

BALLINAMORE & DRUMREILLY LOWER PARISH NEWSLETTER

17th March, '24. *St Patrick, Principal Patron of Ireland. Day of Prayer for Emigrants*
Feast Days: 18th St Cyril of Jerusalem, 19th St Joseph Spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary 20th St
Cuthbert of Lindisfarne March 21st St Enda, 23rd St Turibius of Mongrovejo

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

Ballinamore Church: St Patricks Church Sat & Sun 11am, Mon 7 pm, Tues, Weds & Thurs 7:30 am & Fri 9 am

Sun 17th Mar 11am St Patricks Day

Patrick and Mary Travers (St Brigid's Street) also Mary Leavey (St Brigid's Street) and deceased members of the Travers & Leavey families
Peter and Delores O'Connell (Clover Hill) and all
deceased members of the Barry & O'Connell families

Sun 24th Mar 11 am

Austin Quinn (Ardrum) **2nd Anniversary**

Gerry Brady (Aughadark)

Michael and Maureen O'Hara (Ardrum)

Phil and Lily McGovern (Tully)

Eucharistic Adoration:

Fridays 9.30am –10.30am

Eucharist Ministers: 17thMar Michael Duignan & Peggy Ferguson 24thMar Thomas Kelly & Gerard Mc Cartin

31st Mar Patricia Griffin, James Maguire and James Óg 7th April Máirín Martin, Mona Creamer and Liam McGovern

Ministers of the Word: 17th John Darcy 24th Mar Siobhan Dolan 31st Mar Alan Banks **Easter Sunday** Leigh Murphy

Door Collectors: 17th&24th Mar **Anne Kavanagh**, Walter Sharpley, and Ruairi Sullivan 31st Mar **Mary Corby**

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

Sat 16th Mar 8:15pm Deceased members of the McGirl family (Drumany)

Fri 22nd Mar 7 pm Frank McNulty (Kiltybarden) and all deceased family members

Sat 23rd Mar 8:15 pm Bridie McTiegue (Moher) **Months Mind**

Margaret Costello **10th Anniversary** and her husband Thomas Costello

Deceased members of the Stretton Family (Miskawn)

Holy Thursday 6-8pm Adoration for World Peace - Two hours of Adoration will take place in Aughnasheelin Church
28th March - Holy Thursday to pray for Peace in the World. Some quiet peaceful time in front of the Lord. He said to
Peter, "Couldn't you watch with me even one hour". Matthew 26:40.

Good Friday 6:30 pm Procession with Rosary from Pól an Easa carrying the Cross to arrive at the church for 7pm.

Stations of the Cross for Lent: Fridays after 7pm mass.

Mulvanerty

Eucharist Ministers: 16th&23rd Sharon O'Dowd & Brendan Sammon 30th&6thApril Terence Boyle & Kealen

Ministers of the Word: Confirmation Class

Door Collectors: Peter Flynn, Brendan Reynolds & Brian O'Dowd

Corraleehan St. Brigid's Church:

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

Mass Intentions

Sun 17th Mar

St Patricks Day Sean McNiff, also Pee and Maggie McNiff (Drumgowna)

Sun 24th Mar

People of the Parish

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

Eucharist Ministers: Teresa Maxwell and Annie McManus

Altar Society: Nell Prior and Bernie Dolan

Ministers of the Word: Helen McGovern & Sean McNiff

Door Collectors: Gerry Meehan & Joseph McNiff

Aughawillan St Patrick's Church:

Weds & Sat 7pm

Mass Intentions

Sat 16th Mar 7 pm Bridie Stringer (Boeshill)

Sat 23rd Mar 7 pm Patrick and Rita McCauley (Drumreilly) and all deceased family members

Eucharist Ministers: Pat Stringer and Breege Mc Cauley

Altar Society: Michelle Dolan and Katie Meeken

Ministers of the Word: Doreen Flanagan and Donal Quinn

Door Collectors: Paddy Deane and Gerry Flanagan

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



RECENT DEATHS: Please pray for the Souls of the Faithful departed. **May They Rest in Peace**

WAYS OF SUPPORTING the PARISH FINANCIALLY: The traditional way to support your parish is by contributing through your weekly envelope collection. Thanks to all who do so, so generously each week. In recent times some people set up a SO/EFT to pay, please contact parish office at **071 964 4039** / ballinamore@kilmorediocese.ie, or you scan QRcode with your smartphone, <https://churchtv.ie/>, follow the links for your Church to make a donation. The light a candle feature lets you to light a candle in Ballinamore Church from anywhere, 24/7

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**

RECENT BAPTISMS: We welcome into the parish community Luke Mc Caffrey, Busisiwe and Gabriel Meloa who were recently baptised. Congratulations and God's blessing to these children and their families.

