

OUGHTERAGH & DRUMREILLY LOWER PARISH NEWSLETTER

23rd Nov 2025

Aughawillan - Aughnasheelin - Ballinamore & Corraleeahan

34th Sun OT

23rd Nov Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, 25th Nov St Colman, St Catherine, St Clement I,

27th Nov St Fergal, Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, 29th Nov Solidarity with Palestinian people

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

Mass Intentions

Sat 22nd Nov 11am

Bernadette & Detsy Beirne (Aghoo)

Sun 23rd Nov 11am

Ann McCaffrey (Páirc Fea) 4th Anniversary

John & Annie Prior (Camagh)

Frank & Eileen Logan and all deceased family members

Sun 23rd Nov 12noon

Eucharistic Adoration, Holy Hour, Feast of Christ the King

Wed 26th Nov 7pm.

Philip Dodgson (West Sussex England)

Weekday masses for the Faithful Departed

Sat 29th Nov 11am

Mary Harte (Month's Mind)

Alan & Ciarán Harvey (Dromore)

Sun 30th Nov 11am

Eileen Duignan (Month's Mind)

Louis Quinn (Drumlonan)

Jim & Vera McTague (Lahard)

Eucharistic Adoration:

Fridays, 9:30 – 10:30am



Ministers of the Eucharist: 23rd Nov Maeve Sharpley, Mona Creamer & Eilis O'Dell, 30th Nov Alice Costello, Raymond McHugh & Marcella McKiernan, 7th Dec Evelyn McHugh, Marian Sharpley & PJ McLoughlin

Ministers of the Word: 23rd Nov Marie O'Connor, 30th Nov Gabriel Cronin, 7th Dec PJ McLoughlin, 14th Dec Mary Corby

Door Collectors: 23rd Nov Francis McTague, Alan Banks & Sean McKeon, 7th & 14th Dec John McWeeney, Michael Duignan & David Prior, 21st & 24th Dec Michael Dolan & Louis Creamer

AUGHNASHEELIN

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

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

Mass Intentions

Friday 21st Nov 8pm

Mass of Consolation for the Bereaved

Sat 22nd Nov 8:15pm

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

Deceased members of the Gallagher family Drumracken

Fri 28th Nov 7pm

Tommy & Bernadette Harvey (Aghlin, Aghacashel) and deceased members of the

Harvey & Gilhooly families

Sat 29th Nov 8:15pm

Mary Boyle (Tullybán)

Johnny Mahon (Buggaun), his parents Ellen & John Joe Mahon and all deceased family members

Eucharistic Adoration:

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

Eucharistic Ministers: Nov 22nd & 29th Mary Costello & Sheila O'Dowd Dec 6th & 13th Gary Prior & Margaret Murphy

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 23rd Nov 9:45am

Pee McNiff & Maggie McNiff (Drumgowna)

Tommy Flynn (Kiltyhugh)

Sun 30th Nov 9:45am

Weekday mass for the Faithful Departed

John & Ellen Gilheany (Clogher) Rita & Margaret Gilheany and all deceased family members

St Anthony's Collection Box: €260 has been paid forward to Franciscan Missions, Dublin. Many thanks for your donations.

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

Eucharistic Ministers: Carol McNiff & Bernie Dolan

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 22nd Nov 7pm

Faithful Departed

Sat 29th Nov 7pm

Rose Smyth nee Campbell (Glebe & New York)

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

RECENT DEATHS: Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Bridie Conway nee O'Hara (Wolverhampton & Unchinagh) who died, aged 102 years, in the UK during the week. May she rest in peace.

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

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.

KILMORE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: next year will take place from 5th – 10th May 2026 flying from Ireland West Airport, Knock. Bookings will be with Cavan Travel, Main Street, Cavan 049 4361 222 and for Assisted Pilgrims with Fr Tom Mannion, Pilgrimage Director, Ballinaglera, Co Leitrim 087 9170 879

ST OLIVER PLUNKETT: Mass on Sunday 23rd Nov at 10.55am on RTÉ 1, celebrated by Canon Eugene Sweeney in Saint Peter's Church, Drogheda, celebrating 50 years since St Oliver Plunkett's canonisation and 500 since his birth. Featuring the global premier of specially composed *Mass of the Bells* is by Irish composer, Michael Holohan.

