

## BOUGHTERAGH & DRUMREILLY LOWER PARISH NEWSLETTER

21<sup>st</sup> Dec 2025 *Aughawillan - Aughnasheelin - Ballinamore & Corraleeahan* 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

23<sup>rd</sup> Dec St John of Kanty, 25<sup>th</sup> Dec Birth of Christ the Saviour, 26<sup>th</sup> Dec St Stephen, 27<sup>th</sup> Dec St John

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### BALLINAMORE

### ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

Mass times: Sat & Sun 11am, Mon 7pm, Tues 9am, Wed 9pm, Thurs 12noon, Fri 11am

#### Mass Intentions

Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 11am

Joseph & Mary Gormley (High St & Fohera)

Margaret Sweeney (Church St)

Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 11am

Barney Breen (Aghadark)

Paddy & Pam McGovern (formerly of London)

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 9pm

**Christmas Eve Mass**

Thur 25<sup>th</sup> Dec 12noon

**Christmas Day**

Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Dec 11am

**St Stephen's Day**

Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Dec 11am

Patrick & Mary Ann Prior, their sons Pat Joe and Pety, daughter-in-law Rosaleen and all deceased members of the Prior family (Knockanroe)

Micheál Wrynn (Tarmon) his son Padraic and daughter Mary Wrynn-Jackson and all deceased members of the Wrynn family.

Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Dec 11am

Michael Costello (Ardrum)

#### Eucharistic Adoration:

**Fridays, 9:30 – 10:30am**



**Ministers of the Eucharist:** 21<sup>st</sup> Dec Thomas Kelly, Deirdre Harvey & Mona Creamer, 24<sup>th</sup> Dec Patricia Griffin, James Maguire & Brendan Sweeney, 25<sup>th</sup> Dec Máirín Martin, Mona Creamer & Liam McGovern, 28<sup>th</sup> Dec Patricia McGoldrick, Marian Quinn & Leigh Murphy

**Ministers of the Word:** 21<sup>st</sup> Dec Gerard D'Arcy, 24<sup>th</sup> Dec Mary Corby, 25<sup>th</sup> Dec Patricia McGoldrick, 28<sup>th</sup> Dec Phil Earley

**Door Collectors:** 21<sup>st</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> Dec Michael Dolan & Louis Creamer, 25<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> Dec James Maguire, Seamus McGrath & Declan Cumiskey, 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Jan John O'Connell & David McBrien

### AUGHNASHEELIN

### ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Mass times: Fri 7pm, Sat 8:15pm, Wed 6:30pm, Thurs 10am

#### Mass Intentions

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 7pm

No Intention

Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 8:15pm

People of the Parish

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 6:30pm

**Children's Christmas Mass**

Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Dec 10am

**Christmas Day**

Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Dec 8:15pm

No Intention



**\*Eucharistic Adoration:** **Wednesdays, 11am-12noon only (8pm - 10pm slot suspended until after Christmas)**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** 20<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> Dec Detta McNiffe & Tom Prior 25<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> Dec Gary Prior & Margaret Murphy

**Readers:** Caroline Moran & Maura Mulvey **Door Collectors:** Philip Rooney, Terence Boyle & Christopher McNulty

### CORRALEECHAN

### ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH

Mass times: Thurs 11am, Sun 9:45am

#### Mass Intentions

Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 9:45am

Michael Galligan (10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Dec 11am

**Christmas Day**

Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Dec 9:45am

People of the Parish

**Eucharistic Adoration:**

**Resumes on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January**



**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, Wed 8pm

#### Mass Intentions

Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 7pm

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

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 8pm

**Christmas Eve**

Kathleen & Luke McGovern (Glebe) and John & Maura Sheerin (London) and all deceased family members

Hughie & Jim McGovern (Cully, Garadice) and all deceased family members

Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Dec 7pm

No Intention



**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

*To our Parish Community - May the star of Bethlehem guide your hearts with peace this Christmas, and may the dawn of the New Year shine with hope, joy and God's endless love -  
Fr Seán and Fr Moses, Patricia ( Pastoral Worker) & Parish Pastoral Council*

**RECENT BAPTISMS:** We welcome Jessica, Ese and Derrick Oteheri into our Christian family and congratulate their family on this joyous occasion.

**RECENT DEATHS:** Your prayers are asked for Margaret McKiernan (Kildoragh) whose funeral took place on Wednesday, Tommy Prior (Lisculfea) whose funeral took place on Thursday and Patrick Smyth (England) formerly Drumdarton. May their souls rest in peace.

**\*EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AUGHNASHEELIN WEEK 22<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER:** As Christmas Eve falls on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> we will do an hour of Adoration from 11am-12noon, only for that week. Thanks to all our regular adorers, may God bless you & your families over Christmas and in 2026. The fruits of your service will not be known in this world but in the next. Do encourage others to come & join the hours of Adoration.

