

BOUGHTERAGH & DRUMREILLY LOWER PARISH NEWSLETTER

14th Dec 2025 Aughawillan - Aughnasheelin - Ballinamore & Corraleeahan 3rd Sunday of Advent

18th Dec St Flannan, 20th Dec St Fachanan

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BALLINAMORE ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH Mass times: Mon & Wed 7pm, Tues, Thurs & Fri 9am, Sat 12, Sun 11am

Mass Intentions

Sat 13th Dec 12noon

Sun 14th Dec 11am

Joey Smith (High St) 1st Anniversary

Lynette Dooner (1st Anniversary)

Agnes Smyth (Lahard)

Agnes McKeon

Tues 16th Dec 9am

Gary Sheehan (Carrickmacross) & Patrick Kelly (Ballinamuck & Moate)

Tues 16th Dec 7pm

Scoil Chlann Naofa Christmas Carol Service

Thurs 18th Dec 9am

Patrick & Margaret McGoldrick (Lisnatullagh)

Sat 20th Dec 11am

Joseph & Mary Gormley (High St & Fohera)

Margaret Sweeney (Church St)

Sun 21st Dec 11am

Barney Breen (Aghadark)

Paddy & Pam McGovern (formerly of London)



Eucharistic Adoration:

Fridays, 9:30 – 10:30am

Ministers of the Eucharist: 14th Dec Michael Duignan, Peggy Ferguson & Máirín Martin, 21st Dec Thomas Kelly, Deirdre Harvey & Mona Creamer, 24th Dec Patricia Griffin, James Maguire & Brendan Sweeney, 25th Dec Máirín Martin, Mona Creamer & Liam McGovern, 28th Dec Patricia McGoldrick, Marian Quinn & Leigh Murphy

Ministers of the Word: 14th Dec Ann Gillen, 21st Dec Gerard D'Arcy, 24th Dec Mary Corby, 25th Dec Patricia McGoldrick

Door Collectors: 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 12th Dec 7pm

Laurence Moran, Josephine Brogan and deceased members of the Moran and Duignan families

JP Doran, his sister Molly (Mayo)

Sat 13th Dec 8:15pm

Deceased Members of Aughnasheelin GAA Club

Fri 19th Dec 7pm

No Intention

Sat 20th Dec 8:15pm

People of the Parish

Eucharistic Adoration:

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

Eucharistic Ministers: 13th Dec Gary Prior & Margaret Murphy 20th & 24th Dec Detta McNiffe & Tom Prior

Readers: Caroline Moran & 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 14th Dec 9:45am

Evelyn Beirne (Mullinavanogue) 2nd Anniversary and Francie & Helen Flynn

Cosmas Prior (Coragh) his parents Bernie & Katie and all deceased family members

Sun 21st Dec 9:45am

Michael Galligan (10th Anniversary)

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

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 13th Dec 7pm

People of the Parish

Sat 20th Dec 7pm

Margaret (*Maggie*) Martin (Drumarigna) and all deceased members of the Martin and Galligan families

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

RECENT DEATHS: We pray for Kiera Curran whose funeral took place in St Mogue's Church, Bawnboy on Thursday 11th. Jim Foreman (Fenagh) whose funeral took place on Wednesday 10th, and Maura Dillion nee O'Hara (Fresh Meadows, NY and formerly Unchinagh) whose funeral took place on Wednesday 10th in New York. Fr Niall Greene (Kinawley) who died on Thursday 11th December. May their souls rest in eternal peace.

🎵🎵🎵 **CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE** 🎵🎵🎵: Scoil Chlann Naofa Christmas Carol Service takes place on Tuesday, 16th December, at 7pm in St Patrick's Church, Ballinamore. All are welcome. 🎵

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT de PAUL

Annual church gate collection takes place on Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th December, at all four churches.

Donations can be made through your local Credit Union branch to account number **109342**.

Direct donations to: **IBAN: IE49BLRU99224009342021 and BIC: BLRUIE21**

Alternatively, you can use the blue envelopes in all churches also available in the Post Office and Credit Union.

Your ongoing support is gratefully appreciated.

VISITATION OF THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Fr Seán will be in touch prior to his visit on Wednesday 17th December and Fr Moses will be in touch prior to his visit on Friday 19th December.

