

## **BALLINAMORE/DRUMREILLY LOWER PARISH NEWSLETTER**

*Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2021 (Second Sunday of Easter) (Feast Days) St Martin 1, pope and martyr  
13<sup>th</sup> April, St Bernadette of (Lourdes), 16<sup>th</sup> April, and St Robert and St Stephen 17<sup>th</sup> April*

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**Online Mass is available From St. Patrick's Church Ballinamore & also  
St. Mary's Church Aughnasheelin**



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**Ballinamore St. Patrick's Church: Mon, & Wed at 7pm. Tues, Thurs, and Fri, at 9am. Sat, & Sun at 11am**

### **Mass Intentions**

**Sun 11<sup>th</sup> April 11 am** Mary Travers, Railway Road

Rita and Patrick McCauley, Drumreilly, and deceased family members

Margaret Quinn, Garadice (**1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary**)

Seán Maguire, Drumderg, and deceased family members

Alice Hearn (Nee Darcy) Rhode Island, USA and formally Drumrackan

**Wed 14<sup>th</sup> April 7 pm** Mickey Cusack, Lavey and deceased members of the Cusack family

**Sat 17<sup>th</sup> April 11 am** Michael and Eileen Doherty, also their Son Michael Doherty, Church Street

**Sun 18<sup>th</sup> April** Hugh and Eileen McTague, Church Street

Bernie McLoughlin (**4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**) Church Street

Esther Greenan, (**2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary**) Corraphort, Foxfield

Thomas and Maryann Prior (Drumrane) and the deceased members of the Prior Family

**Mon 19<sup>th</sup> April 7 pm** Sean McNiff, Drumgowna (**Months Mind**)

**Aughnasheelin, St. Mary's Church: Friday, and Saturday at 7pm**

### **Mass Intentions**

**Fri 16<sup>th</sup> April 7 pm** John Gormley, Greaghglass and deceased members of the Gormley Family

**Recent Deaths:** Please pray for the soul **Alice Hearn (Nee Darcy)** who died recently in Providence, Rhode Island USA. May her soul **Rest In Peace**

### **Church Notes**

#### **PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE**

Due to Covid restrictions the office is closed. Contact us on 071 9644039 email: [ballinamore@kilmorediocese.ie](mailto:ballinamore@kilmorediocese.ie)

**On leaving a message please leave details and a contact number so we can return your call.**

All masses have been cancelled to the public, but we will continue to broadcast masses live from Ballinamore and Aughnasheelin Churches. Weekend Masses booked for Aughawillan are included in the Aughnasheelin mass on the Saturday evening 7pm, and Corraleehan intentions are included in the Ballinamore Sunday mass 11am. If you want to cancel your family mass for another time then please let us know. The weekly newsletter will continue, and is available each weekend in all churches. **God Bless and Stay Safe.**

#### **THE CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM**

At the most recent Bishops' Conference it was agreed that **Baptisms may now go ahead**. This is with the maximum number of (6) participants, i.e., parents (2), godparents (2), child, and celebrant (2) with all public health safety procedures in place and gatherings afterwards being actively discouraged.

**DIVINE MERCY** This Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> of April, is Divine Mercy Sunday, the Novena which began on Good Friday concludes (Today), with blessing and veneration of the Divine Mercy Image, Chaplet Prayers and Adoration. St Faustina was asked to have the image painted with the words "**Jesus, I trust in You**" to allow us to draw mercy from the infinite Ocean of Gods Mercy. Devotions in Ballinamore Church at 2:30 pm, log on to [churchtv.ie](http://churchtv.ie) and select Leitrim, Ballinamore.

**GALILEE SPIRITUALITY CENTRE ONLINE:** in the Age of the Spirit: Four Conversations for Eastertide,

**Booking and Zoom link: [info@galilee.ie](mailto:info@galilee.ie). €5. All welcome.**

**April 20<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 7:30 to 9 pm** Rev Dr Ruth Patterson, OBE

**The Beloved Community – An Endangered Species?** Ruth Patterson has been Director of Restoration Ministries, since 1988, a non-denominational, Christian organisation committed to peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland. Ruth was the first woman to be ordained a minister in Ireland, and has written extensively.

**April 27<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 7:30 to 9 pm** Bishop Paul Dempsey

**May 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 7:30 to 9 pm** Dr Cathriona Russell

**May 11<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 7:30 to 9 pm** Rev Patsy Kelly MSC

**CARERS ON-LINE COFFEE MORNING** calling all Carers in the Diocese of Kilmore: We are aware of the strain and stress that Covid placing on Carers. We would like (if there is enough interest) to set up an online support group to support Carers, giving them an opportunity to befriend and support each other. **Please email [martinapastoralworker@gmail.com](mailto:martinapastoralworker@gmail.com)** indicating your interest. Contact Martina, she would love hear from you.

