

16th Nov 2025

BOUGHTERAGH & DRUMREILLY LOWER PARISH NEWSLETTER

Aughawillan - Aughnasheelin - Ballinamore & Corraleehan

33rd Sun OT

16th Nov, World day of the Poor, 17th Nov, St Elizabeth,

21st Nov, Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 22nd Nov, St Cecilia

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BALLINAMORE ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH Mass times: Mon & Wed 7pm, Tues, Thurs & Fri 9am, Sat & Sun 11am

Mass Intentions

Sat 15th Nov 11am

Faithful Departed

Sun 16th Nov 11am

James McKeon, his wife Florence and their daughter Nuala Young (Cornacreeve)

Dermot & Bernadette Spollen (Railway Tce.)

Weekday masses for the Faithful Departed

Thurs 20th Nov 9am

George, Teresa & John Wynne. Helen & Martin Meehan.

Sat 22nd Nov 11am

Bernadette & Detsy Beirne (Aghoo)

Sun 23rd Nov 11am

Ann McCaffrey (Páirc Fea) 4th Anniversary

John & Annie Prior (Camagh)



Eucharistic Adoration:

Fridays, 9:30 – 10:30am

Ministers of the Eucharist: 16th Nov Philomena Earley, Mary McWeeney & Aileen Wisley, 23rd Nov Maeve Sharpley, Mona Creamer & Ellis O'Dell, 30th Nov Alice Costello, Raymond McHugh & Marcella McKiernan

Ministers of the Word: 16th Nov Sylvia Dolan, 23rd Nov Marie O'Connor, 30th Nov Gabriel Cronin, 7th Dec PJ McLoughlin

Door Collectors: 16th & 23rd Francis McTague, Alan Banks & Sean McKeon, 7th & 14th Dec John McWeeney, Michael Duignan & David Prior

AUGHNASHEELIN

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

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

Mass Intentions

Fri 14th Nov 7pm

Kevin Cummins (Kiltybarden)

Thomas & Matilda Reilly (Cornabrone) and all deceased family members

Sat 15th Nov 8:15pm

Sean Sammon

Mary & Murthy Canning (Drumbibe) and all deceased family members.

Friday 21st Nov 8pm

Mass of Consolation for the Bereaved.

Sat 22nd Nov 8:15pm

Deceased members of the Gallagher family (Drumrackan)

Bernie Joe & Lizzie Beirne (Miskawn) and their sons Seán and Bernie

Eucharistic Adoration:

Wednesdays, 11am - 12noon and 8pm - 10pm

Eucharistic Ministers: 15th Maura Mulvey & Maureen Conway

22nd & 29th Mary Costello & Sheila O'Dowd

Readers: Philip Roddy & Monica Ward

Door Collectors: Michael James Creamer, Sean Mahon & Liam Prior

CORRALEECHAN

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH

Mass times: Wed 9:30am Sun 9:45am

Mass Intentions

Sun 16th Nov 9:45am

Pat Joe & Rosaleen Prior (Drumgowna) and deceased members of the McGrail family (Drumgowna)

Wed 19th Nov 9:30am

Weekday mass for the Faithful Departed

Sun 23rd Nov 9:45am

Pee McNiff & Maggie McNiff (Drumgowna)

Tommy Flynn (Kiltyhugh)

Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesdays, 10am - 8pm (please come along and join us, everybody welcome)

Eucharistic Ministers: Carol McNiff & Bernie Dolan

Altar Society: Mary Meehan & Gerry Meehan

Ministers of the Word: Paul Prior & Sean Prior

Door Collectors: Seamus McGovern & Éadán McNiff

AUGHAWILLAN

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

Mass time: Sat 7pm

Mass Intentions

Sat 15th Nov 7pm

Noel McGovern (Boeshill) and deceased members of the McGovern family

Sat 22nd Nov 7pm

Faithful Departed

Eucharistic Ministers: Michelle Dolan & Mary Farrell Quinn

Door Collectors: Michael Quinn & Michael Darcy

Altar Society: Jillian Warren & Maureen McGovern

Ministers of the Word: Ciaran McBrien & Mark Stringer

MASS OF CONSOLATION: for the bereaved takes place in Aughnasheelin Church on Friday November 21st at 8pm.
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Tuesday 18th November in the Parish centre at 8:30pm.

