

BALLINAMORE & DRUMREILLY LOWER PARISH NEWSLETTER

4th December 2022

2nd Sunday of Advent

*Feast Days: 6th Dec-St Nicholas, 7th Dec-St Ambrose, and
8th Dec-the Immaculate Conception OF Our Lady*

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B'more St. Patrick's Church:

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

Sat 3rd Dec 11 am Louis Quinn (Drumlonan) **1st Anniversary**

Sun 4th Dec 11 am Pat Rehill (Drumcroman) **1st Anniversary**

Joe Kellegher (Clenaghoo) and all deceased family members

Thurs 8th Dec 11 am **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

Sat 10th Dec 11 am Alice and Jim Sharpley (Stradermot) and also their son Noel

Sun 11th Dec 11 am Vera & Jim McTague (Lahard) and all deceased members of the Smith and McTague families

Frank and Eileen Logan and all deceased family members

Mon 12th Dec 7pm PJ (Josie) and Anna Martin (MacDiarmada Road) and also Mildred Martin

Eucharist Ministers: **4th Dec** Philomena Early, Mary McWeeney, & Aileen Wisely **11th Dec** Michael Darcy, Maeve

Sharpley, & Noel Dolan **18th Dec** Alice Costello, Raymond McHugh, & Marcella McKiernan

Ministers of the Word: **4th Dec** Gerry Darcy **11th** Ciara Duignan **18th** John Darcy **Christmas Readers next week.**

Door Collectors: **4th Dec** Anne Kavanagh, Tommy Moran, Walter Sharpley, & Ruairi Sullivan **11th & 18th Dec**

Mary Corby, Mel Duignan, and John Creamer,

Aughnasheelin, St. Mary's Church:

Fri 7pm, Sat & Wed 8 pm

Mass Intentions

Sat 3rd Dec 8 pm

Mary Boyle (Tullybawn) **1st Anniversary**

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

Michael Gilbride (Drumrackan) his sister Phyllis Wade (Florida), all deceased family members

Wed 7th Dec 8pm

Vigil for Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Fri 9th Dec 7 pm

Johnny Mahon (Buggaun) his sister Mel Bouye who died recently in America, and all deceased family members

Sat 10th Dec 8pm

Frank and Margaret Boyle (Knockacullion) their granddaughters Grainne Reynolds & Roisin Walsh, and John Boyle (Callowhill)

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

Eucharist Ministers:

3rd & 10th Dec Garry Prior and volunteer **17th & 24th Dec** Detta McNiffe & Tom Prior

Ministers of the Word:

December Stephanie Prior and Maura Mulvey

Door Collectors:

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Corraleeahan St. Brigid's Church:

Mass Wed 9:30, Sun 9:45 am

Mass Intentions

Sun 4th Dec 9:45am Tommy Flynn (Kiltyhugh)

Thurs 8th Dec 9:45 am **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

Sun 11th Dec 9:45 am Cosmos Prior (Coragh), Bernie & Katie Prior, & all deceased family members

Eucharist Ministers: **December** Teresa Maxwell and Annie McManus

Altar Society: **December** Bridie McNiff and Josie Maguire

Ministers of the Word: **December** Damien Gilheany and Tracy McTague

Door Collectors: **December** Seamus Beirne and Michael McManus

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday 10 am to 8 pm, All Welcome

St Anthony's Collection: €221.90 was lodged to Merchants Quay Project, thank you for your ongoing generosity

Aughawillan St Patrick's Church:

Sat 6:30 pm

Mass Intentions

Sat 3rd Dec 6:30 pm Winifred McTague (Stralohan) **1st Anniversary**

Wed 7th Dec 6:30pm **Vigil for Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

Sat 10th Dec 6:30 pm Hugh Patrick and Mary Brady (Cornamahon) and all deceased family members

Eucharist Ministers: **December** Bernadette Mahon and Patricia Dean

Altar Society: **December** Mary Quinn Fox, Colleen Quinn, and Martina Conefrey

Ministers of the Word: **December** Sinead Kiernan and Morgan Quinn

Door Collectors: **December** Pat Stringer and Michael Quinn

RECENT DEATHS: We pray for the soul of Catherine (Mina) Gokoolsingh née Kearns (Drumcoura & Florida) Aunty of Kathleen Kearns and also all the Faithful Departed.

May they Rest in Peace

RECENT BAPTISM: We welcome Fíodh Hélène Bridget Emery into our Christian family, and we congratulate her parents on this joyous occasion.

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



THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL CAROL SERVICE: in St Patrick's Church Ballinamore Wed 14th Dec @ 7:30pm (Next Week). Come early to ensure a seat. It promises to be a wonderful evening of music, and joyous celebration of the season. There will be 6 Choirs, 3 National School groups, Foróige group, the Community school TY group and more. Bishop Martin Hayes will attend. Rehearsal for all participants on Sunday the 11th at 6pm. A voluntary collection on the night will be for Ballinamore Nursing Unit patient fund & North West Simon community for the homeless. If you cannot attend but wish to contribute you may leave envelope marked "Carol Service" in the safe at the back of the church.

