

## BALLINAMORE & DRUMREILLY LOWER PARISH NEWSLETTER

19<sup>th</sup> February 2023 - Day of Prayer for Temperance - 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT  
Feast Days: 20<sup>th</sup> Feb Sts Jacinta & Francisco Marto (Fatima) 21<sup>st</sup> Feb St Peter  
Damian, 22<sup>nd</sup> Ash Wednesday - Day of Fast & Abstinence, 23<sup>rd</sup> St Polycarp, and  
24<sup>th</sup> Feb. is Worldwide day of Prayer for Survivors & Victims of Sexual Abuse

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Join us live, at [churchtv.ie](http://churchtv.ie) Select Leitrim, and then Aghnasheelin, Ballinamore or Corraleeahan Church

**Ballinamore Church:** Sat 18<sup>th</sup> (no 11am) Sat 25<sup>th</sup> & Sun 11am, Mon 7pm, Tues 9am, Wed & Thurs 7.30am & Fri 9am

Sat 18<sup>th</sup> 2 pm Memorial Mass for Steve Ralph, formerly of (Lahard & New York)

Sun 19<sup>th</sup> 11 am Eithne and Paddy Smyth (High Street)

Bernie Clyne (Pairc Feá & New York)

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 7:30am Tom Joe and Annie Creamer (Cornawall)

Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 11 am Agnes Shortt (High Street) **Months Mind**

**Eucharist Ministers:** 19<sup>th</sup> Feb Evelyn McHugh, Marian Sharpley, and PJ McLoughlin 26<sup>th</sup> Feb Brendan Sweeney, Tommy Moran and Eilis O'Dell 5<sup>th</sup> March Paddy O'Connor, Thomas Kelly, & Gerard Mc Cartin

**Ministers of the Word:** 19<sup>th</sup> Feb Marie O'Connor 26<sup>th</sup> PJ McLoughlin 5<sup>th</sup> March Mary Corby 12<sup>th</sup> Mar Gerard Darcy

**Door Collectors:** 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> Feb Padraig McGovern, Philip Farrelly, Brian McWeeney and Donal Duignan

**Collection Counters:** Please ensure that collections are counted weekly, and bag each collection separately

**Aghnasheelin, St. Mary's Church:** Fri 7pm & Sat 8 pm and Ash Wed 8pm

### Mass Intentions

Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 8 pm Aidan McTeigue, his daughter Mary McDermott and his sisters Maisie Lyons and Rita McTeigue and all deceased McTeigue family members

Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 7 pm Micheal Sammon

Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 8 pm Tom and Annie Harvey, and grandchildren Mary, Eva, and John (Knocknacullion)

Terence Joe Boyle (Tullybawn) also Terence & Brigid Boyle and all deceased family members

**Stations of the Cross** to take place each Friday evening after 7pm Mass during Lent. Stations will be led by a lay Person each evening, if you could be part of this, call Breda **086 376 3809** to arrange a Friday to suit you. Thank You

**Eucharist Ministers:** 18<sup>th</sup> Feb Mary Rooney & Breda Mulvanerty 25<sup>th</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mar Caroline Sammon & Kerry Meehan

**Ministers of the Word:** February Shirley Sammon and Laura Creaven

**Door Collectors:** February John Pat Creamer and James McCaffrey

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**Eucharistic Adoration** Wednesday 11am to 12 noon, and 8 to 10 pm

**Corraleeahan St. Brigid's Church:** Mass Ash Wed 9:30 & Sun 9:45 am

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Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 9:45 am John and Mary Brigid Duignan (Derradda) and all deceased family members

Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 9:45 am No Intention

**St Anthony Donations:** €78.55 lodged to Merchants Quay from this collection your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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

**Aughawillan St Patrick's Church:** Sat 6:30 pm and Ash Wed 7.30pm

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Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 6:30 pm Bernard Prior 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
William and Mary Gormley, and Stephan and Liam Gormley  
Joe McAveety (Corlough)

Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 6:30 pm Seán Callaghan (Lisroughty) 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

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

**RECENT DEATHS:** We pray for Paul Maguire (Ballinamore & Northampton), and the souls of all the faithful departed.  
**May they Rest in Peace**

**Ballinamore Prayer Group** 8 pm on Tuesday nights. Come along and invite your friends.

**Ballinamore Church:** Now that the internal painting of the church is completed all masses will be celebrated in the main Church. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding during this period. A special word of thanks to all who helped out in preparing the church for the weekend masses.

