

BALLINAMORE & DRUMREILLY LOWER PARISH NEWSLETTER

3rd December 2023

1st Sunday of Advent

Feast Days: 7th St Ambrose, & 8th Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Ballinamore Church:

Sat, Sun & Fri 8th Dec, 11am, Mon & Wed 7pm, Tues & Thurs 9am

Sun 3rd Dec 11 am

Joe Kellegher (Cleenaghoo) and all deceased family members

Micheal and Margaret Farrelly (Ardrum) and all deceased family members.

Wed 6th Dec 7 pm

Philomena Flynn (Tully) and all deceased family members

Fri 8th Dec 11 am

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sat 9th Dec 11 am

Frank and Eileen Logan (St Brigid's Street) and all deceased family members

Sun 10th Dec 11 am

Jim and Vera McTague (Lahard) and all deceased members of the McTague & Smith families

Louis Quinn (Drumlonan) **2nd Anniversary**

John and Annie Prior (Camagh)

Eucharistic Adoration

Fridays 9.30am –10. 30am

Eucharist Ministers:

3rd Dec Thomas Kelly and Gerard Mc Cartin 10th Dec Patricia Griffin, James & James Óg

Ministers of the Word

26th Nov Micheal Dolan 3rd Dec Marie Sweeney 10th Dec Thomas Kelly Maguire

Door Collectors:

3rd & 10th Dec Francis McTague, Sean McKeon and Alan Banks 17th & 24th Dec John

McWeeney, Micheal Duignan, and David Prior

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

Aughnasheelin, St. Mary's Church:

Thurs 7th, & Sat 8:15

Mass Intentions

Fri 1st Dec 7 pm

Jim Mulvey **Months Mind**

Mary Boyle (Tullybawn)

Sat 2nd Dec 8:15pm

Laurence Moran, (Derrinkehir) Josephine Brogan and deceased members of the Moran and Duignan families (Drumkeen).

Tommy & Bernadette Harvey (Aughlin) & deceased members of the Harvey & Moran families.

Margaret and Frank Boyle (Knockacullion) their son Arthur Boyle, granddaughters Gráine

Reynolds and Roisin Welsh. John Boyle, Peter and Brigid McGrail and all deceased McGrail

family members.

Thurs 7th Dec 8:15pm

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary vigil Mass

Sat 9th Dec 7 pm

Patricia Gill (Buggaun) **Months Mind**

Johnny Mahon (Buggaun) and all deceased family members

Lizzie McCaffrey (Stralongford) and all deceased family members

John Joe and Bridie McGirl (Main Street) and Mary Mulvihill

Eucharist Ministers:

2nd Dec Mary Rooney & Breda Mulvanerty 9th & 16th Dec Caroline Sammon & Kerry Meehan

Ministers of the Word: Stephanie Prior & Maura Mulvey

Door Collectors: Philip Rooney, Terence Boyle &

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday 11am to 12 noon, and 8 to 10 pm

Christopher Mc Nulty

Corraleehan St. Brigid's Church:

Wed 9:30 am, Fri 8th & Sun 9:45 am

Mass Intentions

Sun 3rd Dec 9:45 am

Tommy Flynn (Kiltyhugh)

John & Ellen Gilheany (Clogher) also Rita & Margaret Gilheany & deceased family members

Fri 8th Dec 9:45 am

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sun 10th Dec 9:45am

Cosmos Prior (Coragh) also Bernie and Katie Prior and all deceased family members

Eucharist Ministers: Teresa Maxwell & Annie McManus

Altar Society: Bridie McNiff and Josie Maguire

Ministers of the Word: Damien Gilheany & Tracy McTague

Door Collectors: Seamus Beirne & Micheal McManus

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday 10 am to 4pm & 6pm to 8pm

Aughawillan St Patrick's Church:

Thurs 7th and Sat 7pm

Mass Intentions

Sat 2nd Dec 7 pm

Winnie McTague (Stralohan)

Thurs 7th Dec 7pm

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary vigil Mass

Sat 9th Dec 7pm

Hugh Patrick and Mary Brady (Cornamahon)

Eucharist Ministers:

Angela Makay & Michelle Dolan **Altar Society:** Mary Quinn, Colleen Quin & Martina Conefrey

Ministers of the Word:

Sinead Kiernan and Morgan Quinn **Door Collectors:** Pat Stringer & Micheal Quinn

BALLINAMORE PRAYER GROUP 8 pm on Tuesday night at the Parish Centre. Come along and invite your friends.

RECENT BAPTISM: We welcome Lucy Mae Moran into our Christian family, and we congratulate her family on this joyous occasion.

RECENT DEATHS: Please pray for Seddie Cafferty and all the souls of the Faithful departed.

