

BALLINAMORE & DRUMREILLY LOWER PARISH NEWSLETTER

7th April 2024

Divine Mercy Sunday

2nd Sunday of Easter

Feast Days: 8th April Annunciation of the Lord. 11th St Stanislaus. 13th Our Lady of Fourvière

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Join us live, @ churchtv.ie Select Leitrim, then Aughawillan, Aughnasheelin, Ballinamore or Corraleeahan

Ballinamore Church: St Patricks Church

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

Sat 6th April 11 am Maureen Dolphin **Months Mind**

Sun 7th April 11 am An t-Athair Seamus Ó Dubhthaigh

Bridie and Micheal Kavanagh (Main Street)

Sat 13th April 11 am No Intention

Sun 14th April 11 am **People of the Parish**

Eucharistic Adoration: Fridays 9.30am –10.30am

Eucharist Ministers: Philomena Earley, Mary McWeeney and Aileen Wisley **14th April** Micheal Darcy, Maeve Sharpley and Noel Dolan **21st April** Alice Costello, Raymond McHugh & Marcella McKiernan

Ministers of the Word: 7th April Raymond McHugh **14th April** Rhona Conlon **21st April** Mary Conlon

Door Collectors: 7th Apr Mary Corby, Mel Duignan and John Creamer **14th & 21st April** Thomas Kelly & Crew

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 pm

Mass Intentions

Fri 5th April 7 pm John Joe and Katie Gormley (Crimlin) and deceased family members

Sat 6th April 8:15 pm John Joe and Mary Ann Gallagher (Konockacullion)

John, Mary and Pat Creamer (Castleroggy)

Sat 13th April 8.15pm Micheal and Eileen MacGuire (Gubnaveigh) and their sons Micheal, Francis and Brendan

Johnny and Mary Reilly (Grevaghmore) and their daughter Breege McGill

Eucharist Ministers: 6th April Terence Boyle & Kealen Mulvanerty **13th & 20th** Mary Rooney & Breda Mulvanerty

Ministers of the Word: Terence Boyle & Vols **Door Collectors:** Sean McWeeney, Paddy Beirne & Micheal McGirl

Corraleeahan St. Brigid's Church:

Wed 9:30 am & Sat 7pm

Mass Intentions

Sat 6th April 7 pm Sean Maguire and deceased family members (Drumderg)

Sat 13th April 7 pm **No Intention**

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

Eucharist Ministers: Carol McNiff and Bernie Dolan

Altar Society: Gillian McNiff and Anne Marie Maguire

Ministers of the Word: Joanne Curnan and Phylis McTague **Door Collectors:** Brian McGovern and Volunteer

Aughawillan St Patrick's Church:

Sun 9:45 am

Mass Intentions

Sun 7th Apr 9:45am Tommy and Agnes Deane (Glebe)

James Boyle (Boeshill)

Margaret and Columba Quinn (Garadice) and deceased family members

Pat Sutherland (Drumreilly) and deceased members of the Sutherland & McGovern families

Sun 14th April 9:45am Sean Callaghan (Lisroughty) **2nd Anniversary** and his parents PJ and Patricia Callaghan

Eucharist Ministers: Angela Makay and Michelle Dolan

Altar Society: Joan McBrien and Roisin Sexton Smith

Ministers of the Word: Niamh McBrien and Edel Shanley

Door Collectors: Morgan Quinn and Ciarán McBrien

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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: will take place on Wednesday 10th @ 8:30pm St. Brigid's Parish Centre

RECENT DEATHS: Please pray for the souls of Margaret McWeeney (Knockanroe & England) Aunt in Law to Jerome and Cyril McWeeney, and the late Christine Maxwell, whose funeral takes place in Kiltubrid on 8th April at 12 pm, and Siobhan McKeon (niece of Siobhan Carron) whose funeral took place in Cork on the 1st of April, Mary McGillicuddy, Dublin (mother of Ita Smyth, Ballyduff) and also Esther Maguire (mother of Jamsie McGuire) whose funeral took place on Monday last in Drumlea. **May they Rest In Peace**

