

## BALLINAMORE & DRUMREILLY LOWER PARISH NEWSLETTER

27<sup>th</sup> November 2022

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

*Feast Days: Wed 30<sup>th</sup> St Andrew, Apostle, 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec St Francis Xavier, Patron of Missions*

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**B'more St. Patrick's Church:**

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

Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Nov 11 am Francie and Bridgie Reynolds (Edentenny)

Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Nov 11 am Hughie & Helen Dooner (High Street), John & Maureen O'Rourke, their sons Killian, Sean and Jerome, and also Micheál Jordan.

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 11 am Louis Quinn (Drumlonan) **1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary**

Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Dec 11 am Pat Rehill (Drumcroman) **1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary**

**Eucharist Ministers:**

**27<sup>th</sup> Nov** Deirdre Harvey & Padraig McAodh **4<sup>th</sup> Dec** Philomena Early, Mary McWeeney, & Aileen Wisely **11<sup>th</sup> Dec** Michael Darcy, Maeve Sharpley, & Noel Dolan

**Ministers of the Word:**

**27<sup>th</sup> Nov** Kay Maguire **4<sup>th</sup> Dec** Gerry Darcy **11<sup>th</sup> Dec** Ciara Duignan **18<sup>th</sup> Dec** John Darcy

**Door Collectors:**

**27<sup>th</sup>–4<sup>th</sup> Dec** Anne Kavanagh, Tommy Moran, Walter Sharpley, & Ruairi Sullivan

**Aghnasheelin, St. Mary's Church:**

**Fri 7pm, & Sat 8 pm**

**Mass Intentions**

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Nov 7 pm

Pat and Sis Lee (Croghan & Ballinameen) and deceased members of the Lee and Sharkey Families.

Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Nov 8 pm

Nora Flynn **1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary** and Michael Flynn (Corrabeegher)

Annie and Jim Gallagher, also Sean and Josie (Drumrackan)

Packie and Lucy Gallagher (Knockacullion)

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 8 pm

Mary Boyle (Tullybawn) **1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary**

Laurence Moran and Josephine Brogan, and all deceased members of the Duignan and Moran families.



First Sunday in Advent

**Eucharist Ministers:**

**26<sup>th</sup>** Mary Costello & Sheila O'Dowd **3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Dec** Laura Creaven and Garry Prior

**Ministers of the Word:**

**December** Stephanie Prior and Maura Mulvey

**Door Collectors:**

**December** Philip Rooney, Terence Boyle, and Christopher McNulty

**Eucharistic Adoration**

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

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

**Mass Wed 9:30, Sun 9:45 am**

**Mass Intentions**

Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Nov 9:45am People of the Parish

Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 9:30am James, Kate and Hugh Walsh (Derradda) and also Kevin Bohan

Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Dec 9:45am Tommy Flynn (KiltyHugh)

**Eucharist Ministers:**

**December** Teresa Maxwell and Annie McManus

**Altar Society:**

**December** Bridie McNiff and Josie Maguire

**Ministers of the Word:**

**December** Damien Gilheany and Tracy McTague

**Door Collectors:**

**December** Seamus Beirne and Michael McManus

**Eucharistic Adoration**

**Wednesday** 10 am to 8 pm, All Welcome

**Aughawillan St Patrick's Church:**

**Sat 6:30 pm**

**Mass Intentions**

Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Nov 6.30 pm the Faithful Departed

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 6:30 pm Winifred McTague (Stralohan) **1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary**

**Eucharist Ministers:**

**December** Bernadette Mahon and Patricia Dean

**Altar Society:**

**December** Mary Quinn Fox, Colleen Quinn, and Martina Conefrey

**Ministers of the Word:**

**December** Sinead Kiernan and Morgan Quinn

**Door Collectors:**

**December** Pat Stringer and Michael Quinn

**Covid-19 is still with us please wear face masks, and sanitise hands on entering & exiting the church**

**RECENT DEATHS:** We pray for the soul of Detsy Beirne (Aughoo) & the Faithful Departed. **May they Rest in Peace**

**THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL CAROL SERVICE:** takes place in St Patrick's Church Ballinamore Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 7:30pm. It promises to be a wonderful evening of music, joy, and celebration of the season. There will be 6 Choirs, 3 National School groups, Foróige group, the Community school TY group and more. Bishop Martin Hayes will attend. So, pencil in this event in your diary, you will not want to miss it. Collection on the night will be for Ballinamore Nursing Unit patient fund & North West Simon community for the homeless.

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

**BALLINAMORE PRAYER GROUP- LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS CONCLUDE: 29<sup>th</sup> Nov in the Parish Office**

**Ballinamore** via Zoom commencing at 7:15pm on Tuesday nights. Come along and invite your friends.

**VISITATION OF THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND** will not take place this week. Visits will take place on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of December, Fr Seán and Fr Johnny will be in contact before they visit, if you wish one of the Priests to visit you before please contact them by telephone

**GENTLE REMINDER:** As the end of the year approaches it would be appreciated if your church contributions were bought 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 collections separately.