Msgr. LIAM KELLY: will host a talk titled "Annegelliff - The ancient foundation and place", in Cavan County Library at 7pm on November 18th. All are welcome.

MARY'S MEALS: From now until Christmas, donations for Mary's Meals can be dropped into Scorpio Boutique, The Square, Ballinamore.

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS: In November we remember and pray for the faithful departed. In all our churches, masses will be offered for deceased members of our families. You can leave your list of the dead in the special box or basket on the altar in each church, **do not include money with your list** but instead, please put your donation into the November Offerings envelope provided in your church envelope boxes. These will be taken up during the offertory collection at mass. Alternatively, you may put your November Offerings in the safe in Ballinamore Church.

CHARITABLE DONATIONS FORM CHY3: We wish to thank those who have taken the time to complete the CHY3 form, which was included with the annual acknowledgement letters this year. There has been an increased uptake, and this will greatly benefit each church area. We encourage those who have not yet completed their forms to consider doing so. Completed forms can be returned to the parish office. Thank you.

SCOIL CHLANN NAOFA, BALLINAMORE: has commenced accepting applications for admission to our school for the 2026/2027 school year. Please contact the school on 071 9645001 or email us at info@scoilchlannnaofa.com for the enrolment pack. Application forms are also available to download from our website www.scoilchlannnaofa.ie.

PRIMARY SCHOOL SURVEY 2025: The current Department of Education survey on the future of patronage in the primary sector is important in that it will shape the discussion on primary school divesting for the years to come throughout the Republic of Ireland. It is important that those who wish for a change in patronage have their voice heard. It is equally important that those who wish for a Catholic Education for their children and for those who wish for sacramental preparation within school would have their voice heard also. For those reasons and to ensure that an accurate picture emerges, please participate in this survey if you are a parent of a prospective parent of a Primary school student. The survey can be accessed at www.gov.ie/primaryschoolssurvey. Survey closes 16th December 2025

'RETURN TO NATURE' EVENT: next Wednesday, 19th, at 7.00pm in The Island Theatre. Ecologist, Yosef Dvoves, will speak on his biodiversity survey of the parish lands. Leonie Cornelius, the multi award Bloom Gold Medal winner, and RTE's Super Garden judge, will base her talk on the importance of nature & gardens to mental health & wellbeing. Bishop Martin will be in attendance and all are welcome to attend. Contact Camillus 087 6880680

COMMUNITY NOTES

ATHLETIC CLUB: Well done to the members who represented the club in the Connacht Cross Country Championships in Ballinrobe last Sunday. Training will continue as usual until the Sports Hall is reopened.

YOGA EVENING: A yin yoga evening on the 30th of November from 6-8pm in the Island Theatre. This will be an evening to slow down and relax as we move into different Yin shapes. Some time to quiet the mind in stillness. Spaces are limited and bookings required. Contact Kate on: 0861750356.

BALLINAMORE LIBRARY EVENTS: ☐ **Tae agus Plé** First Saturdays (Nov 1st, Dec 6th), 10–12pm. Irish-friendly meet-up for young families. Info: Ciara 087 661 4706. ☐ **Smart Eating for Perimenopause & Menopause** Fri 21st Nov, 7.30pm. Talk by Maj Cunningham & guided practice with Julie Smith. All welcome. ☐ **Build a Stronger, More Mobile You** Fridays, 2.30–3.30pm. With DK Personal Training. Booking: 071 965 0476. ☐ **Craft in Company** Thursdays, 11–1pm. Needlecrafters welcome for tea, chat & help with tricky stitches. ☐ **Writers Group** Saturdays, 10am. All welcome.

