

## **BALLINAMORE /DRUMREILLY LR. PARISH NEWSLETTER**

*Sunday 10th May 2020 (Fifth Sunday of Easter)*

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**All Weekend and Week Day Masses**  
**are cancelled until further notice.**

### **Live Streaming of Mass**

**From St. Patrick's Church, Ballinamore**

**Mon & Wed 7pm, Tues Thurs & Fri 9am, Sat 11am & 7pm, Sun 11am**

**(Please note an extra online mass from Ballinamore Church on *Saturday evening at 7pm* . This is only a temporary arrangement until Covid 19 restrictions are lifted on indoor gatherings.)**

**Log on to churchtv.ie**  
**Select "Ballinamore" & join us live at the above mass times**

### **Church Notes**

**Welcome:** Welcome to Sr. Fiona Traynor and Sr. Pius Dennehy, Sisters of Mercy who have recently come to reside here at 16 Dún na Bó. We wish them every happiness, good health and the Lords many blessings.

#### **Franciscan Missions.**

Corraleeahan Church – Acknowledgement and Sincere thanks to you all for your contributions to the **Franciscan Missions** in the amount of €84.25.(All donations to the St. Anthony's collection box in the church go to the **Franciscan Missionary Union**.)

**Parish Office:** The Parish Office will be closed to the public but still contactable by Phone 071 9644039 or email: [ballinamore@kilmorediocese.ie](mailto:ballinamore@kilmorediocese.ie)

**Confirmation & First Holy Communion:** We are awaiting update on Covid 19 restrictions due to be announced in May with a view to rescheduling possible dates for our ceremonies.

#### **Message from Pope Francis**

It is traditional in this month of May to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this "family" aspect, also from a spiritual point of view. For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow. I am also providing two prayers to Our Lady that you can recite at the end of the Rosary, and that I myself will pray in the month of May, in spiritual union with all of you.

Pope Francis

**(A copy of these prayers are available in the porch of each church)**

#### **Community Notices**

**Accord:** Conscious of those who are experiencing difficulties in their relationships and family lives during the COVID-19 pandemic, Accord has set up a support line where callers can talk to experienced couples and relationship counsellors. Please contact 01 5313331 Mon to Friday 9am -8pm

**A COVID-19 Community Outreach Champion** is now available in your county to link local community groups and volunteers to those people cocooning or in need of support at this time. You can contact your local Champion for Leitrim, Karen Dolan, on 0877167593 or email [kdolan@ldco.ie](mailto:kdolan@ldco.ie). The Local Authority helpline is 071-9650473 and is open from 8am-8pm 7 days a week.

**Béal an Átha Móir Seán Ó hEislin:** Folks as part of the response to the COVID emergency BSOH are working with Leitrim county council to help provide support to people in our community. We have compiled a list of volunteers from the club who will try and assist ~~you~~ you if required. Don't be afraid to call on any of the following members who will help where possible. Michael McTague (086) 390 6791, Ber Hamill (086) 898 5997, Joe Feeley (086) 830 1169, Anthony O'Donnell 087 931 7983, Joe Honeyman 086 3823199, Fiona Reynolds 087 251 7248, Patsy Connaughton 087 6846578, Anne Shanley 086 853 8412, Celia Donoghue 087 6662111, Denis Dolan 085 730 3163, John Fanning 087 649 0198, Conor Harte 086 1706271, Helena Darcy 087 237 8514, Janet McManus 086 8490497. If anyone else would like to offer assistance Patsy Connaughton is coordinating and will forward those names to Leitrim county council as part of the local community response. Anyone interested send him your details to (087) 684 6578 and please forward to any other club members.

**DARKNESS INTO LIGHT** is postponed at moment but hoping to reschedule to October. Pieta House is open for people to access it Free 24 Hour Support. Talk to a therapist now. **\*Text Help to 51444**

**Call now on 1800 247 247**

## Faith

*Faith is to be free, to be able to stand up and leave everything behind – without looking back.*

*To say, Yes!*

*Faith is life, when its gone you know a terribly important deep source of meaning is gone.*

*Without faith, we are stained glass windows in the dark.*

*Faith is the daring of the soul to go farther than it can see.*

## Cocoon

**Do not expect cocooning to be easy.**

**It is not a time of rest But rebirth.**

**They used to think that the Caterpillar**

**Merely slept there, Awaiting the wonder of wings.**

**This is not true. To cocoon means**

**The breaking down of self, of letting go of all**

**That may be considered Caterpillar.**

**Yielding to the chrysalis call. Dropping all that is old identity,**

**All that is desire, All that is hungry,**

**All that is eating, eating, eating, Endlessly.**

**When the moment comes, called**

**To go to the cool dark underleaf, underlog place,**

**To spin the silk of silent self, The Caterpillar dissolves,**

**Touches the point of nothingness, Of being;**

**Become now neither Caterpillar**

**Nor Butterfly, Become simply, potential,**

**Until new form is found, Until the selfmade tomb is too tight**

**And Butterfly is birthed, bursting blessing, beauty.**

**A journey through stillness into freedom,**

**Into flight, No one who knew the Caterpillar, would know it in the Butterfly**

**No one who knows the Butterfly would see in it**

**Even the memory of Caterpillar,**

**Yet within there is a continuity of being**

**A new recipe out of old ingredients**

**A life remade, a seed flowered, a potency fulfilled**

**There is pain in this I am sure.**

*(Brother Richard Hendrick)*