BALLINAMORE PRAYER GROUP 8:30pm on Tuesday nights. Come along and invite your friends.

VISITATION OF THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Visits to take place 15th and 16th of December, Fr Seán and Fr Johnny will phone before a visit, if you wish a Priest to visit you before these dates please contact them by telephone

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

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

PREPARING HEART, MIND & SPIRIT AS WE JOURNEY TOWARDS CHRISTMAS - An Advent Service of Carols and Readings, led by Bishop Martin Hayes, takes place in The Conaty Chapel of the Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre, on this the Second Sunday of Advent, 4th of December, at 5 p.m. All are welcome. A voluntary collection will take place for the St. Vincent de Paul & the Diocesan Pastoral Centre. Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

ADVENT-NEW SEASON: Candles as part of an Evergreen Wreath remind us Jesus came as light into our dark world.

Each candle means something different. The first candle symbolises Hope, sometimes called "Prophet's Candle/Gods People Candle" signifies our wait for the arrival of Jesus coming. The second candle represents Faith or "Bethlehem Candle" it reminds us Jesus was born in Bethlehem and of the journey of Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem. The third candle symbolises Joy or "Shepherd's Candle". This Candle reminds us that the angels announced to the shepherds in the field, "good news of great joy to all people." This candle is pink because the colour rose signifies joy. The fourth candle signifies Peace and is called the "Angel's Candle." The angels announced that Jesus came to bring peace—He brings peace with God and with each other again. The fifth is white and symbolises Light and Purity, it is called "Christ's candle" and represents Christ coming into the world. It is placed in the centre of the wreath to remind us that Christ is central to our lives

KILMORE YOUTH MINISTRY - CHRISTMAS ESSAY COMPETITION FOR 6TH CLASS STUDENTS: The essay title is "Why was the first Christmas so important" up to 500 words. First prize is family tickets to Tayto Park. The closing date is Friday 9th December and the winner contacted by the 12th December. Please include school address and contact number when sending in the essay. This is open to any 6th Class student from Kilmore Diocese. If you have any questions contact Francis Keaney on **049 437 5004**

COMMUNITY NOTES

ATHLETIC CLUB: Training Tues & Thurs until Dec 13th New members enrolling for 2023 all categories welcome

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.

ST. MARYS NS, AUGHNASHEELIN BUS ESCORT: Board of Management of St. Mary's NS require a bus escort to travel with student/s, be responsible for their health and safety whilst travelling, and do Morning & Evening run. Please apply in writing to: The Chairperson, BoM, St. Mary's N.S. Aughnasheelin, Co Leitrim. By 21st Dec '22.

ATHLETIC CLUB: Training as usual on Tuesday 7 p.m. New members for 2023 welcome.

BALLINAMORE WOMEN'S GROUP: are meeting in the Island theatre on Wednesday 7th Dec @ 8pm. Its party night, all members are invited to attend.

BALLINAMORE LIBRARY: is delighted to announce that a Santa Post Box will be in place in the library for posting all letters to Santa Claus. Dates for posting: December 1st to December 17th to avoid disappointment.

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**.

BALLINAMORE OUTREACH: Thurs. 11.30-12 pm in the Island Theatre Ballinamore offering support with housing, social welfare, education & training, senior alert forms, counselling services, activities for children, and support with parenting, and other personal development. Telephone **071 96 31253** or text/WhatsApp **086 6035977**.

📢 BREAKING NEWS FROM THE NORTH POLE 📢: Santa will be visiting Ballinamore on Sat. Dec 10th Santa will begin his journey from the bottom of the town at 5.30pm, he will then go up Main Street and then make his way to all the streets and estates and will visit everyone. There will one treat for every child. So get your jumpers, your hats and lights ready. Thank you to the local elves have worked so hard to get the lights ready, they will be a big help to Santa

BALLINAMORE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL: 3rd & 4th December, please look out for our donation boxes, or donations can be made directly to the SVP account in Ballinamore Credit Union, IBAN: IE49BLRU99224009342021 and BIC: BLRUIE21, or manually in the Credit Union to Acc No 9320380, we really appreciate your ongoing support.

LET IT SNOW: Seasonal Singing Ukulele Jamboree St Georges heritage centre Carrick on Shannon Sing together and bugs (Ballinamore Ukulele Group Singers) Fri 9th Dec all welcome and all proceeds to St Vincent De Paul

REFLECTION - The 2nd Candle is lit on the Advent Wreath the "Bethlehem Candle" – FAITH

We pray for those who have responsibility of guiding us in Church and Society; grant them a spirit of right judgement, wisdom and compassion. Reward with your peace all who aid us to meet the needs of others as one family