

BOUGHTERAGH & DRUMREILLY LOWER PARISH NEWSLETTER26th Oct 2025*Aughawillan - Aughnasheelin - Ballinamore & Corraleeahan*30th Sun OT*27th Oct, St Otteran, 28th Oct, St Simon & St Jude, 29th St Colman, 1st Nov, All Saints*

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BALLINAMORE ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH Mass times: Mon & Wed 7pm, Tues, Thurs & Fri 9am, Sat & Sun 11am**Mass Intentions****Sat 25th Oct 10am****Sun 26th Oct 11am**

Close of Parish Mission

Mary Fanning (Ardrum)

Christine Maxwell (Dromore)

Dan & Alice Gallogly (Drumrane) also remembering, James, Vincie, Anna & Breege Gallogly

Wed 29th 7pm

Michael & Mary Darcy (Aughayoula)

Sat 1st Nov 11am***Feast of All Saints***

Michael & Eileen Doherty & their son Michael (Church St)

Sun 2nd Nov 11am***Feast of All Souls***Kitty McManus (Willowfield Rd) and her brother John Slevin (died in England) and all deceased members of the McManus family
Francis & Mary Curran (Tarmon) and all deceased family members
Matthew & Rose Dolan (Foxfield)**Eucharistic Adoration:****Fridays, 9:30 – 10:30am****Ministers of the Eucharist:** 26th Oct Patricia Griffin, James Maguire & Brendan Sweeney, 2nd Nov Máirín Martin, Mona Creamer & Liam McGovern, 9th Nov Patricia McGoldrick, Marian Quinn & Leigh Murphy**Ministers of the Word:** 26th Oct Michael Dolan, 2nd Nov Marie Sweeney, 9th Nov Thomas Kelly, 16th Nov Sylvia Dolan**Door Collectors:** 26th Oct Seamus McTague, Michael Gillen, PJ Duignan & Eugene Maxwell, 2nd & 9th Nov Felim Maxwell & John Galligan, 16th & 23rd Nov Francis McTague, Alan Banks & Sean McKeon**AUGHNASHEELIN****ST. MARY'S CHURCH****Mass times: Fri 7pm - Sat 8:15pm****Mass Intentions****Fri 24th Oct 7pm**

Christie McCartin (Carrickmakeegan)

Sat 25th Oct 8:15pm

Jim Mulvey (Aughlin)

Sun 26th Oct 3pm**Mass for deceased members of Bencroy & Aghacashel Miners****Fri 31st Oct 8:15pm*****Vigil Mass – All Saints Day*****Sat 1st Nov 8:15pm*****Vigil Mass All Souls***

James & Annie O'Dowd (Mayo) & all deceased family members

Eucharistic Adoration:**Wednesdays, 11am - 12noon and 8pm - 10pm****Eucharistic Ministers:** 25th Oct & 1st Nov Caroline Sammon & Kerry Meehan 8th & 15th Nov Maura Mulvey & Maureen Conway **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 26th Oct 9:45am**

Laurence Dolan (Garryfluigh) and Margaret & Frank Dolan

Sat.1st Nov 9:45am***Feast of All Saints*****Sun 2nd Nov 9:45am*****All Souls Day***

Oliver & Mary Plunkett (Stroke) and all deceased members of the Plunkett family and John & Rose Curnan, their son John & deceased family members

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 25th Oct 7pm**

People of the Parish

Fri.31st Oct 7pm***Vigil All Saints*****Sat 1st Nov 7pm*****Vigil All Souls*** Eileen Prior (Lecken)**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:** We pray for Fr. Dermot Mc Carthy Dublin and formerly of Church St., funeral mass on Saturday 25th at 12 noon in Ballinamore Church, Anne Keane Ros Óg whose funeral is in Drumshanbo on Saturday 25th at 12 noon and Eileen Duignan, formerly of Main St., whose funeral is on Sunday at 11am. May they rest in peace.**RECENT BAPTISM:** We welcome Mya Lilly Quinn into our Christian family and congratulate her family on this joyous occasion.**†BENCROY & AGHACASHEL MINERS:** On Sunday 26th October at 3pm a mass in Memory of the deceased members of Bencroy and Aghacashel Miners, takes place in St Mary's Church, Aughnasheelin. All are welcome to join us in remembering those who worked in the mines and are no longer with us. Refreshments will follow in the Community Centre.

