

AUGHTERAGH & DRUMREILLY LOWER PARISH NEWSLETTER

30th Nov 2025 *Aughawillan - Aughnasheelin - Ballinamore & Corraleeahan* **1st Sunday of Advent**

1st Dec St Charles de Foucauld, 3rd St Francis Xavier, 4th St John Damascene, 6th St Nicholas of Myra

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

Mass Intentions

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)

Mon 1st Dec 7pm

Philomena Flynn (Tully) and her parents John & Mary

Sat 6th Dec 11am

Patrick Rehill (Drumcroman)

Sun 7th Dec 11am

Patrick Joseph Kellegher (Clenaghoo) and all deceased family members

John Joe McGirl & Bridie McGirl (Main Street), Mary Mulvihill (Convent Rd)



First Sunday in Advent

Eucharistic Adoration:

Fridays, 9:30 – 10:30am

Ministers of the Eucharist: **30th Nov** Alice Costello, Raymond McHugh & Marcella McKiernan, **7th Dec** Evelyn McHugh, Marian Sharpley & PJ McLoughlin, **14th Dec** Michael Duignan, Peggy Ferguson & Máirín Martin

Ministers of the Word: **30th Nov** Gabriel Cronin, **7th Dec** PJ McLoughlin, **14th Dec** Mary Corby, **21st Dec** Gerard D'Arcy

Door Collectors: **7th & 14th Dec** John McWeeney, Michael Duignan & David Prior, **21st & 24th Dec** Michael Dolan & Louis Creamer, **25th & 28th Dec** James Maguire, Seamus McGrath & Declan Cumiskey

AUGHNASHEELIN

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

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

Mass Intentions

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

Fri 5th Dec 7pm

Lizzie Cafferty (Stralongford) and all deceased family members

Michael & Anna Bohan (Drumcara) and all deceased members of the Bohan family

Michael Gilbride (Drumracken) and all deceased family members

Sat 6th Dec 8:15pm

Robert & Eileen Boyle (Tullybawn) and deceased members of the Boyle & Shanley families

Pat Joe Mulvey, his parents Patrick & Mary Mulvey and Annie & Ellen McCabe

Frank & Margaret Boyle (Knockacullion) their son, Arthur, grandchildren Gráinne Reynolds & Róisín Walsh and deceased members of the McGrail family

Eucharistic Adoration:

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

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

Readers: Stephanie Prior & Maura Mulvey **Door Collectors:** Philip Rooney, Terence Boyle & Christopher McNulty

CORRALEECHAN

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH

Mass times:

Wed 9:30am

Sun 9:45am

Mass Intentions

Sun 30th Nov 9:45am

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

Sun 7th Dec 9:45am

Jack & Rita Walsh (Derradda)

Eucharistic Adoration:

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

December

Eucharistic Ministers: Gillian McNiff & Michael McGovern

Ministers of the Word: Damien Gilheany & Tracy McTague

Door Collectors: Seamus Beirne & Michael McManus

AUGHAWILLAN

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

Mass time:

Sat 7pm

Mass Intentions

Sat 29th Nov 7pm

Rose Smyth nee Campbell (Glebe & New York)

Sat 6th Dec 7pm

Hugh Patrick & Mary Brady (Corramahan) and all deceased family members

December Eucharistic Ministers: Sinead Kiernan & Bernadette Mahon **Door Collectors:** Patrick Prior & Patrick Stringer

Altar Society: Mary Quinn, Colleen Quinn & Martina Conefrey **Ministers of the Word:** Sinead Kiernan & Morgan Quinn

Advent is a profound and meaningful season that invites Christians to pause, reflect, and prepare. It is a time of hope, peace, joy, and love, marked by traditions that help believers to focus on the true meaning of Christmas. Whether through lighting candles, reading scripture, or singing hymns, the practices of Advent serve to deepen the spiritual experience of the holiday season.

VISITATION OF THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: will take place in the middle of December.

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>

MARY'S MEALS: Donations can be dropped into Scorpio Boutique between now and Christmas.

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

COMMUNITY NOTES

AUGHAWILLAN WHIST: second Tuesday of the month, 8:30pm. New members welcome. Spot prizes appreciated.

BALLINAMORE WHIST: first Thursday of each month at 8:30pm in the Island Theatre. New members 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. *Christmas lights get turned on at 5pm. Let's kick off the season together.* **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. Music by **Francie Smyth**, dancing, refreshments, mulled wine, and fun activities. Don't miss this festive celebration! **Interested in joining Ciorcal na mBan?** Text: **086-6083516 / 086-3376411 / 087-7874612**

ALONE: recruits, trains, and supports volunteers for two key services: **Visitation and Befriending Service,** Volunteers give **one hour per week** to provide companionship to an older person. **Telephone Support and Befriending Service:** Volunteers make friendly weekly calls to older people for a **one-hour shift**. We currently have older people in Ballinamore and the surrounding area awaiting both services. For more information or to get involved, please visit alone.ie or contact **Collette, Volunteer Support Officer**, at **086 921505** or collette.ferguson@alone.ie

🎅 **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. 🌟

DRAÍOCHT NA NOLLAG: (*Magic of Christmas*) is a charity event on Saturday 6th December 2025 at 8pm in The Mayflower Centre Drumshanbo. €10 on the door or book on Eventbrite. Under 12s are free. Doors open 7:30pm.

ST PATRICK'S NATIONAL SCHOOL CORLOUGH: are holding a clothes collection. Drop off day for clothes is Saturday the 6th of December from 11am to 12pm. Collection point is Corlough GAA grounds. Please contact Paula on 0879365982 or Imelda Prior on 0874188327 if you have any queries.

THE COMMUNITY CONNECT PROJECT SURVEY: aims to: Gain a deeper understanding of how local communities and groups are experiencing and responding to new arrivals, including those in the International Protection system and individuals with refugee status. Identify the challenges, opportunities, and supports needed to help communities remain inclusive and connected. Gather insights that will guide future supports, resources, and training for community groups across the county. 🕒 **The survey takes approximately 10–15 minutes** to complete. All responses are confidential and will be used solely for community development and planning. You can take part in one of two ways: 📧 **Online:** Leitrim Development Company, Have your say 📄 **By post: Leitrim Development Company, Church Street, Drumshanbo, Co. Leitrim, N41 N6K6.** Your feedback is extremely valuable and will help shape future supports and initiatives for Leitrim communities. For more information, please contact:

✉️ Ckavanagh@ldco.ie

SLIABH AN IARAINN HISTORY TALK: A talk titled 'Dancing at Lughnasa: Bilberry Sunday on Sliabh an Iarainn' will be given by Fr Liam Kelly in the Crannóg Room, Island Theatre, Ballinamore on Wed. 3rd Dec at 8pm. All are welcome.

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

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

🎵 **ISLAND THEATRE UPCOMING EVENTS:** 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.** The Drifters - Anniversary Tribute Tour, **30th Jan 2026.** Details on www.islandtheatre.ie

REFLECTION

Lord of light and promise, awaken our hearts as we begin this Advent journey. Teach us to watch with hope, to walk in your ways, and to welcome your coming with joy. Amen

Parish Office Hours:

Open – Mon, Thur & Fri 9am-4pm.

Closed – Tue & Wed.

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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 **29th December, 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

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

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

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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