**TEMPERANCE SUNDAY:** time to reflect on the need for moderation and temperance in our lives, perhaps for Lent?

**A LENTEN HEALING SERVICE** with Fr John Walsh (Limerick) in St Brigid's Church, Killygarry, Cavan on Feb 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm with Rosary, Mass, Benediction & laying on of hands. Water, Salt & Oil will be blessed. Confessions at 6.45pm

**LENT:** The season of Lent begins Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at each mass on Ash Wednesday. **What are the three pillars of Lent?** To help keep us on track, the church offers us three pillars to focus our efforts during the forty days of Lent: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. While the practice of fasting and almsgiving during Lent is widely known and observed, many are not conscious of how to answer the church's prompt to incorporate prayer during this season. God calls us to begin or strengthen our daily prayer routine so that we may come to know him on a personal level. If we are going to grow in a relationship with Jesus Christ, increasing our time in prayer and attending Mass more often is where we need to start.

**ONLINE LENTEN RETREAT.** The Priory Institute offers a free online retreat 'Reflecting on the Sunday Gospels of Lent as Stepping Stones on our Journey to East' [prioryinstitute.com](http://prioryinstitute.com) or <https://bit.ly/3DWrTkx> to register/find out more.

**THE FIRST FRIDAY VIGILS OF REPARATION** resume in St. Clare's Adoration Chapel, Cavan Town, from 6pm to 10pm. Every First Friday of the month beginning Friday 3 March next. You are invited to attend for even some of it. "Come and watch with me for one hour" - Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. "Help make reparation for sin, so that souls may be saved" - Our Lady of Fatima. Do it for yourselves, your family, our country and the world.

**DONATIONS TO NEW STAINED GLASS WINDOWS IN ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH BALLINAMORE:** Our renewed thanks to all who have made donations. Please check the copy of the plaque in church porch for your correct details. If there are mistakes please contact Fr. Seán. If you or your family wish to make a donation contact Fr. Seán, as the Plaque will be finalised and placed in the church porch very soon.

**DAY OF PRAYER FOR SURVIVORS & VICTIMS OF ABUSE. FEB 24<sup>th</sup>:** originates in 2016 when the Vatican's Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors (PCPM) by a survivor of clerical abuse, stated, "In the experience of our members, victims/survivors have often expressed a desire for prayer as an important element in their healing process." In response, Pope Francis and Bishops established a day of prayer in the Church year to support the paths of human and spiritual recovery. This day is for victims and survivors, who have been severely injured, either inside or outside the Church, it's also for families and communities affected by grief for loved ones. We pray that everyone can feel a confidence and certainty in Jesus love again. All will be remembered and prayed for during Mass today.

**UNDERSTANDING THE GOSPEL OF ST. MATTHEW:** a six- week bible study course taught by Bishop-Emeritus Leo O'Reilly - will run on Thursdays starting on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 7:30 - 9:00pm, in the Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Cavan H12 E5C7. The Thurs 16 March session, will take place on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023. A voluntary contribution is invited. For more information call [\(049\) 437 5004](tel:0494375004) (extension 102) or email [pastoralcentre@kilmorediocese.ie](mailto:pastoralcentre@kilmorediocese.ie).

### COMMUNITY NOTES

**ATHLETIC CLUB:** Training for health, fitness and competitions continues both indoor and outdoor under lights at the Sports Hall each Tuesday and Thursday at 7.00 p.m. New members are always welcome.