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APRIL 7th: Devotions commence in St. Patrick's Church Ballinamore at 2.30pm, St Patrick's Church, Milltown 7pm, St. Joseph's Church Boyle 2 pm, Dominican Friary Sligo 2pm, & Knock Mass @ 3pm

CALLING PIONEERS & FRIENDS TO THE 25th PIONEER NATIONAL BALL: Sat. April 6th. Mass at 6pm in the Cathedral of Christ the King, Mullingar, followed by special guest speaker, dinner, music and dancing at Annebrook House Hotel, Mullingar. For details/ tickets contact Dermot **0857201646** / Daisy **087-6544626**

KILMORE DIOCESAN PTAA: Mass for all deceased Pioneer Members of the Diocese of Kilmore Fri. 12th April 7pm in St Bridget's Church Killeshandra. There will be a candle light for every parish in the Diocese, we hope to see representatives from all parishes. All welcome. There will be refreshments served after Mass.

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL: Day of Praise and Worship, Sat 13th April John McCormack Hall, Dublin Rd, Athlone. 10am with Fr Pat Scanlan & Friends. Enquiries Linda **087 220 6952**, Martin **086 241 2548**, & Marie **086 897 3292**

TO MARK THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE: Dr Liam McNiffe will speak about "The History of the college 1874-2024" at the Pastoral Centre on Tuesday 9 April at 7.30 pm

A WORD OF THANKS AT EASTER: A sincere thanks to all who took part in the Holy week and Easter Ceremonies – Church Liturgy Groups, Parish pastoral council, our musical directors, choir members, Eucharistic ministers, collectors, counters, sacristans, those who decorated our churches so tastefully and appropriately for the various ceremonies, and all who helped out in the presentation of the liturgy or assisted in any way in the parish during the Lent and Easter season. May the Risen Christ bless you all.

AUGHAWILLAN PARISH EVENT! The 'Sweet Spirit Country Gospel Choir' under the direction of Tish Dunleavy will present an evening of country, folk. Gospel & some classics in St. Patrick's Church Aughawillan on Friday 26th April @ 8pm. Proceeds to parish funds. Admission €10.

COMMUNITY NOTES

Cumann AONTÚ Liatroma: thanks the people of Ballinamore for their very generous contributions to their church gate collection on Easter Sunday. AONTU will continue to fight and campaign for family and pro-life Christian values. Further details at leitrim@aontu.ie

ATHLETIC CLUB: Summer Training starts Tues. 9th at 7 pm in St Felim's, and continues Tues & Thurs until June.

CIORCAL NA mBAN: Our 1st Community Coffee morning which was a fundraiser raised €527.50 for the Great Irish Bake for Sick Children. Thanks to everyone who baked, came along on the day and supported the event. We hope to run a community coffee morning on the last Saturday of each month at 11am in the Community Centre. All welcome.

Flower Arranging Workshop thanks to Geraldine for giving the workshop, and hopefully we can do something like this again in the months ahead. **Kids Music Workshop for 0-4 year olds** Saturday 6th April in the community centre – contact Louise at **086 192 5895** to book a space. New members welcome to our group just text Shirley at **086 608 3516** or Louise at **086 1925 895**

AUGHNASHEELIN DEVELOPMENT GROUP: Crinniu na nÓg Funding – we were delighted to hear that we had been approved for funding for this event which means we will be able to go ahead with our music and art training for young people in the area. Further details on the music classes which will take place on Tuesday evenings from 6-7 and art classes in the Leitrim School of Art will be advertised as soon as possible.

BALLINAMORE WHIST: on Thursday 4th April in the Island Theatre at 8:30 pm, new members very welcome

NORTH CONNACHT & ULSTER CITIZENS INFORMATION SERVICE host a FREE "MAKING A WILL" EVENT on Monday 15th April @7pm in the Landmark Hotel, C'k on Shannon. Presentation to be delivered by Justice Media award-winning journalist Anne O'Carroll BCL. MA. Topics: How to make a Will, What happens if you don't make a Will, Providing for children and vulnerable relatives, How to reduce tax, taking out probate and other related topics.