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

CAVAN GENERAL HOSPITAL: Remembrance Mass, for those who passed away in the hospital during the past year takes place on Friday 28th November at 10am in the Cathedral of Saints Patrick and Felim, Cavan. You can watch online at <https://www.churchservices.tv/cavancathedral>

ONLINE ADVENT RETREAT: The Priory Institute is delighted to offer a FREE OF CHARGE. Advent retreat details: <https://prioryinstitute.com/events/2025-online-advent-retreat>

FRANCISCANS ON THE MOUNTAIN: Sliabh an Iarainn in Penal Times, a history talk will be given by Fr Liam Kelly in The Community Centre, Ballinaglera on Thursday 27th November at 8pm. All are welcome.

COMMUNITY NOTES

BUILDINGS BEO: this week is featuring Ballinamore's old Railway Station converted into an exciting Junction Project. Tune in this Wednesday night 26th November at 8.30pm on TG4. Don't miss it!

SOUTH LEITRIM WEST CAVAN VINTAGE TRACTOR CLUB AGM: will be held on Friday 28th November in Glenview House and Folk Museum, Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim N41 N6V4 at 9pm. New members welcome.

YOU ARE INVITED!!! **Ballinamore Foróige Club** invites all members of the Ballinamore Community to their Óiche na hÓige / Youth Night on Monday 24th November from 6-8pm in The DEN, Ballinamore. Everyone is welcome to come along and see what their local Foróige club does!

ALZHEIMERS INFORMATION CAFÉ: open to everyone on the 4th Thursday of the month – next date is 27th November 11am to 1pm, Commercial Hotel, Ballinamore. For more information contact Mary on 087 0024190.

LEITRIM WOMEN THROUGH TIME: Voices from the Factory Floor Talk in Ballinamore Library on Wed 26th Nov at 7pm, Donna Gilligan explores the recent work of the "Leitrim Women Through Time" rural women's history project, recording women's experiences of factory work in Leitrim from the years 1930 – 2000. Free event and all welcome.

NORTH WEST HOSPICE COFFEE MORNING: With grateful thanks to all who supported Bernadette McGovern's coffee morning in Corraleeahan. A fantastic €2005 was raised for NW Hospice, making this year a wonderful success.

AUGHANSHEELIN FORÓIGE: is hosting **Óiche na hÓige (Night for the Youth)** Quiz Night for all ages, along with a colouring competition for younger children, on **Friday, 28th November** in **Aughansheelin Hall** from **7:00pm to 9:00pm**. Everyone is welcome! Come along for an evening full of fun and plenty of treats.

 **HO HO HO, HERE WE GO:** it's time to get ready for Santa's visit, 2025. Yes! Santa is coming to turn on the Christmas lights. With a new venue, THE JUNCTION, at 5.30pm on Saturday 6th December. Santa's visit will cost €3 with goodies and lots of surprises on the night. Fun and dancing. Wrap up well in your festive gear and come along and enjoy. Extra Fundraising event for Abbey Rovers soccer club supplying hot drinks. Please be mindful to look after your pets as the fireworks may frighten them. 

ORANMORE MAREE COASTAL SEARCH & RESCUE UNIT: fundraising table quiz will take place on Fri 28th Nov 9.30pm in Priors High St. The Greene family, Sean, Betty and their sons, who are well known in the Aughnasheelin & Templeport areas, are founder members of this unit and very much involved in its operations. Your support is greatly appreciated; please text Shirley Sammon at 086-6083516 if you cannot make it on the night but would like to donate.

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

SEAN O'HESLIN'S: Change of date for the **AGM**, which will now take place on **Friday 28th November at 8pm**.

YOGA EVENING: A yin yoga evening on the 30th of Nov from 6-8pm, the Island Theatre. Contact Kate: 0861750356

 **ISLAND THEATRE UPCOMING EVENTS:** 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

REFLECTION

Lord, hear us when we turn to You in faith. Strengthen us to trust Your love even in our weakness. May Your promise of paradise guide our hearts and bring peace to all who seek Your forgiveness.

Parish Office Hours:

Open – Mon, Thur & Fri 9am-4pm.

Closed – Tue & Wed.

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according to suitability of content & space in the newsletter

ADDITIONAL PARISH AND COMMUNITY ITEMS

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

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.

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

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**

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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