

## BALLINAMORE & DRUMREILLY LOWER PARISH NEWSLETTER

7<sup>th</sup> January 2024

*the Baptism of the Lord*

*Feast Days: 7<sup>th</sup> Jan Baptism of the Lord, 13<sup>th</sup> Jan St Hilary of Poitiers*

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**Ballinamore Church:**

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

Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 11 am

**Epiphany of the Lord**

Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 11 am

Eddie Cafferty (Main Street) **Months Mind**

Vera Mc Weeney (Miskawn and Enniskillen) **1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary**

Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 7 pm

Jimmy, Tess and Patrick Conway (St Brigid's Street) and Matt and Mary Fagan (Melican)

Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Jan 11 am

Pety Prior (Knockenroe) **Months Mind**

Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 11 am

Steve Ralph (Lahard & New York) **1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary**

Dessie Kieran (Main Street) **1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary**

**Eucharistic Adoration:**

**Fridays 9.30am –10.30am**

**Eucharist Ministers:** 7<sup>th</sup> Jan Brendan Sweeney, Tommy Moran & Eilis O'Dell 14<sup>th</sup> Jan Michael Duignan & Peggy Ferguson 21<sup>st</sup> Jan Thomas Kelly & Gerard McCartin.

**Ministers of the Word** 7<sup>th</sup> Jan Mary Corby 14<sup>th</sup> Jan Gerard Darcy 21<sup>st</sup> Jan Tommy Moran

**Door Collectors:** 7<sup>th</sup> Jan Micheal Dolan, Tom Gannon & Monica Sharpley 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> James Maguire, Noel Dolan, Seamus McGrath and Declan Cumiskey 28<sup>th</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Feb John Curran, John O'Connell and David McBrien

**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 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 8:15 pm

**Vigil Epiphany of the Lord**

Catherine and Michael Francis Griffin and their son Edward, and all deceased members of the Bohan and Griffin families (Moycullen)

Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 8:15 pm

no intention

Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Jan 7pm

Thomas Creamer (Drumbibe) and all deceased family members

Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Jan 8:15 pm

Bridie Murray (Killaneen) **2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary**

**Eucharist Ministers:** 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> Jan Mary Costello & Sheila O'Dowd

& Andy McPartland

**Ministers of the Word:** Breda Mulvanerty and Sharon Flynn **Door Collectors:** Gerry Smyth, Francis McTeigue

**Eucharistic Adoration**

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

**Corraleehan St. Brigid's Church:**

**Wed 9:30 am, & Sun 9:45 am.**

**Mass Intentions**

Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 9:45 am

**Epiphany of the Lord**

Michael and Bridget McManus (Drumderg) and all deceased family members

Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 9:45 am

Josephine and Jim Joe Prior (Drumderg) and all deceased family members

Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 9:45 am

Evelyn Beirne **Months Mind**

Patrick Francis McGovern (Drumderg) His parents Patrick and Roseanne McGovern, their son Jim and daughters Ann and Mary, also remember Patrick Francis' wife Mary who died on 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct 2023.

**Eucharist Ministers:** Teresa Maxwell & Annie McManus

**Altar Society:** Imelda Prior and Tracey McTague

**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:**

**Sat 7pm.**

**Mass Intentions**

Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 7 pm

**Vigil Epiphany of the Lord**

Paddy and Annie Dolan (Lisroughty) and all deceased family members

Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 7 pm

no intention

**Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Jan 7 pm**

no intention

**Eucharist Ministers:** Sinead Kiernan & Damien Conefrey **Altar Society:** Martina Maxwell and Geraldine Maxwell

**Ministers of the Word:** Ronan Maxwell and Marie Quinn **Door Collectors:** Christy McGovern & Cathál McBrien

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

**RECENT DEATHS:** Please pray for all the soul of Colm Mullan (Fohera & Berkley, California) and all of the Faithful departed. **May They Rest in Peace**

**RECENT WEDDINGS:** We congratulate Marie Mulvey and Declan McHugh who were recently married in St Marys Church Aughnasheelin, may they have many years of health and happiness together.

**GENTLE REMINDER:** it would be appreciated if your church contributions for 2023 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 Ballinamore Catholic Church 2 ACC.

**CHURCH ENVELOPES FOR 2024** are available for collection in all churches. Please collect your box of envelopes at your earliest convenience as they will be in use for the Feast Day of the Epiphany on Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>. If you are new to the Parish call or email the Parish Office on **071 96 44039** email [ballinamore@kilmorediocese.ie](mailto:ballinamore@kilmorediocese.ie)



**BOUGHTERAGH & LOWER DRUMREILLY 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 24/7. St Patricks Church Aughawillan is now live on the website, at this link <https://www.churchtv.ie/aughawillan/>

### COMMUNITY NOTES

**BALLINAMORE ATHLETIC CLUB:** training resumes at the Sports Hall & St Felim's on Tues. 9<sup>th</sup> 7pm and new members will be enrolled then.

**SOCIAL DANCING CLASSES** resume on 10<sup>th</sup> Jan at 8pm in Aughnasheelin Community Centre come along and learn to Jive. Waltz and plenty more dances. Everyone welcome.

**IRISH CONVERSATION CLASSES.** Want to Improve or practice your Gaeilge? The very successful Ciorcal Comhrá, or Irish Conversation Circle will resume in Ballinamore Library on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2024, at 8 pm Different levels of classes apply. Admission free. Ring or text **087 682 1566** to book a place.

