

BALLINAMORE /DRUMREILLY LR. PARISH NEWSLETTER

Sunday 26th April 2020 (Third 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

Recent Deaths: We pray for the soul of Bernie McPartland ,Telford, England, and formerly of Willowfield Road ,first cousin of the late Madeline O'Rourke, Church Street, May he rest in peace. Our sympathy to his family.

Collection of Trocaire , Offertory and Dues Envelopes: While we are well aware that these are difficult and challenging times and a strain on financial resources for many families. Some parishioners have expressed a wish to continue to make their normal contributions and wonder how this might be done . A few suggestions were made to me during the week,

The most practical one I think is that if the collectors in each church area would arrange to be in their church between 8 to 8:30pm of a Saturday evening and parishioners come along then to the church and hand in their contributions. This arrangement could also take place in Ballinamore Church again after the 11am mass on a Sunday. This arrangement will operate only once a month and is intirely voluntary.

Please observe Covid-19 restrictions

We will have a collection drop this weekend 25th April and another possible collection drop on the last weekend of May 30th /31st.

Thanks to the parishioners who have already left in their contributions especially the Trócaire envelope to the parochial House Covent Road. Contributions can be left in at any time to the Parochial House, Covent rd.

St.Patrick's Church Aughawillan is looking splendid after its recent internal painting and restoration. Well done to the Church Committee and thanks for all the positive comments. While it awaits external painting and a few items to complete its restoration please feel free to visit the church BUT OBSERVE THE COVID 19 restrictions.

The restoration of the Stations of the Cross has attracted most people's attention and I think all will agree that this is a work of art and restores the stations to their original appearance.

Donations towards the restoration of the stations and other items connected with the refurbishment of the church are very much appreciated. The cost of restoration of each station is €300. The Committee wish to thank those who have already made a donation. If you or your family would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one please contact Fr.Sean or any member of the committee. A suitable plaque with the names of those you wish to be remembered will be placed in an appropriate place in the church.

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the 150th Anniversary Celebrations of Aughawillan Church and the Golden Jubilee of Msgr Thomas McGovern have both been canceled for this year. Rearrangments will be made for Summer 2021.

Parish Office: The Parish Office will be closed to the public but still contactable by Phone 071 9644039 or email: 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.

Community Notices

Need help in Leitrim during the COVID-19 crisis. 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 County/City, Karen Dolan, on 0877167593 or email kdolan@ldco.ie. The Local Authority helpline is 071-9650473 and is open from 8am-8pm 7 days a week.

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

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). 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.

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

St Angela's College, Sligo: Is inviting applications for the following course beginning Autumn 2020 Part-Time Certificate in Religious Education (Primary) with Online Delivery

The course is open to: Qualified primary school teachers; Qualified post-primary school teachers who wish to transfer to primary school teaching. Parents, sacramental preparation teams and parish catechists who have a specific interest in the area of primary religious education may also apply.

Closing date for Applications is Friday 15th May 2020. This date may be extended.

For further information and application forms contact Mary Kearns, Education Department, St. Angela's College, Lough Gill, Sligo E. mkearns@stangelas.nuigalway.ie or visit Website: www.stangelas.nuigalway.ie

A Prayer in the midst of the present crisis

God of all mercies, grant:

To our family circles, safety and good health

To those afflicted with COVID-19, swift healings

To the frightened, courage

To the dying, comfort

To the dead, eternal life

To health care providers, strength and stamina

To our leaders, wisdom and compassion

To our nation, unity of purpose

To the church, the grace to serve the suffering selflessly

To all believers, strong faith in Your presence

To the whole human family, unity of heart, and to us, your people, the reward of knowing that we are doing Your will when we spend ourselves in loving service of others.