

BALLINAMORE & DRUMREILLY LOWER PARISH NEWSLETTER

10th December 2023

UN Human Rights Day

2nd Sunday of Advent

Feast Days: 11th St John DamasUS 1, Pope. 12th Our Lady of Guadalupe, & St Finnian Clonard,
13th St Lucy, & 14th St John of the Cross

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Join us live, at churchtv.ie Select Leitrim, and then Aghnasheelin, Ballinamore or Corraleeahan Church

Ballinamore Church:

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

Sat 9th Dec 11 am Frank and Eileen Logan (St Brigid's Street) and all deceased family members
Sun 10th Dec 11 am Jim and Vera McTague (Lahard) and all deceased members of the McTague & Smith families
Louis Quinn (Drumlonan) **2nd Anniversary**
John and Annie Prior (Camagh)
Tues 12th Dec 9am Eugene Fee and deceased members of the Fee family
Fri 15th Dec 9 am Jannie McCormack, Betty and Thomas Galligan (Dromore)
Sun 17th Dec Barney Breen (Aughadark) and also Pam and Paddy McGovern
Joseph and Mary Gormley (High Street & Fohera)
Agnes McKeon (Arvagh & Manchester)
Mon 18th Dec 7 pm **Scoil Chlann Naofa Christmas Carol Service**



Eucharistic Adoration Fridays 9.30am –10. 30am

Eucharist Ministers: 10th Dec Patricia Griffin, James & James Óg Maguire 17th Dec Máirín Martin, Mona Creamer, & Liam McGovern 24th Patricia McGoldrick, Marian Quinn, & Leigh Murphy **Eve** Deirdre Harvey & Padraig McÁodh

Ministers of the Word 10th Dec Thomas Kelly 17th Sylvia Dolan 24th Dec Marie O'Connor 25th Dec Gabriel Cronin

Door Collectors: 10th Dec Francis McTague, Sean McKeon and Alan Banks 17th & 24th Dec John McWeeney, Micheal Duignan, and David Prior

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

Aghnasheelin, St. Mary's Church:

Fri 7pm & Sat 8:15

Mass Intentions

Sat 9th Dec 8:15 pm Patricia Gill (Buggaun) **Months Mind**
Johnny Mahon (Buggaun) and all deceased family members
Lizzie McCaffrey (Stralongford) and all deceased family members
John Joe and Bridie McGirl (Main Street) and Mary Mulvihill
Fri 15th Dec 7 pm Micheal Gillbride (Drumracken) and all deceased family members
Sat 16th Dec 8:15 pm no intention

Eucharist Ministers: 9th & 16th Dec Caroline Sammon & Kerry Meehan 23rd & 30th Maura Mulvey & Maureen Conway

Ministers of the Word: Stephanie Prior & Maura Mulvey Door Collectors: Philip Rooney, Terence Boyle &

Eucharistic Adoration **Wednesday** 11am to 12 noon, and 8 to 10 pm Christopher Mc Nulty

Corraleeahan St. Brigid's Church:

Wed 9:30 am & Sun 9:45 am

Mass Intentions

Sun 10th Dec 9:45am Cosmos Prior (Coragh) also Bernie and Katie Prior and all deceased family members
Sun 17th Dec 9:45 am Micheal Galligan (Drumcroman), his brother Peter and their parents Katie & Patrick Galligan.
Eucharist Ministers: Teresa Maxwell & Annie McManus Altar Society: Bridie McNiff and Josie Maguire
Ministers of the Word: Damien Golheany & 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

Sat 9th Dec 7pm Hugh Patrick and Mary Brady (Cornamahon)
Sat 16th Dec 7 pm Francie Flanagan (Drumarigna) **1st Anniversary**
Margaret (Maggie) Martin (Drumarigna) and deceased members of the Martin & Nealon families
Eucharist Ministers: Mary Farrell Quinn & Bernadette Mahon Altar Society: Mary Quinn, Colleen Quinn & Martina
Ministers of the Word: Sinead Kiernan & Morgan Quinn Door Collectors: Pat Stringer & Micheal Quinn. Conefrey

