

BALLINAMORE & DRUMREILLY LOWER PARISH NEWSLETTER

24th September 2023 *World Day of Prayer for Migrants & Refugees* 25th Sunday in OT
Feast Days: 25th Sep St Finbarr 26th Sep St Cosmos & St Damien 27th Sep St Vincent de Paul
29th Sep St Michael, St Gabriel & St Raphael, Archangels 30th Sep St Jerome

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

Ballinamore Church:

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

Sun 24th Sep 11 am Deirdre Meehan (Camagh) and her mother Josie McGovern (Church Street)

Fri 29th Sep 9 am Johnnie Martin (High Street) and Agnes Smyth (Lahard)

Sun 1st Oct 11 am Hillary Farrelly (Willowfield Road)

Marie Wisley (Kiltymooden) and deceased members of the Power family (Limerick)

Eucharist Ministers: 24th Micheal Darcy, Maeve Sharpley & Noel Dolan 1st Oct Alice Costello, Raymond McHugh and Marcella McKiernan 8th Oct Evelyn McHugh, Marian Sharpley, & PJ McLoughlin

Ministers of the Word 24th Sep Kay Maguire 1st Oct John Darcy 8th Oct Siobhan Dolan 15th Oct Alan Banks

Door Collectors: 24th Liam McGovern, Pat Joe Dolan & Dessie Wisely 1st & 8th Oct Philip Murphy, John Conway, Pat Ferguson & Dan Gallogly 15th & 22nd Oct - Group 15 Padraig McGovern & Co

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 22nd Sep 7 pm Sissy & Pete Murphy (Knockacullion), their son Seán Murphy, and deceased family members

Sat 23rd Sep 8:15pm No Intention

Fri 29th Sep 7 pm Frank and Nora Gannon (Dernaheltabeg) also Katie Gannon and Matthew Dolan.

Sat 30th Sep 8:15pm Anna Bohan (Drumcara, Foxfield) **Months Mind**

Eucharist Ministers: 23rd Sep Detta McNiffe and Tom Prior 30th & 7th Oct Margaret Murphy and volunteer

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

Corraleehan St. Brigid's Church:

Wed 9:30 am & Sat 7pm

Mass Intentions

Sat 23rd Sep 7 pm: Brian Prior (Drumderrig & NY) 2nd Anniversary and all deceased family members.

Thomas Joseph McNiff (Kiltyhugh) and deceased members of the McNiff family

Sonny, May and Kathleen McGovern (Moher) and deceased members of the McGovern family

Sat 30th Sep 7 pm Patrick and Alice Murphy (Drumderrig) and Kenneth Breed

Eucharistic Adoration Wednesday 10 am to 8

Aughawillan St Patrick's Church:

Sun 9.45am

Mass Intentions

Sun 24th Sep 9:45am: James and Bridgie McBrien (Glennon Beg)

Sun 1st Oct 9:45am Gerard O'Haire (Lecken) **Months Mind**

Seamus McTague (Killaphort)

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

RECENT DEATH: Please pray for the soul of Micheal (Mick) Loughlin (Derrinkeher) whose funeral will take place in Aghnasheelin Church on Sun 24th at 12 noon. Memorial Mass for the late Ben Donoghue, Garadice & England will take place in St Patricks Church Aughawillan on Sat 11th Nov at 7pm. **May they Rest in Peace**

RECENT BAPTISMS: We welcome Éila Rose Mulvey, Oliver James Ozdobinski, and Tadhg Eddie Flanagan into our Christian family, and congratulate their families on this joyous occasion

CHANGE OF MASS TIMES: From the 7th of October the Saturday evening mass will be in Aughawillan at 7pm and In Aghnasheelin at 8.15pm, Mass on Sunday the 8th of October will be at 9.45am in Corraleehan and 11am at usual time in Ballinamore. This arrangement will stay in place until the first weekend of April 2024.

KILMORE APOSTOLIC SOCIETY CENTENARY: an official display opens in the museum in Ballyjamesduff from Thurs Oct. 5th at 7 30pm and will remain on display throughout October. Honorary Membership is due, donations to Maura Mulvey **087 6486967**, please. All donations assist our missionaries throughout the world and need our help.

