

## BOUGHTERAGH / DRUMREILLY LOWER PARISH NEWSLETTER

5<sup>th</sup> January 2024

*Aughawillan-Aughnasheelin-Ballinamore & Corraleehan*

*6<sup>th</sup> Jan Epiphany of the Lord, 7<sup>th</sup> Jan St Raymond, 9<sup>th</sup> Jan Blessed Pauline Jaricot*

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### **BALLINAMORE – St. PATRICK'S CHURCH**

Mass times: Sat & Sun & Mon 11am, Tues, Thurs & Fri 9am, Wed 7pm.

Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 11am Tony McKiernan (Tully) 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 11am Michael Dolan (Stradermot)

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 11am Feast of the Epiphany

Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Jan 11am John & Rose Ann Kelly (Church Street)



**Eucharistic Adoration:** Fridays 9.30am –10.30am

**Eucharist Ministers** 5<sup>th</sup> Jan Phil Early, Mary McWeeney & Aileen Wisley,  
12<sup>th</sup> Jan Michael Darcy, Maeve Sharpley & Noel Dolan, 19<sup>th</sup> Jan Alice Costello, Raymond McHugh & Marcella McKiernan

**Ministers of the Word** 5<sup>th</sup> Jan Ciara Creamer, 12<sup>th</sup> Jan Thomas Kelly, 19<sup>th</sup> Jan Kay Maguire

**Door Collectors:** 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Jan, Liam McGovern & Dessie Wisley, 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> Jan, Philip Murphy & Pat Ferguson

### **AUGHNASHEELIN - St. MARY'S CHURCH:**

Mass Fri 7pm & Sat 8:15pm

#### **Mass Intentions**

Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 8.15pm No Intention

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 8:15pm Feast of the Epiphany, J.P. Doran (Moher) Months Mind

Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 8:15pm Bridie & Michael Murray (Killaneen) and deceased members of the Murray and Nagle families  
Pat Joe Mulvey (Corrabeagher) Months Mind

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Wednesdays, 11am - 12noon and 8pm - 9pm

**Eucharistic Ministers:** 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Jan, Mary Rooney & Breda Mulvanerty  
18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Jan, Caroline Sammon & Kerry Meehan

**Readers:** Bernie Prior, Sharon Flynn **Door Collectors:** Gerry Smith, Francis McTeigue, Andy Mc Partland

### **CORRALEECHAN - St. BRIGID'S CHURCH:**

Mass Sun 9.45am (No mass Mon 6<sup>th</sup>)

#### **Mass Intentions**

Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 9:45am No Intention

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 9:30am No Intention

Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Jan 9:45am Patrick Francis McGovern (Drumderg)  
Frank McCabe (Kiltyhugh)

**Eucharistic Ministers** Carmel McNiff & Philomena Dolan **Altar Society** Tracy McTague & Imelda Prior

**Ministers of the Word** Sean McGovern & Volunteer **Door Collectors:** Hugh Patrick Prior & Sean McNiff Jnr

### **AUGHAWILLAN – St. PATRICK'S CHURCH:**

Mass Sat 7pm, Mon 9:45am

#### **Mass Intentions**

Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 7pm Paddy & Annie Dolan (Lisroughty) and deceased family members

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 9:45am Feast of the Epiphany

Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 7pm No Intention

**Eucharistic Ministers** Michelle Dolan & Mary Farrell Quinn **Altar Society** Martina Maxwell & Geraldine Maxwell

**Ministers of the Word** Ronan Maxwell & Marie Quinn **Door Collectors** Christy McGovern & Cathal McBrien

**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.



**CHURCH ENVELOPES FOR 2025** are now available for collection in all churches. It would be appreciated if you would kindly collect your box of envelopes at your earliest convenience.

The envelopes are in use from 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. Please complete your CHY3 forms (enclosed in last annual acknowledgement letter) and return to the parish office, thank you.

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

**GENTLE REMINDER:** to update your church contributions. Offertory contributions for the upkeep of your Church are made payable to your local church. All Dues contributions are made to Ballinamore Catholic Church No.2 Acc.

**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.

**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)

**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.

**A WORD OF GRATITUDE:** Kathleen Kearns our parish secretary for almost four years is moving on in her career. We wish Kathleen well, and thank her for her dedicated service and helpfulness at all times. In the interim, Bernadette O'Neill will be covering the parish secretarial duties and the position will be advertised in due course.

### COMMUNITY NOTES

**ATHLETIC CLUB:** Club training resumes from 7<sup>th</sup> Jan, on Tuesday and Thursday nights at 7.00pm, as weather permits. Emphasis on upcoming Leitrim and Connacht Indoor and Connacht Post Primary Schools Cross Country Championships. New members welcome.

**AUGHNASHEELIN CHOIR** are looking for an organist. If you or anyone you know might be interested please contact Cait on **087 212 3703** or Sheila on **087 652 7815**. New choir members always welcome.

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

**CHRISTMAS DAY SWIM:** Thanks to the over 40 swimmers who took part in this year's Paddy's Ice Breakers swim in Garadice on Christmas Day and to all who came to support them. Special thanks to Ross Dooner & B More Social for our new banner and supplying the posters, and to Murphy's for distributing the sponsorship cards. Any outstanding cards or donations please let us have them as soon as possible.

**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 new 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: 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> Jan, 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Feb, 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> March.

**WANT TO IMPROVE YOUR IRISH?** Ballinamore Library will again be running a Ciorcal Comhrá every Tuesday where people meet to practice their Irish and to improve their use of the language. The Ciorcal Comhrá starts Tuesday 14 January 2025 in Ballinamore Library at 8.00pm. Please text to book a place at 087 6821 566. Admission is free. Beidh Fáilte romhat.

