

OUGHTERAGH / DRUMREILLY LOWER PARISH NEWSLETTER

26th January 2025

Aughawillan - Aughnasheelin - Ballinamore & Corraleeahan

25th Feast of St Paul, 27th St Angela, 28th St Thomas, 30th St Aidan, 31st St John Bosco

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BALLINAMORE – St. PATRICK’S CHURCH

Mass times: Sun 11am, Tues, Thurs & Fri 9am, Mon & Wed 7pm. (No mass Sat 25th Jan)

Sun 26th Jan 11am Stephen Ralph (New York)
Peter Prior (Knockanroe) 1st Anniversary
Micheál Wrynn (Tarmon) and his daughter Mary Wrynn-Jackson
Mon 27th 7pm Marion Sweeney
Sat 1st Feb 12 noon Joey Smith (Months Mind)
Sun 2nd Feb 11am Marie Flynn (Lahard)
John & Bridie Milton (Aghadark)
Ann O’Connor nee Gallagher (Lahard) 3rd Anniversary

Eucharistic Adoration: Fridays 9.30am –10.30am

Eucharist Ministers 26th Jan Evelyn McHugh, Marian Sharpley & PJ McLoughlin, 2nd Feb Brendan Sweeney & Eilis O’Dell, 9th Feb Michael Duingan, Peggy Ferguson, Máirín Martin

Ministers of the Word 26th Jan John Darcy, 2nd Feb Siobhan Dolan, 9th Feb Alan Banks

Door Collectors: 26th Jan Philip Murphy & Pat Ferguson 2nd & 9th Feb Padraig McGovern & Brian McWeeney

AUGHNASHEELIN - St. MARY’S CHURCH

Mass times: Fri 7pm & Sat 8:15pm

Mass Intentions

Fri 24th Jan 7pm Nan Callaghan, nee Travers (Derrinkeher Raycroft) and deceased member of the Callaghan and Travers families
Eileen Boyle (Tullybawn) and all deceased members of the Boyle family.
Sat 25th 8:15pm Kathleen Rooney (Corrabeegher)
Fri 31st 7pm Margaret Cafferty (Stralongford) and all deceased family members
Sat 1st Feb 8:15pm Tommy & Carmel Meehan (Derrinkeher McDonald)
Jim & Mary Earley (Unshinagh) and deceased member of the Early & McCabe families

Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesdays, 11am - 12noon and 8pm - 10pm

Eucharistic Ministers: 25th Jan, Caroline Sammon & Kerry Meehan
1st & 8th Feb, Maura Mulvey & Maureen Conway

Readers - Feb: Shirley Sammon & Maureen Keane **Door Collectors - Feb:** John Pat Creamer & James McCaffrey

CORRALEECHAN - St. BRIGID’S CHURCH

Mass times: Wed 9:30am Sun 9.45am

Mass Intentions

Sun 26th Jan 9:45am Annette Gilheany (Clogher) and her parents Pee and Kitty Rudden.
Sun 2nd Feb 9:45am Thomas Joseph and Angela McNiff (2nd Anniversary) Kiltyhugh and deceased members of the McNiff family.
May, Kathleen and Sonnie McGovern (Moher) and deceased members of the McGovern family.

Feb: Eucharistic Ministers Teresa Maxwell, Annie McManus **Altar Society** Joanne Curnan, Bernie Dolan

Feb: Ministers of the Word Claire McNiffe, Laurence Fee **Door Collectors** Packie Maguire, Michael McGovern

AUGHAWILLAN – St. PATRICK’S CHURCH

Mass times: Sat 7pm

Mass Intentions

Sat 25th Jan 7pm No Intention
Sat 1st Feb 7pm Rosaleen McHugh, (Boeshill), her husband Packie and all deceased member of the McHugh family

From 1st February

Eucharistic Ministers Sinead Kiernan & Bernadette Mahon **Altar Society** Bernadette Mahon & Caroline McGovern

Ministers of the Word Kate McCauley & Aisling Quinn **Door Collectors** Charlie Kelly & Patsy McGovern

RECENT DEATHS: We pray for Mary Ellen O’Reilly, (Belturbet), sister of Eamon O’Reilly, (Lahard). May she rest in peace.

