

BALLINAMORE & DRUMREILLY LOWER PARISH NEWSLETTER

29th October 2023

Winter Time Begins

30th Sunday in OT

Feast Days: 31st Blessed Dominic Collins, 1st All Saints day 2nd All Souls Day, commemoration of all the Faithful departed, 3rd St Malachy 4th St Charles Borromeo

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

Ballinamore Church:

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

Sat 28th Oct 11 am Seamus Beirne (Ardrum) **Months Mind**

Sun 29th 11 am Christine Maxwell (Dromore) **2nd Anniversary**

Kitty McManus (Willowfield) and all deceased members of the Slevin & McManus families
Dan, Alice, James, Vincie and Anna Gallogly (Drumrane)

Wed 1st Nov 11 am **Feast of All Saints**

Thurs 2nd Nov 11 am **Feast of All Souls**

Sat 4th Nov 11 am Micheal and Eileen Doherty (Church Street) and their son Micheal

Milentije Arandelovic (Corrahole)

Sun 5th Nov 11 am Francis and Mary Curran (Tarmon)

Mary Fanning (Ardrum)

Philip and Philomena Murphy (St Brigids Street) and all deceased members of the Turbitt and Murphy Families.

Henryk Bogaczyk **24th Anniversary**

Eucharistic Adoration **Fridays 9.30am -10. 30am**

Eucharist Ministers: 29th Oct Micheal Darcy, Maeve Sharpley, and Noel Dolan 5th Nov Alice Costello, Raymond McHugh, Marcella McKiernan 12th Nov Evelyn McHugh, Marian Sharpley, PJ McLoughlin 19th Brendan Sweeney,

Ministers of the Word 29th Raymond McHugh 5th Nov Rhona Conlon 12th Nov Mary Conlon 19th Mary McKiernan

Door Collectors: 29th Oct Brendan Sweeney, Sean Kavanagh and Damien Hamill 5th Nov & 12th Group 17

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

Aghnasheelin, St. Mary's Church:

Tues & Thurs 8:15 pm, Fri 7pm & Sat 8:15

Mass Intentions

Fri 27th Oct 7 pm Micheal Loughlin (Derrinkehir) **Months Mind**

Margaret and James Prior (Lisculfee)

Sat 28th Oct 8:15 pm Micheal Joseph Gilhooly (Killaneen & Herefordshire) **1st Anniversary**

Mary Murray (Kiltybarden) **2nd Anniversary**

Packie and Lucy Gallagher (Knockacullion), and Mary Gallagher (Kent)

Bernie, Lizzie, Sean and Bernie Beirne (Miskawn)

Tues 31st Oct 8:15 pm **Vigil for All Saints** Lucy and Micheal Mawn (Glenfarne)

Thur 2nd Nov 8:15 pm **Feast of All Souls**

Fri 3rd Nov 7 pm James and Annie Gallagher and Seán and Jose Gallagher (Durmracken)

Sat 4th Nov 8:15 pm Pat Gilhooly (Foxwood)

Eucharist Ministers: 28th&4th Nov Sharon O'Dowd & Brendan Sammon 11th&18th Nov Terence Boyle & Kealin M

Ministers of the Word: Philip Roddy and Monica Ward **Door Collectors:** Micheal James Creamer, Sean Mahon and

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

Corraleeahan St. Brigid's Church:

Wed & Thurs 9:45 am & Sun 9:45 am

Mass Intentions

Sun 29th Oct 9:45 am **Harvest Mass of Thanksgiving**

Wed 1st Nov 9:45 am **Feast of All Saints**

Thurs 2nd Nov 9:45 **Feast of All Souls**

Sat 4th Nov 12 pm Mary McGovern (Drumgowna) **Months Mind**

Sun 5th Nov 9:45 am Gus and Mary Gilheaney (Druncromman) and all deceased family members

Rose and Jack Curnan (Derradda) and their son John

Rosaleen and Pat Joe Prior (Drumgowna) and all deceased family members

Eucharistic Ministers: Annie McManus and Teresa Maxwell **Ministers of the Word:** Paul Prior & Sean Prior

Door Collectors: Seamus McGovern and Tommy McKiernan **Alter Society:** Mary Meehan and Gerry Meehan

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

Aughawillan St Patrick's Church:

