

BALLINAMORE & DRUMREILLY LOWER PARISH NEWSLETTER

18th December 2022

4th Sunday of Advent

Feast Days: Tues 20th St Facanan, and 21st St Peter Canisius Saturday 24th Christmas Eve

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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 11 am, Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri 9 am, Wed 7pm, Sat 24th 9:30 pm
(no morning Mass) Christmas Day 12 noon, Mon 26th 11 am.

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

Tues 20th Dec 9 am Joseph and Mary Gormley (High street & Fohera)

Sat 24th Dec 9:30 pm James Bohan (Drumrane)
Paddy Crossan (Tully) **2nd Anniversary**

Sun 25th Dec 12 noon Special Intention

Mon 26th Dec 11 am Hugh Hegarty and Roger Clarke, nephews of Evelyn Smith



Eucharist Ministers: 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 **8th Jan** Mona Creamer, Liam McGovern and Máirín Martin.

Ministers of the Word: 18th John Darcy **Christmas Eve** Siobhan Dolan and Alan Banks **Christmas Day** Leigh
Murphy and Raymond McHugh. **Sun 1st Jan** Rhona Conlon **8th Jan** Mary Conlon **Jan 15th** Gerard Darcy

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, Fri 7pm, Sat 24th 6:30pm, Christmas Day 10 am.

Mass Intentions

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)

Sat 24th Dec 6:30 pm Children's Christmas Mass

Sun 25th Dec 10 am People of the Parish

Eucharist Ministers: 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 Sun 9:45 am, Wed 9:30, Christmas Day 11am

Mass Intentions

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

Sun 25th Dec 11 am No Intention

Eucharistic Adoration Wednesday 10 am to 8 pm, All Welcome

Aughawillan St Patrick's Church: Sat 6:30 pm, Christmas Eve 8pm

Mass Intentions

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

Sat 24th Dec 8 pm Kathleen and Luke McGovern (Glebe) and all deceased family members
Hughie and Jim McGovern (Cully) and all deceased family members

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 souls of Richard O'Brien (Trathnóna) and Monica Murphy (England) sister in law
of the late Mary Boyle, and all the souls of the Faithful Departed. **May they Rest in Peace**

RECENT BAPTISM: We welcome Teidí Seán Domican, and Tommy Michael Quinn into our Christian family, and we
congratulate their parents on this joyous occasion.

CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

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

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

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

BALLINAMORE PRAYER GROUP 8 pm on Tuesday nights. Come along and invite your friends.

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

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.

MARY’S MEALS – BIG FAMILY CHRISTMAS: Mary’s Meals, are inviting you to join their Big Family Christmas. A range of gifts are available, which will not only provide you with a wonderful Christmas gift for a loved one, but will also provide life changing school meals for a child living in poverty. For just €18.30 a place can be set at their virtual Big Family Christmas dinner table, which will feed a child for an entire school year! This place setting can then be printed or emailed to someone as a special gift. A range of other gift cards are also available; from 100 meals for €9, to funding a cooking pot & stove for €250, and all in between! Gift cards can be downloaded www.marysmeals.ie or can be sent via post by calling **01 853 5163**.

COMMUNITY NOTES

ATHLETIC CLUB: Club training suspended until the New Year. No training last week due to weather conditions.

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.

ST MARY’S NS MASS MONDAY 19th DEC. 7.30 pm: Followed by Craft Fair at the School. Come and see what the children have made - Christmas Wreaths & Logs, Tree Decorations and more. Refreshments served. All welcome.

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

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**.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS: Ballinamore is now lit up for the Christmas Season, for the enjoyment of all. However it doesn’t come without hard work, many hours and by many volunteer. We thank everyone involved for your time and energy. Thank you to those who helped to maintain the lights, those who erected them, and to our sponsors. Thank you to all the elves, bucket collectors, trailer decorators, social media experts, local fire Brigade and of course Santa. If you would like to get involved contact Dawn **086 311 5647**. **Wishing you all a Happy and Peaceful Christmas**

THINKING OF A NEW YEARS RESOLUTION? BALLINAMORE OLD TEC- MSLETB GARDEN CLASSES Weds. Garden Planning, Level 3 QQI; Thurs. Food Growing, Level 4 QQI in the Old Vocational School/ETB Building, 10am – 2pm. All welcome, just call in. **PHOTOGRAPHY & COOKERY CLASSES** to start in the Old Vocational School/ETB Building. If interested in these Classes, call Martina or John in Ballinamore Tourist Office **071 964 4513** to book your place. **MSLETB TRAINING:** Computer Classes Level 3 & 4 are to commence in Ballinamore Enterprise Centre on the Willowfield Road. Please ring Martina or John in Ballinamore Tourist Office **071 964 4513** to reserve a place.

DIGGES BEEKEEPERS’ ASSOCIATION: Introduction to Beekeeping 4 sessions (Jan – Feb) and Beginners Course (Feb-May) for more information please call Kathleen on **086 380 2292** or email

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. Mile buíochas to all who support our annual fundraiser.

REFLECTION - The 4th Candle is lit on the Advent Wreath the “Angel’s Candle” – PEACE

This name comes from the fact that the angels announced that Jesus came to bring peace (Luke 2:14). This week we are reminded that Jesus came to bring peace to our hearts and to our world!

Lord, would you bring your strength and peace to your people! Would your presence be felt by all who seek you in a powerful way in this Advent season. Turn the hearts of mankind towards you. We pray that the lost turn to you and find an unshakable peace that nothing else in this world can offer.

Amen.