8st November 2026 **OUGHTERAGH & DRUMREILLY LOWER PARISH NEWSLETTER** 32nd Sunday O/T



*Aughawillan – Aughnasheelin - Ballinamore & Corraleehan*

*10th Nov St Leo the Great, 11th Nov St Martin of Tours, 12th Nov St Josaphat, 14th Nov St Laurence O'Toole*

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

**Mass Intentions**

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| **Sat 7th Nov 11am** | Michael & Eileen Doherty (Church St.), and their son Michael |
| | Mary Harte (Lahard) 1st Anniversary |
| | Jackie & Tess Gallagher (Church St.) |
| **Sun 8th Nov 11am** | Mary Fanning (Ardrum) |
| | Francis & Mary Curran (Tarmon) and all deceased family members |
| **Mon 9th Nov 7pm** | ***Faithful Departed*** |
| **Thurs 12th Nov 7pm** | People of the Parish |
| **Sat 14th Nov 11am** | John & Claire Creamer |
| **Sun 15th Nov 11am** | Charlie & Mary McHugh (Killaneen) |
| **Eucharistic Adoration:** | ***(Fridays 9:30am – 10:30am, all are welcome)*** |

**Ministers of the Eucharist: 8th Nov** Michael Duignan, Peggy Ferguson & Máirín Martin, **15th Nov** Thomas Kelly, Deirdre Harvey & Mona Creamer, **22nd Nov** Patricia Griffin, James Maguire & Brendan Sweeney
**Ministers of the Word: 8th Nov** Ciara Creamer **15th Nov** Breege Megahey **22nd Nov** Kay Maguire
**Door Collectors: 8th & 15th Nov** Thomas Kelly & Hugh McTague, **22nd & 29th Nov** Tommy McWeeney & Joe Murphy

**AUGHNASHEELIN ST. MARY'S CHURCH Mass times: Friday 7pm, Sunday 9:45am**

**Mass Intentions**

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| **Fri 6th Nov 7pm** | Deceased members of Aughnasheelin GAA Club |
| **Sun 8th Nov 9:45am** | Gallagher Family (Drumracken) |
| | James & Annie O'Dowd (Mayo), and all deceased family members |
| **Fri 13th Nov 7pm** | Seán Sammon |
| | Patrick Gilhooley (Foxwood), and his parents Betty & Michael Gilhooly |
| | Christy McCartin (Carrickmackeegan) |
| **Eucharistic Adoration:** | ***(Wednesdays, 11am – 12 noon and 8pm – 10pm)*** |

**Eucharistic Ministers: 7th Nov** Caroline Sammon & Kerry Meehan, **14th & 21st Nov** Maura Mulvey & Maureen Conway, **28th Nov & 5th Dec** Mary Costello & Sheila O'Dowd **Ministers of the Word:** Philip Roddy & Monica Ward **Door Collectors:** Michael James Creamer, Sean Mahon & Liam Prior

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

**Mass Intentions**

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| **Sat 7th Nov 7pm** | Gus & Mary Ellen Gilheany (Drumcroman), and all deceased family members |
| | Rose & Jack Curnan, their son John and all deceased family members |
| **Wed 11th Nov 9:30am** | ***Faithful Departed*** |
| **Sat 14th Nov 7pm** | Pee & Maggie McNiff (Drumgowna), and all deceased family members |
| **Eucharistic Adoration:** | ***(Wednesdays 10am – 8pm, please come along and join us)*** |

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Carol McNiff & Bernie Dolan
**Ministers of the Word:** Paul Prior & Sean Prior **Door Collectors:** Seamus McGovern & Éadán McNiff

**AUGHAWILLAN ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH**

**Mass Intentions**

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| **Sun 15th Nov 9:45am** | Noel McGovern (Boeshill), and all deceased members of the McGovern family |

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Damien Conefrey & Patricia Deane **Altar Society:** Jillian Warren & Maureen McGovern
**Ministers of the Word:** Ciarán McBrien & Mark Stringer **Door Collectors:** Michael Darcy & Patrick Prior

**MANY THANKS**: to Anne Roach from Rhode Island USA, whose mother was Heeran formerly of Miskawn, for her kind gift of a set of priest's vestments for Aughnasheelin Church.

**REMEMBRANCE TREE**: as a way of remembering deceased loved ones, we invite you to write the names of loved ones who have passed away on a label and place it on the remembrance tree in Ballinamore Church. Please sit and pray for a while.

**CARE OF CREATION AGM:** the 2026 Annual General Meeting of Kilmore Care of Creation will be held on Thursday the 19th November at 7pm in the Conaty Centre/Pastoral Centre, Cavan Town, Co. Cavan, H12 E5C7.

**BEREAVEMENT MASS**: our annual Mass of Consolation for those bereaved in the past 12 months, will take place in **St. Mary's Church, Aughnasheelin, on Friday 20th November at 8pm**.

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN MASS FOR DECEASED BISHOPS, PRIESTS & DEACONS**: Bishop Martin Hayes will be the principal celebrant of this Mass on Wednesday 11 November 2026 at 5:15p.m. in The Conaty Chapel of the Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Cullies, Cavan H12 E5C7. All welcome.

