

## OUGHTERAGH & DRUMREILLY LOWER PARISH NEWSLETTER

*7<sup>th</sup> Dec 2025 Aughawillan - Aughnasheelin - Ballinamore & Corraleeahan 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent*

*7<sup>th</sup> Dec St Ambrose, 8<sup>th</sup> Dec Immaculate Conception, 10<sup>th</sup> Dec Our Lady of Loreto,*

*11<sup>th</sup> Dec St Damasus, 12<sup>th</sup> Dec Our Lady of Guadalupe, 13<sup>th</sup> Dec St Lucy*

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

### Mass Intentions

**Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 11am**

Patrick Rehill (Drumcroman)

**Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 11am**

Patrick Joseph Kellegher (Clenaghoo) and all deceased family members  
John Joe McGirl & Bridie McGirl (Main Street), Mary Mulvihill  
(Convent Rd)

**Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 11am**

***Feast of the Immaculate Conception***

**Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 9am**

Eugene Fee and deceased members of the Fee family  
(Derrinkeher Brady)

**Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 7pm**

***Scoil Chlann Naofa Christmas Carol Service***

**Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 12noon**

Joey Smith (High St) 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

**Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 11am**

Lynette Dooner (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

Agnes Smyth (Lahard)

Agnes McKeon



**Eucharistic Adoration:**

**Fridays, 9:30 – 10:30am**

**Ministers of the Eucharist:** 7<sup>th</sup> Dec Evelyn McHugh, Marian Sharpley & PJ McLoughlin, 14<sup>th</sup> Dec Michael Duignan, Peggy Ferguson & Máirín Martin, 21<sup>st</sup> Dec Thomas Kelly, Deirdre Harvey & Mona Creamer

**Ministers of the Word:** 7<sup>th</sup> Dec PJ McLoughlin, 14<sup>th</sup> Dec Mary Corby, 21<sup>st</sup> Dec Gerard D'Arcy, 24<sup>th</sup> Dec Ann Gillen

**Door Collectors:** 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Dec John McWeeney, Michael Duignan & David Prior, 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

**AUGHNASHEELIN**

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH**

**Mass times: Fri 7pm – Sat & Mon 8:15pm**

### Mass Intentions

**Fri 5<sup>th</sup> 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 al deceased family members

**Sat 6<sup>th</sup> 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

**Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 8:15pm**

***Feast of the Immaculate Conception***

**Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 7pm**

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

**Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 8:15pm**

JP Doran, his sister Molly (Mayo)  
Deceased Members of Aughnasheelin GAA Club

**Eucharistic Adoration:**

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

**Eucharistic Ministers:** 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> Dec Gary Prior & Margaret Murphy 20<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> 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 & Mon 9:45am**

### Mass Intentions

**Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 9:45am**

Jack & Rita Walsh (Derradda)

**Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 9:45am**

***Feast of the Immaculate Conception***

**Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 9:45am**

Evelyn Beirne (Mullinavanogue) 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary and Francie & Helen Flynn  
Cosmas Prior (Coragh) his parents Bernie & Katie and all deceased family members

**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 & Mon 7pm**

### Mass Intentions

**Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 7pm**

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

**Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 7pm**

***Feast of the Immaculate Conception***

**Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 7pm**

People of the Parish

**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 Helen McKeon (mother of Siobhán Carron, Corraleehan) who died on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December. May her soul rest in eternal peace.

**RECENT BAPTISMS:** We welcome Amelia Maguire, Leo Ryan and Naoise Houlihan into our Christian Community and congratulate their families on this joyous occasion.

### **SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT de PAUL**

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

**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](http://www.marysmeals.ie)

**PRIMARY SCHOOL SURVEY 2025:** Please participate in this survey if you are a parent or a prospective parent of a Primary school student. The survey can be accessed at [www.gov.ie/primaryschoolssurvey](http://www.gov.ie/primaryschoolssurvey). Closes on 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 2025.

**A WORD OF THANKS:** to members of Men's Shed, for once again erecting the outdoor crib at the church.

🎵 **CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE** 🎵: Scoil Chlann Naofa Christmas Carol Service takes place on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December, at 7pm in St Patrick's Church, Ballinamore. 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 7:45pm. **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.

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

### **COMMUNITY NOTES**

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

👶 **HO HO HO, BALLINAMORE AND BEYOND:** Santa is coming to turn on the Christmas lights. This year join us at **THE JUNCTION**, at **5.30pm** on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 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. 🎄🌟

🌟 **AUGHNASHEELIN COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY:** on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> 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!

👶 **Ciorcal na mBan Christmas Fair 2025:** We had a very successful Christmas Fair on Sunday last in the Community Centre which finished up with the turning on of the Christmas Lights. Only a few copies of our 2026 Calendar are left in stock. Our recipe book was also well received and over half of those are gone. If anyone wants a calendar or recipe book please text 086-6083516 to reserve. ☆ **Aughnasheelin Christmas Lights:** Thanks to everyone who helped out with the Christmas Lights. Thanks to the school and community centre for power access and thanks also to David & Dawn in Ballinamore for their help and advice. 🌟

**Interested in joining Aughnasheelin Ciorcal na mBan?** Text: **086-6083516 / 086-3376411 / 087-7874612**

**BALLINAMORE LIBRARY EVENT:** 'Church – State relations in Ireland since 1800', a talk presented by Padraig Griffin in Ballinamore Library on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm. Examining how the Influential Roman Catholic Church maintained relations with the State both before and after the Anglo-Irish Treaty and the setting up of the Independent Irish State in 1922. This is a free event and all are welcome.

**ST PATRICK'S NATIONAL SCHOOL CORLOUGH:** are holding a clothes collection. Drop off day for clothes is Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> 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 - 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.

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

🎵 **ISLAND THEATRE UPCOMING EVENTS:** Johnny Cash Tribute **6<sup>th</sup> Dec doors at 7pm**. Little Bo-peep Christmas Mix-up Show **14<sup>th</sup> Dec starts 2pm**. The Drifters - Anniversary Tribute Tour, **30<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026**. Details on [www.islandtheatre.ie](http://www.islandtheatre.ie)

### **REFLECTION**

**As we light the second candle of Advent, we remember Your call to prepare the way. Grant us hearts of peace that we may welcome Christ with hope and joy, and let your kingdom shine among us. Amen**

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

**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

**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.

**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**

**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](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@letirimcoco.ie](mailto:roads@letirimcoco.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



**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)

**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.

**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](mailto: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](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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