CIORCAL NA MBAN AUGHNASHEELIN EVENTS: **Upcoming Events & News** 🌟 **Aughnasheelin Community Christmas Fair, Date:** Sunday, 30th November, **Time:** 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm, **Venue:** Aughnasheelin Community Centre. Join us for a festive afternoon filled with Christmas cheer! Browse plenty of stalls for gifts and home baking, enjoy a craft corner for the kids, face painting, and warm up with tea, coffee, and hot chocolate. **Admission is free –**

all are welcome! 📅 **Date for the Diary – Community Christmas Party, Date:** Saturday, 13th December
A special evening for all, especially our older community members. Enjoy music by **Francie Smyth**, dancing, refreshments, mulled wine, and fun activities. Don't miss this festive celebration! ❤️ **Breast Cancer Fundraiser – Thank You!** A heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported our recent fundraiser in the hall. Together, we raised **€1,300 for Breast Cancer Ireland**. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. **Interested in joining Ciorcal na mBan?**
Text: **086-6083516 / 086-3376411 / 087-7874612**

COMMUNITY SERVICES HUB: The Den, Ballinamore. Every second Tues from 11am-1pm Tuesdays: 19th Nov, 2nd, 16th & 30th Dec.

DRUMEELA GARDEN CLUB: We are marking the 30th anniversary of the Club with the 'Drumeela Garden Club Gala Celebration' in the Cornmill Theatre on Fri Nov 28th at 8pm. Grand Raffle of €500 online garden design consultation with Leonie and floral arrangements. Refreshments served. Ticket bookings www.cornmilltheatre.com

🎵 **ISLAND THEATRE UPCOMING EVENTS:** A Celebration of Fr Ted **15th Nov doors at 7pm**. Christmas Craft Fair **23rd Nov from 12 – 4pm**. The Bjorn Identity ABBA Tribute **29th Nov doors 7pm**. Johnny Cash Tribute **6th Dec doors at 7pm**. Little Bo-peep Christmas Mix-up Show **14th Dec starts 2pm**. Details on www.islandtheatre.ie

BALLINAMORE CAMINO 2026 GIFT VOUCHERS: Gift vouchers for next year's Camino will be available at the Christmas Craft Fair on Sunday 23rd Nov 12-4pm and also from the Island Theatre. They would make a great present for someone. 2026 Camino takes place on 11th July with 3 route options (16km, 26km and 34km)

WE ARE HIRING: Westcare Homecare are recruiting in the Ballinamore area. If you are interested in Healthcare opportunities, please contact us at 071 914 6768 or email us at recruitment@westcarehomecare.ie

IMPORTANT DATE!!!: Wednesday 26th November at 8.30pm on TG4. The renovation of the old Railway Station in Ballinamore. Don't miss it!!!

REFLECTION

When certainties crumble and fear draws near, may we be steadfast in prayer. Let our faith speak peace, not panic, and our devotion endure with grace.

Parish Office Hours:

Open – Mon, Thur & Fri 9am-4pm.

Closed – Tue & Wed.

Phone: 071-9644039

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ADDITIONAL PARISH AND COMMUNITY ITEMS

MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRAYER FOR PRIESTS & FAMILIES: as requested by Our Lady of Fatima via interior Locutions to Fr Stefano Gobbi will take place on the **last Monday** of each month. Our next date is **24th November, 2025** after 7pm Mass in Prayer Room Ballinamore Church. All are welcome.

CHARITABLE DONATIONS FORM: We wish to thank those who have taken the time to complete the CHY3 form which is being sent with the annual acknowledgement letters at present. Whether you are self-employed or a PAYE tax payer, you can help the church in your area by completing the CHY3 form and returning it to the parish office. This does not give us access to any of your tax details or your personal tax data in any way. If you donate in excess of €250 per annum to the church and pay tax to Revenue, the CHY3 form can be used by the church to reclaim some of the tax you pay, and any money reclaimed is paid directly to the church account for your area.

CONFIRMATION 2026: The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place in Ballinamore at 12 noon on 28th March 2026

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026: The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will take place in: **Aughawillan on 3rd May 2026 at 9:45am**, Ballinamore on 9th May 2026 at 12 noon and **Aughnasheelin on 16th May 2026 at 12 noon**.



NEW PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE: Our new **Oughteragh and Drumreilly Lower Parish** Facebook Page was launched recently. Please like our new page and share our upcoming events.

