

## BALLINAMORE & DRUMREILLY LOWER PARISH NEWSLETTER

22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023

29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT

Feast Days: 23<sup>rd</sup> St John of Capistrano, 24<sup>th</sup> St Anthony Mary Claret, 27<sup>th</sup> St Otteran  
28<sup>th</sup> St Simon & St Jude, Apostles

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**Ballinamore Church: Sat & Sun at 11am, Mon, 7pm, Tues, & Fri 9am (no Mass Weds or Thurs)**

Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Oct 11 am John Cumiskey (Main Street)

Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> 11 am Daniel Sneyd (Ballinamore & Elphin) **3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary**

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> 7 pm Micheal and Mary Darcy (Aughayoula)

Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Oct 11 am Seamus Beirne (Ardrum) **Months Mind**

Sun 29<sup>th</sup> 11 am Christine Maxwell (Dromore) **2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary**

Kitty McManus (Willowfield) and all deceased members of the Slevin & McManus families  
Dan, Alice, James, Vincie and Anna Gallogly (Drumrane)

**Eucharistic Adoration** Fridays 9.30am - 10.30am

**Eucharist Ministers:** 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct Philomena Early, Mary McWeeney and Aileen Wisley 29<sup>th</sup> Oct Micheal Darcy, Maeve Sharpley, and Noel Dolan 5<sup>th</sup> Nov Alice Costello, Raymond McHugh, Marcella McKiernan

**Ministers of the Word** 22<sup>nd</sup> Leigh Murphy 29<sup>th</sup> Raymond McHugh 5<sup>th</sup> Nov Rhona Conlon 12<sup>th</sup> Nov Mary Conlon

**Door Collectors:** 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct - Pdraig McGovern, Philip Farrelly, Brian McWeeney, & Donal Duignan 29<sup>th</sup> Oct  
Brendan Sweeney, Sean Kavanagh and Damien Hamill 5<sup>th</sup> Nov & 12<sup>th</sup> Nov Group 17

**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**

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Oct 7 pm Jack & Kate Doherty, Jim & Micheal Doherty, & deceased members of the Doherty & Mulvey Family (Foxwood) also Micheal Joe and Mary Elizabeth Nealon (Foxwood)

Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Oct 8:15 pm Margaret Creamer (Foxwood)

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Oct 8:15 pm Micheal Loughlin (Derrinkehir) **Months Mind**

Margaret and James Prior (Lisculfee)

Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Oct 8:15 pm Micheal Joseph Gilhooly (Killaneen & Herefordshire) **1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary**

Mary Murray (Kiltybarden) **2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary**

Packie and Lucy Gallagher (Knockacullion), and Mary Gallagher (Kent)

Bernie, Lizzie, Sean and Bernie Beirne (Miskawn)

**Eucharist Ministers:** 21<sup>st</sup> Seamus Prior & Margaret McTeigue 28<sup>th</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Nov Sharon O'Dowd & Brendan Sammon

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

**Corraleehan St. Brigid's Church:**

**(no Mass Weds 9:30 am) & Sun 9:45 am**

**Mass Intentions**

Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct 9:45 am Jack Prior (Derradda) and all deceased members of the Prior family

Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Oct 9:45 am Harvest Mass of Thanksgiving

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

**Aghawillan St Patrick's Church:**

**Sat 7pm**

**Mass Intentions**

Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Oct 7pm Eileen Prior (Lecken)

James Stringer (Boeshill)

Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Oct 7 pm People of the Parish

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

**RECENT DEATH:** Please pray for the recent deaths of all the faithful departed.

**May They Rest in Peace**

**MASS OF CONSOLATION FOR THE BEREAVED:** Takes place in Aghnasheelin Church on 24<sup>th</sup> November at 8pm

**HARVEST MASS OF THANKSGIVING:** bringing the community of Oughteragh & Drumreilly Lower together in St Brigid's Church Corraleehan, on Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Oct. at 9.45am. We would like to invite all parishioners, who have grown fruits and vegetables, baked homemade goods or jarred honeys/jams and would like to decorate and display them around the altar. To do this, please bring to Corraleehan Church by Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> Oct. 5pm. Local food producers and those in tourism are asked to participate.

