

BALLINAMORE & DRUMREILLY LOWER PARISH NEWSLETTER

17th December 2023

3rd Sunday of Advent

Feast Days: 18th Dec St Flannan, 20th St Fachanan, & 23rd St John of Kanty

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

Ballinamore Church:

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

Sun 17th Dec 11 am Barney Breen (Aughadark) and also Pam and Paddy McGovern
Agnes McKeon (Arvagh & Manchester)

Mon 18th Dec 7 pm **Scoil Chlann Naofa Christmas Carol Service**

Wed 20th Dec 7 pm Joseph and Mary Gormley (High Street & Fohera)

Thurs 21st Dec 9 am Patrick and Margaret McGoldrick (Lisnatulla)

Sat 23rd Dec 11 am Margaret Sweeney (Church Street)

Sun 24th Dec 11 am no intention

Sun 24th Dec 9:30pm **Christmas Eve**

Mon 25th Dec 12pm **Christmas Day Mass**

Eucharistic Adoration Fridays 9.30am –10. 30am

Eucharist Ministers: 17th Dec Máirín Martin, Mona Creamer, & Liam McGovern 24th Patricia McGoldrick, Marian Quinn, & Leigh Murphy **Christmas Eve** Deirdre Harvey & Pdraig McÁodh

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

Door Collectors: 17th, 24th Dec & 25th Dec John McWeeney, Micheal Duignan, and David Prior

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 15th Dec 7 pm Micheal Gilbride (Drumracken) and all deceased family members

Sat 16th Dec 8:15 pm Paul, Catherine, Michael, Francis, Mary and Margaret Duignan (Curraghnabania)

Fri 22nd Dec 7pm No Intention

Sat 23rd Dec 8:15 pm Jack, Margaret and Micheál Benison (Crimlin)

Sun 24th Dec 6:30 pm **Children's Mass**

Mon 25th Dec 10 am **Christmas Day Mass**

Eucharist Ministers: 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

Corraleehan St. Brigid's Church:

Wed 9:30 am & Sun 9:45 am

Mass Intentions

Sun 17th Dec 9:45 am Micheal Galligan (Drumcroman), his brother Peter and their parents Katie & Patrick Galligan.

Sun 24th Dec Hughie and Jim McGovern (Cully) and all deceased family members

Mon 25th Dec 11 am **Christmas Day Mass**

Eucharist Ministers: Teresa Maxwell & Annie McManus **Altar Society:** Bridie McNiff and Josie Maguire

Ministers of the Word: Damien Gilheany & Tracy McTague **Door Collectors:** Seamus Beirne & Micheal McManus

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

St Anthony's Donation Box: €153.40 has been lodged, many thanks for your continued generosity

Aughawillan St Patrick's Church:

Sat 7pm

Mass Intentions

Sat 16th Dec 7 pm Francie Flanagan (Drumarigna) **1st Anniversary**

Margaret (Maggie) Martin (Drumarigna) and deceased members of the Martin & Gallagher families

Sat 23rd Dec 7 pm no intention

Sun 24th Dec 8pm **Christmas Eve** Kathleen and Luke McGovern (Glebe) and all deceased family members
Hughie and Jim McGovern (Cully) and all deceased family members

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. Coneyfre

CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Christmas Eve Masses: Aughnasheelin 6:30pm (Special Children's Mass), Aughawillan 8pm, Ballinamore 11am & 9:30pm. and Corraleehan 9:45am. **Christmas Day Masses:** Aughnasheelin 10am, Corraleehan 11.00am, and Ballinamore 12 noon

CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS:

BALLINAMORE PENITENTIAL SERVICE: Sunday Dec. 17th 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 20th Dec

Aughnasheelin: before & after 7pm mass on Friday 22nd Dec. **Aughawillan:** before & after 6.30pm mass Sat 23rd Dec

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

RECENT DEATHS: Please pray for Evelyn Beirne (née Flynn) Mullinavanogue, funeral Mass Saturday 16th, Petie Prior (Knockenroe), Monday at 12 pm Ballinamore and all the souls of the Faithful departed **May They Rest in Peace**

RECENT BAPTISM: We welcome Delilah Rose Almeida into our Christian family, and we congratulate her family on this joyous occasion.

RECENT WEDDING: Congratulations to Róisín Murray and Denis Dolan who were recently married in St Bridget's Church Corraleeahan, we wish them many years of good health and happiness.

BEST OF LUCK TO BALLINAMORE LADIES FOOTBALL TEAM: on Saturday in Croak Park.



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 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

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**

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

ATHLETIC CLUB: Organised training concluded on Tuesday last for the Christmas break and will most likely resume on Tues Jan. 9th. Additional new members will then be enrolled for coming year.

POKER CLASSIC IN SHORTS BAR High St, Ballinamore on Fri 29th Dec at 9pm sharp. Admission £20 Buy-ins £5. 50/50 prizes. Proceeds to Ballinamore Patient Comfort Fund.

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.

BALLINAMORE BADMINTON CLUB: Tues at 9pm Ballinamore Sports Complex. €3 per night, PAYG. All welcome.

ANNUAL SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN: 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. Our Annual Food appeal takes place in Tesco and SuperValu, with donation boxes available in store, or donations can be made to the SVP account in Ballinamore Credit Union, as highlighted above. We really do appreciate your ongoing support.

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.

PADDY'S ICEBREAKERS, formerly LEITRIM ICEBREAKERS: Christmas day swim at 1 pm in Garadice Lake. We have rebranded this event in honour of Paddy O'Connor who ran it for many years. All funds will go directly to Vision Ireland. A go fund me page has been set up <https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/paddysicebreakers>, (or see QR code on Posters) donations will also be accepted on the day. We hope you can help us by joining us or donating whatever you can. All donations are processed securely.

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**.

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.

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

SEAN O'HESLINS NEW YEAR DRAW: Tickets are on sale now from Club members or on Revolut by contacting **086 390 791**. 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 - LORD,

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of your son, Jesus Christ, Help us to welcome him into our hearts. As the light of our advent wreath grows stronger, week by week, make us strong in following him in the love and the peace we show to others. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

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.

CHRISTMAS CHURCH CONCERT: Spreading the Joy of Christmas with Songs & Carols, featuring the St. Michael's and St. Patrick's Church Choirs and with Special Guest's the Cavan Rugby Male Voice Choir, in St. Michael's Church Cootehill, Sunday 17th December 2023 at 7.30pm Sharp. (Doors open 7pm) Please bring a cushion!

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. The Christmas shop provides much needed financial income to support the mission and ministry of Lough Derg outside the Pilgrimage Season. Thank you for your support.

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!

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.



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 The third candle is pink and symbolises joy. It is called the "Shepherd's Candle," and is pink, rose being the liturgical colour for joy. The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sun day, reminding us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy of having reached the midpoint of Advent.

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: Trimming, Shaping Finger and Toe Nails, Dry Skin Removal, Hand and Foot Massage. Home Visits available. Contact Sherry **085 725 7001** Leitrim and Longford areas

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