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

BALLINAMORE BADMINTON CLUB: Tues at 8pm Ballinamore Sports Complex. €3 per night, PAYG. All welcome.

QQI LEVEL 5 COMPUTER COURSE – STARTING SEPTEMBER 2024: Mohill Computer full - time QQI Level 5 computer programme. (390 CAO points). The course covers Office 365 Applications, Sage Payroll & Bookkeeping, Digital Marketing, CV Preparation and Interview Skills. Call **071 9632024** /email margaret@mct.ie for information.

CASH FOR CLOBBER COLLECTION: Scoil Chlann Naofa is holding a "Cash for Clobber" collection. Bags of used clean clothes, bedding (no duvets or pillows accepted), curtains, handbags, belts and shoes (shoes should be in pairs and in a separate bag) may be left in the shed to the rear of the After-School Building between 9am and 10 am on the mornings of Monday 8th, Tuesday 9th, Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th of April. All support is greatly appreciated.

DRUMEELA GARDEN CLUB: Time to get busy in the garden again. Come along and listen to Susan Gavin from Abbeylara Garden Centre talk on all things gardening in Teach Duchais H12 DP84, on Weds. April 10th at 8.30pm.

ISLAND THEATRE - UPCOMING EVENTS: Polish play called **Kryśka I Mężczyzna Idealny** Sun 21st April at 8.30pm (doors 7.30pm). **Mary Coughlan, Ultan Conlon & Band** – Sat 27th April 8pm (doors 7pm) Booking **071 964 4513**

www.islandtheatre.ie

ST VINCENT DE PAUL: We the committee of SVP Conference Ballinamore, wish to thank each and every one who contributed so generously to our annual Christmas appeal including those from the neighbouring parishes. We thank Carl Johnson and staff at Ballinamore Credit Union and the AIB Staff for facilitating donations, Fr Moses and Fr Seán for their ongoing support of SVP. We thank all who used our blue donation envelopes. We thank the Principal, Staff, Students, and Parents of Ballinamore Community School who collected large amounts of food and money, also thank you to Sheila O'Dowd, Staff, and Service Users at the Cherry Blossom Café for their annual collection of food and money. We thank SuperValu and Tesco for their continued support, and finally to the people who remain anonymous and gave us donations of money, food, and hampers for distribution, we say a very special thank you. All of your efforts have a positive impact on large numbers of people in the local area. If you wish to talk to SVP Conference Ballinamore in confidence, call **087 936 0562**.

SEAN O'HESLINS contact Jenny McTague **087 295 8837** with queries about joining underage football.

DARKNESS INTO LIGHT: Join this community event hosted by Ballinamore Community School, taking place on 11th May @ 4am. Register for the event at <https://www.darknessintolight.ie> and join us with Pieta and Electric Ireland at sunrise for Darkness into Light. We need volunteers to act as stewards, if you can help call Teresa at **071 964 4049**.

REFLECTION

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself. 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 the editor reserves the right to edit or omit items according to suitability of content & space in the newsletter

SING TOGETHER at the ISLAND THEATRE Monthly drop-ins **11am-12.30pm**. Pay as you go/can. Next date is **20th April 2024**. Call Sarah for more information **087 762 0523** / sarah@sarahgarden.ie. All Welcome.

TIN WHISTLE LESSONS: Fridays at 7pm for beginners and intermediate/advanced children. All newcomers welcome. Classes in Sean O Hesnins GAA clubroom for more information contact Sarah at **083 483 5881**

TEMPLEPORT DAY CENTRE resumes on Wednesdays. Usual transport arrangements, new members welcome. Looking forward to seeing you all again.

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

DANCE FIT & TONING CLASS: Mondays at 8pm in Ballinamore Community Hall, and Wed. 6.30pm in Ballinamore Old Primary School, fun exercise class with Michelle Fanning. For further information contact **087 939 0980**.

CORLOUGH LINE DANCING: Tuesdays in Corlough Community Centre at 8pm, admission €7 all welcome.