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

**THE CONNAUGHT YOUTH 2000 DAY RETREAT**: takes place next weekend on Saturday November 14 at Áras Naofa, Renmore, Co. Galway. Youth 2000 provides an opportunity for young people (16-35) to deepen their relationship with God, explore the Catholic faith & meet other young people through a structured retreat programme, including talks, testimonies & workshops. Donation only. Check out Youth2000.ie for details & to register, or contact connaught@youth2000.ie for more information.

**CALLED TO SERVE**: Are you involved in ministry in your parish, or interested in becoming more involved? Join us at Knock Shrine for a day of encouragement, learning and sharing. Whether you are a Minister of the Eucharist, Minister of the Word, Sacristan, in your parish choir, interested in developing a Sensory Mass, or looking for ways to engage young people more actively in parish life, this day is for you. Come together with others involved in parish ministry to gain practical ideas, share experiences and maybe be a little inspired! **Date: Saturday, November 21st 2026, Time: 10am – 3pm, Venue: St. John's Centre, Knock Shrine.**

**WEEK OF WITNESS FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS**: One in ten Christians, 220 million people, live in countries where they are persecuted for their faith. The charity Aid to the Church in Need, which works to support them, is organising a Week of Witness from November 15-22 to highlight their plight with a special appeal for parishioners to pray for the suffering Church on **'Red Wednesday' November 18th**. More information at: www.acnireland.org

**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/

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI**: There are still a number of places available on this pilgrimage which takes place from Tuesday 24th to Sunday 29th November 2026 to mark the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi. Bishop Martin Hayes will lead the pilgrimage and Fr Seán Kelly OFM Cap. will be the Spiritual Director. Anyone wishing to participate in the pilgrimage should contact Marian Pilgrimages directly and as soon as possible on (01) 878 8159 as places are limited, especially for those seeking single room accommodation. The fare (including hotel accommodation on half-board basis, flights etc is €1,495 per person sharing and the single room supplement is an extra €450 per person). Please see poster on the church noticeboard. For further information, please contact the Diocesan Pastoral Centre in Cavan on 049 4375004 (Extension 102).

**PETITIONS FOR ASSISI**: if you wish to send petitions to Assisi during the November pilgrimage, please leave them in the parochial house in Lower Lavey for Fr Martin Gilcreest, before 24th November. Many thanks.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**ATHLETIC CLUB**: Training continues each Tuesday and Thursday at 7:00PM. New members welcome.

**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).

**CIORCAL NA MBAN BREAST CANCER FUNDRAISER**: Thanks so much to everyone who came along on Friday night (30th Oct) to help the make the night so enjoyable. Thanks to everyone who supported the online draw and inhouse raffle in hall, those who donated prizes, and our organising committee. **We raised an amazing €4,500.** Thanks also to the community centre for use of the hall. Our **arts and crafts** group opened their exhibition last weekend showcasing **The Fabric of Home** project that the group produced. If you would like to pop in and see the group's work, we'll be there again on **Saturday 7th November from 10-12.30 pm.** All welcome! Dates for diary - **Christmas Fair Sat 28th Nov 2-5pm** in the community centre. **Community Christmas Party Sat 12th Dec 7.00-9.00pm**. All welcome

**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.

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

**BALLINAMORE AREA TWINNING:** There will be a meeting on Tuesday, 17th November at 8pm in the Junction Hub to update on the plans for our visitors from Plouézec for the 30th Anniversary of the twinning between our two towns. All are welcome.

**ISLAND THEATRE**: **8th Nov @ 3pm** Joe the Magician, Children's Comedy Magic Show, **14th Nov @ 8pm** Rory's Stories, The Good Ol' Days. **21st Nov @ 8pm** Patrick Feeney – Voice of Hope, **27th Nov @ 8pm** ABBA Forever, **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.

**☆ ☆ ☆ CONGRATULATIONS TO ST. BRIGID'S LADIES ON THEIR CONNACHT FINAL WIN ☆ ☆ ☆**

## REFLECTION

**The Lord invites us all to keep our hearts open to his presence each day. Through prayer, kindness and love, we keep our lamps burning brightly as we joyfully await his coming.**



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## ADDITIONAL PARISH AND COMMUNITY ITEMS

**MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS**: In November we remember and pray for the faithful departed. In all our churches masses will be offered for deceased members of our families. You can leave your list of the dead in the special box or basket on the altar in each church, ***do not include money with your list*** but instead, please place your donation into the November Offerings envelope provided in your church envelope boxes. These will be taken up during the offertory collection at mass. Alternatively, you may place your November Offerings in the safe in Ballinamore Church.

**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.

**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.

**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.

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

**BALLINAMORE COMMUNITY DEN EVENTS**: Mondays: Foróige @ 6pm. Tuesdays: Cumann na bhFiann @ 7pm. Wednesdays: Assorted Fitness with Michelle 0879390980. Fridays: Pilates with Edel 0873140951

**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

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

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