

BALLINAMORE /DRUMREILLY LR. PARISH NEWSLETTER

Sunday 20th December 2020 (4th Sunday of Advent)
(Feast Days : The Nativity Christmas Day Fri 25th Dec,
Sat 26th Dec St. Stephen's Day)



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Ballinamore St. Patrick's Church: Mon & Wed 7pm, Tues 9am, Thurs 5:30 & 9:30pm, Fri 9am & 12:30, Sun 11am

Mass Intentions

Sun 20th Dec 11am Jannie McCormack & Thomas Galligan, Ballinamore
Margaret Sweeney, Church Street

Mon 21st Dec 7pm Margaret Gaffney, Martin & Bernadette Gaffney, Jim & Mary Kate Coen
and Patrick & Michael Coen

Thurs 24th Dec 5:30pm **Christmas Eve**

Thurs 24th Dec 9:30pm **Christmas Eve**

Fri 25th Dec 9am **Christmas Day**

Fri 25th Dec 12:30pm **Christmas Day**

Sun 27th Dec 11am Barney Breen, Pamela McGovern (formerly London)
Jim Bohan, Drumrane (1st Anniv)

Ministers of The Word: Christmas Eve 9:30pm Niamh Griffin, **Christmas Day 9am** Kay Maguire,
Sun 27th Dec John Darcy

Eucharistic Ministers : **Sun 20th Dec** Michael Duignan/ Peggy Ferguson/ Dymphna McTague
Christmas Eve 9:30 Paddy O'Connor/ Thomas Kelly/ Gerard McCartin
Christmas Day 12:30 Patricia Griffin / James Maguire/ James Og Maguire
Sun 27th Dec Mona Creamer / Liam McGovern / Maureen Martin

Door Collectors : **Group 6 – 20th Dec & Christmas Eve :** John Curran, John O'Connell, David McBrien
Group 7 – Christmas Day & 27th Dec Damien O'Brien, Andy O'Rourke, Rory O'Rourke

Aughnasheelin, St. Mary's Church: Thurs 7:30pm , Fri 12 noon , Saturday 7pm

Mass Intentions

Sat 19th Dec 7pm People of The Parish

Thurs 24th Dec 7:30pm **Christmas Eve**

Fri 25th Dec 12noon **Christmas Day**

Sat 26th Dec 7pm Maura Cull, Drumdarton (1st Anniv)

Eucharistic Ministers : **Sat 19th Dec** Group 3 S Prior & M McTeigue , **Christmas Eve** Group 4 S O'Dowd & B Sammon
Christmas Day Group 5 T Boyle & K Mulvanerty, **Sat 26th Dec** Group 6 M Rooney & B Mulvanerty

Door Collectors Dec: Philip Rooney, Terence Boyle, Gavin Sammon

Corraleehan St. Brigid's Church Masses: Wed 9:30am, Thurs 6:30pm , Fri 11am, Sun 9:45am

Mass Intentions

Sun 20th Dec 9:45am John & Ellen Gilheaney, Margaret & Rita and deceased family members (Clogher)

Thurs 24th Dec 6:30pm **Christmas Eve**

Fri 25th Dec 11am **Christmas Day**

Sun 27th Dec 9:45am Cosmas Prior, his parents Katie & Bernie Prior & deceased family members (Coragh)

Eucharistic Ministers Dec: Nora Dolan / Annie McManus

Door Collectors December: Seamus Beirne, Michael McManus

Covid Stewards December: 1. Michael Mc Govern . 2. Declan Mc Niff 3. Damien Gilheany

Aughawillan St. Patrick's Church Masses: Sat 8:15pm

Mass Intentions

Sat 19th Dec 8:15pm Noel McGovern, Boeshill (Months Memory)
Margaret Martin, (Drumarigna) and deceased members of The Martin & Gallagher Families

Thurs 24th Dec 8:30pm **Christmas Eve**

Kathleen & Luke McGovern & deceased family members (Glebe)
Hughie & Jim McGovern (Cully Garadice)

Fri 25th Dec 10:30am **Christmas Day**

Sat 26th Dec 8:15pm **The People of The Parish**

Eucharistic Ministers : **Christmas Eve** Breege McCauley , **Christmas Day** Michelle Dolan
Sat 26th Dec & 2nd Jan Mary Farrell Quinn

Door Collectors December: Pat Stringer & Michael Quinn

Church Notes

Recent Deaths Madge Reidy nee McCabe formerly Kiltyhugh whose funeral will take place in Connecticut, Paddy Crossan (Tully) whose funeral took place on Friday, Paul Reynolds (brother of Anne Kavanagh & Breda McWeeney) whose funeral took place in Letterkenny on Thursday.