May They Rest in Peace

CHURCH GATE COLLECTION in aid of Ballinamore Youth Musical Society's upcoming show 'The New Wizard of Oz'. Sat 9th Aughnasheelin, Sun 10th Ballinamore.

PRAYER ROOM IN BALLINAMORE CHURCH: if you wish to use the prayer room for Mass please feel free to do so. The Priest or Eucharistic Minister will distribute Holy Communion in the Prayer Room.

PLEASE NOTE: the Sick and Housebound will not be visited this week, visitation will be on the **13th & 14th of Dec.**



BALLINAMORE PARISH: has setup an online interactive portal. This allows people to light a candle, pay contributions, and make donations online. Scan this QR code with your smart phone, <https://churchtv.ie/> and follow the links for your Church to make a donation. The light a candle feature allows you to light a candle instantly in Ballinamore Church from anywhere in the world 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

GENTLE REMINDER: As the end of the year approaches it would be appreciated if your church contributions were brought up to date. Offertory contributions towards the upkeep of church are made payable to the church area where you reside. All Dues contributions towards salaries for priests are made payable to Ballinamore Catholic Church 2 AC

MARY'S MEALS CHRISTMAS GIFTS CAMPAIGN: The Global School Feeding Movement Mary's Meals have launched their Christmas Gifts Campaign. As little as €5.50, which will provide 50 meals for children in their place of education, you can make a big difference. Visit marysmeals.ie to download a gift or call **01-8535163 089-4339592**.

THANKS FOR YOUR CONSULTATION: Bishop Martin, writes to say. Well done to all involved in arranging and coordinating the Parish Meetings in response to the Pastoral Letter entitled 'Making Decisions and Preparing for the Future Together'. It is great, in these days, to be receiving the feedback from parishes which is offering a positive way forward. We are now actively bringing together all the responses to compile a draft diocesan report.

THE ALZHEIMER SUPPORT GROUP: meet on Thurs 7th Dec. in CCLD/ 6 Corlurgan Business Park, Ballinagh Rd. Cavan H12D86, @ 7.30pm. **The Forget me not Cafe** Christmas party takes place in the Conaty Centre, St. Patrick's College, on Wed. 13th Dec. 11am till 1pm. For further information contact Carole **085 266 9542** /Claire **085 256 2482**.

WE WISH BALLINAMORE LADIES FOOTBALL TEAM THE BEST OF LUCK IN THE ALL IRELAND SEMI FINAL

COMMUNITY NOTES

ATHLETIC CLUB: Training at the Sports Hall and St Felim's on Tues & Thurs 7pm, new members welcome. Along with general fitness participants prepare for the Leitrim and Connacht Indoor Championships, Primary School Sports Hall Athletics and Post Primary Cross Country after Christmas

AUGHAWILLAN COMMUNITY CENTRE - CHRISTMAS WHIST DRIVE: on 12th Dec. 8.30pm, in the Community Centre. All welcome and donations would be much appreciated for the spot prizes.

AUGHNASHEELAIN - IDEAL CHRISTMAS GIFT! The **St Marys National School 50 Year Reunion Book**, for all family and friends local and global. Contact Geraldine on **086 337 6411** or call into the school.

ST MARY'S NS: are holding their annual Christmas Fair Sat. 9th Dec. after Mass. Join us for a cup of tea on the night. We will sell Christmas logs, Wreaths, and other items made by our talented pupils! Hope to see you on the 9th!

COMMUNITY ALERT/TEXT ALERT MEETING: will be held on Thurs, 7th Dec. at 8pm in the Commercial Hotel. This is an open information meeting and everyone is invited to attend.

ANNUAL SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCHGATE COLLECTION: Takes place 2nd & 3rd of December at all local Churches, please look out for our donation boxes, or donations can be made directly to the **SVP account** in the **Ballinamore Credit Union, IBAN: IE49BLRU99224009342021 and BIC: BLRUIE21**, or manually in the Credit Union to Acc No 9320380, we really appreciate your ongoing support. Our Annual Food appeal will take place in Tesco and SuperValu, throughout December with donation boxes available in store, or donations can be made directly to the SVP account in Ballinamore Credit Union, as highlighted above. We really do appreciate your ongoing support.

'SHOUT' Tish Dunleavy's 'Sweet Spirit Country Gospel Singers' perform in St Mary's Church of Ireland Mohill on Fri 1st Dec. at 8pm to support Sligo Hospital Oncology Unit Trust (SHOUT) and Brain Injury Unit Beaumont Hospital.

ISLAND THEATRE BALLINAMORE: Christmas Fair Sun 3rd Dec 10am-5pm with over 40 stalls offering gifts, crafts and food. **Gaslight - Breffni Players Fri 8th Dec. 8pm** Gaslight, by Patrick Hamilton, is a dark tale of a marriage based on deceit and trickery. **THE BJORN IDENTITY** - tribute to ABBA in **concert 9th Dec. 2023**. Bookings on www.islandtheatre.ie or at Ballinamore Tourist Office or phone **071 964 4513**

HO HO HO! Santa will turn on the Christmas Lights in Ballinamore with the help of his elves on **Sat. 2nd Dec 6.30pm**.

