

BALLINAMORE & DRUMREILLY LOWER PARISH NEWSLETTER

21st January 2024

Sunday of the Word of God

3rd Sunday in OT

Feast Days: Jan 22nd St. Vincent, 24th St. Francis de Sales, 25th Conversion of St. Paul,
Jan 26th SS. Timothy & Titus, Jan 27th St. Angela Merici, Holocaust Memorial Day

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

Ballinamore Church:

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

Sat 20th Jan 11 am Fr Dan Sheridan (Glangevlin & Killeshandra)

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)

Wed 24th Jan 7 pm Marion Sweeney 2nd anniversary and Brian Sweeney (Aughadark)

Sun 28th Jan 11 am Colm Mullan (Fohera & Berkley California) Months Mind

Eucharistic Adoration: Fridays 9.30am –10.30am

Eucharist Ministers: 21st Jan Thomas Kelly & Gerard McCartin. 28th Jan Patricia Griffin, James & James Óg Maguire

Ministers of the Word 21st Jan Tommy Moran 28th Jan Ann Gillen 4th Feb Patricia McGoldrick 11th Feb

Door Collectors: 21st James Maguire, Noel Dolan, Seamus McGrath and Declan Cumiskey

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

Aghnasheelin, St. Mary's Church:

Fri 7pm & Sat 8:15.

Mass Intentions

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

Fri 26th Jan 7 pm Eileen Boyle (Tullybawn)

Sat 27th Jan 8:15 pm Anne Callaghan (Derrinkeher Roycroft) 1st Anniversary her husband Joe, and all deceased members of the Callaghan and Travers families.

Eucharist Ministers: 20th & 27th Jan Laura Creaven & Garry Prior 3rd & 10th Feb Detta McNiffe and Tom Prior

Corraleehan St. Brigid's Church:

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

Mass Intentions

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.

Sun 28th Jan 9:45 am Frank McCabe (Kiltyhugh) Months Mind

Annette Gilheany (Clogher) and her parents Pee and Kitty Rudden

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

St Anthony Collection: the sum of €179.93 has been lodged, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Aughawillan St Patrick's Church:

Sat 7pm.

Mass Intentions

Sat 20th Jan 7 pm People of the Parish

Sat 27th Jan 7 pm no intention

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 souls of and all the Faithful departed.

May They Rest in Peace

CAVAN HOSPITAL PEACEFUL & LEGAL PRAYER PROTEST Sun 28th Jan at 3pm. there will be a prayer protest at the entrance to Cavan general hospital grounds. The objective of this peaceful and legal prayer protest is to let the Stephen Donnelly, Minister for Health, local politicians & HSE Management know that many vehemently object to any plans to make abortion services available in Cavan Hospital. Hospital staff and other HSE personnel need to know that they will have full support – both practical and legal in protecting their conscientious right not to participate in or support any abortion services at any level. Deacon Andy Brady will lead a decade of the rosary - other Christian pastors & religious leaders to follow up with scripture readings and prayers to our God.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' WEEK 21st- 27th of Jan: The theme for Catholic Schools week 2024 is **Catholic Schools':**

Communities of Service. <https://catholiceducation.ie/catholic-schools-week-2024-communities-of-service/>

Let us thank all those who teach in Catholic schools. Educating is an act of love; it is like giving life. *Pope Francis*

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY Thurs 18th – 25th Jan: The theme of this year's 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 most communities, but we have a memory of or the threat of violence, centred on issues of identity and belonging. There are groups within Irish communities, including people from ethnic minority backgrounds and people seeking asylum, who feel vulnerable to violence or have been displaced by threat of violence. Let us remember "Regardless of the nature or duration of the fight, the moment of reconciliation will come."

AN ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE takes place today in the Church of Ireland, Cavan at 7:00pm all are welcome.

PASTORAL AREA CHANGES: There has been some changes in the layout of the local Pastoral Area. Our parish of Oughteragh/ Lower Drumreilly along with Corlough/Templeport and Kildallen /Ballyconnell now form one Pastoral Area. Carrigallen /Drumreilly and Killesandra/Arva remain as a Pastoral Area. For practical reasons this new arrangement is more workable. Historically Oughteragh and Corlough have had close links. As many of you will remember the sacrament of confirmation was celebrated alternate years in Ballinamore and Corlough Churches, and up until September 2016 Aughawillan, Corraleehan and Corlough formed one parish.

Fr. Moses has been appointed by Bishop Martin as assistant priest to the Pastoral Area, which means he will assist in the other 2 parishes as well. However most of Fr Moses time will be spent in Oughteragh & Lower Drumreilly. As a parish we are blessed to have so many people engaged in various ministries. Fr. Moses and Fr Seán are grateful for your ministry and your time. It is our intention to work together as a team along with all involved in ministry. Fr. Moses main areas of pastoral care will be Aughnasheelin and Corraleehan, previously looked after by Fr. Johnnie, while Fr. Seán will continue with Ballinamore and Aughawillan. In practice this means that Fr. Moses will take care of funerals, weddings and baptisms in Aughnasheelin and Corraleehan and Fr. Seán likewise in Ballinamore and Aughawillan.