THE ST.PATRICK'S DAY Collection goes towards providing financial assistance to missionaries working in Africa including St. Paul's Missionary Society a number of whose priests work in Kilmore diocese and also supporting agencies who care for elderly Irish Emigrants in various parts of the world.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 7th APRIL: Jesus told St Faustina (diary 699) my daughter, tell the whole world about my inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of my tender mercy are open. The soul that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the Divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened.

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 the Annebrook House Hotel, Mullingar. For details/ tickets contact Dermot **0857201646** / Daisy **087-6544626**

MASSES for HOLY WEEK & EASTER

27 th March Wednesday	7:30pm	Cathedral Cavan	Chrism Mass
28 th March Holy Thursday :	7 pm	Corraleehan Church	Mass of The Lords Supper
	8:30 pm	Ballinamore Church	Mass of The Lords Supper
29 th Good Friday Ceremonies:	12 pm	Oughteragh Cemetery	Stations of the Cross
	3 pm	Ballinamore Church	Celebration of The Lords Passion
	7 pm	Aughnasheelin Church	Celebration of The Lords Passion
	6 pm	Corraleehan Church	Stations of the Cross
30 th March Holy Saturday	7 pm	Aughawillan Church	Easter Vigil
	8:30pm	Ballinamore Church	Easter Vigil
31 st March Easter Sunday	9:45am	Corraleehan Church	Easter Sunday
	11 am	Aughnasheelin Church	Easter Sunday
	12 pm	Ballinamore Church	Easter Sunday

CONFESSIONS

Palm Sunday 24 th March	6 pm	Ballinamore	Penitential Service with visiting priests, and a blessing & anointing for healing.
	8 pm	Ballyconnell	
Wednesday 27 th March	10 am	Corraleehan Church	Confessions (after Mass)
Tuesday 26 th March	7:00 pm	Aughawillan Church	Confessions
	7:45 pm	Aughnasheelin Church	Confessions
Holy Saturday 30 th March	12 noon	Ballinamore Church	Confessions

COMMUNITY NOTES

ATHLETIC CLUB: training concludes on Thurs 21st, Summer training will likely commence Tues April 9th at 7pm.

AGM AUGHAWILLAN GROUP WATER SCHEME: Tuesday March 19th at 8pm in Aughawillan GAA Club Rooms.

AUGHNASHEELIN DEVELOPMENT GROUP: Table quiz on Sat 23rd has been postponed. New date to follow.

Ciorcal na mBan: Next event is Flower Arranging on Wed 27th Mar 8pm, Our walking group starts this weekend with the walk to St Patricks Well. Watch out for Movie Night - 9th April, trip to Bloom, etc. Next meeting Tues 26th 7.30pm.

BOOK CLUB next get together is Tues. 26th March 8.15pm in community centre. Contact Shirley **086 608 3516**

LOOKING AFTER OUR LOCALITY: We hope to freshen up the flower beds / planters around the area this weekend (weather permitting). Anyone interested in helping out please meet at the church carpark this Saturday 16th at 12.

CONGRATULATIONS to Louise Gallagher and Catherine O Beirne on their fantastic work in organising the Stemtacular Event in Ballinamore Sports complex. Well done to St Marys NS for the success with their projects.

St PATRICK'S DAY: walk to St Patrick's Well leaving the church car park at 12 noon, leisurely walk or drive up.

THE WRITE WAY WORKSHOP: with Nicola Kearns, Sat. 23rd March, 10 am-5 pm, in the Junction, Ballinamore. Turn your writing ambitions into reality. **COST:** €110. €30 deposit. Call Michael **085 8535115** / www.leitrimartschool.ie

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.

TO CELEBRATE SPACE WEEK: Ballinamore Library will be hosting a Meteorites Lecture by Dr. Ian Sanders Date: Tuesday 19th March, 7.30pm-9pm in Ballinamore Library, Tea & Coffee will be served

FOR WORLD POETRY DAY: Ballinamore Library will be hosting a Poetry Reading by Patrick Anderson-McQuoid & Cathy Breil on Thursday 21st March, 5pm-7pm in Ballinamore Library, Tea & Coffee will be served.

DARKNESS INTO LIGHT: takes place 11th May @t 4am. We need volunteers, please call Teresa **071 964 4049.**

ISLAND THEATRE - UPCOMING EVENTS: **The Empty Nest** starring Seamus O'Rourke & Joan Sheehy Saturday 16th March 8pm, **Knuckle Down Pat & Faye Shortt** Thursday 21st March 8pm, **Solas Gallery Launch** 22nd March (drop off 9th March), **Born to be Wild** kid's show Sunday 24th March 2pm, **Easter Craft Fair** Sat 30th March 12-5pm.

