

BALLINAMORE & DRUMREILLY LOWER PARISH NEWSLETTER

28th January 2024

World Leprosy Day

4th Sunday in OT

Feast Days: Jan 30th St Aidan, 31st Jan St John Bosco 1st Feb St Brigid 2nd Feb Presentation of the Lord, Candlemas, and World Day for Consecrated Life Feb 3rd St Ansgar & St Blaise

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Join us live, @ churchtv.ie Select Leitrim, then Aughawillan, Aughnasheelin, Ballinamore or Corraleehan

Ballinamore Church:

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

Sun 28th Jan 11 am Colm Mullan (Fohera & Berkley California) **Months Mind**

Wed 31st Jan 7pm **No Intention (blessing of St. Brigid's Crosses)**

Thurs 1st Feb 9 am **Feast day of St. Brigid (Blessing of St. Brigid's Crosses)**

Fri 2nd Feb 9 am **Candlemas Day Blessing of Candles and Throats**

Sat 3rd Feb 11 am **Feast of St. Blaise (Blessing of Throats)**

Patsy and Mary Galligan (Dromore) and all deceased family members

Sun 4th Feb 11 am John and Bridie Milton (Aughadark)

Ann (Gallagher) O'Connor (Lahard)

Eucharistic Adoration: Fridays 9.30am –10.30am

Eucharist Ministers: 28th Jan Patricia Griffin, James & James Óg Maguire 4th Feb Máirín Martin, Mona Creamer & Liam McGovern 11th Patricia McGoldrick, Marian Quinn & Leigh Murphy 14th Feb Deirdre Harvey & Padraig McÁodh

Ministers of the Word 28th Jan Ann Gillen 4th Feb Patricia McGoldrick 11th Philomena Early 18th Feb Patricia Griffin

Door Collectors: 28th Jan & 4th Feb John Curran, John O'Connell and David McBrien 11th & 18th Feb Damien O'Brien, Andy O'Rourke & Rory O'Rourke. 25th & 3rd Mar Seamus Earley, Michael Fanning & Camillus Martin.

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

Aughnasheelin, St. Mary's Church:

Fri 7pm & Sat 8:15.

Mass Intentions

Fri 26th Jan 7 pm Eileen Boyle (Tullybawn)

Sean & Alice Keenan (Dundalk)

Sat 27th Jan 8:15 pm Anne Callaghan (Derrinkeher Roycroft) **1st Anniversary** her husband Joe, and all deceased members of the Callaghan and Travers families.

Fri 2nd Feb 7 pm **Candlemas Day: Blessing of St Brigid's Crosses, Candles and Throats**

Pat McGovern (Gubnaveigh & Ballinasloe) and all deceased members of the Burns and McGovern families.

Sat 3rd Feb 8:15 pm Tommy and Carmel Meehan (Derrinkehir McDonald)

Margaret Cafferty (Stralongford) and all deceased family members (**Blessing of Throats**)

Eucharist Ministers: 27th Jan Laura Creaven & Garry Prior 3rd & 10th Feb Detta McNiffe and Tom Prior

Ministers of the Word: Shirley Sammon & the Gunn family **Door Collectors:** John Pat Creamer & James McCaffrey

Corraleehan St. Brigid's Church:

Wed 9:30 am & Sun 9:45 am.

Mass Intentions

Sun 28th Jan 9:45 am Frank McCabe (Kiltyhugh) **Months Mind**

Annette Gilheany (Clogher) and her parents Pee and Kitty Rudden

Wed 31st Jan 9:30 am Special Intention (**Blessing of St. Brigid's Crosses**)

Sun 4th Feb 9:45 am No Intention (**Blessing of Candles and Throats**)

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

Eucharist Ministers: Carmel McNiffe & Philomena Dolan **Altar Society:** Nell Prior and Bernie Dolan

Ministers of the Word: Claire McNiffe & Laurence Fee **Door Collectors:** Packy Maguire & Michael McGovern

Aughawillan St Patrick's Church:

Sat 7pm.