CONFIRMAITON 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. **Aughnasheelin on 16th May 2026 at 12 noon.**

MASS OF CONSOLATION: for the bereaved takes place in Aughnasheelin church on Friday Nov 21st at 8pm.

MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRAYER FOR PRIESTS & FAMILIES: as requested by Our Lady of Fatima via interior Locations to Fr Stefano Gobbi will take place on the **last Monday** of each month. Our next date is **27th October, 2025** after 7pm Mass in Prayer Room Ballinamore Church. All are welcome.

LEITRIM COUNTY COUNCIL: Mass for the deceased Member and Staff of Leitrim County Council takes place in St Mary's Church, Carrick-on-Shannon on Monday 3rd November 2025 at 8:00 PM.

PARISH MISSION: We extend a heartfelt thanks to our NET Ministry Ireland team, Arianna, Elizabeth, Felicity, Izzy, Nathalia, Nick, Paul, and Tom, for their joyful witness and heartfelt presence among us this past week. Their dedication has deeply touched our parish community, especially our young people. We are truly grateful for the light and hope you've shared with us. We thank those who kindly hosted the team members while they lived among us this past week. Those who helped make the Parish Mission such a meaningful experience for all, we thank you.

THANKS FROM BISHOP MARTIN: Thanks to you all for the welcome on Friday, 10th October 2025. It was a mighty day that included the celebration of Mass, visits to all schools, Nursing Unit, Rehab Centre, with the Mercy Sisters and meetings with Chairs of Primary School Boards of Management, Leaders of Eucharistic Adoration with Children, Return to Nature Group, Finance Committees, Parish Pastoral Council concluding with a great social gathering and entertainment provided by Scór groups of musicians and dancers. I received a great sense of a parish that is alive and active. With prayerful good wishes and thanks † Martin.

COMMUNITY NOTES

ATHLETIC CLUB: Best wishes to the Club's twelve competitors in the Connacht Even Ages Cross Country Championships in Enniscrone on Sunday 26th. Some Club members will also be taking part in the Dublin Marathon. Training - Cross country Tues & Thur 10+ yrs St Felim's field. U10 Thurs only 7pm in The Den.

CIORCAL NA MBAN AUGHNASHEELIN EVENTS: 🎃 **Halloween Potluck Party & Fundraiser** - Community Centre on Saturday, 1st Nov from 9:00–11:00 PM. Join us for a fun-filled evening and help raise funds for **Breast Cancer Ireland**.

All are welcome - drop in and show your support! 🎄 **Christmas Community Social** - Community Centre on Saturday, 13th Dec (after Mass) from 9:00–11:00 PM. Enjoy music by **Francie Smyth**, finger food, and refreshments. Please spread the word, especially to older members of our community. 🧘 **Wellness & Learning Events - Acupuncture & Massage**

Therapy Info Session on Wednesday, 22nd Nov at 7:00 PM - Community Centre. 🧘 **Yoga Classes with Edel Quinn** on

every Wednesday from 7:00–8:00 PM - Community Centre, Bookings 086-6083516. 🎨 **Arts & Crafts Drop-In** on every

Saturday Morning - Community Centre. 🏓 **Pickleball** on Thursday Evenings from 8 - 9:00 PM, Scouts Den (while Sports

Hall is under renovation), contact Katie at 086-0764824 to join. **Aughnasheelin Development Group** are delighted to announce that we've received funding for a community notice board, which will be installed in the coming weeks.

DEMENTIA CARERS COURSE: This **7-week face-to-face course** offers valuable information, practical guidance, and emotional support for those caring for a loved one living with dementia. **Venue:** The Landmark Hotel Carrick-on-Shannon, **Date/Time:** Tuesdays from 4th Nov to 16th Dec 2025, from 7pm-9.30pm, **Tutor:** Eadaoin Murray. Further details email, familycarertraining@alzheimier.ie or phone Christine 0860441251

BALLINAMORE LIBRARY EVENTS: 📅 **Mum2Mum Halloween Meet & Launch of Friends of Breastfeeding**

Tues 28th Oct, 10am. Hot drinks, treats, fancy dress & spot prizes. All welcome! Info: Nadia 086 861 8460. 📅 **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 to write, share & connect.

COMMUNITY SERVICES HUB: The Den, Ballinamore. Every second Tues from 11am-1pm Tuesdays: 4th & 19th Nov, 2nd, 16th & 30th Dec.