Christmas Ceremonies

This year we are severely limited to the numbers who can attend mass in our churches. To facilitate as many people as possible we will have extra masses in all four churches. The parish pastoral council reluctantly decided that the fairest way to ensure peoples safety and to provide a duty of care to all is that those who wish to attend any of the masses on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day must apply for a ticket to a representative from the Parish Pastoral Council from their own church area. If you wish to attend mass we would ask that you please keep to your own church area. **Deadline for booking of tickets is Sunday 20th December.**

If you wish to attend mass in Ballinamore Church on Christmas Eve at 5:30pm and 9:30pm and Christmas Day 9am and 12:30pm, please contact any of the following;

Mary Corby 087 7541234, Austin Quinn 087 1224283, Alice Costello 087 6823832
Rhona Conlon 089 2444341, Liam McGovern 086 3637996

If you wish to attend mass in Aughnasheelin Church on Christmas Eve at 7:30pm or Christmas Day at 12noon, please contact any of the following;

Detta McNiffe 086 0235913 Gerry Mahon 083 3338141 Brendan Sammon 087 2071961
Maura Mulvey 087 6486967

If you wish to attend mass in Aughawillan Church on Christmas Eve 8:30pm and Christmas Day 10:30am, please contact any of the following;

Marie Quinn 087 9208352 Claire McBrien 086 1069565 Seamus Quinn 087 2653604
Pat Stringer 087 2810684

If you wish to attend mass in Corraleehan Church on Christmas Eve at 6:30pm or Christmas Day at 11am, please contact any of the following;

Tracy McTague 087 2842718 Damien Gilheany 087 2403405 Helen McGovern 087 4140849
Michael McGovern 087 9186200

People who stay in their cars will be able to listen to mass on the car radio from outside Aughnasheelin Church by setting their radio to a private frequency. More details to follow on Christmas Newsletter

Church Weekly & Dues Envelopes Payments By Cheque ** Please Note **

To facilitate the collection of church envelopes, a safe has been located just inside the main doors of Ballinamore Church. Envelopes from all churches may be dropped in here where they will then be returned to their church of origin. We would ask if paying **DUES** for any of the four churches by cheque,

please make cheque payable to "Ballinamore Catholic Church Revenue A/c" otherwise the bank will not accept it.

In relation to Offertory payments, cheques should be made payable to each respective church e.g "Aughnasheelin Catholic Church". Thank you for your co-operation.

Confessions: Due to Covid 19 Restrictions we are not permitted to hold our usual penitential service for Christmas. However as part of the penitential Rite at each mass this weekend, those who are in church or watching on line will be invited to make a personal act of contrition as they express their sorrow for their sins.
Pope Francis: " You do what the Catechism says. It is very clear: if you do not find a priest to hear your confession, speak to God, he is your father, and tell him the truth...Promise him: 'Later I will confess, but forgive me now.' And immediately you will return to the grace of God. This is the right time, the opportune moment...An act of contrition done well, and our souls will become white like the snow." (Homily at Mass, 20 March 2020)

Recent statement from Bishops Conference re Covid19 Regulations

Clearly it will be impossible for our usual large congregations to assemble for Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. We wish to remind Catholics that the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days remains suspended during the pandemic. But Christmas is about more than just one day. Families are welcome to attend Mass at some point during the twelve days from Christmas Eve to Epiphany. Christmas Masses will also be widely available over webcam and we strongly encourage families to "tune in" from the "domestic churches" of their living rooms and join with those who are gathering in their local churches in welcoming the birth of the Christ-child. It is possible to experience the spiritual richness of this special season in many ways. Our homes can become "little churches" where we invite the Christ-child in. The age-old tradition of having a Christmas crib in the home and gathering there as a family to pray or to sing a carol will be especially meaningful this year. We also invite families or "household bubbles" to pay a visit to their local church at some time during the twelve days to offer a Christmas prayer at the crib and pray together for their families and for those particularly impacted by the pandemic". Communion should be distributed into the hands and NOT onto the tongue. **The host should be placed in the hand of the recipient in such a way as to avoid hand contact. Where possible, separate points of entrance and exit should be identified and clearly marked to allow for one-way traffic. To facilitate the sanitising of the church after each mass you are advised to leave the church immediately after the final blessing or when the soloist has stopped singing and avoid making contact or engaging in conversation with others outside the immediate family bubble. We ask for your co-operation as this allows the sanitizers to get on with their work once the church is emptied.**

Community Notices

ATHLETIC CLUB TRAINING : Athletic Club well supported outdoor training at St Felim's concluded for the year on Tuesday last and will resume early next month with new members also welcome.

All New items for the Newsletter should be dropped into the Parish Office, Convent Road or emailed before 12 noon Thursdays to ballinamore@kilmorediocese.ie . The editor reserves the right to edit or omit items according to suitability of content & space in the newsletter