Mass Intentions

Sat 27th Jan 7 pm Special Intention

Sat 3rd Feb 7pm Rosaleen McHugh (Boeshill) also her husband Packie and all deceased members of the McHugh and Maguire families (**Blessing of Candles, St Brigid's Crosses, & Throats**)

Eucharist Ministers: Patricia Deane and Des Quinn **Altar Society:** Bernadette Mahon and Caroline McGovern

Ministers of the Word: Kate McCauley and Aisling Quinn **Door Collectors:** Charlie Kelly and Patsy McGovern

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

RECENT DEATHS: Please pray for Valentine McGovern (Legnaderk, Corlough & London) Brother of Gerard McGovern (Lahard) who passed away peacefully on 23rd Jan, and for all the souls of the Faithful departed. **May They Rest in Peace**

RECENT BAPTISM: We welcome Flora Liddy into our Christian family, and congratulate her family on this joyous occasion.

PARENTS INFORMATION MEETING: for First Communion Children Tue 30th Jan, 8pm in St Brigid's Parish Centre.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: Wed 31st January at 8 pm in St Brigid's Parish Centre

PASTORAL AREA CHANGES: There has been some changes in the lay out of the Pastoral Area. Our parish of Oughteragh/ Lower Drumreilly along with Corlough/Temple port and Kildallen /Ballyconnell now form the one Pastoral Area. Carrigallen/Drumreilly and Killesandra/Arva remain as a Pastoral Area. For practical reasons this new arrangement is more workable. Historically Oughteragh and Corlough had close links. As many of you will remember the sacrament of confirmation was celebrated alternate years in Ballinamore and Corlough Churches. Up until Sep. 2016 Aughawillan, Corraleehan and Corlough formed one parish. Fr. Moses has been appointed by Bishop Martin as assistant priest to the Pastoral Area, which means he will assist in the other 2 parishes as well. However the greater part of his time will be spent in the parish of Oughteragh/Lower Drumreilly. We are blessed to have so many people engaged in various ministries. Fr. Moses and Fr Seán are grateful for your ministry and your time. It is our intention to work together as a team along with all involved in ministry. Fr. Moses main areas of pastoral care will be Aughnasheelin and Corraleehan, previously looked after by Fr. Johnnie, while Fr. Sean will continue with Ballinamore and Aughawillan. In practice this means that Fr. Moses will take care of funerals, weddings and baptisms in Aughnasheelin and Corraleehan and Fr. Sean likewise in Ballinamore and Aughawillan. Bishop Martin's pastoral letter "Making Decisions and Preparing for the Future Together" is challenging and calls for decision making, it also offers opportunities for more people to be involved in presenting the Gospel of Christ a new way. Again our thanks for your ongoing support, prayers and generosity. May the Holy Spirit guide us as we journey together.

THE REPORT ON THE RESPONSES FROM PARISH MEETINGS OF AUTUMN 2023: has been sent to all parishes and Parish Pastoral Councils to be made available to parishioners and can be found on the Diocesan Website www.kilmorediocese.ie it is accompanied by a Message from Bishop Martin indicating immediate next steps in response to the Report.

VISITATION OF THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Aughawillan, Aughnasheelin, and Corraleehan on Wed. Morning. Ballinamore Rural Area on Wed afternoon. Ballinamore Town area Thursday afternoon. Fr. Seán and Fr. Moses will be in contact with you before visit.

FEAST OF ST.BRIGID: Thursday is the feast of St Brigid, patron saint of our parish. St. Brigid's Crosses will be blessed at masses as outlined in the schedule of masses for the week. You are encouraged to make the pilgrimage to St. Brigid's well. Leaflets for the stations will be available in the church porch where you begin the pilgrimage.

CAVAN HOSPITAL PEACEFUL & LEGAL PRAYER PROTEST Sun 28th Jan at 3pm. there will be a prayer protest at the entrance to Cavan general hospital grounds. The objective of this peaceful and legal prayer protest is to let the Stephen Donnelly, Minister for Health, local politicians & HSE Management know that many vehemently object to any plans to make abortion services available in Cavan Hospital. Hospital staff and other HSE personnel need to know that they will have full support – both practical and legal in protecting their conscientious right not to participate in or support any abortion services at any level. Deacon Andy Brady will lead a decade of the rosary - other Christian pastors & religious leaders to follow up with scripture readings and prayers to our God.