SING TOGETHER at the ISLAND THEATRE Monthly drop-ins **11am-12.30pm.** Pay as you go/can. Next date is **23rd March & 20th April 2024.** Call Sarah for more information **087 762 0523** / sarah@sarahgarden.ie. All Welcome.

SEAN O'HESLINS - MONTHLY DRAW: Tickets for the March monthly draw are available and can be purchased from Smyth's, Prior's, Murphy's, Fresh today, and Phillip Farrelly and online. €550 in prizes, all support is appreciated

REFLECTION - THE DEER'S CRY

I arise today, through God's strength to pilot me, Gods might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me, God's ear to hear me, God's word to speak to me, God's hand to guard me, God's way to lie before me, God's shield to protect me, God's host to save me, from snares of devils, from temptations of vices, from everyone who shall wish me ill, afar and near, alone and in multitude.

GARDENING COURSES STARTING IN BALLINAMORE ETB CENTRE:

QQi Level 4 Growing Vegetables Wed. from 10am-2pm. **QQi Level 3 Trees & Shrubs** Thurs. from 10am-2pm. Courses are free to everyone over 18. To register call or just call up to Seamus **087 916 8087**.

The Murder of Michael Collins Friday 5th April 8pm. Booking Mon-Wed **071 964 4513** www.islandtheatre.ie

CI CLIMATE ACTION PROJECT: 'Restoring Cavan's Bog lands' social event in Templeport Resource Centre, Bawnboy on Tues 26th March, 7-9pm. Presentations by Francis Mackin Hydrologist, Heather Bothwell West Cavan Bogs Association & Ian Wilson Composer. All welcome & refreshments served. Karina Lynch Charles **085 103 0569**

BIBLE STUDY & LECTIO DIVINA IN LENT: An introduction to the Gospel of St. John, followed by prayerful reading of Gospel passages led by Bishop Emeritus Leo O'Reilly, continues each Thursday 7.30-9pm. Course is in the Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Cavan and concludes 21st Mar. All welcome, further info on **049 437 5004**.

LENTEN HEALING SERVICE: with Fr Peter Okpetu MSP will take place in the Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Cavan on Thursday March 21st. Confessions from 6.30pm, Rosary 6pm, Holy Mass 7.30pm concluding with Benediction. Fr Peter will pray with everyone individually. All welcome

TIN WHISTLE LESSONS: Fridays at 7pm for beginners and intermediate/advanced children. All newcomers welcome. Classes in Sean O Heshlins 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.

SENIOR SCÓR Leitrim Co Finals of Scór Sinsear takes place Sat. 23rd March in Drumshanbo. The club needs to be represented in all different competitions. All interested should contact Seán Ó Súilleabháin at **087 6821566**

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 Omagh and is free of charge. Register at tiny.cc/loughderg or Email info@knightsfstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk

DARKNESS INTO LIGHT: takes place in Ballinamore on the 11th May @ 4am. You can register for the event at <https://www.darknessintolight.ie> Join Pieta and Electric Ireland at sunrise on Sat 11th May for Darkness into Light and give the gift of hope to those impacted by suicide and self-harm. Join an organised event across Ireland and the world or you can walk, swim, bike or simply share your sunrise moment. www.darknessintolight.ie this is a community event hosted by Ballinamore Community School. We seek volunteers to act as stewards on the night. If you feel you can assist please contact Teresa in the school office at **071 964 4049**.

**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@knightsfstcolumbanusomagh.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

Enquiries
Linda 0872206952;
Martin 0862412548;
Marie 0868973292

Admission - Donations welcome

Is there a **Mental Health Peer-Supporter** available in your club or association?

Cycle Against Suicide's **free*** online Mental Health Peer-Support Training equips the everyday person with the step-by-step tools to give mental health support to their peers.

Train in Mental Health Peer-Support with Cycle Against Suicide to:

- ♦ Gain a better understanding of what peer-support is and its role in maintaining good mental health within our communities.
- ♦ Learn how to use peer-support if someone in your club, association or community needs mental health support.



Become Your Club/Association's Mental Health Peer-Supporter!

For dates and times of training, or to express interest email:
training@cycleagainstsucide.com

Or register directly online with this QR code or at:

www.cycleagainstsucide.com/community-buddy/



"It's OK not to feel OK, and it's absolutely OK to ask for help."

* Offered free of charge to any community volunteer who is over 18 and a non-healthcare professional, such as volunteers of local community clubs or associations, sports clubs, book clubs, arts clubs, Tidy Towns, Men's Sheds, parents' associations, residents' associations, and any group dedicated to engaging in their community's health and wellbeing.