MARY'S MEALS: Donations can be dropped into Scorpio Boutique between now and Christmas. Thanks to the Tom Cunningham Trust, donations will be doubled until 12th January 2026. Online donations to www.marysmeals.ie

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 Account. Your continued support is gratefully appreciated.

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**

CHURCH ENVELOPES 2026: are available for collection in all four church from 20th December. It would be appreciated if you would kindly collect your box of envelopes at your earliest convenience as they will be in use from 4th January. If you are new to the parish please contact the parish office to request your box of envelopes. Tel: 071-9644039 or email: ballinamore@kilmorediocese.ie

† CHRISTMAS CEREMONIES †

Aughnasheelin: 24th Dec, Children's Mass 6:30pm, 25th Dec, Christmas Day 10am.

Aughawillan: 24th Dec, Christmas Eve 7:45pm.

Ballinamore: 24th Dec, Christmas Eve 9pm, 25th Dec, Christmas Day 12noon.

Corraleehan: 25th Dec, Christmas Day 11am.

CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

Corraleehan: After 9:30am mass on Wednesday 17th December

Aughnasheelin: After 7pm mass on Friday 19th December

Aughawillan: After 7pm mass on Saturday 20th December

Ballinamore: 12noon on Christmas Eve, 24th December

SUNDAY 21ST DECEMBER – Reconciliation Service, Ballinamore 6pm, Ballyconnell 7:30pm.



COMMUNITY NOTES

✚ PADDY'S ICE-BREAKERS: will once again take to the waters for their annual charity swim on Christmas Day at Garadice lake at 1:00pm. All money raised goes to Vision Ireland charity. Donations can be made to individuals taking part or by using the QR code on any of our posters. Sponsorship cards can be obtained (by collecting them) in Murphy's News Agents, St Bridget Street, Ballinamore.

✚ AUGHNASHEELIN COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY: on Saturday, 13th December, 5:30pm to 7:30pm. A special evening for all, especially our older community members. Music by **Francie Smyth**, dancing, refreshments provided by women's group, home baking, mulled wine, and fun activities. Come along and bring your neighbours! **Interested in joining Aughnasheelin Ciorcal na mBan?** Text: **086-6083516 / 086-3376411 / 087-7874612**

✚ BALLINAMORE WELCOMES SANTA: What a fantastic visit from Santa this year...despite the rain. Thank you to all for making Ballinamore Christmas Lights possible. Thanks to the volunteers for erecting the lights putting the hours into this. To all the Elves who helped with the fantastic switching on and of course Santa. To the Scór Na nÓg kids for their performance. To Denise and Micheal Corbett in the Leitrim School of Art for adding to the night's fun. To the local Gardaí and Fire Brigade for their help and support as always. To all our sponsors over the years and finally, to those people who have supplied their power to keep the town lit all through Christmas. Lastly, to Dawn and David who show up every year for our town. ✚ Have a safe and wonderful Christmas everyone. ♥

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

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

🎵 ISLAND THEATRE UPCOMING EVENTS: 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

May the rose candle remind us that joy is not distant, but a gift You place in our hands today. Strengthen us to carry that joy into our community, to be bearers of peace, kindness and courage. Come, Lord Jesus, and kindle in us a joy that endures, a hope that heals, and a love that welcomes all. AMEN

All New items for the Newsletter should be dropped into the Parish Office, Convent Road or emailed before 12 noon on Thursdays to ballinamore@kilmorediocese.ie the editor reserves the right to edit or omit items according to suitability of content & space in the newsletter

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.



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**.

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

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

THE COMMUNITY CONNECT PROJECT SURVEY: aims to gain a deeper understanding of how local communities and groups are experiencing and responding to new arrivals - 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. You can take part ☞ **Online:** Leitrim Development Company, Have your say ■ **By post:** Leitrim Development Company, Church Street, Drumshanbo, Co. Leitrim, N41 N6K6. For more information, please contact: ✉ Ckavanagh@ldco.ie

FAMILY CARERS IRELAND: is the National Charity Supporting 500,000+ Family Carers Nationwide, we are currently recruiting for Community Homecare Workers to provide support to clients. Work hours are flexible based on your availability. Own car and Full Driving Licence essential. Please send your CV to jobs@familycarers.ie or contact Carol on 049 8511031 or 086 4183949 for more information.

MEITHEAL: is a Tusla led process for children and families who may need support. Meitheal enables families to identify what is working well - and no 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.

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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