**ENDURING CERTIFICATES:** we ask that all who received CHY3 Enduring Certificates with your annual statements **(who donate a minimum of €250 annually to the Parish in Dues and Weekly offerings, and who have paid income tax, both PAYE and or Self Assessed)** to fill the form completely and return them to the Parish Office. On completion of the form, the Parish can then maximise your generous and much appreciated donations.

**MASS OF CONSOLATION:** Thanks to all who contributed to making this celebration of the Eucharist such a meaningful and consoling experience for all that attended in person, and for those who joined us online.

**PREPARING HEART, MIND & SPIRIT AS WE JOURNEY TOWARDS CHRISTMAS** - An Advent Service of Carols and Readings, led by Bishop Martin Hayes, takes place in The Conaty Chapel of the Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre, on the Second Sunday of Advent, 4<sup>th</sup> of December, at 5 p.m., featuring Niamh Feeley as soloist, Thomas Hanley as organist and Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann an Chabhain. All are welcome. A voluntary collection will be taken up for the St. Vincent de Paul and the Diocesan Pastoral Centre. Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

**ADVENT-NEW SEASON:** This Sunday Advent begins and we start to prepare for Christmas! Candles as part of an Evergreen wreath are a tradition that serves to remind us that Jesus came as light into our dark world. Each candle means something different. The first candle symbolises Hope, sometimes called "Prophet's Candle/Gods People Candle" reminding us we wait in hope of Jesus coming. The second candle represents Faith or "Bethlehem Candle" it reminds us Jesus was born in Bethlehem and of the journey of Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem. The third candle symbolises Joy or "Shepherd's Candle". This Candle reminds us that the angels announced to the shepherds in the field, "good news of great joy to all people." This candle is pink because the colour rose signifies joy. The fourth candle signifies Peace and is called the "Angel's Candle." The angels announced that Jesus came to bring peace—He brings peace with God and with each other again. The fifth is white and symbolises Light and Purity, it is called "Christ's candle" and represents Christ coming into the world. It is placed in the centre of the wreath to remind us that Christ is central to our lives

**KILMORE YOUTH MINISTRY - CHRISTMAS ESSAY COMPETITION FOR 6<sup>TH</sup> CLASS STUDENTS:** The essay title is "Why was the first Christmas so important" and it should be a maximum of 500 words. First prize is family tickets to Tayto Park. The closing date is Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December and the winner contacted by the 12<sup>th</sup> December. Please include school address and contact number when sending in the essay. This is open to any 6<sup>th</sup> Class student from Kilmore Diocese. If you have any questions contact Francis Keaney on **049 437 5004**

### **COMMUNITY NOTES**

**ATHLETIC CLUB:** Training will resume as usual on Tuesday next at 7 00.p.m. New members for 2023 welcome.

**HOSPICE COFFEE MORNING:** Sincere Thanks to all who donated to the Coffee Morning held in Aghnasheelin Community Centre on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2022. A total of €555 was raised for North West Hospice, Sligo.

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

**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.

**BALLINAMORE OUTREACH:** Thurs. 11.30-12 pm in the Island Theatre Ballinamore offering support with housing, social welfare, education & training, senior alert forms, counselling services, activities for children, and support with parenting, and other personal development.

Telephone **071 96 31253** or text/WhatsApp **086 6035977**.

**BOOK LAUNCH OF 'THE MEMOIR' BY AUTHOR ANGELA MCCABE:** Ballinamore Library, Tues 29<sup>th</sup> Nov, @ 5pm.

**GARDA INFORMATION EVENING:** An Garda Síochána are hosting an information/feedback evening in Ballinamore Library at 8pm on Thurs, Dec 1<sup>st</sup>. This event is open to everyone and is aimed at gathering public opinion on how policing could improve in our area. It is an opportunity for everyone to have their say.

**BALLINAMORE OLD TEC- MSLETB GARDEN CLASSES** Wednesday Garden Planning, Level 3 QQI; Thursday Fruit 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.

**BREAKING NEWS FROM THE NORTH POLE** 📢: We have been chatting with Santa and he will be visiting Ballinamore on Sat. December 10<sup>th</sup> Santa and the Elves are very busy but will keep in touch. Watch this space.

**ISLAND THEATRE BALLINAMORE CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR:** takes place on Sat, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> 10am - 5pm. With **35 festive stalls** with gift ideas for everyone. Stallholders will be selling children's toys, calendars, candles, ladies clothing, Christmas Cakes, decorations, flowers, face painting, cards, crafts, crochet, soaps, wreaths, honey, pizza, sweet treats and hot beverages to name just a few offerings. Free entry.

**BALLINAMORE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL:** 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> December, please look out for our donation boxes, or donations can be made directly to the SVP account in Ballinamore Credit Union, IBAN: IE49BLRU99224009342021 and BIC: BLRUIE21, or manually in the Credit Union to Acc No 9320380, we really appreciate your ongoing support.

### **REFLECTION - The 1st Candle of the Advent Wreath "The Prophet's Candle" – HOPE**

The reminder that Jesus is coming and in memory of the prophets, who foretold the birth of Christ.

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](mailto:ballinamore@kilmorediocese.ie).  
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