

BALLINAMORE & DRUMREILLY LOWER PARISH NEWSLETTER

5th November 2023

Prisoners Sunday

31st Sunday in OT

Feast Days: 6th all Saints of Ireland, 10th Nov St Leo the Great, Pope 11th St Martin of Tours

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

Ballinamore Church:

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

Sat 4th Nov 11 am Micheal and Eileen Doherty (Church Street) and their son Micheal Doherty

Milentije Arandelovic (Corrahole)

Sun 5th Nov 11 am Francis and Mary Curran (Tarmon)

Mary Fanning (Ardrum)

Henryk Bogaczyk 24th Anniversary

Philip and Philomena Murphy (St Brigid's Street) and all deceased members of the Turbitt and Murphy Families

Mon 6th Nov 7pm Faithful Departed

Wed 8th Nov 7 pm Faithful Departed

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Tues 7th Nov 9 am Jackie Gallagher (Church Street)

Fri 10th Nov 9 am Faithful Departed

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Sat 11th Nov 11 am St Bridie O'Reilly Months Mind

John and Claire Creamer (Stradermott)

Sun 12th Nov 11 am Charlie and Mary McHugh (Killaneen)

Eucharistic Adoration Fridays 9.30am -10. 30am

Eucharist Ministers: 5th Nov Alice Costello, Raymond McHugh, Marcella McKiernan 12th Nov Evelyn McHugh, Marian Sharpley, PJ McLoughlin 19th Brendan Sweeney,

Ministers of the Word 5th Nov Rhona Conlon 12th Nov Mary Conlon 19th Mary McKiernan 26th Nov Micheal Dolan

Door Collectors: 5th Nov & 12th Seamus McTague, Micheal Gillen, PJ Duignan, and Eugene Maxwell

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

Aughnasheelin, St. Mary's Church:

Fri 7pm & Sat 8:15

Mass Intentions

Fri 3rd Nov 7 pm Jim and Annie Gallagher and Seán and Josie Gallagher (Drumrackan)

Sat 4th Nov 8:15 pm Pat Gilhooly (Foxwood)

Fri 10th Nov 7pm Mary Canning (Drumbibe) 1st Anniversary

James and Annie O'Dowd (Mayo) and all deceased family members

Sat 11th Nov 1 pm Memorial Mass for Seán Flynn (Rathfarnham & Aughnasheelin)

Sat 11th Nov 8:15 pm Seán Sammon

Ann and Ivan Higgins (Aughnasheelin)

Eucharist Ministers: 28th&4th Nov Sharon O'Dowd & Brendan Sammon 11th&18th Nov Terence Boyle & Kealin M

Ministers of the Word: Philip Roddy and Monica Ward **Door Collectors:** Micheal James Creamer, Sean Mahon and

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

Corraleehan St. Brigid's Church:

Wed 9:30 am & Sun 9:45 am

Mass Intentions

Sat 4th Nov 12 pm Mary McGovern (Drumgowna) Months Mind

Sun 5th Nov 9:45 am Gus and Mary Gilheany (Druncromman) and all deceased family members

Rose and Jack Curnan (Derradda) and their son John Curnan

Rosaleen and Pat Joe Prior (Drumgowna) and all deceased family members

Sun 12th Nov 9:45am Oliver and Mary Plunkett (Stroke) and all deceased members of the Plunkett family

John and Katie Carthy (Clougher) their daughter Geraldine and son Pat Joe and all deceased family members

Eucharistic Ministers: Annie McManus and Teresa Maxwell

Ministers of the Word: Paul Prior & Sean Prior

Door Collectors: Seamus McGovern and Tommy McKiernan

Alter Society: Mary Meehan and Gerry Meehan

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

Aughawillan St Patrick's Church:

Sat 7pm

Mass Intentions

Sat 4th Nov 7 pm No intention

Sat 11th Nov 7pm Memorial Mass for Ben Donoghue (Garadice & England)

Eucharistic Ministers: Angela Sutherland & Michelle Dolan **Ministers of the Word:** Siomha Quinn & Mark Stringer

Door Collectors: Micheal Darcy and Patrick Prior

Altar Society: Jillian Warren and Maureen McGovern

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

RECENT DEATHS: Please pray for the souls of Bernie Kelly (nee Harvey) whose ashes were interred on 26th Oct. in Aughnasheelin, Alice Mc Hugh (Tullyveela) whose funeral took place Thursday in Corlough Church, Micheal Duignan (brother of Mel Duignan), whose funeral took place in Tallaght last week, also Philomena Kearns (Drumcoura & London) who died suddenly on 1st Nov, and all the Faithful departed.

May They Rest in Peace

RECENT BAPTISM: We welcome Amelia Rose McGovern into our Christian family, and congratulate her family on this joyous occasion.

WELCOME TO FR MOSES MALACHY: from Minna Diocese, Nigeria. Fr Moses will reside in the Parochial House, Church Street, and will be ministering in the Pastoral Area.

