

BALLINAMORE & DRUMREILLY LOWER PARISH NEWSLETTER

26th February 2023

1st Sunday of Lent

Feast Days: 27th Feb St Gregory of Narek, 1st Mar. St David, 3rd Mar. St Katherine Drexel, and Women's Day of Prayer, Sat 4th St Casimir

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

Ballinamore Church:

Sat & Sun 11am, Mon 7pm, Tues, Wed & Thurs 7.30am & Fri 9am

Sun 26th Feb 11 am Agnes Shortt (High Street) **Months Mind**

Sat 4th March 11am Tony McKiernan (High Street)

Sun 5th March 11 am Mollie Prior (Lisacarn) and her son Micheál

Eucharist Ministers: 26th Feb Brendan Sweeney, Tommy Moran and Eilis O'Dell 5th March Michael Duignan, Peggy Ferguson, & Dymrna McTague 12th Mar Paddy O'Connor, Thomas Kelly, & Gerard Mc Cartin

Ministers of the Word: 26th PJ McLoughlin 5th March Mary Corby 12th Mar Gerard Darcy 19th Mar Ann Gillen

Door Collectors: 26th Feb Padraig McGovern, Philip Farrelly, Brian McWeeney and Donal Duignan 5th & 12th March Brendan Sweeney, Sean Kavanagh, and Damien Hamill 19th & 26th March Group 17

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

Aghnasheelin, St. Mary's Church:

Fri 7pm & Sat 8 pm

Mass Intentions

Fri 24th Feb 7 pm Micheal Sammon

Sat 25th 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

Sat 4th March 8 pm Sadie and Francie Mulvey, their grandson Donie Greene and deceased members of the Shanley and Mulvey families.

Ann (Nan) Callaghan (Derrinkeher Roycroft) **Months Mind**

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: 25th & 4th 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

Corraleehan St. Brigid's Church:

Wed 9:30 & Sun 9:45 am

Mass Intentions

Sun 26th Feb 9:45 am No Intention

Wed 1st March 9:45am Mary Kate, and Andrew Heavey and deceased family members (Moher)

Sun 5th March 9:45 am Bridgie and Thomas Patrick Mc Niffe (Drumgowna) and all deceased family members

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

Mass Intentions

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

Kathleen Campbell (Balcklion & Killaphort) and deceased Gallagher family.

Sat 4th March 6:30 pm Rosaleen McHugh (Boeshill) **Months Mind**

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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 the soul of Angela McNiff (Kiltyhugh & Killarney). **May she Rest in Peace**

RECENT BAPTISM: We welcome Olly Francis Gallagher into our Christian family, and we congratulate his parents on this joyous occasion.

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

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

CONFIRMATION PARENTS 2023: An information evening for confirmation parents will take place on Wed 1st March at 8 pm in St. Brigid's Parish Centre, Ballinamore. Parents can register their child for the Sacrament of Confirmation and get details of the upcoming Parish programme. Fr. Sean and Martina look forward to seeing all the parents there.

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 or <https://bit.ly/3DWrtKx> to register/find out more.

LOUGH DERG are recruiting extra staff for their Pilgrimage and Retreat Season 2023. The Application Pack is available on www.loughderg.org/jobs or email: hr@loughderg.org or call (0)7198 61518. Closing Date 3rd Mar @ 3 pm

LENT: The season of Lent began on 22nd February. **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 & Almsgiving**. While fasting and almsgiving during Lent is widely observed, many are not sure how to answer the call to prayer during this season. God calls us to strengthen our prayer routine so we may know him on a deeper level. To grow a relationship with Jesus Christ, increasing prayer time and attending Mass is where we can start **TRÓCAIRE:** this year we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the foundation of Trócaire. Trócaire means mercy. We show mercy when we show kindness, compassion and forgiveness. For 50 years Trócaire has worked to support the world's most at risk communities, no matter who or where they are. Please collect your Trócaire Box, help save lives, and support communities to rebuild their lives in a sustainable way.

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

DONATIONS TO NEW STAINED GLASS WINDOWS IN ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH BALLINAMORE: Please check the copy of the plaque on display in the church porch for your details. If there are corrections required please contact Fr. Seán ASAP. If you wish to make a donation contact Fr. Seán, as the Plaque will be finalised and placed in the church porch very soon.

COMMUNITY NOTES

BALLINAMORE ATHLETIC CLUB training indoors and outdoors continues at the Sports Hall and St Felim's on Tues and Thursday at 7 p.m. With new members welcome any evening.