**AUGHNASHEELIN YELLOW RIVER PLAYERS:** bringing you a production of 'Cupid Wore Skirts' by Sam Cree, in Aughnasheelin the 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup> March, curtain up at 8.30pm, tickets on the door. After 3 years of waiting, all are welcome back to Aughnasheelin and we promise you a night full of laughter and a little bit of love too!

**AUGHNASHEELIN SOCIAL DANCING CLASSES** with Rina Bannon, Wednesdays at 8 pm, all welcome.

**SCOIL CHLANN NAOFA** now enrolling for 2023/24. Contact **071 964 5001** or [info@scoilchlannnaofa.com](mailto:info@scoilchlannnaofa.com) for info.

**BADMINTON:** is back Tuesdays at 9 pm. Ballinamore Sports Complex. All standards welcome. €3 per person.

**BALLINAMORE B'MORE HENS SHED:** meet in the Island Theatre every Monday at 11:30am, all welcome

**ISLAND THEATRE 18<sup>th</sup> FEB: Padraig Pott's Guide to Walking** by Seamus O'Rourke. Coming up.... Ballinamore Drama Festival 5<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> March. **'9 to 5' the Musical** 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023. **Well - Pat & Faye Shortt** 15<sup>th</sup> April. & **Last Prime Minister of Ireland** 6<sup>th</sup> May.

**YOUR TOWN NEEDS YOU** It's time to start planning our St. Patricks Day Parade Ballinamore that will be at 4pm on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> of March 2023, but we can't do it without **YOU!** We are looking for volunteers to join our committee. If you if you are up for the challenge, we need to hear from you. Please send an email to [ballinamoretourism@gmail.com](mailto:ballinamoretourism@gmail.com) or you can pop into the Tourist Office on Thursdays or Fridays. We are also asking all Businesses and Community Groups to put a float or walk the parade, please contact Martina in the Tourist Office [ballinamoretourism@gmail.com](mailto:ballinamoretourism@gmail.com)

**LINE DANCING IN CORLOUGH COMMUNITY CENTRE** on Tues 7<sup>th</sup>, Tues 14<sup>th</sup>, & Tues 28<sup>th</sup> Feb. Also same Tues in March. Adults €7 & Students €4. All students under 18 to be accompanied by an adult.

**BALLINAMORE SEAN O'HESLINS** are delighted to host the **Gaelic4Girls programme**. It is a fun 10-week programme designed to encourage girls to either start playing for the first time, return to playing or to develop existing player's skills. The aim is to increase the number of girls playing Gaelic football and promote the social benefits of playing with friends. It is open to girls born 2015-2011. Start date is Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 6-7pm. information/registration meeting for parents on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb at 6pm in SOH clubrooms. Please contact Jenny **087 295 8837** or Michelle **087 297 7687** with any queries and **U11 TRAINING:** training for U11 boys started Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 6pm to 7pm. Boys born on or after 1/1/2012 are welcome to join. Please contact Jenny McTague **087 295 8837**.

**DAY-CENTRE TEMPLEPORT RESOURCE CENTRE** opens again Wed. Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> with usual transport provided. New people welcome from Ballinamore surrounding areas. Contact Kathleen on **087 792 1683** or Anne on **087 285 7471**

### REFLECTION:

For Thy greater glory and consolation,  
O Sacred Heart of Jesus,  
for Thy sake to give good example, to practice self-denial,  
to make reparation to Thee for the sins of intemperance,  
and for the conversion of excessive drinkers,  
I will abstain for life from all intoxicating drinks. **Amen**

Almighty God, we pray for all victims of abuse. We ask you to surround them with your care and protect them by your loving might and permit them to enjoy health and healing, wholeness and strength, calmness and peace and love. Most of all, we pray that they feel your presence and be confident in you. In Jesus' name. **Amen**

Temperance Sunday is a day of prayer for all who live under the shadow of addiction. We pray also for counsellors and staff in Primary Care Centres who help their relations towards recovery.

We pray a blessing from Heaven on all families and individuals who are struggling because of addiction or substance abuse. We pray for all who receive spiritual support from Pioneers, the AA programme and NA meetings as they work one day at a time to maintain their resolutions.

**Amen.**