OUR 7th ANNUAL SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY this weekend of the 23rd & 24th September. We hope to create a greater awareness of safeguarding in our parishes and diocese and to acknowledge the great contribution of the faithful in ensuring that our diocesan safeguarding policies are implemented. The safeguarding newsletter is available to download at www.kilmorediocese.ie/safeguarding-children please download a copy and keep yourself informed

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH? Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the kerygma - the very basics of the Christian faith. Who is it for? Alpha is for anyone, because it helps to create a space for encounter. Guests explore life, faith, and meaning in an open and welcoming environment. Training for Leaders is in the following venues. **Training session 1:** Rainbow centre, Glenfarne - Tuesday September 26th 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm. **Training session 2:** Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Cullies, Cavan – Wed. September 27th 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm.

We need people who will act as Leaders. Please let Fr.Sean or Kathleen in parish office know **071 964 40039**.

AN EVENING OF SONGS OF FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE IN KNOCK BASILICA – Fri. 1st 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 Tickets also available from head office - for details contact Mary McNicholas, Victim Assistance Head Office, Aiden St., Kiltimagh, Co. Mayo **094 9000 251 & 086 3938871**. Email: support@victimassistance.ie

HARVEST MASS OF THANKSGIVING: will be celebrated in St Brigids Church Corraleehan on 29th October 9:45am

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

COMMUNITY NOTES

ATHLETIC CLUB: An Open meeting regarding planning, training and competition for the upcoming Cross Country Season will be held in the Den on Wed next at 8 pm. All interested in athletics, training and competition are invited to attend. An experimental Junior (2K) Greenway Parkrun open to all who have not reached fifteenth birthday will take place next Saturday at 9 am just before the weekly Parkrun. Runners, joggers and walkers welcome.

AUGHNASHEELIN COFFEE MORNING hosted by Monica Ward in Aughnasheelin Community Centre on Sat 30th September from 11.30am to 2pm. everyone welcome. All money raised goes directly to North West Hospice, Sligo

AUGHNASHEELIN FORÓIGE: would like to welcome all current and new members to attend our weekly Foróige club meetings. Foróige is held in Aughnasheelin Community Hall on Friday evenings at 7 o'clock. Volunteers and new members are welcome. For more information contact Nathan on **083 479 4549**.

BALLINAMORE DRAMA FESTIVAL AGM: Wednesday 27th September in Smyth's at 8.30pm. Everyone welcome.

IRISH CLASSES FOR BEGINNERS: start in the Ballinamore Library on Tue 10th Oct. 8pm. Classes are free of charge. Please text or ring **087 6821 566** to book a place.

SING TOGETHER at the ISLAND THEATRE Monthly drop-ins from this **Sat 23rd Sep 11am-12.30pm**, refreshments afterwards. Pay as you go/or can €5/€10/€15. Follow on **dates are 21st Oct, 18th Nov, & 16th December**. Call Sarah on **087 762 0523** or 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.

PUBLIC TALKS "Building Peace – Putting yourself in each other's Shoes" **Thurs 5th Oct. 7 to 9pm** in The Island Theatre. A unique cross border/cross community initiative, where some key people, Victim, State, Republican, and Loyalist will talk about their views on the Troubles and subsequent Peace Process. FREE EVENT organised by Better Together–Níos Fearr Le Chéile Peace Project, Ballinamore, funded by the International Fund for Ireland.

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 **7pm 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**.

ISLAND THEATRE BALLINAMORE CULTURE NIGHT '23: A WEE TAP 22nd September. Booking **071 964 4513**

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1st LEITRIM SCOUTS are enrolling, Cubs (age 8-11years) and Scouts (age 12-15years). New and existing members are welcome. New program starts in October (days and times will vary), Please enroll by 30th Sept with email 1stleitrimscouts@yahoo.com or text & WhatsApp **087 288 8805** or call into the Den on Thurs 21st Sept at 8pm. Please include child's name and age as well as a contact number and one of our Scouters will contact you. If you are interested in getting involved as an adult leader please contact us for details.

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.

