

BALLINAMORE & DRUMREILLY LOWER PARISH NEWSLETTER

Sunday 5th of December 2021

Second Sunday of Advent



Feast Days, Dec 6th St Nicholas of Myra, Dec 7th St Ambrose, Dec 8th Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 9th Dec St Juan Diego, Dec 10th Our Lady of Loreto, and UN Human Rights Day, 10th Dec St Damasus I, Pope

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Ballinamore St. Patrick's Church:

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

Mass Intentions

- Sat 4th Dec. 11 am** The deceased members of the Sharpley (Aughayoula) & Delahoid (High Street) Family, and also Tom Carley.
- Sun 5th Dec 11 am** Christine Maxwell (Dromore) **Months Mind**
- Wed 8th Dec 11 am** Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- Sat 11th Dec 11 am** Vera & Jim McTague (Lahard) & deceased family members of the Smyth & McTague families Frank and Eileen Logan (Saint Brigid's Street) and all deceased family members
- Eucharist Ministers** **Dec 5th** Alice Costello, Raymond McHugh, Marcella McKiernan **Dec 12th** Evelyn McHugh, Marion Sharpley, PJ Mc Loughlin. **Dec 19th** Brendan Sweeney, Tommy Moran, Bridie McCafferty, Eilis O'Dell
- Ministers of the Word** **Dec 5th** Michael Dolan **Dec 12th** Marie Sweeney **Dec 19th** Thomas Kelly **Christmas Eve** Sylvia Dolan and **Christmas Day** PJ McLoughlin, **Dec 26th** Gabriel Cronin
- Door Collectors** **5th Dec** Seamus McTague Michael Gillen, PJ Duignan & Eugene Maxwell **Group 1: 12th & 19th** Felim Maxwell, Dominic McGovern, John Galligan, **Group 2: 26th Dec & 2nd Jan** Francis McTague, Brendan Brennan, Sean McKeon, & Alan Banks.

Eucharistic Adoration suspended while work continues in the Prayer Room

Aughnasheelin, St. Mary's Church:

Mass Tuesday and Saturday 7 pm

Mass Intentions

- Sat 4th Dec 7 pm** Laurence Moran & Josephine Brogan & deceased members of the Duignan & Moran families. John Joe and Brigid McGirl (Main Street) and Mary Mulvihill (Aughadark) Michael Gilbride (Drumrackan)
- Tues 7th Dec 7 pm** Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- Sat 11th Dec 7 pm** Pat and Katie Sammon and John and Rosanne Murphy Ann Higgins nee Prior (Gubnaveigh & England) **Months Mind** Johnny Mahon (Buggaun), also John Joe & Ellen Mahon and all deceased family members
- Eucharist Ministers** **(December 2021)** Sheila O'Dowd and Brendan Salmon
- Ministers of the Word** **(December 2021)** Maura Mulvey
- Door Collectors** **(December 2021)** Philip Rooney, Terence Boyle, and Gavin Salmon
- Eucharistic Adoration** **Wednesday** 11am to 12 noon, and 8 to 10 pm

Corraleehan St. Brigid's Church:

Mass Wednesday & Sunday at 9:45 am

Mass Intentions

- Sun 5th Dec 9:45 am** Mary Plunkett **Months Mind** Tommy Flynn (Kiltyhugh)
- Wed 8th Dec 9:45 am** Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- Sun 12th Dec 9:45 am** Cosmos Prior, Bernie & Katie Prior and all deceased family members
- Eucharist Ministers** **(December 2021)** Annie McManus
- Ministers of the Word** **(December 2021)** Damien Gilheany and Tracy Mc Tague
- Door Collectors** **(December 2021)** Seamus Beirne and Michael McManus
- Altar Society** **(December 2021)** Bridie McNiff, Josie Maguire and Marion Larkin
- Eucharistic Adoration** **Wednesday** 10 am to 8 pm, All Welcome

Aughawillan St Patrick's Church:

Mass Tuesday and Saturday at 8:15 pm

Mass Intentions

- Sat 5th Dec 8:15 pm** People of the Parish
- Tues 7th Dec 8:15pm** Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- Eucharist Ministers** **(December 2021)** Mary Farrell Quinn and Sinead Kiernan
- Ministers of the Word** **(December 2021)** Sinead Kiernan and Morgan Quinn
- Door Collectors** **(December 2021)** Pat Stringer and Michael Quinn
- Altar Society** **(December 2021)** Mary Quinn Fox, Coleen Quinn, and Martina Conefrey
- RECENT BAPTISM:** We welcome Willow Grace Maguire who was recently baptised. Congratulations to her family.
- RECENT DEATHS:** we pray for the souls of those who died this week, Louis Quinn (Drumlonan), Pat Rehill (Drumcroman) and Mary Boyle (Tullybawn)
- May They Rest in Peace**

CHURCH NOTES

VISITATION OF THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: dates to be confirmed next week in preparation for Christmas.

CAPUCHIN MISSIONS: Acknowledge and extend Sincere thanks to you all for your ongoing generous contributions to the Capuchin Missions, on 27th November we received €682.00. Your contributions which go to our Missions in Zambia and South Africa are a lifeline in these restricted times. (Donations to the St. Anthony's collection box in the church porch go to the Capuchin Missions) Br. Joe Gallagher, OFM CAP, Raheny Friary, Dublin, on behalf of the Capuchin Missions, wishes you all a very Happy, Holy and Peaceful Christmas.

