

OUGHTERAGH & DRUMREILLY LOWER PARISH NEWSLETTER

28th Dec 2025

[Aughawillan - Aughnasheelin - Ballinamore & Corraleehan](#)

28th Dec Holy Family, 29th Dec St Thomas Becket, 31st Dec St Sylvester, 1st Jan St Connat, 3rd Jan St Fintan

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BALLINAMORE - ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

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

Mass Intentions

Sat 27th 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 28th Dec 11am

Michael Costello (Ardrum)

Thurs 1st Jan 12noon

Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Sat 3rd Jan 2026 11am

Tony McKiernan (Tully)

Sun 4th Jan 2026 11am

Michael Dolan (Stradermot) 4th Anniversary

James Bohan (Drumrane) and all deceased members for the Bohan & Prior families

Eucharistic Adoration:

Fridays, 9:30 – 10:30am

Ministers of the Eucharist: 28th Dec Patricia McGoldrick, Marian Quinn & Leigh Murphy, 4th Jan Philomena Earley, Mary McWeeney & Aileen Wisley, 6th Jan Maeve Sharpley, Mona Creamer & Eilis O'Dell, 11th Jan Alice Costello, Raymond McHugh & Marcella McKiernan, 18th Jan Evelyn McHugh, Marian Sharpley & PJ McLoughlin

Ministers of the Word: 28th Dec Philomena Earley, 4th Jan Patricia Griffin, 11th Jan Ciara Creamer, 18th Jan Kay Maguire, 25th Jan John Darcy.

Door Collectors: 28th Dec James Maguire, Seamus McGrath & Declan Cumiskey, 4th & 11th Jan John O'Connell & David McBrien, 18th & 25th Jan Damien O'Brien, Andy O'Rourke & Rory O'Rourke

AUGHNASHEELIN

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Mass times: Sat 8:15pm

Mass Intentions

Sat 27th Dec 8:15pm

Pat & Maura Cull (Drumdarton)

Fri 2nd Jan 2026 7pm

No Intention

Sat 3rd Jan 2026 12noon

Mary Harvey (Knockacullion) 1st Anniversary

Sat 3rd Jan 2026 8:15pm

People of the Parish

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

Eucharistic Ministers: 27th Dec Gary Prior & Margaret Murphy, 3rd & 10th Jan Seamus Prior & Margaret McTeigue

Jan - Readers: Bernie Prior & Sharon Flynn **Jan - Door Collectors:** Gerry Smyth, Francis McTeigue & Andy McPartland

CORRALEECHAN

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH

Mass times: Sun 9:45am

Mass Intentions

Sun 28th Dec 9:45am

No Intention

Sun 4th Jan 2026 9:45am

Josephine & Jim Joe Prior (Drumderrig) and all deceased family members

Michael & Bridget McManus (Drumderrig) and all deceased family members

Eucharistic Adoration:

Resumes on Wednesday 7th January

January - Eucharistic Ministers: Carmel McNiffe & Philomena Dolan

Jan - Ministers of the Word: Seamus McGovern & Volunteer

Jan - Door Collectors: Sean McNiff & Volunteer

AUGHAWILLAN

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

Mass time: Sat 7pm

Mass Intentions

Sat 27th Dec 7pm

People of the Parish

Sat 3rd Jan 2026 7pm

Paddy & Annie Dolan (Lisroughty) and all deceased family members.

Jan { Eucharistic Ministers: Damien Conefrey & Patricia Deane **Door Collectors:** Declan McGovern & Cathal McBrien }

Jan { Altar Society: Martina Maxwell & Geraldine Maxwell **Ministers of the Word:** Ronan Maxwell & Marie Quinn }

RECENT DEATHS: We pray for Patrick Rooney (Corrabeegher) whose funeral will take place in Aughnasheelin on Sunday at 12noon. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

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.

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

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: 31st December and 1st January.

A WORD OF THANKS: Fr Seán & Fr Moses sincerely thank all who assisted and those who took part in the Christmas Mass ceremonies, in our four churches. To our Organists, Musical Directors, Soloists, Instrumentalists, Servers, Sacristans, Altar Societies and all who prepared the churches so tastefully for the Christmas Season. To our Ministers of the Eucharist and Ministers of the Word, to the Counters and Door Collectors, the Liturgy Teams, the Church Finance Committees and the Parish Pastoral Council and Prayer Groups, who support and enrich our parish life. Your quiet service, week after week, helps Oughteragh Drumreilly Lower to sustain faith, hope and love at the heart of our parish community. Thank you for the generosity of your time, your continued commitment, and the spirit of welcome you help to create. May God bless you and your families for all you do, seen and unseen, in building up our parish. To all staff members of our schools, their Boards of Management and Parents Associations and our Parish Secretary, we are thankful for your work throughout the past year.

Wishing everyone a Blessed, Healthy and Happy New Year

COMMUNITY NOTES

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

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.

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

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.

A REMINDER - HEDGE CUTTING SCHEME: This scheme encourages 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.**

COMMUNITY SERVICES HUB: The Den, Ballinamore. Every second Tues from 11am-1pm, 30th Dec, 13th Jan.

ISLAND THEATRE UPCOMING EVENTS: The Drifters - Anniversary Tribute Tour, **30th Jan 2026.** Brendan Kelly Band, **31st Jan 2026.** Details on www.islandtheatre.ie

REFLECTION

New Year's Eve Poem, by Joyce Rupp

A new year stands on my doorstep ready to enter my life's journey. Something in me welcomes this visitor: the hope of bountiful blessings, the joy of a new beginning, the freshness of unclaimed surprises. Something in me rebuffs this visitor: the swiftness of the coming, the boldness of the entrance, the challenge of a year's goodbye. Something in me fears this visitor: the unnamed events of future days, the wisdom needed to walk love well, the demands of giving away and growing.

A new year stands on my doorstep. With fragile caution I move to open the door for its entrance.

My heart leaps with surprise, joy jumps in my eyes, for there beside this brand new year stands my God with outstretched hand!

God smiles and gently asks of me: can we walk this year together?
And I, so overwhelmed with goodness, can barely whisper my reply:
"Welcome in!"

Parish Office Hours: Christmas Week

Open – Mon & Tues

Closed – Wed, Thurs & Fri

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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

ADDITIONAL PARISH AND COMMUNITY ITEMS

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



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 QR code 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.

f PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE: Our new **Oughteragh and Drumreilly Lower Parish** Facebook Page was launched earlier in 2025. Please like our new page where you can find and share our upcoming events.

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**.




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@scoilchlannaofa.com for the enrolment pack. Application forms are also available to download from our website www.scoilchlannaofa.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

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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 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

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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