Bishop Martin's pastoral letter "Making Decisions and Preparing for the Future Together" is challenging and calls for decision making, it also offers opportunities for people to be involved in presenting the Gospel of Christ in a new way. Again our thanks for your ongoing support, prayers and generosity. May the Holy Spirit guide us as we journey together.

PARENTS INFORMATION MEETING: for First Communion Children Tue 30th Jan, 8pm in St Brigid's Parish Centre.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: Wed 31st January at 8 pm in St Brigid's Parish Centre

COMMUNITY NOTES

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

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

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.

CORLOUGH LINE DANCING: starts Tues Jan 30th in Corlough Community Centre at 8pm, admission €7 all welcome

SET DANCING CLASSES: Shortts Bar on Thursdays, call **086 850 6696** for more information.

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 for course/talks delivery.

FREE HORTICULTURE COURSE (QQI Level 4) F/T Horticulture Course commencing on the 26th Feb. Drumshanbo for 45 weeks. Training Allowance available. Contact Linda on **086 2031664** or email LindaLogan@msletb.ie

'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

LEITRIM VOLUNTEER CENTRE OUTREACH OFFICE: based in The Island Theatre Ballinamore, working with volunteers and organisations to promote and enhance volunteering across Leitrim. For more information and to register your group or as an individual contact Claire on **087 769 6514** or e mail claire@volunteerleitrim.ie

BALLINAMORE COMHALTAS MONTHLY SESSION - This Sunday 21st Jan. sees our first learner session of 2024 upstairs in The Island Theatre from 6-8pm. We are delighted to welcome All-Ireland champion Aisling McPhillips to host the session this month. Aisling hails from Fermanagh, now residing in Killeshandra and has had previous fleadh success both as a soloist and with senior winning Ceili band The Knockmore in 2014. From 6-7 pm tunes at a slower pace will be the focus. From 7-8 PM there will be more emphasis on faster jigs and reels. All welcome whether a child or adult! The more the merrier. For more information please contact Sarah Garden on **087 762 0523**

SING TOGETHER at the ISLAND THEATRE Monthly drop-ins **11am-12.30pm**. Pay as you go/or can. Dates **27th Jan, 24th Feb, 23rd March & 20th April 2024**. Call Sarah for more information **087 762 0523** / sarah@sarahgarden.ie.

Everyone is welcome and you don't need to be an experienced singer, this is a chance to sing songs from every genre.

ISLAND THEATRE - UPCOMING EVENTS: Donal O'Connor & Dr Matteo Cullen. Sat. 11th Feb. 8pm (doors 7.30pm) Intimate gig with original songs and storytelling in the Crannóg Room, Support by BUGS Ballinamore Ukulele Group. Tickets: www.islandtheatre.ie, via the Tourism Office or on the door, on the night.

REFLECTION

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself." (Lk 10:27) We pray that Christians may reach full communion and bear unanimous witness of love towards all, especially towards the most fragile.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring love. Where there is offence, let me bring pardon. Where there is discord, let me bring peace. Where there is error, let me bring truth.

Where there is doubt, let me bring faith. Where there is despair, let me bring hope.

Where there is darkness, let me bring your light. Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.

Amen



BOUGHTERAGH & 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.

GENTLE REMINDER: to update your church contributions for 2023. 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 2 ACC

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.

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

IRISH CONVERSATION CLASSES. The very successful Ciorcal Comhrá, or Irish Conversation Circle in Ballinamore Library is on Tues. 8 pm. Different levels/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 Heshlins GAA clubroom for more information contact Sarah at **083 483 5881**

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**.

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 be willing to 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/>

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**.

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.

NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH ADULT STUDIES:

Our Catechism Youcat Workshop for 2024 takes place on Saturday 10th February at Our Lady's Shrine Knock with Spiritual Director: Fr. Vincent Twomey for more info please see the poster at the back of the Church. To book please contact: Máirín Ní Shúilleabháin B.A. Div. Coordinator, at mairin991@gmail.com Tel. Mob **087 795 0325**

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.



The Unity Prayer

MY ADORABLE JESUS,

MAY OUR FEET JOURNEY TOGETHER.

MAY OUR HANDS GATHER IN UNITY.

MAY OUR HEARTS BEAT IN UNISON.

MAY OUR SOULS BE IN HARMONY.

MAY OUR THOUGHTS BE AS ONE.

MAY OUR EARS LISTEN TO

THE SILENCE TOGETHER.

MAY OUR GLANCES

PROFOUNDLY

PENETRATE EACH OTHER.

MAY OUR LIPS PRAY TOGETHER TO

GAIN MERCY FROM THE ETERNAL FATHER.

AMEN