FEAST OF ST. BRIGID: Saturday 1st Feb is the feast of St Brigid, patron saint of our parish. St. Brigid’s Crosses will be blessed at masses from 29th – 1st inclusive. You are encouraged to make the pilgrimage to St. Brigid’s well. Leaflets for the stations will be available in the church porch where you being the pilgrimage.

MEETING FOR PARENTS: Information meeting for parents of First Communion children on Tues 4th Feb at 8pm in St Brigid’s Parish Centre, Convent Rd, N41 XY88.

GENTLE REMINDER: to update your church contributions. Offertory contributions for the upkeep of your Church are made payable to your local church. All Dues contributions are made to Ballinamore Catholic Church No.2 Acc.

CHURCH ENVELOPES 2025 are available for collection in all churches. It would be appreciated if you would kindly collect your box of envelopes at your earliest convenience as they have been in use since the 5th January. Perhaps you would like to take one for your neighbour. If you are new to the parish please call the Parish Office on 071-9644039 or email, ballinamore@kilmorediocese.ie and we can assign you your own church envelopes. CHY3 forms are available in each church porch. They can be returned to the parish office. Thank you.

WAYS OF SUPPORTING the PARISH FINANCIALLY: The traditional way to support your parish is by contributing through your weekly envelope collection. Thanks to all who do so, so generously each week. In recent times some people set up a SO/EFT to pay, please contact parish office at **071 964 4039** / ballinamore@kilmorediocese.ie, or you scan the QRcode with your smartphone, <https://churchtv.ie/>, follow the links for your Church to make a donation. The light a candle feature lets you light a candle in Ballinamore Church from anywhere, 24/7.



PRE-MARRIAGE COURSE Dates 2025: Fri 7th Feb 7.30pm–10pm & Sat 8th 10am– 5 pm. Friday 11th April 2025 7.30pm–10pm & Saturday 12th April 10 am–5pm. Friday 10th October 2025 7.30pm – 10.00pm & Saturday 11th Oct 10am–5pm. Courses take place in the Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Cavan H12 E5C7. To book: www.accord.ie

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2025: Kilmore Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes led by Bishop Martin Hayes. From 30th May for 5 nights, Tel: 049-4361222 or email, info@cavantravel.com

THE BACKPACK FOR ADULTS: will run again at Cavan Institute on Tues evenings from 4th Feb for 8 weeks. This is a human and spiritual development programme with topics such as Psychology, Spirituality, the Neuroscience of the Brain, Anxiety, Negative Looping Thoughts, Resilience Building, Self-Awareness, Boundary Setting and Healthy Relationship with Self, Others, and God. Apply online: cavaninstitute.ie/eveningcourses or call: 049 437 7940.

COMMUNITY NOTES

ATHLETIC CLUB: Training continues Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7pm at the Sports Complex. Best of luck to our members competing in the Leitrim Indoor Championships on Sunday 26th in Carrick-on-Shannon.

CIORCAL NA MBAN GROUP: is up and running again in Aughnasheelin Community Centre, with lots of interesting activities planned for the year ahead. This month's activities include mindfulness workshops, pickle ball, St Brigid's Cross copper workshop. New members always welcome.

SCOIL CHLANN NAOFA, BALLINAMORE: is accepting applications for admission to our school for the 2025/26 school year. Please contact **071 964 5001** or email info@scoilchlannaofa.com for enrolment pack. Thank you.

ST. MARY'S N.S. AUGHNASHEELIN: is now accepting enrolments for September 2025. Enrolment Day will take place on Wednesday 19th February, from 10:00am to 12.30pm, when we look forward to welcoming prospective students and their families to our school. Enrolment forms are available by contacting the school at, 071 9644868 or by emailing the school at, office@stmarysnaughnasheelin.com

BALLINAMORE WHIST DRIVE: first Thurs of each month at 8:30pm in the Island Theatre. New members welcome.

BALLINAMORE GREENWAY PARKRUN & WALK: each Saturday at 9.30am - looking forward to seeing you there.

BALLINAMORE WALKING GROUP: Join our walking group, meeting every Tuesday at 10am at the basin near Supervalu. A weekly walk & talk with a friendly group of people. All welcome to join.

COMMUNITY SERVICES HUB in the Den, N41R522: Join us every other Tuesday from 10am-12pm. Featuring information and signposting, free refreshments, a space to talk and socialise, sewing and mending clothes, basic bike repairs and a swap shop (clothes, toys, books and plants). The event is free and everyone is welcome. Upcoming dates: 28th Jan, 11th & 25th Feb, 11th & 25th March.