**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 **29<sup>th</sup> December, 2025** after 7pm Mass in Prayer Room Ballinamore Church. All are welcome.

#### † **CHRISTMAS CEREMONIES** †

**Aughnasheelin:** 24<sup>th</sup> Dec, Children's Mass 6:30pm, 25<sup>th</sup> Dec, Christmas Day 10am.

**Aughawillan:** 24<sup>th</sup> Dec, Christmas Eve 8pm.

**Ballinamore:** 24<sup>th</sup> Dec, Christmas Eve 9pm, 25<sup>th</sup> Dec, Christmas Day 12noon.

**Corraleehan:** 25<sup>th</sup> Dec, Christmas Day 11am.



#### † **CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS** †

**Aughnasheelin:** After 7pm mass on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December

**Aughawillan:** After 7pm mass on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December

**Ballinamore:** 12noon on Christmas Eve, 24<sup>th</sup> December

**SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER – Reconciliation Service, Ballinamore 6pm, Ballyconnell 7:30pm.**

**CHURCH ENVELOPES 2026:** are available for collection in all four church from 20<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:ballinamore@kilmorediocese.ie)

**GENTLE REMINDER:** to update your church contributions. Offertory contributions for the upkeep of your church are made payable to your local church. On-line donations can be made using the following bank details. Offertory Donations: **Ballinamore** IBAN IE26 AIBK 937037 03815040, **Aughawillan** IBAN IE19 AIBK 937037 00004036, **Corraleehan** IBAN IE32 AIBK 937037 02021111, **Aughnasheelin** IBAN IE58 AIBK 937037 03814076.

All Dues contributions are made to Ballinamore Catholic Church No. 2 Account, **IBAN IE16 AIBK 937037 03815123** Your continued support is gratefully appreciated.

**PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS OPENING:** The Parish Office will be closed to the public on the following dates: 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> December and 1<sup>st</sup> January.

#### **COMMUNITY NOTES**

**ATHLETIC CLUB:** Club training finished Thursday night last and will resume in the New Year. A very Happy Christmas and many thanks to all who helped the club in so many ways during the past year; the Club's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**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 CHRISTMAS SPIRIT:** We can all agree Aughnasheelin is looking very festive this year with the Christmas lights and the festive season kicked off with our community Christmas party last Saturday in the community centre. Many thanks to all who helped organise the event and also a big thank you to all who came to enjoy the evening. It was a lovely night and hopefully something we can do every year from now on. We are thankful to Rural Action Awards Scheme for their support for the event. We have a few calendars and recipe books (Taste of Aughnasheelin) left if anyone is interested in getting hold of either of them contact Shirley at 086-6083516.

**CIORCAL NA MBAN:** Thank you to everyone who has made the group so enjoyable and for creating lots of fun memories from 2025. We will see you all again in 2026 when we kick off with chair yoga on the 8th Jan, and all our usual activities including pickleball, will start again in the New Year. If you are interested in joining the group contact Geraldine at 086-3376411, Shirley at 086-6083516 or Lavinia at 087-7874612.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES HUB:** The Den, Ballinamore. Every second Tues from 11am-1pm, 30<sup>th</sup> Dec.

**ISLAND THEATRE UPCOMING EVENTS:** The Breffni Players present a comedy, A Bunch of Amateurs, **Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Jan at 8pm.** The Drifters - Anniversary Tribute Tour, **30<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026.** Brendan Kelly Band, **31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2026.** Details on [www.islandtheatre.ie](http://www.islandtheatre.ie)

#### **REFLECTION**

Lord of Light and Love, as we light the final purple candle of Advent, fill our hearts with peace and readiness. May Mary's trust and Joseph's courage inspire us, and may the coming of Christ bring hope to our homes, joy to our parish and love to the world. Amen

**Parish Office Hours: Christmas Week**

**Open – Mon & Tues**

**Closed – Wed, Thurs & Fri**

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## ADDITIONAL PARISH AND COMMUNITY ITEMS

**KILMORE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:** next year will take place from 5<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> 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

**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](mailto:ballinamore@kilmorediocese.ie) or phone **071 964 4039**

**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 28<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026:** The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will take place in: **Aughawillan on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026 at 9:45am, Ballinamore on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 12 noon and Aughnasheelin on 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:info@scoilchlannnaofa.com) for the enrolment pack. Application forms are also available to download from our website [www.scoilchlannnaofa.ie](http://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@letirmcoco.ie](mailto:roads@letirmcoco.ie) or phone 071-9620005 Ext. 630. **Closing Date is 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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](http://alone.ie) or contact **Collette, Volunteer Support Officer**, at 086 921505 or [collette.ferguson@alone.ie](mailto:collette.ferguson@alone.ie)



**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.muvehealthcare.ie)

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