MENS SHED BALLINAMORE: On Sunday Nov 2nd after 11am mass Shed Members will have a display of various Christmas items, all hand-made, at the Courthouse. The public can view and place orders, with small deposits, and have their order filled in good time for Christmas.

The Men's Shed will hold a Table Quiz in Smyth's Siopa Ól on Friday Nov 7th at 9pm. Tables of four €10 per person. Funds will go to support Men's Shed activities.

BEREVEEMENT INFORMATION EVENING: on Wed 5th November at 7pm in Sligo Park Hotel, F91 Y762. Free information evening on how to care for yourself and others when grieving. No booking required. All welcome.

LIVING LIBRARIES: Better Together Níos Fear Le Chéile project. People from State, Republican and Loyalist backgrounds will share their stories and perspectives. Listen, Engage, And Interact. Venue: Island Theatre, 28th Oct @ 7pm. No booking required, refreshments served.

REFLECTION

Lord, in Your holy presence, I lay down pride and lift my heart – not to be seen, but to be healed.

Parish Office Hours: Open – Tue, Wed & Fri 9am-4pm. Closed – Mon & Thur Phone: 071-9644039
ballinamore@kilmorediocese.ie

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ADDITIONAL PARISH AND COMMUNITY ITEMS

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: A heartfelt thank you to all who have already contributed to our Mission Sunday collection. Your generosity supports vital missionary work around the world. If you haven't yet had the chance to send in your donation, we kindly invite you to do so in the coming days. Every contribution, no matter the size, makes a meaningful difference and helps bring hope and support to communities in need.

MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY: Pope Leo is asking Catholics, individuals, families and communities throughout the world to pray the rosary during this month of October for peace.

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.



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.

ST PATRICKS CHURCH BALLINAMORE: along with the Cathedral of St. Patrick & Felim, Cavan, St. Anne's Church, Bailieboro and St Clare's Church, Manorhamilton have been decreed as Jubilee Churches. You can obtain a Jubilee Indulgence by visiting one of these sacred spaces. Leaflets with more information on the how to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence and how to participate in Special Jubilee Activities are available in each church porch.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND: Facilitated by members of the Council for Marriage and The Family. Our next upcoming Weekend in The Focolare Centre, Curryhills, Prosperous, Co. Kildare, Nov. 7th-9th, 2025. Register to attend at www.marriageencounter.ie. Open to all married couples.

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

BALLINAMORE CREDIT UNION: Josie Martin Scholarship deadline is extended until 31st October. All 3rd level students who are Credit Union Members can pick up an application form in Carrigallen and Ballinamore branches.

🎵 **ISLAND THEATRE UPCOMING EVENTS:** I had to go for Counselling **1st Nov doors at 7pm**. Legends of American Country Show **9th Nov doors at 7pm**. 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 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.

AUGHAWILLAN BREAKFAST CLUB AND AFTERSCHOOL: A new afterschool facility will open in Aughawillan Community Centre this coming September. We are putting out an appeal for some toys, books and board games that you may wish to donate to our new afterschool. Email aughawillancommunitychildcare@gmail.com to arrange drop off of donations. We're very grateful for all the support and thank you in advance.

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 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

SING TOGETHER: Monthly, Saturday Morning Drop Ins at the Island Theatre 11-12.30pm, 15th Nov. All Welcome. No experience needed. More information 087-7620523.

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.

FAMILY CARERS IRELAND: are currently **recruiting for Community Homecare Workers** to provide support to our clients. Work hours are flexible based on your availability. Essential Requirements: Qualifications – QQI Care of The Older Person and Care Skills Modules completed, must have own car and Full Driving Licence. Please send your CV to jobs@familycarers.ie or contact Carol on 049 8511031 or 086 4183949 for more information.

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.

SCOIL CHLANN NAOFA, BALLINAMORE: is accepting applications for admission to our school for the 2025/26 school year. Please contact **071 964 5001** or email info@scoilchlannnaofa.com for an enrolment pack. Thank you.

AUGHAWILLAN N.S. are now taking Enrolments for September 2025. Enrolment forms are now available by e-mailing: aughawillanns@gmail.com or contacting the office on 071 9644246.

ST. MARY'S N.S. AUGHNASHEELIN: is now accepting enrolments for September 2025. Enrolment forms are available by contacting the school at, 071 9644868 or by email to, office@stmarysnsaughnasheelin.com

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

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