MASS FOR DECEASED MEMBERS OF LEITRIM CO CO: at 8pm, 6th Nov, in St Mary's Church, Carrick on Shannon

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS: In November we are invited to remember and pray for the faithful departed. In all our churches a number of masses will be offered for deceased members of our families. It would be appreciated if you would bring in the list of those you wish to be prayed for along with your donation in the envelope provided, which may be put into the offertory boxes or left in the Safe in Ballinamore church. Please leave only the list of the dead in the special box close to the altar. **(Do not leave any money in this box)**

MASS OF CONSOLATION FOR THE BEREAVED: Takes place in Aughnasheelin Church on 24th November at 8pm

THE REMEMBRANCE TREE: a way of remembering deceased loved ones, you are asked to write names of your loved ones on a label and put it on the remembrance tree in Ballinamore Church. Please sit and pray for a while.

BISHOP MARTIN'S PASTORAL LETTER "Making Decisions and preparing for the Future Together" will be read out by members of the Parish Pastoral Council at all Masses on the weekend of the 4th & 5th November. This letter is the fruit of much consultation and reflection by Bishop Martin as he presents his vision for the Diocese as we move forward to face new challenges. Copies of the Pastoral Letter will be handed out after each Mass. Copies of the letter will be available in each church porch during the week. **PARISH MEETINGS** will take place throughout the Diocese of Kilmore to discuss the content of the Bishop's Pastoral Letter and allow parishioners to express their views. A meeting for the parishioners of Oughteragh/Lower Drumreilly will take place in the **Assembly Hall of Ballinamore Community School on Monday 13th Nov. at 8pm** with an outside facilitator, all are welcome to attend.

BALLINAMORE PARISH: has setup an online interactive portal. This allows people online to light a candle, pay contributions, and make donations online. Scan this QR code with your smart phone, <https://churchtv.ie/> follow the 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.



COMMUNITY NOTES

BALLINAMORE ATHLETIC CLUB: Club members will be competing in the Uneven Ages event in Ballymote on Sun 5th Nov. Training continues Tuesday and Thursday at 7 pm.

AUGHNASHEELIN SOCIAL DANCING CLASSES Continue with Rena Bannon in the Hall at 8.30 pm. All welcome.

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

AUGHNASHEELIN FOROIGE CLUB: are holding a 'Starting Out Training' for leaders in Aughnasheelin Community Hall on Tuesday 14th November from 18.00 - 21:30. For more information contact Nathan on **083 479 4549**

NORTH WEST STOP: are holding their AGM on 17th Nov in the Mayflower, Drumshanbo at 7pm. Guest speakers and light refreshments on the evening. All are welcome.

DRUMEELA GARDEN CLUB: A talk by Catherine McGuire on 'Herbs for Medicinal and Culinary use' Wednesday, 8th Nov in Teach Ducháis at 8.30pm. (Eircode **H12 DF84**). Everyone welcome. Refreshments served.

BALLINAMORE BADMINTON CLUB: Tues at 9pm Ballinamore Sports Complex. €3 per night, PAYG. All welcome.

BEGINNERS IRISH CLASSES: Ballinamore Library Tuesday at 8pm. Free Classes. Text/call **087 6821 566**

CASH FOR CLOBBER COLLECTION: for Scoil Chlann Naofa. Bags may be left in the shed in the rear of the After-School Building between 9am - 10 am on the mornings of Mon 6th, Tues 7th, Wed 8th & Thurs 9th Nov. Bags will be collected on Thurs 9th. All donations to be clean and in good condition. All support is appreciated.

ISLAND THEATRE BALLINAMORE: GREATEST 80s 25th November, **THE BJORN IDENTITY** - tribute to ABBA in concert 9th December 2023. Bookings on www.islandtheatre.ie or at Ballinamore Tourist Office or phone **071 964 4513** Annual Craft Fair 3rd Dec

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

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

GARDENING COURSES IN BALLINAMORE ETB CENTRE:

QQi Level 4 Plant Identification every Wednesday from 10am-2pm. **QQi Level 3 Garden Planning** every Thursday from 10am-2pm. Both courses are free to everyone over 18. To register call or just call up to Seamus **087 916 8087**.

'THIS IS YOUR LIFE' SHOW - FUNDRAISER FOR BALLINAMORE FAMILY FESTIVAL: Saturday 4th November in the Island Theatre. Doors Open 7.15pm Curtain 8pm. Book your seat through www.islandtheatre.ie

SEAN O'HESLINS GAA CHRISTMAS CLUB SHOP: now OPEN! Please see our social media for the link to the store. Please note the time frames; orders portal closes Oct. 23rd all orders processed after 23rd regardless of when your order was placed. There is at least a 6 week lead time until delivery, due to these being personalised orders.

