

BALLINAMORE /DRUMREILLY LR. PARISH NEWSLETTER

Sunday 14th February 2021 (6th Sunday of the Year)

(Feast Days :) St Flavin, 19th St. Boniface of Lausanne

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St. Mary's Church Aughnasheelin**

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Ballinamore St. Patrick's Church: Mon7pm, Tue Wed Thurs Fri 9am, Sat & Sun 11am

Mass Intentions

Sun 14th Feb 11am Paddy & Eithne Smyth, High Street
Margaret Sweeney, Tullyoscar

Sun 21st Feb 11am Micheál Wrynn Tarmon and deceased of Wrynn & Prior families Knockanroe

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

Mass Intentions

Fri 12th Feb 7pm Christy McNulty 1st Anniv (Harlockstown & Kiltybarden)

Sat 13^h Feb 7pm People of the Parish

Sat.20th Feb. Terence Joe ,Terence & Brigid Boyle and the deceased family Tullybawn
Kathleen Rooney MM Corraabeeher
Grainne Reynolds Knockacullion & Dublin
Celia Mc Govern Lisgrundy and deceased members of the Mc Govern &
Mc Goohan families.

Adoration and Stations of the Cross will follow on from the 7pm mass in Aughnasheelin on Fridays during Lent.

Church Notes

Parish Office Closure

Due to Covid restrictions the office will remain closed for the coming weeks. All contact to be made via phone 071 9644039 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 Corraleeahan 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. God bless and stay safe.

Lent 2021: As we are living through exceptional times due to the COVID-19 pandemic Ash Wednesday and Lent will be celebrated differently this year. In adherence to public health safety guidelines the assembly of parishioners for the physical distribution of Ashes is not possible this year. To facilitate those who wish to have their foreheads marked with ashes on Ash Wednesday, ashes will be blessed at masses this weekend. A small amount of ashes will be placed in envelopes or plastic pouches (one for each family) and will be available for collection in each church after 12 pm on Sunday. Then on Ash Wednesday you may add a little water to the ashes and mark the sign of the cross on each family member. This may be done while watching a mass via webcam or TV. As an alternative you may have a simple Prayer Service in your home and distribute the ashes then. Please take a copy of the Prayer Service with you when you are collecting the ashes which will be available in the porch of each church. During Lent we are invited to journey with Jesus to feel His suffering which he endured on our behalf. On that spiritual journey we can come to a realization of how Jesus is with us in our struggling with this ongoing COVID-19pandemic.Lent also invites us to devote time to prayer, penance and almsgiving. This means giving more time to prayer each day , doing whatever penance appropriate to our age and circumstances and sharing our resources with those in need, be it taking time to make a phone call to a neighbour and contributing to our Trocaire Collection which you do, so generously each Lent.

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT - 'JOURNEYING WITH JESUS' We, the Parish team warmly invite you to take part in our Lenten retreat which begins on Ash Wednesday, 17th Feb, 2021. Our retreat will take place via webcam in Aughnasheelin church and continue every Wednesday. It finishes on Spy Wednesday of Holy week. Our evening will start at 7pm with our evening mass which will be directly followed by our Lenten programme. This year we have taken the theme 'journeying with Jesus' to remind ourselves that the Lord is always with us and that we too, like the people in the Gospel, can have that encounter with Jesus as we come to know him more deeply Through our selected gospel passages we will have an opportunity to journey with Jesus from the desert to the tomb. Each week we are encouraged to read a piece of scripture which will take us from the dryness and desolation of the desert, to the majesty of the mountain top, to the encounter of a scorned woman at a well, the healing of a blind man at a pool and finally on our last week to the place of execution.

We will use a prayer method called Lectio Divina, which is a way of becoming immersed in the scriptures in a very personal way. Another way to describe it is 'listening with the heart'. Our introduction session is on Ash Wednesday and we will go through the format, the readings and an introduction to Lectio Divina. Again, due to the COVID-19 restrictions we can only do this retreat through the webcam. Any questions /queries can be directed to Fr. Sean or Martina.

Lourdes Collection Feb 2021: This collection will not be going ahead this year as the diocesan pilgrimage will not be taking place this year.

Kilmore youth ministry is offering an online workshop for Lent 2021. Each week you would be emailed a piece of writing or scripture on the Monday and then have a group video or call on a Thursday to discuss it. Each week would have a different theme. You must be 16+ to sign up. Any questions please feel free to contact Francis Keaney on 086 3977872.

Community

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland : are currently recruiting for a Home Care Worker in the Ballinamore/Carrick-Shannon and surrounding areas. For more information please contact Clair Culkin on 085-8720043.

Sean O'Heslin Annual Draw Folks we have confirmed the annual Christmas draw will now take place on the 6th of March. All tickets already sold are included and tickets can be still be purchased now for the draw. To buy a ticket please speak to any executive member or call Michael on 0863906791 or Phillip Farley on 0860526558 to arrange non contact purchase of tickets.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024

North West STOP provides FREE Counselling in your area with No Waiting Lists. Please phone or text our Counselling Coordinator on 086 777 2009 to arrange to speak with a counsellor.

Backpack Facilitators Course Online This course is free to members of the Kilmore Diocese and begins Tuesday, February 16th at 7pm. The course runs for 90 minutes via Zoom for 8 consecutive weeks. As a Catholic faith community, we must remember the urgent need of our young people with regard to mental health, as well as spiritual connection. The hope is to have two facilitators trained in each parish to help present the course virtually to teens in your parish. . For further information or to register for the course, please email contact@thebackpack.life or phone 083 487 7325.

Reflection

Dear God, In this season of Lent, we're reminded of our own difficulties and struggles. Sometimes the way has seemed too dark. Sometimes we feel like our lives have been marked by such grief and pain, we don't see how our circumstance can ever change. But in the midst of our weakness, we ask that you would be strong on our behalf. Lord, rise up within us, let your Spirit shine out of every broken place we've walked through. Allow your power to be manifest through our own weakness, so that others will recognize it is You who is at work on our behalf. We ask that you would trade the ashes of our lives for the beauty of your Presence. Trade our mourning and grief for the oil of joy and gladness from your Spirit. Trade our despair for hope and praise.

We choose to give you thanks today and believe that this season of darkness will fade away. Thank you that you are with us in whatever we face and that you are greater than this trial. We know and recognize that you are Sovereign, we thank you for the victory that is ours because of Christ Jesus, and we are confident that you have good still in store for our future. We thank you that you are at work right now, trading our ashes for greater beauty. We praise you, for you make all things new. In Jesus' Name, Amen.