The big event will take place at 6:30 (a change of time due to our senior ladies semi all Ireland final game taking place in the park that day in town). Get your Christmas outfits ready. Santa and his elves will be in his grotto. There will be a €2 fee to visit the big man and the Venue will be confirmed on social media.

Please keep pets indoors that evening as we will have a small fireworks display.

BALLINAMORE GREENWAY PARKRUN & WALK: every Saturday at 9.30am - looking forward to seeing you there.

WALK ABOUT TOWN: meet at the Basin opposite SuperValu at **6 pm on Mondays** all welcome.

SEAN O'HESLINS CLUB DRAW: Last monthly draw this year is Sat 2nd Dec following All Ireland Ladies semi-final, tickets available in Priors, Smyth's Siopa Ól, Philip Murphy's, Philip Farrelly, Alan Banks @ Fresh Today and online. **REFLECTION:**

As we begin Advent we pray that we stay awake and aware, for Christ comes to us in unexpected ways. May Advent be a time of grace and new beginnings.

Amen



First Sunday in Advent

SELF-CARE AT CHRISTMAS hosted by Louise Farry RPN (Registered Psychiatric Nurse) and Holistic Therapist, Date: Monday 4th Dec. at 11am, in Ballinamore Library & **AN HOUR FOR YOU** hosted by Louise Farry (Registered Psychiatric Nurse) and Holistic Therapist Date: Monday 11th Dec. at 11am in Ballinamore Library.

ALONE volunteers required: ALONE are looking for people to volunteer on their befriending program or telephone services, Mark McCollum - Volunteer Support Officer, would give a brief presentation on the work of ALONE to community groups. He can be contacted on **086 169 3024** or the Donegal Office: **074 932 1598** or you can begin your volunteering journey with ALONE via the website - <https://alone.ie/volunteer/> National Support Line: **0818 222 024**

CAREER IN CARING FOR THE ELDERLY: Home Instead are always looking to recruit Caregivers. Whether you can work a couple of hours a week or want to work full time, we would like to hear from you. Experience and FETAC/QQI level 5 qualification in healthcare is an advantage but not compulsory as training is provided. Please contact Seyi or Ciara on **(071) 9317051** or recruitment-admin.sligo@homeinstead.ie for more information.

ELDERLY NAIL CARE @ HOME: Trimming, Shaping Finger and Toe Nails, Dry Skin Removal, Hand and Foot Massage. Home Visits available. Contact Sherry **085 725 7001** Leitrim and Longford areas

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BOOKING ANNIVERSARIES 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 donation is 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**

SCOIL CHLANN NAOFA: are accepting applications for admission for the 2023/24 school year. Please contact the school on **071 9645001** or email the school at info@scoilchlannnaofa.com for the enrolment pack. Thank you

SING TOGETHER at the ISLAND THEATRE Monthly drop-ins **11am-12.30pm**, refreshments afterwards. Pay as you go/or can €5/€10/€15. Final date 2023 **16th December**. For more info call Sarah on **087 762 0523** or sarah@sarahgarden.ie. Singing together is a great way to build community, lift spirits and make friends. Everyone is welcome (over 12s to 123!) and **you don't need to have ANY singing experience**.

TEMPLEPORT DAY CENTRE: is back in the Templeport Community Centre Buses will go directly to Templeport, so this is a reminder to anyone who usually drives to come to the Templeport Community Centre at the usual time. Usual transport arrangements. New members always welcome. Further information from Kathleen **087 7921683** or Anne **087 285 7471**.

SET DANCING CLASSES: Shortts Bar on Thursdays, call **086 850 6696** for more information.

TOTUS TUUS MAGAZINE is a Catholic magazine, full of articles from Irish priests and laity, which aims to highlight the beauty and joy of our faith. It is now in its 7th year and is run by donations. If you haven't come across Totus Tuus Magazine and would like a free copy please contact Fiona Kiely on **086 876 0058**.

5 STEP SUPPORT SERVICE: Are you affected by the misuse of alcohol or other drugs by another individual? 5 Step Support can help you; it is a free, non-judgemental, one-one consultation service. Putting your needs and wellbeing first, helping you manage stressful, difficult and emotional issues. For more information please contact **071 915 0578/085 875 9319** or email sligoleitrim@alcoholforum.com you don't have to be addicted to suffer from addiction!