BOOKING ANNIVERSARY MASSES: As you are aware we have shared mass intentions in our churches at the weekends. We try to limit the number of intentions to a maximum of three. To maintain this arrangement please book anniversary masses well in advance of your preferred time. Priests are allowed one mass stipend or donation per day, when we have shared intentions the extra donations are sent to retired or missionary Priests, who celebrate the extra Masses. Please book your Masses via email ballinamore@kilmorediocese.ie or phone **071 964 4039**

EXCITING NEWS! Abide in His Love Women's Conference happening for a second year – November 21-23
A beautiful event for women exploring the beauty and gift of their feminine identity in Christ. Check out Eventbrite for tickets and more information.



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.

THE YOUNG PARENTS SUPPORT PROGRAMME: offers support to young parents who are expecting a baby or already have a child. This support can include but not limited to pre- and post-natal support, independent living and education/training. This is a free and confidential service. If you would like to get involved contact: lindahalstead@homeyouthliaisonservice.ie or 087 7917000

ST PATRICK'S NATIONAL SCHOOL CORLOUGH PARENTS ASSOCIATION: would really appreciate your support! If you have plastic bottles or cans with the Re-turn symbol and are willing to donate them to raise funds for the children of St Patrick's Corlough, you can place them in the yellow Re-turn bin located in the Chapel car park at Corraleehan or Corlough church. Alternatively, there is a bin in the school.

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

AUGHAWILLAN WHIST: second Tues of the month at 8:30pm. New members always welcome.

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

HEDGE CUTTING SCHEME: This scheme is now open - to encourage the cutting of roadside hedges/trees along the Public Road Network. Open to individual applicants, communities and groups. **New grants available this year** so please contact roads@letirimcoco.ie or phone 071-9620005 Ext. 630. **Closing Date is 30th Jan 2026**.

MEITHEAL: is a Tusla led process for children and families who may need support. Meitheal enables families to identify what is working well - and not so well, and work towards changes they would like to see happen for their child or young person. For more information on Meitheal please call 087-6562844 or email meitheal.ppfs@tusla.ie

AN TOBAR NUA: We provide **confidential counselling nationwide** via telephone and Zoom. Our service is **donation-based**, because we do not want finances to prevent anyone from receiving support. If you are struggling with grief, anxiety, depression, or other life challenges, we are here to help, please telephone: 091-562 175

AUGHNASHEELIN NS RE-TURN BIN: There is a yellow Re-Turn bin located on school grounds. All proceeds from the bottles and cans collected in this bin go directly to supporting our school and meeting the needs of our students. If you'd like to contribute, please consider disposing of your eligible bottles and cans in this bin. Your support would be greatly appreciated. Every donation helps, thank you.

ALONE - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: ALONE are seeking volunteers for 1 hour per week, in your area. Full training and support provided. If interested, please sign up on <https://alone.ie/volunteers/> For more information, please contact Collette directly on: collette.ferguson@alone.ie or on 086 1921505.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE ADDICTED TO SUFFER FROM ADDICTION: M-PACT, a FREE eight-week, whole family support programme. Helping to improve relationships, communication and recovery. If interested or would like further information. Please contact 071 9150578 / 085 875 9319 or email sligoleitrim@alcoholforum.com

AUGHNASHEELIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP (AGE 50+ FOR MEN AND WOMEN): Interested in joining this new group in Aughnasheelin? This group has great plans for social activities, trips, being active, with new and exciting things to do, fostering community well-being and enabling members to get out and meet people in a social setting. Tea and chat - All welcome.

LIFE COACH: creating inclusive, uplifting gatherings where everyone is welcome—whether you move, sit, sway, or simply enjoy the moment. These events are designed to support your wellbeing, create connection, and lift your spirit. If this speaks to you, I'd love to hear from you. Please email transformationalyes@gmail.com with a "Yes" and the name of your townland.

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.

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: would like to hear from people willing to get involved as a volunteer on our Befriending Visitation Service - one hour per week commitment visiting an older person in their home for company and chat. Full training and support is provided. For further details, contact: Marion on 087 9585029 or e-mail leitrimcalling@gmail.com

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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