

BALLINAMORE /DRUMREILLY LR. PARISH NEWSLETTER

Sunday 28th February 2021 (2nd Sun of Lent)

(Feast Days) 1st March St David Patron of Wales, St Kieran Bishop

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St. Mary's Church Aughnasheelin**

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

Mass Intentions

Sun. 28th Feb 11am. Michael Sherkle, Tully
Pat Sutherland & deceased members of the Sutherland and Mc Govern Families.
Kathleen Gallagher Campbell and the deceased members of Gallagher family Killaphort

Sun 7th Mar. 11am Gerry Brady Aghadark and deceased members of Brady Family
Michael Mc Kiernan, Kildorrigh and deceased members of Mc Kiernan family
J.P. & Margaret O'Hara Kilrush

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

Mass Intentions

Sat. 27th Feb. 7pm Anne & Paul Duignan (Corranabania) and deceased family members, Mickey & Francie,
Mary and Margaret
Michael Sammon 1st Anniv. Derrinkehir Mc Donald

Sat 6th Mar. 7pm Jack & Christina Fox and deceased family members Glendargen

Lenten Retreat: "Journeying with Jesus" every Wednesday after 7pm In Aughnasheelin Church (webcam)
This is followed by adoration from 8:30pm to 10:30pm.
Adoration and Stations of the Cross every Friday after 7pm mass in Aughnasheelin Church.

Corraleehan, St Brigid's Church:

Sat. 6th Mar, 12pm Annette Gilheany, Clogher, Months Memory

Donations from St. Anthony's shrine in Corraleehan amount to €232.39 cents. This was lodged to the Franciscan Mission.

Recent Death: Please Pray for the soul of Joseph Cryan, Kiltymooden whose funeral took place on Thursday last. May he rest in peace. Our sympathy to his family.

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 Corraleehan 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.

Aughawillan Church :Envelope collection in St Patrick's Church Aughawillan on Saturday February 27th from 7 and 7.30 pm Door Collectors Charley Kelly and Patsy McGovern.

International Women's Day of prayer is next Friday 5th of March. To participate in a prayer service google women's day of prayer

Spirituality for Lent: Hope Springs, Spirituality for Lent, 2021. Three Tuesdays, begins 9th March, 7:30pm – 9:00pm via Zoom. €5 booking, email, info@galilee.ie

Visitation of the Sick will take place later in the month in preparation for Easter. The priests will contact you in advance and arrange a time with you. Please feel free to contact any of the priests to call with you if you so wish.

Trócaire: A gentle reminder to collect your Trócaire Box, available in the porch of each church. This lent we are invited to be a lifeline to Awut and Ajak, and their families who like many other families are suffering as a result of terrible turmoil in South Sudan

Today, Awut and Ajak are best friends. Two women brought together by the horror of war are now living together with love and kindness. Awut and Ajak are survivors. They are surviving a war, but each day remains a battle: a battle to earn money; a battle to grow food; a battle to pay for their children's school; a battle to survive and thrive. Their lives have been torn apart by a war they never wanted. This is the injustice of war. It is not just that they lost their homes. It is not just that they struggle each day to survive. The solidarity and friendship between Awut and Ajak is also an example of exactly what Pope Francis tells us in his recent encyclical, Fratelli Tutti. At a time of uncertainty and fear, it reminds us to always work together and protect the most vulnerable. These values are exactly why the bishops of Ireland founded Trócaire and almost 50 years later these values of solidarity and justice have never been more relevant. The Coronavirus crisis has shown us how small our big world is and we pray for all those affected by the virus in Ireland and around the world. We also pray for all those living through conflict all over the world and we continue to pray for peace in the lives of Awut and Ajak and their families in South Sudan

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

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.

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

Ballinamore Sean O'Heslins Annual Draw: Tickets now available from Murphy's shop. Alternatively you can contact Michael on 0863906791 - payments can be taken by Revolut or bank transfer. Tickets are also available from club members, Draw is on March 6th with a top prize of €3500, your support at this difficult time is greatly appreciated.

Fundraising Help Would really appreciate if anyone with the Lidl app could please nominate Ballinamore Sean O'Heslins for their stamps when shopping. It's very easy to do and would be a great boost to the ladies team especially since a lot of fundraising events has been affected by Covid.

Retirement

We would like to acknowledge and send best wishes to Brendan Wisely, on his recent retirement. We thank Brendan for keeping our church and so many other churches throughout the diocese and indeed the country supplied with various church items and essential requirements for liturgical ceremonies. We wish you much happiness, health and blessings in the years ahead.

Reflection

The journey that Jesus was making on his way to Jerusalem was not only a geographical trip, from A to B, but also a journey of faith. He could have stayed in Galilee and remained a small figure in the northern back-lands but he decided that he had to go to face the forces of evil in the city of Jerusalem. So, when he was praying and the cloud covered the mountain, and the voice was heard saying, 'this is my son, the beloved, listen to him', it was directed both to us, the disciples, and Jesus himself. He was confirmed in his conviction; he had to go to face the evil forces lined up against him. Where is God in the midst of our confusion and darkness? Pope Francis recently said, "Loving actions change history: even the ones that are small, hidden, every day. For God guides history through the humble courage of those who pray, love and forgive. There are so many hidden saints, who are next-door, who with little acts of love, change history." Pope Francis recognizes this freedom in the healthcare professionals who have risked their lives and worked so hard for so many months: Healthcare workers are the saints next door, who have awoken something important in our hearts, making credible once more what we desire to instill by our preaching. They are the antibodies to the virus of indifference. They remind us that our lives are a gift; we grow by giving of ourselves, not preserving ourselves but losing ourselves in service. (Pope Francis, Let Us Dream: The Path to a Be)

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