CALLING ALL TUTORS! Leitrim Dev. Company are creating an up-to-date list of tutors and speakers, who are available to offer courses, talks and workshops on many subjects. If you would like to be added to the list for 2024, please email your name, contact information (phone & email) and a brief description of what you do to annamctiernan@ldco.ie Community Groups will contact you directly to make arrangements for course/talks.

FAMILY CARERS IRELAND: Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional needs? A spouse, partner, child, close relative or neighbour? Then you are a family carer! Become a member of Family Carers Ireland, the national charity supporting Ireland's 500,000+ family carers nationwide. Contact **057 93 70221** and hear how we can support you or for more info visit. www.familycarers.ie

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. You don't have to be addicted to suffer from addiction! **M-PACT** supports the whole family, helping to improve relationships, communication and recovery. A FREE eight-week programme will begin on Tuesday 9th April 2024, If interested or would like further information Please contact **071 9150578** or **085 875 9319** or email sligoleitrim@alcoholforum.com

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**

GENTLE REMINDER: to update your church contributions for 2024. Offertory contributions for the upkeep of your church are made payable to the local church. All Dues contributions towards salaries for priests are made payable to Ballinamore Catholic Church No.2 ACC

REMAINING DATES DIOCESE OF KILMORE PRE-MARRIAGE COURSE 2024 Friday 12th April '24 7.30pm – 10 pm Sat. 13th April 10 am – 5 pm. Fri 11th Oct. 7.30pm – 10 pm & Sat 12th Oct. 10 am – 5 pm *It is planned that the above courses will take place Face to Face. Courses will take place in the Pastoral Centre, Cullies, Cavan, H12 E5 C7. To book a course please log on to: www.accord.ie

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**.

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.

ALONE IS LOOKING FOR VISITATION VOLUNTEERS: in your area to make befriending visits to older people looking for extra social contact for 1 hr per week. *Volunteers needed* would you provide companionship visit or make friendly calls to Older People once a week for an hour or two? ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided, if interested please sign up here: <https://alone.ie/volunteers/> for more information, contact Sinead on Sinead.Flanagan@alone.ie on **086 192 1505** and leave a message with your name and contact number and I will phone you back.

SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA CAMINO 2024: Join Focus Ireland 'In the Footsteps of St James' on a fully guided walk from Sarria to Santiago de Compostela along the Camino de Frances and help support families in our community's facing homelessness. Dates 27th May – 3rd June. Ex Dublin. Contact Monica on **087 954 7007** or email events@focusireland.ie for details and bookings.

MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES APRIL - OCT 2024: 7 Nights B&B from €273 per person sharing. Airport transfer available on request. Contact us for details Tel. **01 4434510** Medjugorje: **00387 36 651 518** Ireland: **00353 1 443 4510** or email: reservations@med-irishcentre.com and Website: www.med-irishcentre.com

CALLING ALL 18 30 YEAR OLDS! Do you want to explore your faith with other young people in a beautiful and reflective location? Join us for a Retreat for Young Adults at Lough Derg, Pettigo County Donegal on Sat 27th April from 10am to 4pm. Refreshments and Lunch provided. This Retreat is organised by The Knights of St Columbanus and is free of charge. Register at tiny.cc/loughderg or Email info@knightsofstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBANUS LOUGH DERG RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS

(18 to 30 year olds)

**SATURDAY 27 APRIL 2024
10AM-4PM**

With guest speakers, inspirational talks, reflective time and concluding with the celebration of Mass.



EVENT FREE OF CHARGE

TO REGISTER PLEASE
SCAN THE QR CODE



For further information please contact
info@knightsofstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

ARMY OF PRAISE

"THE BATTLE IS MINE"
(Says the Lord 2 Chron 20.15)
**DAY OF PRAISE
AND WORSHIP**

Sat 13 April 2024

JOHN MCCORMACK HALL

Technical University of the Shannon (TUS),
Dublin Rd, Athlone N37 HD68

Starts at 10.00am

SPEAKERS/TESTIMONIES

Fr Pat Scanlan, Stephanie McKittrick, Pastor Trevor Hill,
Marie Beirne

Music: Rónán Johnston & Friends

Praise, worship, prayer for impartation of the Holy Spirit and
for Healing

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Admission - Donations welcome