SEAN O'HESLINS: Tickets for October Draw available online, or in Murphy's, Priors Bar, from Phillip Farrelly, and Alan Banks in Fresh today your support is appreciated. **SCÓR:** Leitrim Senior Scór takes place Fri 6th Oct in Leitrim Village Community Centre. Quiz 7:30 pm & Stage acts 8:30pm. Entries Closing Date 2nd October **NURSERY/U7 & U11 TRAINING:** Jenny McTague **087 295 8837** **BOYS U13 TRAINING:** Michael **086 390 6791**



**Let Justice
and Peace Flow**
Season of Creation 2023

A Mighty River
Amos 5: 24

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 the editor reserves the right to edit or omit items according to suitability of content & space in the newsletter

REFLECTION: May we expand our vision and see as Jesus sees. May we see the needs of our brothers and sisters and respond. The parable of the vineyard owner challenges us to grow and to work for the common good, to love God and neighbour so that the quality of life for all may improve **AMEN**.

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**

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: Wednesdays. Usual transport arrangements. New members welcome. Please contact Kathleen **087 7921683** or Anne **087 285 7471**. Looking forward to seeing you all again.

ACTIVE ADULTS 50+ AEROBICS: Cavan Sports Partnership are holding a gentle Aerobics Class Wed 4th Oct. 8pm. in Corlough Community Centre for 6 weeks. Cost 6 weeks is €25, register <http://www.evenbrite.ie/aerobics/corlough>.

CORLOUGH ICA: are celebrating their 50th Anniversary on 15th Oct. at 5pm. in the Slieve Russell Hotel. We are inviting past members to join us. Please contact current members or Laura on **087 413 7452** if you wish to attend before the end of September.

LINE DANCING CLASSES: We are delighted to welcome back John & Julie to hold Line Dancing classes in Corlough Community Centre at 8pm. on Tuesday 3rd, 10th, (not 17th), 24th & 31st October. Also 7th, 14th, (not 21st), and 28th November - so 7 weeks in total. Cost: €7 Adult and €4 under 18's who must be accompanied by an adult.

GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS: Invitation to join our weekly gentle exercise class which includes gentle movement to music and stretching suitable for older adults. Come along Thursday 28th September at 10am to Ballinamore Old Primary School (beside the old convent, pedestrian crossing & new national school). All welcome

DANCE FIT & TONING CLASS: Monday 25th September at 8pm, pop into Ballinamore Community Hall at the Island Theatre for a great uplifting weekly exercise class with Michelle Fanning. For further information call **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**

FREE QQi LEVEL 5 HEALTH NUTRITION & FOOD SCIENCE full-time Adult Education course starting at the Further Education and Training Centre, Drumshanbo, located in the Enterprise Centre on the Hilly Road, this September 2023, For more information please go to www.fetchcourses.ie, www.vtosleitrim.ie, Facebook and Twitter @VTOSLeitrim, email Seán Bailey at seanbailey@msletb.ie or call on **086-0624200**

MOHILL COMPUTER TRAINING (SEPTEMBER 2023) An opportunity to upskill, gain employment or access third level education with our full time QQI Level 5 and a part time QQI Level 4 computer courses. You may be entitled to a training allowance. ↑ 390 CAO points for our F/T course. Call **071 9632024** or email margaret@mct.ie for information.

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

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 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 23rd 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 24th 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**

ISLAND THEATRE BALLINAMORE events this autumn/winter: A WEE TAP - Culture night '23 - 22nd September. **ANNE GILDEA:** 14th October. **THE DON TIDEY AFFAIR: THE KIDNAPPING** - book launch - 20th October. **JOE THE MAGICIAN:** - 29th October. **GREATEST 80s** 25th November, **THE BJORN IDENTITY** - tribute to ABBA in concert 9th December 2023. Bookings on www.islandtheatre.ie or at Ballinamore Tourist Office or phone **071 964 4513**

Anne Gildea – Comedy October 14th @ 8pm How to Get The Menopause and Enjoy It has been wowing audiences and critics alike, and playing to packed theatres all over Ireland, since its sell-out launch last year.

"The funniest, most honest, and real show I have ever been to!"

Joe the Magician - Children's Entertainment October 29th @ 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 25th @ 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 or in person in Ballinamore Tourist Office or phone **071 964 4513**