SING TOGETHER: St Brigid's Day Spring Sing Together at the Island Theatre, Sat 1st Feb, from 11-12.30pm. Gorgeous, uplifting, joyful, earthy songs taught by ear. No experience necessary. Open to all grownups. Book for €10 at Eventbrite or pay on the door. Contact Sarah for details 087620523

ISLAND THEATRE BALLINAMORE: The new 2025 season continues at The Island Theatre, Ballinamore with Kevin Logue. Saturday 1st February 2025. Tickets €20 + €2 BF. <https://islandtheatre.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows>
Ballinamore Musical Society presents: **Sister Act**, from 21st – 23rd and 26th & 28th Feb.

SEAN O'HESLIN'S: A huge thank you to everyone who supported year's annual draw. The draw took place last weekend and congratulations to all the winners. Sat 25th at 2:30pm we are hosting the first round of the Allianz football league game between Leitrim v Laois. Best of luck to our club players on the Leitrim panel for 2025 season, Mollie Murphy, Emma Honeyman, Laura O'Dowd, Roisin McHugh, Cathal McHugh, Keelan McHugh, Paul Honeyman and Tom Prior.

UNDERAGE HURLING: is currently taking place Sports Complex Wednesdays for 6 weeks. 2nd, 3rd and 4th class @ 7pm. 5th and 6th class @ 8pm. Hurls and equipment are provided, just bring €2 to cover the cost of the hall. Please text Ruairi on 087 248 8875 to register interest. Include name, school and class in your text.

MOHILL COMPUTER TRAINING: Evening Computer Course for beginners starting in late February. From 7pm to 9pm on Tuesday and Thursday each week in the Mohill Enterprise Centre. Leading to a Major Award - Certificate in Information and Communication Technologies. Contact - 0719632024 or email info@mct.ie to book your place now.

REFLECTION

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JUBILEE YEAR 2025: In preparation for the Jubilee Year 2025, themed Pilgrims of Hope, which officially began on Christmas Eve at 7.00pm with the opening of the Holy Door at Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome, the Catholic Bishops of Ireland have launched an official Jubilee page on **CatholicBishops.ie**. This dedicated page will serve as a central hub for all Jubilee-related updates about events and activities taking place both in Ireland and around the world.

5 STEP SUPPORT SERVICE: Are you affected by the misuse of alcohol or other drugs by another individual? 5 Step Support can help you; it is a free, non-judgemental, one - one consultation service. If you would like further information please contact, 071 9150578 / 085 875 9319 or email sligoleitrim@alcoholforum.com

SENIORLINE: a national telephone service for older people open every day 10am-10pm, Freephone **1800 80 45 91**. SeniorLine's older volunteers are trained to listen, to support, to discuss options and to other helpful services.

BALLINAMORE PRAYER GROUP: 8pm on Tuesday night at the Parish Centre. Come along and invite your friends.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2025:

CONFIRMATION: will be celebrated Sat 15th of March in Ballinamore Church @ 11am

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Aughawillan: Sun 4th May @ 9.45am

Ballinamore: Sat 17th May @ 12pm

Aughnasheelin: Sun 18th May @ 12 pm

DRAMA FESTIVAL BALLINAMORE: From 2nd – 9th March, Drama Festival. Line up announced, Sun 2nd Mar The Dry House - Pomoroy Players Mon 3rd Mar, Drama - free night, Tues 4th Mar The Weir - Upstage Players, Wed 5th Mar The Last Days of Judas Iscariot - Clontarf Players, Fri 7th Mar Skylight - Wexford Drama Group, Thurs 6th Mar A Whistle in the Dark - Corn Mill Theatre Group, Sat 8th Mar The Weir - Corofin Dramatic Society, Sun 9th Mar Class - Glenamaddy Players. Season tickets and nightly tickets available from Murphy's Newsagents, or on the door.

TEMPLEPORT SOCIAL SERVICES-DAY CENTRE: on Wednesdays. Usual transport schedule. Any queries contact Ann Maguire **087 765 5096** or Anne Smith **087 285 7471**. Looking forward to seeing you all

LEITRIM CALLING'- befriending visitation project seek Volunteers to provide a home visit for one hour per week. The Volunteer will be matched with an older person (client) in the Ballinamore area and through mutual interests. The Volunteer will be provided with full training. The Volunteer will be introduced to the client by the Coordinator on the first visit and then will continue as suits all. Please apply on www.ivol.ie or contact Claire @ claire@volunteerleitrim.ie

BALLINAMORE MUSICAL SOCIETY: presents Sister Act from February 21st, 23rd, 26th & 28th and March 1st tickets on sale soon!

