

BALLINAMORE & DRUMREILLY LOWER PARISH NEWSLETTER

14th January 2024

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feast Days: 15th Jan St Ita, 16th Jan St Fursa, 17th St Anthony of Egypt, 20th Jan St Fabian, Pope & Martyr, and Blessed Cyprian Tansi of Nigeria

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Ballinamore Church:

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

Sat 13th Jan 11 am Pety Prior (Knockenroe) **Months Mind**

Sun 14th Jan 11 am Steve Ralph (Lahard & New York) **1st Anniversary**

Dessie Kieran (Main Street) **1st Anniversary**

Sun 21st Jan 11 am Michael Keegan (Lahard) his granddaughter Saoirse and all deceased members of the Keegan and McCabe family
Brendan Gormley (Fohera and High Street)

Eucharistic Adoration: Fridays 9.30am –10.30am

Eucharist Ministers: 14th Jan Michael Duignan & Peggy Ferguson 21st Jan Thomas Kelly & Gerard McCartin. 28th Jan Patricia Griffin, James Maguire & James Óg Maguire 4th Feb Mairín Martin, Mona Creamer & Liam McGovern

Ministers of the Word 14th Jan Gerard Darcy 21st Jan Tommy Moran 28th Jan Ann Gillen 4th Feb Patricia McGoldrick

Door Collectors: 14th & 21st James Maguire, Noel Dolan, Seamus McGrath and Declan Cumiskey
28th & 4th 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 12th Jan 7pm Thomas Creamer (Drumbibe) and all deceased family members

Sat 13th Jan 8:15 pm Bridie Murray (Killaneen) **2nd Anniversary**

Fri 19th Jan 7 pm Carmel McManus (Mullinasella)

Sat 20th Jan 8:15 pm Kathleen Rooney (Corrabeegher) **3rd Anniversary**

Eucharist Ministers: 13th Jan Mary Costello & Sheila O'Dowd 20th & 27th Jan Laura Creaven & Garry Prior

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 & Andy McPartland

Corraleehan St. Brigid's Church:

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

Mass Intentions

Sun 14th 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 3rd Oct 2023.

Sun 21st Jan 9:45 am Bernie and Mary Prior (Derrinever) and deceased members of the McGovern & Prior families
John Francis and Brigid Ann Prior (Greagh) and all deceased family members
Paddy & Thomas Joseph Murphy, also Mary and Peter Murphy and all deceased members of the Murphy and Duignan families.

Eucharist Ministers: Gillian McNiff and Michael McGovern **Altar Society:** Imelda Prior and Tracey McTague

Ministers of the Word: Sean McGovern & Volunteer

Door Collectors: Hugh Patrick Prior & Sean McNiff

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

Aughawillan St Patrick's Church:

Sat 7pm.

Mass Intentions

Sat 13th Jan 7 pm no intention

Sat 20th 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), Dawn Bergeson-Hall, Paula Quinn's sister and all the Faithful departed. **May They Rest in Peace**

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. 6th. If you are new to the Parish call or email the Parish Office on **071 96 44039** email ballinamore@kilmorediocese.ie



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

OUGHTERAGH & 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 Aughwillan is now live on the website, at this link <https://www.churchtv.ie/aughwillan>

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY Thurs 18th – 25th JAN: The theme of this years Church Unity Week is **“You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself” (Lk 10:27).** We are invited to reflect and consider what it means to love our neighbour. Communities in the British-Irish context may be less vulnerable to acts of mass violence than in some communities, but there are still many living with the memory and/or the threat of serious violence, centred on issues of identity and belonging. There are also groups within Irish communities, including people from ethnic minority backgrounds and people seeking asylum, who feel particularly vulnerable to violence or being displaced by the threat of violence.

COMMUNITY NOTES

BALLINAMORE ATHLETIC CLUB: training on Tues & Thurs 7pm and new always members welcome

AUGHNASHEELIN SOCIAL DANCING CLASSES Wed. 8pm in the Community Centre, lots of dances. All welcome.

SOCIAL DANCE AUGHNASHEELIN COMMUNITY CENTER Fri. 20th Jan. Music by Pat Mulcrone. Dancing 9.30 to 11:30 refreshments served.

GÓ RAIBH MAITH AGAT MÓR Noel Sweeney and Paddy McGourty of the Men's Sheds for coming to the rescue and providing Baby Jesus with shelter creating a lovely Crib at short notice in St Mary's Aughnasheelin, it is beautiful.

IRISH CONVERSATION CLASSES. Want to Improve or practice your Gaeilge? The very successful Ciorcal Comhrá, or Irish Conversation Circle in Ballinamore Library on Tuesdays' at 8 pm Different levels of classes apply. Admission free. Ring or text **087 682 1566** to book a place.

TIN WHISTLE LESSONS: Fridays 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**

'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. 22nd 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 18th Jan 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**.

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: special thanks to all who supported the draw by buying or selling tickets, the success of the draw guarantees the success of the club for the coming year. Special thanks also to Priors for hosting Saturday nights draw and for everyone that made it a great night.

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 20th Jan. Tickets €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.

DINNER DANCE TRANSPORT Adrian Wrynn will be running buses to the Slieve Russell for the Dinner Dance on the 20th Jan. Return tickets are €20 each. Bus leaves the square at 6pm. To pay for & book seats call Jenny **0872958837**

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?>

TEMPLEPORT DAY CENTRE resumes on Wednesday Jan. 17th. Usual transport arrangements, new members welcome. Looking forward to seeing you all again.

REFLECTION

O God, make us willing to do your will, come what may.

Increase the number of persons of good will and moral sensitivity.

Give us renewed confidence in nonviolence and the way of love as taught by Christ. **AMEN**

THE BACKPACK FOR ADULTS will run Tues eves from Jan. 23rd for 8 weeks. It is a human & spiritual development program with topics such as Anxiety, Negative Looping Thoughts, Resilience Building, Self-Awareness, Boundary Setting & Healthy Relationship with Self, Others, and God. Apply cavaninstitute.ie/eveningcourses or **049 437 7940**.

CALLING ALL TUTORS! Leitrim Development 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.

ALONE VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED: ALONE are looking for volunteers 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 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 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 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 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!

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

150th ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING OF THE ORIGINAL St PATRICK'S COLLEGE: Tuesday 12th 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 16th 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 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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