**MISSION SUNDAY:** This Sunday we celebrate Mission Sunday. Through our prayers and donations we assist overseas Missions and Missionaries. This Sunday is much more than an appeal for financial help. Missionaries take great strength in knowing that the faithful of the world are keeping them in their thoughts and prayers. So pray a special Prayer regularly for those who serve the worlds most marginalised and vulnerable people.

**THIS MISSION SUNDAY - THE KILMORE APOSTOLIC SOCIETY,** which is 100 years old, welcome our missionary societies to our Annual Display of goods for the missions. We are donating all these to them along with any surplus funds we have gathered. Our bishop, the Rev Martin Hayes will also grace the gathering which will be in the Pastoral Centre in Cavan from 2pm. All are welcome!

**BISHOP MARTIN'S PASTORAL LETTER** "Making Decisions and preparing for the Future Together" will be read out by members of the Parish Pastoral Council at all Masses on the weekend of the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> November. This letter is the fruit of much consultation and reflection by Bishop Martin as he presents his vision for the Diocese as we move forward to face new challenges. Copies of the Pastoral Letter will be handed out after each Mass on that weekend.

**BIBLE STUDY COURSE:** Bishop-Emeritus Leo O'Reilly will deliver a six-week course on "Understanding the Gospel of St. Mark" in the Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Cavan H12 E5C7 on Thursdays from 7:30 pm - 9 pm beginning on Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> October. Each evening will conclude with Lectio Divina, a meditative way of reading the Scriptures in which we let go of our own agendas and open ourselves to what God is trying to say to us through His Word. All welcome. A voluntary contribution each evening would be appreciated. For further information, please contact the Centre on **049 4375004** (Ext. 102) or by email to [pastoralcentre@kilmorediocese.ie](mailto:pastoralcentre@kilmorediocese.ie)

**FR LUKE OHIEMI** leads an evening of prayer and praise in the Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Cavan on 26<sup>th</sup> Oct Confessions from 6.15pm, Rosary 7pm, Holy Mass at 7.30pm. Prayers for individuals before concluding with Benediction. All welcome.

### COMMUNITY NOTES

**BALLINAMORE ATHLETIC CLUB:** Club members are taking part in the Connacht Even Ages Cross Country Championships in Westport this Sunday and will be competing in the Uneven Ages event in Ballymote on Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Nov Training continues Tuesday and Thursday at 7 pm.

**AUGHNASHEELIN SOCIAL DANCING CLASSES** Continue with Rena Bannon in the Hall at 8.30 pm. All welcome.

**SOCIAL DANCE AUGHNASHEELIN COMMUNITY CENTER:** tonight Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Oct. Music by **Showbud featuring Robert Brown**. Doors open 9pm Refreshments served. Everyone welcome.

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

**POETRY AS COMMEMORATION WORKSHOPS:** Leitrim Local Studies Library are hosting two poetry workshops facilitated by author Mary Melvin Geoghegan on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November in Ballinamore Library. The aim of the workshops is to develop creative engagement with the material history of the War of Independence and Civil War. Artefacts, documents and photographs from the revolutionary period will be carefully selected from the Leitrim Local Studies Collection and engagement with these creative prompts will inspire the participants, under the guidance of Mary Melvin Geoghegan to write a poem. It is also possible for the participants to bring their own documents, letters or photographs to write about. These items may have been preserved and handed down through the generations by family members. Workshops will take place on both days 11am to 1pm, places are limited and participants must register to attend, contact Mary Conefrey on **071 964 5567** or [mconefrey@leitrimcoco.ie](mailto:mconefrey@leitrimcoco.ie)

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

**BEGINNERS IRISH CLASSES:** Ballinamore Library Tuesday at 8pm. Free Classes. Text/call **087 6821 566**

**CASH FOR CLOBBER COLLECTION:** for Scoil Chlann Naofa. Bags of used clean clothes, bedding (no duvets or pillows accepted), curtains, handbags, belts and shoes (shoes in pairs in a separate bag) may be left in the shed to the rear of the After-School Building between 9am - 10 am on the mornings of Mon 6<sup>th</sup>, Tues 7<sup>th</sup>, Wed 8<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Nov. Bags will be collected on Thurs 9<sup>th</sup>. All donations to be clean and in good condition. All support is appreciated.

