAidsAppeal> (Registered charity no. 20103903). Funds will be used by three Christian charities in Africa where a euro goes a long way to educate & train nurses, feed hungry children & provide health care to the sick in Kenya, Nigeria & Zambia.



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 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.

ST PATRICKS CHURCH BALLINAMORE: along with the Cathedral of St. Patrick & Felim, Cavan, St. Anne's Church, Bailieboro and St Clare's Church, Manorhamilton have been decreed as Jubilee Churches. You can obtain a Jubilee Indulgence by visiting one of these sacred spaces. Leaflets with more information on the how to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence and how to participate in Special Jubilee Activities are available in each church porch.

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**

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND: Facilitated by members of the Council for Marriage and The Family. Our next upcoming Weekend in The Focolare Centre, Curryhills, Prosperous, Co. Kildare, Nov. 7th-9th, 2025. Register to attend at www.marriageencounter.ie. Open to all married couples.

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

BALLINAMORE LIBRARY: A really interesting event will take place in Ballinamore Library on Wednesday October 8th at 7.30pm. In partnership with Cumann Seanchais Bhreifne, Liam McNiffe will present a talk '1852 Leitrim Election'. Among the topics covered:- this was public and not a secret vote; Landlord and Clerical influence on tenants and the names of Ballinamore voters and who they voted for. Free event and all are welcome.

BALLINAMORE LIBRARY FREE CLASSES AND EVENTS: Irish Classes for those new to Ireland: Every Tuesday 5-7pm. **Improve your digital skills:** Fridays 10-1pm. **Build a stronger more mobile you:** Fridays, 11-12pm. **Friends of Breastfeeding Meeting:** Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, 10-12pm. **Women and Bone Health:** Wednesday 22nd October at 11am. **Ballinamore Writers Group:** meet every Saturday at 10am. For details regarding any Free Library events please contact: 071-9650476.

AUGHNASHEELIN SOCIAL DANCING: Classes return to Aughnasheelin Community Centre on Wed 10th Sept at 8.30pm. Come along and learn to Jive, Waltz, Quickstep and many more dances. Everyone welcome.

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

AUGHAWILLAN WHIST: second Tues of the month at 8:30pm. New members always welcome.

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

AUGHAWILLAN BREAKFAST CLUB AND AFTERSCHOOL: A new afterschool facility will open in Aughawillan Community Centre this coming September. We are putting out an appeal for some toys, books and board games that you may wish to donate to our new afterschool. Email aughawillancommunitychildcare@gmail.com to arrange drop off of donations. We're very grateful for all the support and thank you in advance.

SING TOGETHER: Monthly, Saturday Morning Drop Ins at the Island Theatre 11-12.30pm, 18th Oct, 15th Nov. All Welcome. No experience needed. More information 087-7620523.

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.

BAKE IT PINK: Breast Cancer Awareness Month takes place October 1st – 31st. Bake for friends or bake with friends and raise some "dough" for Breast Cancer Awareness. Why not register for The Very Pink Run, 6th Sept, Dublin, at verypinkrun.ie. For further information, go to breastcancerireland.com.

FRIENDS OF BREASTFEEDING MEETING: Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, 10-12pm. Ballinamore Library. All nursing mothers and toddler's welcome. Tuesday 9th September, Talk by Doula in Training Leoni Krystoff, 'Tending to the Mother'. Refreshments Served.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE ADDICTED TO SUFFER FROM ADDICTION: M-PACT, a FREE eight-week, whole family support programme. Helping to improve relationships, communication and recovery. If interested or would like further information. Please contact 071 9150578 / 085 875 9319 or email sligoleitrim@alcoholforum.com

AUGHNASHEELIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP (AGE 50+ FOR MEN AND WOMEN): Interested in joining this new group in Aughnasheelin? This group has great plans for social activities, trips, being active, with new and exciting things to do, fostering community well-being and enabling members to get out and meet people in a social setting. Tea and chat - All welcome.

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.

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@scoilchlannnaofa.com for an enrolment pack. Thank you.

AUGHAWILLAN N.S. are now taking Enrolments for September 2025. Enrolment forms are now available by e-mailing: aughawillanns@gmail.com or contacting the office on 071 9644246.

ST. MARY'S N.S. AUGHNASHEELIN: is now accepting enrolments for September 2025. Enrolment forms are available by contacting the school at, 071 9644868 or by email to, office@stmarysnsaughnasheelin.com

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.

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 or contact Claire @ claire@volunteerleitrim.ie

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

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