**SEAN O HESLINS - NEW YEAR DRAW:** Tickets are on sale for our annual draw, taking place in Priors, Highstreet, Ballinamore on the 11<sup>th</sup> of January. Tickets available from all club members or Michael on **086 390 6791** by cash or Revolut. A jackpot of €4000, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize of €1000 and 10 prizes of €100.

**'THE LEITRIM GATHERING'** is a celebration of Leitrim, which takes place from Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2025. The event promises a weekend of exciting activities for all the family with a series of literary, cultural, heritage, music and dance events taking place. The event is designed to connect with the Leitrim Diaspora all over the world and encourage as many as possible to attend the event or alternatively to organise an event to celebrate their Leitrim roots wherever they reside. A warm welcome awaits everyone who calls Leitrim home. For those living abroad, check out a competition for free flights home to 'Lovely Leitrim' - visit [www.theleitrimgathering.com/competition](http://www.theleitrimgathering.com/competition)

**SEÁN O'HESLINS:** Connacht Scór Finals - Well done to our young team of Set Dancers who represented Ballinamore SOH and Leitrim so well in the Connaught Scór na óg finals at the weekend. All the hard work paid off and they were a credit to the club and their families. Tickets are now on sale for our annual New Year draw which will take place in Priors, Highstreet on the 11<sup>th</sup> of Jan. A jackpot of €4000, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize of €1000 and 10 prizes of €100. Tickets can be purchased from all club members or by contacting Michael on **086 390 6791**.

### REFLECTION

The Wise Men followed the star and found Christ who is Light from Light  
May you too find the Lord when your pilgrimage is ended. Amen

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

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

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Aughawillin: 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

**TIN WHISTLE CLASSES:** Tin whistle classes, continue for beginners to advanced Fridays @ 5.30pm in Sean O'Heslin's GAA Clubroom. Contact Sarah on **083 483 5881**.

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**First Holy Communion:** Aughawillin: Sun 4<sup>th</sup> May @ 9.45am. Ballinamore: Sat 17<sup>th</sup> May @ 12pm. And

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

**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

**FRIENDS & CONCERNED COMMUNITY MEMBERS:** there is a new date on the Evictions from Carraig Accommodation Centre – 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025 ☹️ what a dreadful Christmas present ☹️ CATU members are willing to assist highlight this situation to local public representatives and letters of support are being sought from local community members, copies of which are available to all groups please contact [sligoleitrim@catuireland.org](mailto:sligoleitrim@catuireland.org) for info.

**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)

**QQI LEVEL 4 - GROWING FRUIT** 🍏🍎🍇🍓: Weds 10am-2pm in Ballinamore at the Old Tech. Gain the skills and competence to plan, prepare, plant, maintain, prune, propagate and harvest many fruits. Call Seamus **087 916 8087**

**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.

**HEDGE CUTTING GRANT SCHEME 2024/2025:** To encourage the cutting of roadside trees and hedges, Leitrim County Council operate a Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme. The Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme is now open and aims to encourage the cutting of roadside hedges/trees along the Public Road Network. Open to all, individual applicants, communities and groups. The Grant is €75 per km of the roadside hedge/overhanging trees which are cut back. Minimum length of road network per application is 1km. A new additional Grant of €50 per KM (Total of €125 per KM) has been introduced by Leitrim County Council to encourage the cutting of dangerous overhanging tree canopies/branches along the public road network. Further information and application forms are available from Leitrim County Councils website [www.leitrimcoco.ie](http://www.leitrimcoco.ie) or by contacting the Roads Department by e-mail - [roads@leitrimcoco.ie](mailto:roads@leitrimcoco.ie) or Telephone **071 9620005 Ext. 630**. Closing Date is Friday 31st January, 2025.

**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)

**CAREER IN CARING FOR THE ELDERLY:** Home Instead are always looking to recruit Caregivers. Whether you can work a couple of hours a week or want to work full time, we would like to hear from you. Experience and FETAC/QQI level 5 qualification in healthcare is an advantage but not compulsory as training is provided. Please contact Seyi or Ciara on **(071) 9317051** or [recruitment-admin.sligo@homeinstead.ie](mailto:recruitment-admin.sligo@homeinstead.ie) for more information.

**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](http://www.muvehealthcare.ie)

**HOME INSTEAD CARERS** are you looking for a career in caring for the elderly? Have you recently retired or have your children now left home? Home Instead are always looking to recruit Caregivers. Whether you can work a couple of hours a week or want to work full time, we would like to hear from you. Experience and FETAC/QQI level 5 qualification in healthcare is an advantage but not compulsory, as training is provided. Please contact Seyi or Ciara on **(071) 9317051** for further information or email [recruitment.sligo@homeinstead.ie](mailto:recruitment.sligo@homeinstead.ie)

**ALONE IS LOOKING FOR VISITATION VOLUNTEERS:** in your area to make befriending visits to older people looking for extra social contact for 1 hr per week. **\*Volunteers needed\*** would you provide companionship visit or



make friendly calls to Older People once a week for an hour or two? ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided, if interested please sign up here: <https://alone.ie/volunteers/> for more information, contact Sinead on [Sinead.Flanagan@alone.ie](mailto:Sinead.Flanagan@alone.ie) on **086 192 1505** and leave a message with your name and contact number and I will phone you back.

**ACCORD NOW SEEKING MARRIAGE PREPARATION FACILITATORS.** Might this be you? Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. If you are supportive of marriage in the Catholic Church; and have the enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team that supports couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage ... then Accord wishes to hear from you! An Accord marriage preparation facilitator is a personally fulfilling leadership role, blending life experience and faith. Successful applicants will receive professional training and be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programs locally. email [marriagepreparation@accord.ie](mailto:marriagepreparation@accord.ie) and further information see [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)

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