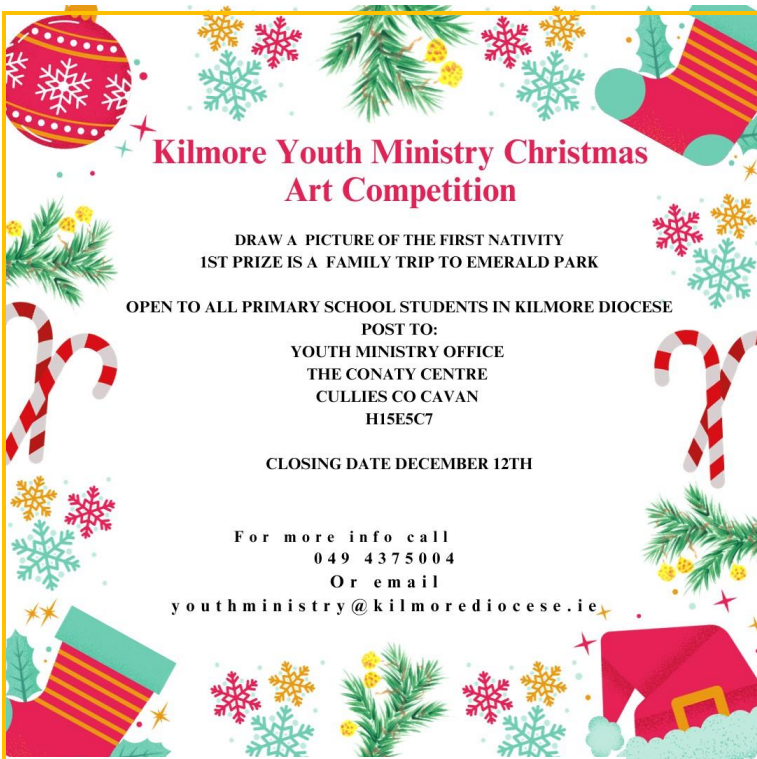
BALLINAMORE LIBRARY OFFERS ONE-TO-ONE DIGITAL SUPPORT: to adults on their own devices - iPads, smartphones, tablets, and laptops. This service is free with experienced friendly tutors, will assist people to overcome issues they are facing using digital technology. To obtain more information about the project call **071 964 5566**, or email ballinamorelibrary@leitrimcoco.ie to book a class or call into the library for a chat with a member of staff.

HEDGE CUTTING GRANT SCHEME 2023/2024: This scheme is now open and aims to encourage the cutting of roadside hedges/trees along the Public Road Network. Open to all, individual applicants, communities and groups. The Grant is €75 per km of the roadside hedge/overhanging trees which are cut back. Minimum length of road network per application is 1km. Further information and application forms are available from Leitrim Co Co website www.leitrimcoco.ie or by e-mail roads@leitrimcoco.ie or Tele **071 9620005** Ext. 630. Closing Date is 31st Jan. '24.

[Waiting for the Light 2023 | The Sanctuary](#) We have a wonderful line up of contemporary speakers for you, from a range of traditions. They will Share their wisdom and experience of embracing darkness, as we wait for the arrival of brighter days, using the themes of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

Waiting for the Light 2023

A Winter Reflection



Kilmore Youth Ministry Christmas Art Competition

DRAW A PICTURE OF THE FIRST NATIVITY
1ST PRIZE IS A FAMILY TRIP TO EMERALD PARK

OPEN TO ALL PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS IN KILMORE DIOCESE
POST TO:
YOUTH MINISTRY OFFICE
THE CONATY CENTRE
CULLIES CO CAVAN
H15E5C7

CLOSING DATE DECEMBER 12TH

For more info call
049 4375004
Or email
youthministry@kilmorediocese.ie

KILMORE YOUTH MINISTRY CHRISTMAS ART COMPETITION. It's open to all primary school students in Kilmore Diocese. Participants are asked to "draw a picture of the first Nativity" Entries can be sent to Youth Ministry Office, The Conaty Centre Cullies Co Cavan. The closing date is December 12th 2023.

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New Programme Tuesday 5th Dec' 2023

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THE ADVENT WREATH is made of various evergreens, signifying continuous, everlasting life. The Laurel signifies victory over persecution and suffering; Pine, Holly, and Yew: signifies immortality; and Cedar: strength and healing. Holly also has a special Christian symbolism: The prickly leaves remind us of the crown of thorns and the red berries, the blood of Our Saviour. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul and the everlasting life offered by Christ. Any Pine Cones, Nuts or Seedpods used to decorate the wreath also symbolise life and resurrection.



ADVENT CANDLES demonstrate the strong contrast between darkness and light, which is an important biblical image. Jesus referred to himself as the "Light of the World" that dispels the darkness of sin: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life" (John 8:12). The first candle, which is purple, and which is traditionally lit this Sunday the 1st Sunday of Advent, symbolises hope. It is sometimes called the "**Prophecy Candle**" in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

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