AUGHNASHEELIN YELLOW RIVER PLAYERS: bringing you a production of 'Cupid Wore Skirts' by Sam Cree, in Aughnasheelin the 18th, 19th, 25th, and 26th 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 for info.

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

BALLINAMORE WOMENS GROUP: Meeting 1st March at 8pm, in Tráthnóna

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

41st BALLINAMORE DRAMA FESTIVAL: commences in the Island Theatre, on Sunday March 5th & runs for seven nights, at 8pm until Sunday March 12th. Season Tickets, are €55 for 7 nights, are on sale in Murphy's shop, St. Brigid Street, or at the ticket office. Admission nightly is €10. Our adjudicator is Paddy Farrelly. Paddy is Technical Manager at the Ramor Theatre Virginia & Townhall Theatre Cavan. There are three groups, Pomeroy, Clontarf & Glenamaddy, competing in the Confined Section and groups from Dalkey, Lifford and two from Wexford, in the Open Section. We look forward to welcoming all our patrons to another enthralling festival week. Your support is greatly appreciated.

ISLAND THEATRE: Ballinamore Drama Festival 5th - 12th March. **'9 to 5' the Musical** 24th, 25th, 26th, 29th, 31st March and 1st April 2023. **Well - Pat & Faye Shortt** 15th April. & **Last Prime Minister of Ireland** 6th May.

YOUR TOWN NEEDS YOU It's time to plan our **St. Patricks Day Parade Ballinamore, at 4pm on Friday 17th of March 2023**, but we can't do it without **YOU!** We are looking for volunteers to join our committee. If you are up for the challenge, we need to hear from you. Please send an email to 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

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

MONAGHAN INSTITUTE'S Open Evening is on Thursday 9th March 11am-7pm. Meet our staff team and learn more about studying with us in September 2023. Browse courses and apply now @ www.monaghaninstitute.ie

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

BALLINAMORE SEAN O'HESLINS are delighted to host the **Gaelic4Girls programme**. It is open to girls born 2015-2011. Start date is Monday 6th March 6-7pm. contact Jenny **087 295 8837** or Michelle **087 297 7687** with any queries and **U11 TRAINING:** training for U11 boys Thursdays 6pm to 7pm. Boys born on or after 1/1/2012 are welcome to join. Please contact Jenny McTague **087 295 8837**

SEAN O'HESLINS CLUB DRAW: will take place on Friday evening, you can buy tickets online, in Murphy's and Priors or from Phillip Farley. Prize fund of €550 5 prizes, 1st Prize - €200, 2nd Prize €150 3rd Prize €100 and 4th & 5th prizes of €50 All proceeds go towards running the club and your support is greatly appreciated.

REFLECTION:

From Together in Prayer: I have heard about your faith by Jacqui Keenan, 2023

Lord of all, today with your people around the world, we pray:

for faith to believe that you rule the world in truth and righteousness;

for faith to believe in the power of your love to melt our hard hearts and lovingly to forgive our sin;

for faith to see your purposes of love unfolding in the happenings of today;

for faith to believe that if we seek first your Kingdom and Righteousness, you will provide for all our needs;

Thank you for the blessings you have given us and grant us strength to walk in the ways you lead us. May we know your deep peace through Jesus Christ our loving Lord. **Amen**

The prayer was written for Together in Prayer: I have heard about your faith, by Christine Miles.

Lord in a land of so many people, and so many faiths, we pray for those who know you as the One True God.
Lord in a land that still has people who retain their own language and culture, we pray that there will be a way for them to live alongside the modern world without being lost into it.

Lord in a land so full of amazing natural formations and beautiful countryside, we pray that there is a good awareness of climate change and its effect on the land.

Lord in a land that faces the challenge of an ageing population, we pray for good support for all generations enabling an even burden of care throughout society.

Lord in a country formed out of strife and war, fear and fright, we pray for good and wise government and support through international relationships.

Lord in a land that delights in its democratic system of government, we pray that the younger generation will feel empowered to take part in the political aspects of life.

Lord in a land that feels so safe and secure, we pray for all those who set crime and punishment policies so they can achieve a balance in criminal law that is appropriate for all.

Lord in a land where there are the opportunities for good health, we pray for those who take care of those with cancer and the plans to reduce the number dying from cancer.

Lord in a land of co-existence and interfaith working, we pray that this interfaith approach shows something of the character of our God.

We pray these prayers through Jesus our Saviour and Lord.

Amen