SEAN O'HESLINS CLUB DRAW: Tickets for November Draw cost €10, from Smyth's Siopa Ol, Philip Murphy's, Philip Farrelly, Alan Banks in Fresh Today, Priors Bar, and you can text and Revolut Michael **086 390 6791** Tickets for September Draw available online, or in Murphy's, Priors Bar, from Phillip Farrelly, and Alan Banks in Fresh today your support is appreciated. October winners are, 1st €200 Stephen Beirne, 2nd €150 Liam Ferguson, 3rd €100 Mary Kavanagh, 4th €50 James McWeeney, and 5th €50 Walter Sharpley

REFLECTION:

Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that. Let no one pull you so low as to hate them. *Martin Luther King* **AMEN.**

BIBLE STUDY COURSE: Bishop-Emeritus Leo O'Reilly will deliver a six-week course on "Understanding the Gospel of St. Mark" in the Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Cavan H12 E5C7 on Thursdays from 7:30 pm - 9 pm. Each evening will conclude with Lectio Divina, a meditative way of reading the Scriptures in which we let go of our own agendas and open ourselves to what God is trying to say to us through His Word. All welcome. A voluntary contribution each evening would be appreciated. For further information, please contact the Centre on **049 4375004** (Ext. 102) or by email to pastoralcentre@kilmorediocese.ie

FREE EVENT: 'Ages and Stages' is a production which is written and performed by members of Cavan Older People's Council facilitated by Maura Williamson. The play tells the stories of the journeys undertaken in life from childhood to older years. It is taking place on Tues 14th Nov & Wed 15th Nov at 8pm in Town hall Cavan. Please book through <https://townhallcavan.com> or ring **049 4380494**. Doors open 7.30pm.

TEMPLEPORT DAY CENTRE: Due to reconstruction work in the Community Centre for the next few weeks. Day Centre activities are taking place in Tom Regan Hall in Ballyconnell. Busses will go directly to Ballyconnell, so this is a reminder to anyone who usually drives to come to Ballyconnell Hall at the usual time. Usual transport arrangements. New members welcome. Further information from Kathleen **087 7921683** or Anne **087 285 7471**.

GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS IN BALLINAMORE: chair exercises followed by movement to country music. Thurs 10am from 1st to 30th of November in Ballinamore old primary school beside the old convent. Call **087 939 0980**

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.

SING TOGETHER at the ISLAND THEATRE Monthly drop-ins **11am-12.30pm**, refreshments afterwards. Pay as you go/or can €5/€10/€15. Up-coming dates **18th Nov, & 16th December**. Call Sarah on **087 762 0523** or

sarah@sarahgarden.ie for more information. 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 experience with singing. Session

LINE DANCING CLASSES: We welcome back John & Julie for Line Dancing classes in Corlough Community Centre at 8pm Tues eves 7th, 14th, (not 21st), and 28th Nov. Cost: €7 Adult & €4 under 18's must be accompanied by an adult. Facilitated by Sarah Garden, and is a chance to sing songs from around the world and every genre.

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**

AN EVENING OF SONGS OF FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE IN KNOCK BASILICA – Fri. 1st Dec - 8pm, featuring Dana, John McNicholl, Margo, Philomena Begley and Marc Roberts with Úna Nolan & Schola Cantorum Basilicae choir. A fundraising concert for Victim Assistance Charity. Tickets from [Ticketmaster.ie](https://www.ticketmaster.ie) and Mary McNicholas, Victim Assistance HO, Aiden St., Kiltimagh, Co. Mayo **094 9000 251 & 086 3938871**. Email: support@victimassistance.ie

FEBRUARY 2024 SEES THE 2 Yrs. BETTER TOGETHER- NÍOS FEARR LE CHÉILE PIP COME TO A CLOSE:

There are 2 Events planned for November 2023; **Thursday 23rd Nov** – a Libraries Symposium, a one-off event to complete our Cross-Border Reading Project. The evening will comprise of a number of informative seminars, discussion groups, and culminates with a special roundtable event – Exploring the themes of the project; looking at similarities and differences from the books chosen related to borders/boundaries, good relations, equality and peace and reconciliation. A number of our high profile authors will be in attendance. Refreshments will be served throughout the evening, and will run from 5pm – 8:30pm in the island Theatre, Ballinamore.

Celebratory event – **Friday 24th Nov** – All welcome for an evening of celebration and recognition of the achievements of the 'Better Together – Níos Fearr Le Chéile Peace Impact Programme 2022 – 2024' A celebratory evening in tribute to the accomplishments and achievements realised by the project and it's participants over the past 2 years. The evening will be an insightful experience, showcasing the journeys, efforts and contributions from all involved. Refreshments will be served throughout the evening, and will run from 3pm – 7pm in the Island Theatre, Ballinamore. For more information please call **087 383 5513**

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!

Greatest 80s – Music November 25th @ 8pm - This high-energy show features all of your favourite hits from the decade of neon and big hair, including songs from iconic artists like Duran Duran, a-ha and Spandau Ballet to name just a few. Don't miss your chance to relive the decade that defined a generation. Bookings on www.islandtheatre.ie or in person in Ballinamore Tourist Office or phone **071 964 4513**

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.