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

RECENT DEATHS: Please pray for Etyymoya Doonan and Michael Joe Gaffney, and all the souls of the Faithful departed. **May They Rest in Peace**

GIVE THE GIFT OF LOUGH DERG THIS CHRISTMAS: The online Lough Derg Christmas Shop is now open at: www.loughderg.live/shop Mass Bouquets, Christmas Cards, the limited edition Lough Derg Christmas Candle, and a large range of Nativity Sets and other gifts. Thank you for your support.

VISITATION OF THE THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: will take place on the 13th & 14th of Dec. Aghnasheelin, Corraleeahan, and Aughawillan on Wednesday, Ballinamore rural and town on Thursday. Fr. Sean will contact you in advance of visit.



BALLINAMORE 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 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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 ACC

MARY'S MEALS CHRISTMAS GIFTS CAMPAIGN: have launched our Christmas Gifts Campaign - giving gifts that have a real impact on those in need. From as little as €5.50, which will provide 50 meals for children in their place of education, you can make a big difference. Visit marysmeals.ie to download a gift or call **01-8535163 089-4339592**.

COMMUNITY NOTES

THE FAMILY OF THE LATE MARY McGOVERN, DRUMDERG: would like to thank everyone who supported the coffee/tea morning for North West Hospice on Thursday 21st September 2023. The total amount raised was €885.20. Thanks again for your continued support.

ATHLETIC CLUB: training will take a break after Tuesday training 7pm - 8pm, to resume as schools reopen in Jan.
AUGHAWILLAN COMMUNITY CENTRE - CHRISTMAS WHIST DRIVE: on 12th Dec. 8.30pm, in the Community Centre. All welcome and donations would be much appreciated for the spot prizes.

SOCIAL DANCE AUGHNASHEELIN COMMUNITY CENTER: Fri. 15th Dec. with Liam Mannering and Marie, dancing 9.30 to 11.30. Refreshments served.

IDEAL CHRISTMAS GIFT! The **St Marys National School 50 Year Reunion Book**, for all family and friends local and global. Contact Geraldine on **086 337 6411** or call into the school.

ST MARY'S NS: are holding their annual Christmas Fair Sat. 9th Dec. after Mass. Join us for a cup of tea on the night. We will sell Christmas logs, Wreaths, and other items made by our talented pupils! Hope to see you on the 9th!

ANNUAL SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCHGATE COLLECTION: Took place on 2nd & 3rd of December, but please look out for our donation envelopes and boxes, or donations can be made directly to the **SVP account** in the **Ballinamore Credit Union, IBAN: IE49BLRU99224009342021 and BIC: BLRUIE21**, or manually in the Credit Union to Acc No 9320380, we really appreciate your ongoing support. Our Annual Food appeal will take place in Tesco and SuperValu, throughout December with donation boxes available in store, or donations can be made directly to the SVP account in Ballinamore Credit Union, as highlighted above. We really do appreciate your ongoing support.

AN HOUR FOR YOU hosted by Louise Farry (Registered Psychiatric Nurse) and Holistic Therapist Date: Monday 11th Dec. at 11am in Ballinamore Library.

ISLAND THEATRE BALLINAMORE: THE BJORN IDENTITY- tribute to ABBA in **concert 9th Dec.**

SING TOGETHER at the ISLAND THEATRE Monthly drop-ins **11am-12.30pm**, and refreshments afterwards. Pay as you go/or can €5/€10/€15. Final date 2023 **16th December**. For more info **087 762 0523** or sarah@sarahgarden.ie. 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 singing experience.**

CONGRATULATIONS to our LADIES FOOTBALL TEAM:and all the very best on the 16th December in Croak Park.