**TIN WHISTLE LESSONS:** resume Fri. 12<sup>th</sup> Jan. at 7pm for beginners and intermediate/advanced children. All newcomers welcome. Classes in Sean O Heslins GAA clubroom for more information contact Sarah at **083 483 5881**

**SUSTAINABLE CHANGES TO DEVELOP HEALTHY HABITS:** with Dietician Rachel Mc Loughlin Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Jan 11am

**'MIND YOUR MIND'** is a Women's Group facilitated by Louise Farry (Registered Psychiatric Nurse and Holistic Therapist). It's a group focused on enhancing Women's mental wellbeing by creating a little community where we have conversation over a cup of tea or coffee and we finish with a meditation. It's open to any woman who wishes to attend. Bring an exercise mat for meditations or feel free to remain seated on a chair. Group re-commences on Mon. 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan. at 8pm, the Buzz Enterprise Centre up Willowfield Road, Eircode N41 HH87. €10 investment for attendance

**GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS:** movement to music & stretching suitable for older adults. Starting Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Jan 10am in Ballinamore Old Primary School (beside the old convent, pedestrian crossing & new national school). All welcome.

**DANCE FIT & TONING CLASS:** Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 8pm in Ballinamore Community Hall at the Island Theatre, and Wed 10<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm in Ballinamore Old Primary School, this is a great uplifting weekly exercise class with Michelle Fanning. For further information contact **087 939 0980**.

**P/T SPREADSHEET METHODS – MONDAY, 8<sup>th</sup> JAN. 2024:** Mohill Enterprise Centre is now accepting registrations for its part-time 4-week QQI Level 4 Spreadsheet course. Ideal for new and intermediate computer users preparing for employment or simply looking to upskill. Register by calling **(071) 9632024** or emailing [feargalodonaile@msletb.ie](mailto:feargalodonaile@msletb.ie)

**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.

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

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

**SEAN O'HESLINS NEW YEAR DRAW:** Tickets are on sale now from Club members or on Revolut by contacting **086 390 791**. Tickets are one for €20 or three for €50. The draw will take place in Priors on the 6<sup>th</sup> Jan. please support.

**SEAN O'HESLINS DINNER DANCE:** to celebrate our ladies team's achievements this year, winning the County and Connacht titles and reaching an All-Ireland final. Dinner Dance in the Slieve Russell hotel on the 20<sup>th</sup> Jan. Tickets are €50 each and can be purchased by contacting Jenny McTague on **087 2958837** where you can pay by Revolut or arrange to pay via cash. Tickets will be distributed in 10 days' time. Tickets are limited so please book early.

**ST BRIGID'S LGFA DINNER DANCE:** Celebrate an amazing year on Sat 13th Jan in Kilonan Castle. It's been an unbelievable year, let's get out and support! Tickets available from Maeve **(086) 8394398**, Tara **(087) 7686184** and Ciara **(087) 2878661**, and online link: <https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/StBrigidsLGFA/TicketSales?>

**PADDY'S ICEBREAKERS:** and the O'Connor family would like to thank all of those who took the plunge, including the ladies of Sean O'Heslins GAA, Ballinamore who, after a very hectic couple of months on the field of Play joined us. To those who donated and otherwise supported this year's event a big thank you. The event took place at 1 pm on Christmas day at Garadice Lake outside Ballinamore with a large crowd present. In excess of €3000 has been raised so far for Vision Ireland. We hope to see you all again Christmas day 2024, same time, same place

### REFLECTION

Where, Oh where are the Prophets, when we need them O Lord?

Where are the brave ones who speak truth to power?

Where are the anointed Women and Men who refuse weapons and war?

Where are the Women who stood in silent resistance against systems that execute and crucify?

Where, Oh where are the Prophets? We bring this entreaty to you today because you are our God.

Help us to become Prophetic in action, Prophetic in witness, and Prophetic in love, in Jesus name. **AMEN**

*All New items for the Newsletter should be dropped into the Parish Office, Convent Road or emailed before 12 noon on Thursdays to [ballinamore@kilmorediocese.ie](mailto:ballinamore@kilmorediocese.ie) the editor reserves the right to edit or omit items according to suitability of content & space in the newsletter*

**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**

**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](mailto:ballinamorelibrary@leitrimcoco.ie) to book a class or call into the library for a chat with a member of staff.

**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](mailto:recruitment-admin.sligo@homeinstead.ie) for more information.

**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](mailto:ballinamore@kilmorediocese.ie) or phone **071 964 4039**

**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 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:sligoleitrim@alcoholforum.com) you don't have to be addicted to suffer from addiction!

**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](http://www.leitrimcoco.ie) or by e-mail [roads@leitrimcoco.ie](mailto:roads@leitrimcoco.ie) or Tele **071 9620005** Ext. 630. Closing Date is 31<sup>st</sup> Jan. '24

**150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING OF THE ORIGINAL St PATRICK'S COLLEGE:** Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> of March 2024 will mark the opening of this iconic building which served as a college (up to its relocation to the new college building in 2012) and now houses the **Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre since 2005**. Bishop Martin Hayes will be the principal celebrant of a special Mass to commemorate this milestone anniversary in the Cathedral of Saints Patrick & Felim, Cavan on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> of March 2024 at 11am. Further details will be announced in due course.

**SILENT RETREAT:** Theme: "If you but knew the gift of God..." Preached by: Fr. Kilian Byrne, Foyer of Charity Venue: St. Mary's Accommodation, Knock, Co. Mayo Date: February 5th to 11th 2024 Cost: €540 full board Contact: Helen: **086 167 8027/** [hellywilliams@gmail.com](mailto:hellywilliams@gmail.com) [www.foyerofcharity.ie](http://www.foyerofcharity.ie) A privileged time to come away from noise and distractions, and listen to the Spirit of God, - Who is Love. Silence, prayer, teachings & liturgy of the Church.

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