

BALLINAMORE & DRUMREILLY LOWER PARISH NEWSLETTER

25th December 2022

Nativity of Our Lord

Feast Days: Mon 26th St Stephen, 27th St John, Apostle, 28th The Holy Innocents, 29th St Thomas á Becket, 30th Dec the Holy Family

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B'more St. Patrick's Church: Sat 24th 9:30 pm (no morning Mass) & Christmas Day 12 noon, Mon 26th 11am. Tues, Thurs, & Fri. 10am, Wed 7pm, Sat 31st 11am & Sun 1st 11am.

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

Sun 25th Dec 12 noon Special Intention

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

Sat 31st Dec 11 am No Intention

Sun 1st Jan 11 am Barney Breen, and also Paddy and Pam McGovern

Eucharist Ministers: 24th Dec 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 & James Óg Maguire 8th Jan Mona Creamer, Liam McGovern and
Máirín Martin.

Ministers of the Word: 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: 24th & 25th & 1st Jan Thomas Kelly, Seddie McGovern, and Gordon 7th & 14th Jan Vera
Brennan, Tommy McWeeney, Michael Hanly & Joe Murphy

Aghnasheelin, St. Mary's Church: Fri 7pm & Sat 8 pm, Fri 7pm, Sat 24th 6:30pm, Christmas Day 10 am.

Mass Intentions

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

Sun 25th Dec 10 am People of the Parish

Sat 31st Dec 8 pm No Intention

Eucharist Ministers: 24th Dec Detta McNiffe & Tom Prior 25th & 31st Dec Caroline Sammon & Breda Mulvanerty
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 25th Dec 11 am No Intention

Sun 1st Jan 9:45 am No Intention

Eucharistic Adoration Wednesday 10 am to 8 pm, All Welcome

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

Mass Intentions

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

Sat 31st Dec 6:30 pm No Intention

RECENT DEATHS: We pray for the soul of Agnes McKeon who died in Manchester, (Arva & Aughtatowney) and
Francie Flanagan (Riverside & Aghawillan) funeral on Saturday 24th, and all the souls of the Faithful Departed.

May they Rest in Peace

RECENT BAPTISM: We welcome Cormac Jack Prior into our Christian family, and we congratulate his parents on
this joyous occasion.

CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

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

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

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

YOUR WEEKLY OFFERTORY AND DUES ENVELOPES FOR 2023 are available for collection at the back of each
church. Please collect your box of envelopes at your earliest convenience. Envelopes for the Ballinamore Church
area are being delivered by hand. Thanks to those who have kindly agreed to do this task. It is greatly appreciated.
There was an issue with some of the labelling so if your label doesn't include both names our apologies. Our thanks
for your ongoing generosity to the maintenance of your church through your offertory envelope contribution and
support of the priests through your dues contribution. Your generosity and support is much appreciated.

GENTLE REMINDER: As the end of the year approaches it would be appreciated if your church contributions were
brought 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.

MARIA'S GOSPEL HOUR: Due to huge interest Maria will be starting a show on YouTube at 4pm on Sundays. Search "[@mariadoherty](#)" on YouTube to watch on Christmas Day and New Year's Day onwards.

ADVENT-NEW SEASON: Candles as part of an Evergreen Wreath remind us Jesus has come as light into our dark world. Each candle means something different. 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.

<https://townhallcavan.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/1173636474> to book your seat and more information for booking, check out the following <https://townhallcavan.com/booking-information/>

PARISH ADVENT CAROL SERVICE: Thanks to all who made this our inaugural parish carol service such a success. Our appreciation to all who took part in the Service, our church choirs, organists, musical directors, soloists, staff and pupils from our primary schools, also staff and students from Ballinamore Community School and leaders and members of Aughnasheelin Foróige Club. Thanks to the members of the Parish Pastoral Council who promoted the event and assisted at the rehearsal and at the service. Our thanks also to Bishop Martin for his attendance and inspiring words. Finally our gratitude to everyone who attended the service. Despite the very cold conditions there was a wonderful attendance.

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.

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**.

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 diggesbka@gmail.com

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.

HEDGE CUTTING GRANT SCHEME: Leitrim County Council Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme, encourages the cutting of roadside hedges/trees along the Public Road Network up to Jan 31st 2023. Application forms and full details of the Terms & Conditions are available as follows: Telephone: **071 9620005** Ext: 630 Email: roads@leitrimcoco.ie

BALLINAMORE SEÁN O'HESLIN'S ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S DRAW: January draw tickets are on sale now from club members, and Revolute by contacting Michael on **086 390 6791**. Your support is greatly appreciated. Tickets are priced at €20 each, or 3 for €50. We have 12 prizes up for grabs; 1st Prize of €4000, 2nd Prize of €1000 and 10 Prizes of €100 each. **AGM:** Our annual AGM will take place on the 28th of January more details to follow. We wish all members, supporters, and players a very happy Christmas **Nollaig Shona duit**.

REFLECTION

At Christmas time our thoughts go out to loved ones, far and near,
To those we still remember each day throughout the year.
At Christmas time we cherish hope with love and joy to share,
and pray for peace to fill the world for people everywhere.

Wishing all Parishioners & Visitors a Blessed & Happy Christmas.

From Fr Seán, Fr Johnnie, Martina (Our Pastoral worker) & The Parish Pastoral Council.

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

