

BALLINAMORE & DRUMREILLY LOWER PARISH NEWSLETTER

1st January 2023

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Feast Days: 6th January - Epiphany

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Join us live, at churchtv.ie Select Leitrim, and then Aughnasheelin, Ballinamore or Corraleehan Church

B'more St. Patrick's Church:

Sat, Sun & Fri 6th 11am, Mon & Wed 7pm, Tues & Thurs 9 am.

Sat 31st Dec 11 am No Intention

Sun 1st Jan 11 am Barney Breen, and also Paddy and Pam McGovern

Fri 6th Jan 11am **Feast of Epiphany** (No Intention)

Sat 7th Jan 11 am Michael Costello 1st Anniversary

Sun 8th Jan 11 am Micky Dolan Stradermot 1st Anniversary

Wed 11th Jan 7 pm Philomena Flynn (Tully) Months Mind

Eucharist Ministers: 1st Jan Patricia Griffin, James Maguire & James Óg Maguire 8th Jan Mona Creamer, Liam McGovern and Máirín Martin. 15th Jan Patricia McGoldrick, Marian Quinn, and Leigh Murphy

Ministers of the Word: 1st Jan Rhona Conlon 8th Jan Mary Conlon Jan 15th Gerard Darcy 22nd Mary McKiernan

Door Collectors: 1st Jan Thomas Kelly, Seddie McGovern, and Gordon 7th & 14th Jan Vera Brennan, Tommy McWeeney, Michael Hanly & Joe Murphy 21st & 28th Group 14 Philip Murphy & Co

Aughnasheelin, St. Mary's Church:

Thurs 5th Jan 8pm & Sat 8 pm

Mass Intentions

Sat 31st Dec 8 pm No Intention

Thurs 5th Jan 8pm **Vigil Mass for Epiphany**

Sat 7th Jan 8 pm Deceased members of Aughnasheelin GAA Club

Eucharist Ministers: 31st & 7th Garry Prior & Margaret McTeigue 14th & 21st Sharon O'Dowd & Brendan Sammon

Ministers of the Word: January Breda Mulvanerty and Sharon Flynn

Door Collectors: January Gerry Smyth, Francis McTeigue, and Andy McPartland

Eucharistic Adoration **Wednesday** 11am to 12 noon, and 8 to 10 pm

Corraleehan St. Brigid's Church:

Mass Sun 9:45 am, Wed 9:30, & Fri 6th Jan 9.45.

Mass Intentions

Sun 1st Jan 9:45 am Josephine and John Joe Prior (Drumderg) and all deceased family members

Fri.6th Jan. 9.45 am **Feast of the Epiphany**

Sun 8th Jan 9:45 am Michael and Brigid McManus (Drumderg) and all deceased family members

Eucharist Ministers: **December** Gillian McNiff and Michael McGovern

Altar Society: **December** Tracy McTague

Ministers of the Word: **December** Sean McGovern and Liam Mannion

Door Collectors: **December** Michael Gilheany and Hugh Patrick Prior

Eucharistic Adoration **Wednesday** 10 am to 8 pm, All Welcome

Aughawillan St Patrick's Church:

Sat 6:30 pm, & Thurs 5th Jan 6.30pm.

Mass Intentions

Sat 31st Dec 6:30 pm No Intention

Thurs 5th Jan 6.30pm **Feast of Epiphany**

Sat 7th Jan 6:30 pm Paddy and Annie Dolan (Lisroughty) and all deceased family members

Eucharist Ministers: **December** Des Quinn and Breege McCauley

Altar Society: **December** Martina Maxwell and Geraldine Maxwell

Ministers of the Word: **December** Ronan Maxwell and Marie Quinn

Door Collectors: **December** Christy McGovern and Cathál McBrien

RECENT DEATHS: We pray for the souls of Michael Cumiskey Mohill, (brother of the late John Cumiskey Main St.) Mary Sullivan Rochfortbridge, Co. Westmeath (sister of Peggy Mahon Aughnasheelin and Pat Prior Ballinamore) and all the souls of the Faithful Departed. **May they Rest in Peace**

CONFESSIONS AVAILABLE: Saturdays after the 11am Mass in Ballinamore Church, and on request at any time.

BALLINAMORE PRAYER GROUP 8 pm on Tuesday nights. Come along and invite your friends.

YOUR WEEKLY OFFERTORY AND DUES ENVELOPES FOR 2023 are available for collection at the back of each church. Please collect your box of envelopes at your earliest convenience. Envelopes for the Ballinamore Church area are being delivered by hand. Thanks to those who have kindly agreed to do this task. It is greatly appreciated. There was an issue with some of the labelling so if your label doesn't include both names our apologies. Our thanks for your ongoing generosity to the maintenance of your church through your offertory envelope contribution and support of the priests through your dues contribution. Your generosity and support is much appreciated.

COLLECTION COUNTERS: Please ensure that collections are counted weekly, and bag each collection separately.

MARIA'S GOSPEL HOUR: Due to huge interest Maria will be starting a show on YouTube at 4pm on Sundays.

Search "[@mariadoherty](https://www.youtube.com/@mariadoherty)" on YouTube to watch on Christmas Day and New Year's Day, and all Sundays onwards.

PARISH CALENDARS: available in each Church Porch. please take one.

NEXT VISITATION OF THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: takes place in the First week in February, should anyone need a visit in the meantime please either of the Priests.

