

BALLINAMORE /DRUMREILLY LR. PARISH NEWSLETTER

Sunday 10th January 2021 (The Baptism of The Lord)

(Feast Days : Fri 15th St. Ita)

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St. Mary's Church Aughnasheelin**

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Ballinamore St. Patrick's Church: Mon & Wed 7pm, Tue Thrs Fri 9am

Mass Intentions

Sun 10th Jan 11am John Thomas & Anna Quinn & Fr Micheál (Drumlonan)
Michael James Gilhooley & deceased members of The Gilhooley & Hennessey Families
(Killaneen)

Brigid Anne & John Francis Prior & deceased family members (Greagh)

Jimmy, Tess and Patrick Conway and Mary Fagan Melican

Sun 17th Jan 11am Brendan Gormley, Fohera (1st Anniversary)

Fr Seamus Duffy, Ballinamore

Bernie & Mary Prior (Derrinever) and deceased members of The Prior & McGovern
Families

Patrick Francis McGovern, his parents Patrick & Roseanne McGovern & deceased family
members (Drumderg)

Aughnasheelin, St. Mary's Church: Fri & Saturday 7pm

Mass Intentions

Sat 9th Jan 7pm James O' Dowd Mayo

Sat 16th Jan 7pm Carmel McManus, Mullinasella

Church Notes

Recent Deaths : We pray for the souls of Peter Fox formerly Corraleehan whose funeral arrangements will be confirmed at a later date, Eugene Heavy Uk & formerly Corlough (brother of Michael Heavey, Dromore) , Eddie Jackson Dublin & formerly Lahard whose funeral took place on Wednesday in Dublin and Fr Eugene Clarke whose funeral took place in Drumcor on Monday . Our sympathy to their families.

A word of Thanks: A sincere word of thanks to all who assisted in any way in our churches and community in the lead up to and over the Christmas Season. Thanks to all who set up the lovely Advent Wreaths , those who erected the Beautiful Cribs , the Christmas Trees and those who cleaned and decorated the churches so tastefully and appropriately . Due to the Covid 19 Regulations the number of people who could attend the Christmas masses was greatly reduced.

We thank you for your understanding and co-operation. A lot of extra work was required from members of the Parish Pastoral Council not only at Christmas but also at other times throughout the year as we had to adjust to the covid19 regulations for worship in Church. I want to thank them , the Church Ushers and those who sanitised each church . Without their work we would not have been able to attend mass. Please God we will be able to attend mass in our churches soon again. As we were not allowed to have choirs a special word of gratitude to our organists and singers and those who organised and participated in the Liturgies in each church in the limited way that the restrictions allowed.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank members of the Finance Committees, those who delivered the 2021 boxes of envelopes in each church area and to all who helped in our churches during the year, the Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Altar Servers and their Parents, Parish Safeguarding Rep, Collectors and those who count record and lodge collections and all who maintain church grounds and cemeteries, members of the Board of Management of our Schools, Catherine our Parish Secretary, and to all parish and community organisations who enhance and improve the quality of life for us all.

Despite the many difficulties we encountered in 2020 parish life continue on albeit in a limited way. We are grateful for your generosity and support and we pray that 2021 will be a brighter, better and healthier year for us all. May this year hold many blessing for you and your loved ones. Happy New Year.

Parish Office Closure

Due to Covid restrictions the office will remain closed for the coming weeks. All contact to be made via phone 071 96440039 or email : ballinamore@kilmorediocese.ie

When leaving a message please leave details and a contact number so we can return your call as soon as possible.

As you are aware all masses have been cancelled to the public again due to Covid restrictions but we will continue to broadcast masses live from Ballinamore and Aughnasheelin churches. All Weekend Masses booked for Aughawillan will be included in the Aughnasheelin mass on the Saturday evening 7pm and Corraleehan intentions will be included in the Ballinamore Sunday masses 11am. If you would prefer to cancel your family mass for another time then please let us know in advance of the date. We will continue to keep you updated with our weekly newsletter which is available each weekend in all churches and on the parish website www.ballinamoreparish.com

Community Notices

Community Hall-Island Theatre.

We will be holding our 2020 fund raising draw in the New Year when Covid Regulations permit.

We would like to thank you for your support in 2019 and ask that you continue that support this year to help us finance the loan repayments. Donations can be paid monthly (€21) by standing order, or a single payment(€250) by cheque or via online banking using the following BIC & IBAN. BIC: AIBKIE2D IBAN: IE71AIBK93703706955090

If you wish to have your Donation collected please contact Michael Mc Tague, Chairman of the Fund Raising Committee on 086 3906791 or any member of the Committee. The names of all those who contribute €250 per year for 5 years will be displayed on a plaque to be erected in a suitable location in the Hall.

Sean O'Heslin New Year Draw

AGM: This years AGM will take part on the 30th of January at 18:00. Due to Covid restrictions the AGM will be conducted remotely using Microsoft Teams. If you would like to attend the AGM please forward your email to club secretary Patsy Connaughton at pconnaughton@cavancoco.ie or Secretary.ballinamoreseanoheslins.leitrim@gaa.ie

Annual New Year Draw: Folks, In light of the current COVID restrictions we have reluctantly taken the decision to defer the draw that was due to take place on Saturday January 9th. We hope to be able to provide you with details on the new date in the coming weeks, tickets are still on sale and can be purchased from club members or by contacting Michael on [0863906791](tel:0863906791) all tickets purchased already are valid for when the draw takes place

Priory Institute Online Open Day 23 January

Location: The Priory Institute, Tallaght Village, D24. [Is this for you? Why not join us on January 23 and see.](#)

Take the opportunity to visit and learn about what it would be like to study with us during our online Open Day this January. Come and meet with teaching staff and students, see how our online learning platform works and sit in on a lecture on theology. We will be available to answer all of your questions about student life here and to talk theology over a zoom call. **Date** 23rd January 2020 11:30am-1:30pm . **More Information** [Email: enquiries@prioryinstitute.com](mailto:enquiries@prioryinstitute.com)

Tel: +353 (0)1 4048124. **All are welcome**

Christmas Lights:

As with Covid restrictions we were not permitted to hold our Annual Christmas lights collection.(we do hope to hold it during the year at some stage) if you wish to contribute to the lights fund. You can put your donation into the credit Christmas lights acc. Or simply put it in an envelope and post it into the Poor Scholar Pub. Please... if you choose put your name on it as we like to thank people.

To finish off we would like again to thank everyone involved in this super display.. our volunteers and those who supply the electricity needed to light the streets. Without all of these people this would not be possible. You will be glad to know like some other towns. We will be leaving some of our lights on to help you get through the month of Jan and this new lock down... You might do the same at home and add to help keeping things bright.

Wishing you all, all the best look after each other and keep safe. Christmas Lights Committee

Reflection

Loving God, you fill all things with a fullness and hope that we can never comprehend.

Thank you for leading us into a time where more of reality is being unveiled for us all to see.

We pray that you will take away our natural temptation for cynicism, denial, fear and despair.

Help us have the courage to awaken to greater truth, greater humility and greater care for one another.

May we place our hope in what matters and what lasts, trusting in your eternal presence and love.

Listen to our hearts' longings for the healing of our suffering world.

Please add your own intentions Knowing, good God, you are hearing us better than we are speaking,

we offer these prayers in all the holy names of God.

Amen.