WHILE WE HAVE FULL CAPACITY IN OUR CHURCHES: it is important that we remain CoVid19 vigilant, respect each other's space, observe social distancing, use face masks, sanitise our hands when entering and leaving the church, and refrain from physical contact. To prevent the spread of CoVid19 and with respect for the bereaved families and relatives please do not shake hands when sympathising in Church.

GENTLE REMINDER: As the end of the year approaches it would be appreciated if your church contributions were bought 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 Priests Revenue A/C Ballinamore.

BALLINAMORE PRAYER GROUP: meet Tuesdays from 8:30 to 9:45 pm, in St Brigid's Parish Centre, all welcome.

COPIES OF THE IRISH CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER: are in Ballinamore Church Porch. Put €2.50 in the Trócaire Box

BALLINAMORE CHURCH: Work continues in the prayer room, we thank you for your co-operation.

COMMUNITY NOTES

SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY: This Sunday has traditionally been our Senior Citizens Christmas Party day. Unfortunately, due to Covid 19, we are unable to have a party, as it is important that our senior citizens are safe. Our committee wish all of you and your families a very happy and safe Christmas and every blessing in 2022.

BALLINAMORE HENS' SHED - CRAFTY CHRISTMAS MONDAYS 10.30 am – 1pm: A handmade gift is more precious than a last-minute buy. Learn and get support to craft in the company of other women. Bring your own materials and equipment, protocols in place to safely share. Old Tech, Ballinamore. For info call Sarah **087 762 0523**

BALLINAMORE MOBILE POET TO FACILITATE FOUR FREE WORKSHOPS: Ballinamore Writers' Group, of recently published '**Reflections: A Collection of Writings**' invites you to join them and Facilitator poet Wayne Frankham for the 2nd of their workshops at the Island Theatre, Ballinamore on Sun 5th Dec 10.30 am-12.30 pm. The 3rd date is 12th Dec. and 4th date is Wed. 29th 4-6 pm. For info call Claire 087 **769 6514**. Funded by Creative Ireland.

KILMORE YOUTH MINISTRY: are running a Christmas Essay Competition. First prize is a family trip to Tayto Park. The essay title will again be "Why was the first Christmas so important" This essay competition is for 6th class students/Confirmation class. The essay must be no more than 500 words. Closing date is Fri. 10th Dec, with winner announced Wed. 15th December. Entries to Francis Keaney, Conaty Centre, Cullies, Co Cavan H12 E5C7.

ONLINE THEOLOGY OPEN EVENING, the Priory Institute www.prioryinstitute.com provides online Theology courses to degree level. Click [here](#) or enquiries@prioryinstitute.com to find out about the Open Evening Thurs 2nd Dec. 7pm. The link is <https://prioryinstitute.com/events/priory-institute-open-evening> or call Frances **086 851 0769**

MEDITATION WITH ART: Thursdays, 7.30 - 8.30 pm. €10 per week, in Trathnóna, Ballinamore. This is a gift to yourself, a little self-care, in changing times. No need to be artistic. Drop-in welcome, call Mary **087 290 1913**

SOCIAL DANCING AUGHNASHEELIN COMMUNITY CENTRE WITH RINA BANNON: Wed 8pm Call **086 850 6696**

LINE DANCING CLASSES: In Corlough Hall have finished. John & Julie will be back in January. Social dancing with Rina Mon 6th December at 8 pm. This is the last class for 2021. Wishing all a Happy Christmas and a Joy filled 2022.

MUSIC LESSONS IN BALLINAMORE - Learn the Ukulele, Guitar or Keyboard. Lessons weekly at Sean O'Heslins GAA club. Group and Individual classes offered. All learners welcome. Beginners to intermediate level. Enrolling now for January - Parent & toddler music classes, weekly fun sessions Call Susan - **087 317 8169**. www.singaling.ie

IN-CALF ROAN OR WORLDWIDE ROAM! Corlough GAA Fundraiser. Win an In-Calf Heifer, Holiday of Your Choice, OR a Centre Parks Getaway! All for €20. Tickets available online, @Corlough GAA Facebook page or any member.

SEAN O'HESLINS CLUB DRAW: Thanks for supporting this month's club draw which took place in Smyth's Siopa Ól thankyou Kieran and Cathy for hosting us. 1st prize €200 Gerry and Geraldine Redican, 2nd €150 Andy Duffy, 3rd €100 Breege Farrelly, 4th €50 Dean McGovern, and 5th €50 Séan Sullivan. Comhghairdeas le gach duine

DEEPEST SYMPATHY: to the family of Ann McCaffrey who was a fantastic supporter and volunteer for the club. We will keep all recently deceased supporters, and Ann and her family in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

SEAN O'HESLINS CHRISTMAS DRAW: Tickets are now available. Please text **086 390 6791** or message us on our Facebook page, you can pay by Revolut, tickets are also available from club members.

REFLECTION ADVENT

Something to think and pray about each day.

For us, in this advent season, we are being called to realise that the tidy soul, like the tidy house, has to be worked at. It doesn't just happen! If we truly want the Lord to come stay awhile, we have to prepare the way. It's about putting the house in order - the soul in order. Somewhere and somehow we need to hear the Centurions words again, his words are 'Lord, I am not worthy have you under my roof'.

For that, we need a plan of action, road map of sorts, and guidance on the journey. The Sacrament of Reconciliation supplies some of that road map. The coordinates are there for us, the initial step might be found in "Bless me father, for I have sinned".