WHAT A DAY AND NIGHT FOR, LITTLE BALLINAMORE!!! A joint celebration with the arrival of Santa and with the help of our very own ladies football All Ireland finalists, Ballinamore is a glow. We all agree the town looks Fabulous! Over 40 voluntary hours by so many people to make this all possible. Thank you to all the boys and girls who erect these lights. We have a few new additions, but our main one is the new tree in the center of town for this we thank Dean Craven from DC Sandblasting & Welding and a big Thank You to those houses whose power we use. Thank you to all those who helped with the lighting celebrations...all the elves collecting money, giving out treats, stewarding, fetching barriers, the local fire brigade and all you who attended, to all our sponsors and of course a thank you to Santa. If you would like to contribute to the lights, there is an account in the credit union and the bank. Otherwise Contact David McCabe or Dawn McKeon **086 311 5647** Happy Christmas to all and a special new year.

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.

DRUMEELA GARDEN CLUB: Next Wednesday (Dec 13th) at 8.30pm in Teach Duchas (H12 DP 84), Timothy Elliott from Manor Garden Centre will do a demonstration of Christmas Floral arrangements. Come along and watch this true professional at work and enjoy some festive refreshments afterwards. A night not to be missed.

SEAN O'HESLINS NEW YEAR DRAW: Tickets are on sale now from Club members or on Revolut by contacting **086 390 6791**. Tickets are one for €20 or three for €50, first Prize is €4000. 2nd Prize €1000 and 10 Prizes of €100. The draw will take place in Priors on the 6th January please support.

REFLECTION:

"O Lord, to whom no one is a stranger and from whose help no one is ever distant,
look with compassion on those without a place to live; restore them, we pray,
to a home of their own, and give us a kind heart to help the homeless in their need.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen**

SCOIL CHLANN NAOFA: are accepting applications for admission for the 2023/24 school year. Please contact the school on **071 9645001** or email the school at info@scoilchlannaofa.com for the enrolment pack. Thank you

TEMPLEPORT DAY CENTRE: is back in the Templeport Community Centre Buses will go directly to Templeport, so this is a reminder to anyone who usually drives to come to the Templeport Community Centre at the usual time. Usual transport arrangements. New members always welcome. Further information from Kathleen **087 7921683** or Anne **087 285 7471**.

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

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**.

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!

BALLINAMORE LIBRARY OFFERS ONE-TO-ONE DIGITAL SUPPORT: for 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.

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**

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.

[Waiting for the Light 2023 | The Sanctuary](#) We have a wonderful line up of contemporary speakers you, from a range of traditions. They will Share their wisdom and experience of embracing darkness, as we wait for the arrival of brighter days, using the themes of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.



ANAM CARA ARMAGH, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 20th December at 7:15pm in the The Armagh City Hotel, Friary Rd, Armagh. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. We also offer an online support service. Contact us on info@anamcara.ie or **048 95213120** for any queries.

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**

New Programme Tuesday 5th Dec' 2023

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE ADDICTED TO SUFFER FROM ADDICTION

A free programme for families affected by parental alcohol or other drug misuse. Providing friendly, professional support to improve recovery, understanding and communication whilst encouraging positive change for all.

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THE ADVENT WREATH is made of various evergreens, signifying continuous, everlasting life. The Laurel signifies victory over persecution and suffering; Pine, Holly, and Yew: signifies immortality; and Cedar: strength and healing. Holly also has a special Christian symbolism: The prickly leaves remind us of the crown of thorns and the red berries, the blood of Our Saviour. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul and the everlasting life offered by Christ. Any Pine Cones, Nuts or Seedpods used to decorate the wreath also symbolise life and resurrection. **ADVENT CANDLES** demonstrate the strong contrast between darkness and light, which is an important biblical image. Jesus referred to himself as the "Light of the World" that dispels the darkness of sin: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life" (John 8:12). The Second Advent Candle, also purple, represents faith/love. It is called the "**Bethlehem Candle**" as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

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:

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Kilmore Youth Ministry Christmas Art Competition

DRAW A PICTURE OF THE FIRST NATIVITY
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CLOSING DATE DECEMBER 12TH

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