COMMUNITY NOTES

BALLINAMORE ATHLETIC CLUB: Training on Tues & Thurs 7pm and new members are always welcome

AUGHAWILLAN NS are taking Enrolments for Sep. 2024, Enrolment forms are now available by e-mailing: aughawillanns@gmail.com or contacting the office on **071 9644246**.

AUGHNASHEELIN SOCIAL DANCING CLASSES Wed. 8pm in the Community Centre, lots of dances. All welcome.

AUGHNASHEELIN FOROIGE CLUB: are fundraising for the development of our club. We are having a Valentines raffle with many prizes sponsored by local businesses. Raffle lines are €2 per line or 3 for €5. Club members will be outside Tesco in Ballinamore on 10th of Feb. 10 am, selling raffle lines. All support is greatly appreciated.

ST MARY'S NS, DRUMLEA: are recruiting for two part time positions: a cleaner and a caretaker. If you are interested in either of these positions, please contact Amy on **049 4333125** by **Thurs 1st of Feb. to express your interest.**

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

BALLINAMORE BADMINTON CLUB: Tues at 8pm Ballinamore Sports Complex. €3 per night, PAYG. All welcome.

CORLOUGH LINE DANCING: starts Tues Jan 30th in Corlough Community Centre at 8pm, admission €7 all welcome

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

FREE HORTICULTURE COURSE (QQI Level 4) F/T Horticulture Course commencing on the 26th Feb. Drumshanbo for 45 weeks. Training Allowance available. Contact Linda on **086 2031664** or email LindaLogan@msletb.ie

LEITRIM VOLUNTEER CENTRE OUTREACH OFFICE: based in The Island Theatre Ballinamore, working with volunteers and organisations to promote and enhance volunteering across Leitrim. For more information and to register your group or as an individual contact Claire on **087 769 6514** or e mail claire@volunteerleitrim.ie

SING TOGETHER at the ISLAND THEATRE Monthly drop-ins **11am-12.30pm**. Pay as you go/can. Dates **27th Jan, 24th Feb, 23rd March & 20th April 2024**. Call Sarah for more information **087 762 0523** / sarah@sarahgarden.ie.

Everyone is welcome and you don't need to an experienced singer, this is a chance to sing songs from every genre.

ISLAND THEATRE - UPCOMING EVENTS: Donal O'Connor & Dr Matteo Cullen. Sat. 11th Feb. 8pm (doors 7.30pm) Support by BUGS Ballinamore Ukulele Group. Tickets: www.islandtheatre.ie, via the Tourism Office or on the door.

MIGHTY DUCKS SWIM CLUB FOR ADULT'S/CHILDREN with disabilities would like to sincerely thank all those who supported our church gate collection at Aughnasheelin & Ballinamore €250.40. Enquiries re our club **087 2404822**

REFLECTION - ST. BRIGID'S BLESSING

May Brigid bless the house wherein we dwell.

Bless every fireside, every wall and door.

Bless every heart that beats beneath its roof.

Bless every hand that toils to bring its joy.

Bless every foot that walks portals through.

May Brigid bless the house that shelters us.

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



BOUGHTERAGH & LOWER DRUMREILLY PARISH: has setup an online interactive portal. This allows people to light a candle, pay contributions, and make donations online. Scan this QR code with your smart phone, <https://churchtv.ie/> and follow the links for your Church to make a donation. The light a candle feature allows you to light a candle instantly in Ballinamore Church from anywhere in the world 24/7.

GENTLE REMINDER: to update your church contributions for 2023. Offertory contributions for the upkeep of your church are made payable to the local church. All Dues contributions towards salaries for priests are made payable to Ballinamore Catholic Church 2 ACC

CALLING ALL TUTORS! Leitrim Development Company are creating an up-to-date list of tutors and speakers, who are available to offer courses, talks and workshops on many subjects. If you would like to be added to the list for 2024, please email your name, contact information (phone & email) and a brief description of what you do to annamctiernan@ldco.ie Community Groups will contact you directly to make arrangements for course/talks delivery.

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 resumes on Wednesdays. Usual transport arrangements, new members welcome. Looking forward to seeing you all again.

IRISH CONVERSATION CLASSES. The very successful Ciorcal Comhrá, or Irish Conversation Circle in Ballinamore Library is on Tues. 8 pm. Different levels/classes apply. Admission free. Ring or text **087 682 1566** to book a place.