BALLINAMORE DRAMA FESTIVAL :March 2nd - 9th, 2025. Please note, season tickets and nightly tickets can be bought from Murphy's Newsagents or on the door on the evening of the show, subject to availability. Tickets are not booked through the Island Theatre. Yet again, another great line up of superb drama groups this year. Some are making a return appearance but there are some new ones too. Clontarf Players – Dublin, Corn Mill Theatre Group – Leitrim, Corofin Dramatic Society – Clare, Glenamaddy Players – Galway, Pomoroy Players – Tyrone, Upstage Players – Mayo, Wexford Drama Group – Wexford.

QQI LEVEL 4 - GROWING FRUIT 🍏🍎🍇🍓: Weds 10am-2pm in Ballinamore at the Old Tech. Gain the skills and competence to plan, prepare, plant, maintain, prune, propagate and harvest many fruits. Call Seamus **087 916 8087**

THE RURAL SOCIAL SCHEME: has vacancies in the local Area. To participate in the Scheme an individual must be in receipt of an eligible Social Welfare payment such as Farm Assist, Job Seekers Allowance or Disability Allowance, The Individual or Family Member must have access to an active Herd Number. Please contact Gerry on **086 771 6896** or Leitrim Development Company on **071 964 1770** or Email schemes@ldco.ie for more information.

HEDGE CUTTING GRANT SCHEME 2024/2025: To encourage the cutting of roadside trees and hedges, Leitrim County Council operate a Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme. The Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme is now open and aims to encourage the cutting of roadside hedges/trees along the Public Road Network. Open to all, individual applicants, communities and groups. The Grant is €75 per km of the roadside hedge/overhanging trees which are cut back. Minimum length of road network per application is 1km. A new additional Grant of €50 per KM (Total of €125 per KM) has been introduced by Leitrim County Council to encourage the cutting of dangerous overhanging tree canopies/branches along the public road network. Further information and application forms are available from

Leitrim County Councils website www.leitrimcoco.ie or by contacting the Roads Department by e-mail - roads@leitrimcoco.ie or Telephone **071 9620005 Ext. 630**. Closing Date is Friday 31st January, 2025.

FAMILY CARERS IRELAND: Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional needs? A spouse, partner, child, close relative or neighbour? Then you are a family carer! Become a member of Family Carers Ireland, the national charity supporting Ireland's 500,000+ family carers nationwide. Contact **057 93 70221** and hear how we can support you or for more info visit. www.familycarers.ie

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CAREER IN CARING FOR THE ELDERLY: Home Instead are always looking to recruit Caregivers. Whether you can work a couple of hours a week or want to work full time, we would like to hear from you. Experience and FETAC/QQI level 5 qualification in healthcare is an advantage but not compulsory as training is provided. Please contact Seyi or Ciara on **(071) 9317051** or recruitment-admin.sligo@homeinstead.ie for more information.

MUVE HEALTHCARE provides homecare services in the local area. If you are looking for a carer or nurse for your relative or loved one, please contact Caroline O'Neill, Head of Homecare on **089 611 1647** for more details. Our website is www.muvehealthcare.ie

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ALONE IS LOOKING FOR VISITATION VOLUNTEERS: in your area to make befriending visits to older people looking for extra social contact for 1 hr per week. ***Volunteers needed*** would you provide companionship visit or make friendly calls to Older People once a week for an hour or two? ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided, if interested please sign up here: <https://alone.ie/volunteers/> for more information, contact Sinead on Sinead.Flanagan@alone.ie on **086 192 1505** and leave a message with your name and contact number and I will phone you back.

ACCORD NOW SEEKING MARRIAGE PREPARATION FACILITATORS. Might this be you? Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. If you: are supportive of marriage in the Catholic Church; and have the enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team that supports couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage ... then Accord wishes to hear from you! An Accord marriage preparation facilitator is a personally fulfilling leadership role, blending life experience and faith. Successful applicants will receive professional training and be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programs locally. email marriagepreparation@accord.ie and further information see www.accord.ie

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