**COMMUNITY INFORMATION FAIR:** Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> Oct. 11 am - 2pm at the Landmark Hotel. The event will inform people of the services and activities that are available in their areas. All welcome. Health checks, Food Served. Organised by Leitrim Co Co Healthy Ireland, An Gardaí, Leitrim Dev. Co & Leitrim PPN (Public Participation Network)

**BALLINAMORE COMHALTAS CEOLTOIRÍ EIREANN:** The monthly tradition music session will commence this Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> of October 6-7pm in the Island Theatre, Ballinamore. The guest musician will be Rachel McGovern. All are welcome. **The Annual General Meeting for the Ballinamore branch of BCCE** will take place after the music session, with refreshments being served. For further information, please contact **087 7620523**

**SING TOGETHER at the ISLAND THEATRE** Monthly drop-ins **11am-12.30pm**, refreshments afterwards. Pay as you go/or can €5/€10/€15. This weekend **21<sup>st</sup> Oct, 18<sup>th</sup> Nov, & 16<sup>th</sup> December**. Call Sarah on **087 762 0523** or [sarah@sarahgarden.ie](mailto:sarah@sarahgarden.ie) for more information. 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 experience with singing. Session facilitated by Sarah Garden, and is a chance to sing songs from around the world and every genre

**BALLINAMORE GREENWAY PARKRUN & WALK:** every Saturday at 9.30am - looking forward to seeing you there.

**CANAL BANK WALK:** meet at the Basin opposite SuperValu at **6 pm on Mondays** all welcome.

### GARDENING COURSES STARTING IN BALLINAMORE ETB CENTRE:

**QQi Level 4 Plant Identification** every Wednesday from 10am-2pm. **QQi Level 3 Garden Planning** every Thursday from 10am-2pm. Both courses are free to everyone over 18. To register call or just call up to Seamus **087 916 8087**.

**THIS IS YOUR LIFE' SHOW - FUNDRAISER FOR BALLINAMORE FAMILY FESTIVAL:** Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November in the Island Theatre. Doors Open 7.15pm Curtain 8pm. Book your seat through [www.islandtheatre.ie](http://www.islandtheatre.ie)

**NURSERY/U7 & U11 TRAINING:** Jenny **087 295 8837** **BOYS U13 TRAINING:** Michael **086 390 6791**

**THE BALLINAMORE SEAN O'HESLINS GAA CHRISTMAS CLUB SHOP:** now OPEN! Please see our social media for the link to the store. Please note the time frames orders portal closes October 23<sup>rd</sup> all orders won't be processed until after October 23<sup>rd</sup> regardless of if your order was placed at the beginning or end of the aforementioned period. There is at least a 6 week lead time until orders are delivered, this is due to the personalised nature of these orders.

### REFLECTION:

I will love the light for it shows me the way, yet I will endure the darkness for it shows me the stars.

### AMEN.

*All New items for the Newsletter should be dropped into the Parish Office, Convent Road or emailed before 12 noon on Thursdays to [ballinamore@kilmorediocese.ie](mailto:ballinamore@kilmorediocese.ie) the editor reserves the right to edit or omit items according to suitability of content & space in the newsletter*

**TEMPLEPORT DAY CENTRE:** Due to reconstruction work in the Community Centre for the next few weeks. Day Centre activities are taking place in Tom Regan Hall in Ballyconnell. Busses will go directly to Ballyconnell, so this is a reminder to anyone who usually drives to come to Ballyconnell Hall at the usual time. Usual transport arrangements. New members welcome. Further information from Kathleen **087 7921683** or Anne **087 285 7471**.

**LINE DANCING CLASSES:** We are delighted to welcome back John & Julie to hold Line Dancing classes in Corlough Community Centre at 8pm. on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> October. Also 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, (not 21<sup>st</sup>), and 28<sup>th</sup> November - so 7 weeks in total. Cost: €7 Adult and €4 under 18's who must be accompanied by an adult.

**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@leirimcoco.ie](mailto:ballinamorelibrary@leirimcoco.ie) to book a class or call into the library for a chat with a member of staff.