TIN WHISTLE LESSONS: Fridays at 7pm for beginners and intermediate/advanced children. All newcomers welcome. Classes in Sean O Hesnins GAA clubroom for more information contact Sarah at **083 483 5881**

GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS: movement to music & stretching suitable for older adults. Starting Thurs 18th Jan 10am in Ballinamore Old Primary School (beside the old convent, pedestrian crossing & new national school). All welcome.

DANCE FIT & TONING CLASS: Mondays at 8pm in Ballinamore Community Hall, and Wed. 6.30pm in Ballinamore Old Primary School, fun exercise class with Michelle Fanning. For further information contact **087 939 0980**.

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.

ALONE IS LOOKING FOR VISITATION VOLUNTEERS: in your area to make befriending visits to older people looking for extra social contact for 1 hr per week. *Volunteers needed* would you be willing to provide companionship visit or make friendly calls to Older People once a week for an hour or two? ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided, if interested please sign up here: <https://alone.ie/volunteers/>

THE BACKPACK FOR ADULTS will run Tues eves from Jan. 23rd for 8 weeks. It is a human & spiritual development program with topics such as Anxiety, Negative Looping Thoughts, Resilience Building, Self-Awareness, Boundary Setting & Healthy Relationship with Self, Others, and God. Apply cavaninstitute.ie/eveningcourses or **049 437 7940**.

SILENT RETREAT: Theme: "If you but knew the gift of God..." Preached by: Fr. Kilian Byrne, Foyer of Charity Venue: St. Mary's Accommodation, Knock, Co. Mayo Date: February 5th to 11th 2024 Cost: €540 full board Contact: Helen: **086 167 8027/** hellywilliams@gmail.com www.foyerofcharity.ie A privileged time to come away from noise and distractions, and listen to the Spirit of God, - Who is Love. Silence, prayer, teachings & liturgy of the Church.

NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH ADULT STUDIES:

Our Catechism Youcat Workshop for 2024 takes place on Saturday 10th February at Our Lady's Shrine Knock with Spiritual Director: Fr. Vincent Twomey for more info please see the poster at the back of the Church. To book please contact: Máirín Ní Shúilleabháin B.A. Div. Coordinator, at mairin991@gmail.com Tel. Mob **087 795 0325**

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**

TOTUS TUUS MAGAZINE is a Catholic magazine, full of articles from Irish priests and laity, which aims to highlight the beauty and joy of our faith. It is now in its 7th year and is run by donations. If you haven't come across Totus Tuus Magazine and would like a free copy please contact Fiona Kiely on **086 876 0058**.

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!

150th ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING OF THE ORIGINAL St PATRICK'S COLLEGE: Tuesday 12th of March 2024 will mark the opening of this iconic building which served as a college (up to its relocation to the new college building in 2012) and now houses the **Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre since 2005**. Bishop Martin Hayes will be the principal celebrant of a special Mass to commemorate this milestone anniversary in the Cathedral of Saints Patrick & Felim, Cavan on Saturday 16th of March 2024 at 11am. Further details will be announced in due course.



Hearth Keeper Prayer

Brigid of the Mantle, encompass us,
Lady of the Lambs, protect us,
Keeper of the Hearth, kindle us.

Beneath your mantle, gather us,
And restore us to memory.
Mothers of our mother,

Foremothers strong.

Guide our hands in yours,
Remind us how to kindle the hearth.
To keep it bright, to preserve the flame.
Your hands upon ours,
Our hands within yours,
To kindle the light,

Both day and night.

The Mantle of Brigid about us,
The Memory of Brigid within us,
The Protection of Brigid keeping us
From harm, from ignorance, from heartlessness.

This day and night,
From dawn till dark,

From dark till dawn.



Prayer to St Brigid

You were a woman of peace.
You brought harmony where there was conflict.
You brought light to the darkness.
You brought hope to the downcast.

May the mantle of your peace cover those who are
troubled and anxious,
And may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in
our world.
Inspire us to act justly and to respect all God has
made.

Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the
weary.

Strengthen what is weak within us.
Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.
May we grow each day into greater wholeness
in mind, body and spirit.