**AUGHNASHEELIN EASTER CEREMONIES - GUR A MAITH AGAT MÓR DO** Fr Johnnie for his wonderful, meaningful and articulate ceremonies on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Buíochas mór le Caroline, Kerry and Shirley for the Readings, and Claire and Eileen for the beautiful Altar display.

**A SINCERE WORD OF THANKS:** to all of you who assisted in the preparations for Holy Week and the Easter Ceremonies. With the thoughtfully prepared Altars, our Priests Fr Johnny and Fr Sean, our Sacristans, the Organists and Singers, Readers and online Participants, the Holy Week and Easter Ceremonies were presented on the World Wide Web in a beautiful, meaningful, and appropriate manner.

**Thank you all very much, and God Bless. Stay Safe, Stay Strong and Healthy.**

### **Community Notes**

**GOOD MORNING CAVAN - FREE PHONE CALL SERVICE FOR OLDER/VULNERABLE PEOPLE** This service is run by Positive Age Cavan and is operated by volunteers who phone older or vulnerable people for a friendly chat, and to make sure they're okay. For further information please contact Good Morning Cavan Phone: **049 4380725** or **087 7759584** or Email: [posage88@gmail.com](mailto:posage88@gmail.com)

#### **AFFORDABLE LIVE-IN HOMECARE**

Provides live-in care for the elderly in your area. If you are looking for a live-in Carer for your relative, please call **Eileen or Tom** on **087 9916791** or **087 7440729**. Our website is [www.alhomecare.ie](http://www.alhomecare.ie)

**COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE ALONE** have a national support line and additional supports for older people are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary, 7 days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024

**THE BLUEWAY MOBILE EYE CLINIC** eye health is an essential service, Éilís is available on **Wednesdays in Ballinamore** (Dr Bourke's Surgery), and an **OUTREACH SERVICE** is available **Thursdays** on the **Church Car Park in Manorhamilton**, and **Fridays** in **Drumshanbo**, beside **Scollan's**. Phone **Éilís Dolan** at **087 618 8763**

**SEAN O'HESLINS** - ladies are aiming to get a new set of jerseys through the Lidl LGFA club fundraising. For every €30 spent we get a stamp. If you have the Lidl app already we would appreciate if you can select us as your club. If not you can use this number to add to our stamp tally – contact Helen 086 790 5596.

We have 10 days left and a lot of stamps to go so any support will be greatly appreciated.

**THE GROW IT FORWARD CAMPAIGN** In partnership with Healthy Ireland, public Libraries Ireland, and in line with the Government of Ireland's Keep Well initiative, **Leitrim County Library is distributing FREE packs of seeds** to people locally. If you would like to receive a seed pack, you can **phone 071 9645582** or email [leitrimlibrary@leitrimcoco.ie](mailto:leitrimlibrary@leitrimcoco.ie) The pack includes seeds for beetroot, carrots, salad leaves, peas and tomatoes, a guide to help grow them and a postcard and gift tags to help share them with family and friends.

**NORTH WEST SIMON COMMUNITY** are asking people to walk 10,000 steps a day for 30 days in the month of April, to help raise vital funds and awareness for the charity. NW Simon work to prevent and resolve homelessness. Sign up and register at: - <https://www.idonate.ie/StepChallengeNWSimon> In 2020 NW Simon Community supported 182 households in the North West that consisted of 224 adults and 225 children.

**BALLINAMORE FORÓIGE (THE HIDEOUT) SLEEPOUT FOR NORTH WEST SIMON** annual Sleep out for NW Simon, took place from 9 pm 4<sup>th</sup> April to 4 am 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2021. Please help us to help those less fortunate by raising much needed funds for your local Simon Community. Donations can be made at this link up to 23<sup>rd</sup> April <https://www.idonate.ie/BallinamoreForoigeSleepOutforNWSimon> Look out for collection buckets in the Ballinamore area. **Buíochas mór lenár lucht tacaíochta go léir!** A big Thankyou to all our supporters.

### **REFLECTION**

#### **Doubt no longer, but Believe**

Don't we find it difficult sometimes to believe in ourselves?  
Maybe we haven't been praised or liked enough as a child,  
perhaps we've failed in relationships or jobs?  
Or failed in sports, exams and what we've set our hearts on?  
And then the change when someone believes in us,  
or when things go well, or we can forgive ourselves.

Jesus believes in you;

He loves you and believes in you;

And then he says as he said to Thomas

#### **Doubt no longer, but Believe**

Faith in God can weaken.

Once nourishing our life,  
it can threaten our happiness.

**Once simple, it can become complicated.**

Life's tragedies and problems  
can take us away from God,  
and faith itself finds its own pathways.  
The strength of our faith fluctuates,  
and we may move from God.

And like Jesus for Thomas,  
God looks for us.

Through the locked door  
of disappointment, resentment, guilt,  
confusion, boredom and let-down,  
he comes with peace.  
He simply looks at you,  
sees into your heart with love,  
and with compassion says  
to you, as to Thomas

**Doubt no longer, but Believe**