A WORD OF THANKS AT CHRISTMAS: Sincere thanks to everyone who helped out and took part in the Christmas Masses in our 4 churches- to our Organists, Musical Directors, Soloists, Instrumentalists, Servers, Sacristans, Altar Societies and all who prepared the churches so tastefully for the feast, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Collectors, Counters, Liturgy Teams, and the Parish Pastoral Council, a big Thank you to all. As we come to the end of 2022, thanks to all involved in Parish and Community organizations and committees who give of their time to improve the quality of life for all who live here and elsewhere. A word of gratitude to the Church Finance Committees, to all staff members of our schools, members of Boards of Management, and Parents Associations, and to our Parish Secretary. Wishing everyone a blessed, healthy and happy New Year.

THE KILMORE CARE OF CREATION TEAM will be screening the documentary film called 'The Letter' which builds on the teaching of Laudato Si', Pope Francis' encyclical on care for our common home, on 12th Jan '23 8pm in the Town Hall, Cavan. Admission is free, but booking is essential, please contact the Town Hall at **(049) 438 0494** or book your seat <https://townhallcavan.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/1173636474> for more information, check out the following <https://townhallcavan.com/booking-information/>

COMMUNITY NOTES

ATHLETIC CLUB: Club training suspended until the New Year.

AUGHNASHEELIN NS-ST MARY'S 50 YEAR REUNION: Are looking for photos for inclusion in a commemorative book to mark the school's history over the last 50 years. Photos of past pupils, their families, events at the school etc are all welcome. Items can be left into the school or emailed aughnasheelin50years@gmail.com. Many Thanks.

DATE FOR THE DIARY: Aughnasheelin GAA Dinner Dance, Landmark Hotel 25th February '23, more info to follow.

BALLINAMORE TODDLER GROUP: Thurs 10am-11.30 am in the Island Theatre. All caring for babies/toddlers welcome. €2 per child. Call in for a cuppa and a chat. For more info **071 96 31253** or text/WhatsApp **086 6035977**.

BALLINAMORE LIBRARY/RHYME TIME: for Toddlers & Accompanying Adults in the Library, Weds at **11am**.

WANT TO IMPROVE YOUR IRISH? Free Irish Conversation classes (Ciorcal Comhrá) start in Ballinamore Library on Tuesday 10 January 2023 at 8.00pm. Ring or text **087 6821566** to book a place. Beidh Fáilte Romhat.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS: Ballinamore is now lit up for the Christmas Season, for the enjoyment of all. However it doesn't come without hard work, many hours and by many a volunteer. We thank everyone involved for your time and energy. Thank you to those who helped to maintain the lights, those who erected them, and to our sponsors. Thank you to all the elves, bucket collectors, trailer decorators, social media experts, local fire Brigade and of course Santa. If you would like to help contact Dawn **086 311 5647**. **Wishing you all a Happy Healthy and Harmonious 2023**

THINKING OF A NEW YEARS RESOLUTION? BALLINAMORE OLD TEC- MSLETB GARDEN CLASSES Weds. Garden Planning, Level 3 QQI; Thurs. Food Growing, Level 4 QQI in the Old Vocational School/ETB Building, 10am – 2pm. All welcome, just call in. **PHOTOGRAPHY & COOKERY CLASSES** to start in the Old Vocational School/ETB Building. If interested in these Classes, call Martina or John in Ballinamore Tourist Office **071 964 4513** to book your place. **MSLETB TRAINING:** Computer Classes Level 3 & 4 are to commence in Ballinamore Enterprise Centre on the Willowfield Road. Please ring Martina or John in Ballinamore Tourist Office **071 964 4513** to reserve a place.

DIGGES BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION: Introduction to Beekeeping 4 sessions (Jan – Feb) and Beginners Course (Feb-May) for more information please call Kathleen on **086 380 2292** or email diggesbka@gmail.com

BALLINAMORE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL: donations to SVP account in Ballinamore Credit Union BIC: BLRUIE21 and IBAN: IE49BLRU99224009342021, or the Credit Union to Acc No 9320380, all support is much appreciated.

HEDGE CUTTING GRANT SCHEME: Leitrim County Council Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme, encourages the cutting of roadside hedges/trees along the Public Road Network up to Jan 31st 2023. Application forms and full details of the Terms & Conditions are available as follows: Telephone: **071 9620005** Ext: 630 Email: roads@leitrimcoco.ie

BALLINAMORE SEÁN O'HESLIN'S ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S DRAW: January draw tickets are on sale now from club members, and Revolute by contacting Michael on **086 390 6791**. Your support is greatly appreciated. Tickets are priced at €20 each, or 3 for €50. We have 12 prizes up for grabs; 1st Prize of €4000, 2nd Prize of €1000 and 10 Prizes of €100 each. **AGM:** Our annual AGM will take place on the 28th January more details to follow.

REFLECTION

Christmas has come, but could be erroneously packed away along with the crib figures, and decorations to await next year. If we pack away Christmas, we miss the entire point of the celebrations, miss the impact of the whole wonderful experience, and lose the awe and wonder of what happened in Bethlehem, if we pack this wonder away with the decorations and lights, we are in danger of losing sight of the gifts of Hope, Faith, Joy, Peace, and Light.

The main point is God, still with us! Christmas, is not and can never be, something which happened and is over, it is present every day, again and again, in our world and in our lives when we open our hearts to it. We read it in the Gospels of Advent and Christmas; Jesus is the Messiah promised by the Prophet Isaiah, a name which means 'God-is-with-us' there is no past tense, he is always with us. "*Fear not, I am with you always, even to the end of time*".

Christmas is the beginning of a story, of a journey, which is still unfolding. We—each of us—are an important, even essential part of this unfolding story. In Laudato Si, Pope Francis says exactly this in a beautiful way:

"We were conceived in the heart of God, and for this reason each of us is the result of a thought of God.

Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary." (Laudato Si, 65)

All New items for the Newsletter should be dropped into the Parish Office, Convent Road or emailed before 12 noon Thursdays to ballinamore@kilmorediocese.ie

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