**ISLAND THEATRE BALLINAMORE: JOE THE MAGICIAN:** - 29<sup>th</sup> October. **GREATEST 80s** 25<sup>th</sup> November, **THE BJORN IDENTITY** - tribute to ABBA in concert 9<sup>th</sup> December 2023. Bookings on [www.islandtheatre.ie](http://www.islandtheatre.ie) or at Ballinamore Tourist Office or phone **071 964 4513** **Annual Craft Fair 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec**

**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](mailto:ballinamore@kilmorediocese.ie) or phone **071 964 4039**

**GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS IN BALLINAMORE:** includes gentle flow chair exercises followed by movement to country music. Thursday's at 10am from the 26<sup>th</sup> October to the 30<sup>th</sup> of November in Ballinamore old primary school beside the old convent. For further information contact **087 939 0980**

**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**

**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](mailto: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

**SHERRY'S IRONING SERVICE:** Collection and Delivery, Quick turnaround and Beautiful Service. **085 725 7001**

**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](mailto:sligoleitrim@alcoholforum.com) you don't have to be addicted to suffer from addiction!

**FEBRUARY 2024 SEES THE 2 Yrs. BETTER TOGETHER- NÍOS FEARR LE CHÉILE PIP COME TO A CLOSE:**

There are 2 Events planned for November 2023; **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov** – a Libraries Symposium, a one-off event to complete our Cross-Border Reading Project. The evening will comprise of a number of informative seminars, discussion groups, and culminates with a special roundtable event – Exploring the themes of the project; looking at similarities and differences from the books chosen related to borders/boundaries, good relations, equality and peace and reconciliation. A number of our high profile authors will be in attendance. Refreshments will be served throughout the evening, and will run from 5pm – 9pm in the island Theatre, Ballinamore.

Celebratory event – **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Nov** – All welcome for an evening of celebration and recognition of the achievements of the 'Better Together – Níos Fearr Le Chéile Peace Impact Programme 2022 – 2024' A celebratory evening in tribute to the accomplishments and achievements realised by the project and it's participants over the past 2 years. The evening will be an insightful experience, showcasing the journeys, efforts and contributions from all involved. Refreshments will be served throughout the evening, and will run from 3pm – 7pm in the Island Theatre, Ballinamore. For more information please call **087 383 5513**

**Joe the Magician - Children's Entertainment October 29<sup>th</sup> @ 3pm** - its Joe the Magician from RTÉjr! And he's bringing his spectacular children's comedy magic and illusion show to the Island Theatre for one spectacular afternoon of mind boggling fun! Ages 4 - 12

**Greatest 80s – Music November 25<sup>th</sup> @ 8pm** - This high-energy show features all of your favourite hits from the decade of neon and big hair, including songs from iconic artists like Duran Duran, a-ha and Spandau Ballet to name just a few. Don't miss your chance to relive the decade that defined a generation.

Bookings on [www.islandtheatre.ie](http://www.islandtheatre.ie) or in person in Ballinamore Tourist Office or phone **071 964 4513**

**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](http://www.leitrimcoco.ie) or by e-mail [roads@leitrimcoco.ie](mailto:roads@leitrimcoco.ie) or Tele **071 9620005** Ext. 630. Closing Date is 31<sup>st</sup> Jan. '24.

**AN EVENING OF SONGS OF FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE IN KNOCK BASILICA** – Fri. 1<sup>st</sup> Dec - 8pm, featuring Dana, John McNicholl, Margo, Philomena Begley and Marc Roberts with Úna Nolan & Schola Cantorum Basilicae choir. A fundraising concert for Victim Assistance Charity. Tickets from [Ticketmaster.ie](http://Ticketmaster.ie) and Mary McNicholas, Victim Assistance HO, Aiden St., Kiltimagh, Co. Mayo **094 9000 251 & 086 3938871**. Email: [support@victimassistance.ie](mailto:support@victimassistance.ie)

**DATES DIOCESE OF KILMORE PRE-MARRIAGE COURSE 2024** Fri **9th Feb '24** 7.30pm – 10 pm & Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 10 am – 5 pm. Friday **12<sup>th</sup> April '24** 7.30pm – 10 pm Sat. 13<sup>th</sup> April 10 am – 5 pm. Fri **11<sup>th</sup> Oct '24** 7.30pm – 10 pm & Sat 12<sup>th</sup> 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, and H12 E5 C7. To book a course please log on to: [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)