

BALLINAMORE & DRUMREILLY LOWER PARISH NEWSLETTER

11th December 2022

3rd Sunday of Advent

Feast Days: 12th Dec-Our Lady of Guadalupe, 13th -St Lucy, and December 14th St John of the Cross

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

B'more St. Patrick's Church: Sat 17th 10 am, Sun 11am, Mon 7pm, Tues, Weds (no 7pm Mass), Thurs & Fri 9am

Sat 10th Dec 11 am Alice and Jim Sharpley (Stradermot) and also their son Noel

Sun 11th Dec 11 am Vera & Jim McTague (Lahard) and all deceased members of the Smith and McTague families

Frank and Eileen Logan and all deceased family members

Mon 12th Dec 7pm PJ (Josie) and Anna Martin (MacDiarmada Road) and also Mildred Martin

Tues 13th Dec 9 am Eugene Fee and all deceased members of the Fee family

Thurs 15th Dec 9 am Patrick and Margaret McGoldrick (Lisnatullagh)

Sat 17th Dec 10 am Bernadette (Detsy) Beirne Aughoo **Months Mind**

Sun 18th Dec 11 am Margaret Sweeney (Church Street)

Janey McCormack, and Thomas and Betty Galligan

Eucharist Ministers: 11th Dec Michael Darcy, Maeve Sharpley, & Noel Dolan 18th Dec Alice Costello, Raymond

McHugh, & Marcella McKiernan 24th Dec Evelyn McHugh, Marian Sharpley, & PJ McLoughlin/Brendan Sweeney,

Tommy Moran, & Elis O'Dell **Christmas Day** Michael Duignan, & Peggy Ferguson **St Stephens Day** Paddy

O'Connor, Thomas Kelly, & Gerard McCartin 1st Jan Patricia Griffin, James Maguire and James Óg Maguire

Ministers of the Word: 11th Ciara Duignan 18th John Darcy **Christmas Eve** Siobhan Dolan and Alan Banks

Door Collectors: 18th Dec Mary Corby, Mel Duignan, & John Creamer. 25th & 1st Jan Thomas Kelly, Seddie

McGovern, and Gordon 7th & 14th Jan Vera Brennan, Tommy McWeeney, Michael Hanly & Joe Murphy

Aughnasheelin, St. Mary's Church:

Fri 7pm & Sat 8 pm

Mass Intentions

Fri 9th Dec 7 pm

Johnny Mahon (Buggaun) and his sister Mel Bouye

who died recently in America, and all deceased family members

Sat 10th Dec 8pm

Frank and Margaret Boyle (Knockacullion) their granddaughters

Grainne Reynolds & Roisin Walsh, and John Boyle (Callowhill)

Bridie and John Joe McGirl (Main Street) and also Mary Mulvihill

Fri 16th Dec 7 pm

Mary Kate Canning (Drumbibe) **Months Mind**

Sat 17th Dec 8 pm

Tommy and Bernadette Harvey, and deceased members of the

Harvey and Gilhooly families (Aughlin, Aughacashel)

Eucharist Ministers: 11th Dec Terence Boyle & Maura Mulvey 17th & 24th Dec Detta McNiffe & Tom Prior

Eucharistic Adoration

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



Corraleehan St. Brigid's Church:

Mass Wed 9:30, Sun 9:45 am

Mass Intentions

Sun 11th Dec 9:45 am Cosmos Prior (Coragh), Bernie & Katie Prior, & all deceased family members

Sun 18th Dec 9:45 am Michael Galligan (Drumcroman) his brother Peter and their parents Patrick and Katie Galligan

Eucharist Ministers: December Teresa Maxwell and Annie McManus

Altar Society: December Bridie McNiff and Josie Maguire

Ministers of the Word: December Damien Gilheany and Tracy McTague

Door Collectors: December Seamus Beirne and Michael McManus

Eucharistic Adoration **Wednesday** 10 am to 8 pm, All Welcome

Aughawillan St Patrick's Church:

Sat 6:30 pm

Mass Intentions

Sat 10th Dec 6:30 pm Hugh Patrick and Mary Brady (Cornamahon) and all deceased family members

Sat 17th Dec 6:30 pm Margaret (Maggie) Martin (Drumarigna) & deceased members of the Martin & Gallagher families

Eucharist Ministers: December Bernadette Mahon and Patricia Dean

Altar Society: December Mary Quinn Fox, Colleen Quinn, and Martina Conefrey

Ministers of the Word: December Sinead Kiernan and Morgan Quinn

Door Collectors: December Pat Stringer and Michael Quinn

RECENT DEATHS: We pray for the soul of Patricia Maguire, and also Philomena Flynn, sister to Philip Flynn whose funeral took place on Friday and also all the Faithful Departed. **May they Rest in Peace**

RECENT BAPTISM: We welcome Ella Mae Martin into our Christian family, and we congratulate her parents on this joyous occasion.

RECENT WEDDING: Congratulations to Shane Moran and Caoimhe Mohan on the occasion of their recent wedding, and also Avril McGoldrick and Nail Armstrong, we wish them many years of Health and Happiness

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

BALLINAMORE PRAYER GROUP 7:30pm on Tuesday nights. Come along and invite your friends.

VISITATION OF THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Visits to take place 15th and 16th of December, Fr Seán and Fr Johnny will phone before a visit, if you wish a Priest to visit you before these dates please contact them by telephone

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 Ballinamore Catholic Church 2 AC

COLLECTION COUNTERS: Please ensure that collections are counted weekly, and bag each collection separately

THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL CAROL SERVICE: St Patrick's Church Ballinamore Wed 14th Dec @ 7:30pm (no morning Mass). Come early to get a seat. It promises to be a wonderful evening of music, and joyous celebration of the season. There will be 6 Choirs, 3 National School groups, Foróige group, the Community school TY group and more. Bishop Martin Hayes will attend. Rehearsal for all participants on Sunday the 11th at 6pm. A collection on the night will be for Ballinamore Nursing Unit patient fund & North West Simon community homeless. If you cannot attend but wish to contribute you may leave envelope marked "Carol Service" in the safe @ back of Church.

CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Christmas Eve Masses: Aughawillan 8pm, Ballinamore 9:30pm, Special Children's Mass in Aughnasheelin 6:30pm

Christmas Day Masses: Aughnasheelin 10am, Corraleehan 11.00am, and Ballinamore 12noon

CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS:

BALLINAMORE PENITENTIAL SERVICE: with visiting priests. Sunday Dec. 18th at 6pm. This will conclude with a blessing for healing and anointing with the oil of mercy.

Ballinamore Confession on Christmas Eve 12noon, **Corraleehan Confession:** after 9:30 mass Wednesday 21st Dec **Aughnasheelin:** before & after 7pm mass on Friday 23rd Dec. **Aughawillan:** before & after 6.30pm mass Sat 17th Dec

ADVENT-NEW SEASON: Candles as part of an Evergreen Wreath remind us Jesus came as light into our dark world. Each candle means something different. The first candle symbolises Hope, sometimes called "Prophet's Candle/Gods People Candle" signifies our wait for the arrival of Jesus coming. The second candle represents Faith or "Bethlehem Candle" it reminds us Jesus was born in Bethlehem and of the journey of Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem. The third candle symbolises Joy or "Shepherd's Candle". This Candle reminds us that the angels announced to the shepherds in the field, "good news of great joy to all people." This candle is pink because the colour Rose signifies joy. The fourth candle signifies Peace and is called the "Angel's Candle." The angels announced that Jesus came to bring peace—He brings peace with God and with each other again. The fifth is white and symbolises Light and Purity, or "Christ's candle" signifying Christ's Birth. It is in the centre of the wreath reminding us that Christ is central to life.

COMMUNITY NOTES

ATHLETIC CLUB: Training concludes 7pm Tues Dec 13th. Club Membership Application Forms '23 are available.

AUGHNASHEELIN NS-ST MARY'S 50 YEAR REUNION: Are looking for photos for inclusion in a commemorative book to mark the school's history over the last 50 years. Photos of past pupils, their families, events at the school etc are all welcome. Items can be left into the school or emailed aughnasheelin50years@gmail.com. Many Thanks.

ST. MARYS NS, AUGHNASHEELIN BUS ESCORT: Board of Management of St. Mary's NS require a bus escort to travel with student/s, be responsible for their health and safety whilst travelling, and do Morning & Evening run. Please apply in writing to: The Chairperson, BoM, at St. Mary's N.S. Aughnasheelin, Co Leitrim. By 21st Dec '22.

DATE FOR THE DIARY: Aughnasheelin GAA Dinner Dance, Landmark Hotel 25th February '23, more info. to follow.

SOCIAL DANCE AND CHRISTMAS PARTY: on Friday 16th December in Aughnasheelin Community Centre. Music by Liam Mannering and Marie Dance Band. A night not to be missed of dancing and lots of Christmas prizes.

AUGHNASHEELIN SOCIAL DANCING CLASSES: Wednesday 7th & 14th then we have a break for Christmas.

BALLINAMORE LIBRARY: is delighted to announce that a Santa Post Box will be in place in the library for posting all letters to Santa Claus. Dates for posting: December 1st to December 17th to avoid disappointment.

BALLINAMORE TODDLER GROUP: Thurs 10am-11.30 am in the Island Theatre. All caring for babies/toddlers welcome. €2 per child. Call in for a cuppa and a chat. For more info **071 96 31253** or text/WhatsApp **086 6035977**.

BALLINAMORE LIBRARY/RHYME TIME: for Toddlers & Accompanying Adults in the Library, Weds at **11am**.

BALLINAMORE OUTREACH: Thurs. 11.30-12 pm in the Island Theatre Ballinamore offering support with housing, social welfare, education & training, senior alert forms, counselling services, activities for children, and support with parenting, and other personal development. Telephone **071 96 31253** or text/WhatsApp **086 6035977**.

BREAKING NEWS FROM THE NORTH POLE: Santa is visiting Ballinamore on Sat. Dec 10th Santa will begin his journey from the bottom of the town at 5.30pm, he will then go up Main Street and then make his way to all the streets and estates and will visit everyone. There will **one** treat for every child. So get your jumpers, your hats and lights ready. Thank you to the local elves have worked so hard to get the lights ready, they will be a big help to Santa

BALLINAMORE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL: donations to SVP account in Ballinamore Credit Union BIC: BLRUIE21 and IBAN: IE49BLRU99224009342021, or the Credit Union to Acc No 9320380, all support is much appreciated.

BALLINAMORE SEÁN O'HESLIN'S ANNUAL NEW YEAR DRAW: Tickets are now on sale for the club's annual draw on 7th Jan 2023. €6,000 in prizes. Tickets €20 or 3 for €50. Sellers will be calling over the next couple of weeks. Míle buíochas to all who support our annual fundraiser.

SEAN O'HESLINS MONTHLY DRAW: Special thanks to everyone that purchased a ticket for this month's draw. The winners are €200 Ronan Sharpley €150 Hannah Banks €100 Walter Sharpley €50 Romy Gormley €50 Philip Murphy

REFLECTION - The 3rd Candle is lit on the Advent Wreath the "Shepherds Candle" – JOY

"And the Angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people" Joy-filled Giver of Life, let the anticipation of your birth fill us with overflowing joy. Luke 2:10

May our excitement and anticipation, be a sign to the world that you are always near. **Amen.**