Tues, Thurs & Sat 7pm

Mass Intentions

Sat 28th Oct 7 pm People of the Parish

Thurs 2nd Nov 7 pm **Feast of All Souls**

Tues 31st Nov 7 pm **Vigil for All Saints**

Sat 4th Nov 7 pm No intention

Eucharistic Ministers: Angela Sutherland & Michelle Dolan **Ministers of the Word:** Ciaran McBrien & Mark Stringer

Door Collectors: Micheal Darcy and Patrick Prior **Alter Society:** Jillian Warren and Maureen McGovern

VISITATION OF THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND: will take place this week, visits in Aughnasheelin on Wednesday from 12 noon to 4 pm, Corraleehan and Aughawillan on Tuesday from 12pm to 3 pm and Ballinamore on Friday afternoon.

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

RECENT DEATH: Please pray for the souls of Pauline Prince (Liverpool) daughter of Bridgie O'Rourke, Francis (Frank) Canning, London, the last surviving sibling of 11 children born to Maud and Bernard Canning of Kiltymooden, and our local deaths, Jim Mulvey (Aughlin), Robert Boyle (Tullybawn) who died 23rd Oct and whos funerals took place on Friday, also Vincent Dolan (brother to Fr Joe, and father to Fr Leo), Kathleen Flanagan (mother of Martina Maxwell) Aughawillan, funeral Mass in Aughawillan Church on Sunday @ 12:30pm. **May They Rest in Peace**

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS: In November we are invited to remember and pray for the faithful departed. In all our churches a number of masses will be offered for deceased members of our families. It would be appreciated if you would bring in the list of those you wish to be prayed for along with your donation in the envelope provided, which may be put into the offertory boxes or left in the Safe in Ballinamore church. Please leave only the list of the dead in the special box close to the altar. **(Do not leave any money in this box)**

MASS FOR DECEASED MEMBERS OF LEITRIM CO. CO: at 8pm, 6th Nov, in St Mary's Church, Carrik on Shannon

MASS OF CONSOLATION FOR THE BEREAVED: Takes place in Aughnasheelin Church on 24th November at 8pm

HARVEST MASS OF THANKSGIVING: bringing the community of Oughteragh & Drumreilly Lower Parish together in St Brigid's Church Corraleehan, on Sun 29th Oct. at 9.45am. We would like to invite all parishioners, who have grown fruit and vegetables, have baked homemade goods or jarred honeys/jams and would like to decorate and display them around the altar, to do this, please bring to Corraleehan Church by Sat. 28th Oct. 5pm. Local food producers and those take part in the tourism business are asked to participate.

BISHOP MARTIN'S PASTORAL LETTER "Making Decisions and preparing for the Future Together" will be read out by members of the Parish Pastoral Council at all Masses on the weekend of the 4th & 5th November. This letter is the fruit of much consultation and reflection by Bishop Martin as he presents his vision for the Diocese as we move forward to face new challenges. Copies of the Pastoral Letter will be handed out after each Mass on that weekend.

PARISH MEETINGS will take place throughout the Diocese of Kilmore to discuss the content of the Bishop's Pastoral Letter and allow parishioners to express their views. A meeting for the parishioners of Oughteragh/Lower Drumreilly will take place in the Assembly Hall of Ballinamore Community School on Monday 13th Nov. at 8pm with an outside facilitator, all are asked and are welcome to attend.

COMMUNITY NOTES

BALLINAMORE ATHLETIC CLUB: Club members will be competing in the Uneven Ages event in Ballymote on Sun 5th Nov. Training continues Tuesday and Thursday at 7 pm.

AUGHNASHEELIN SOCIAL DANCING CLASSES Continue with Rena Bannon in the Hall at 8.30 pm. All welcome.

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

GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS IN BALLINAMORE: chair exercises followed by movement to country music. Thurs 10am from 1st to 30th of November in Ballinamore old primary school beside the old convent. Call **087 939 0980**

POETRY AS COMMEMORATION WORKSHOPS: Leitrim Local Studies Library are hosting two poetry workshops facilitated by author Mary Melvin Geoghegan on Friday 27th October and Thursday 2nd November 11am to 1pm in Ballinamore Library. These workshops will develop creative engagement with the material history of the War of Independence and the Civil War. Artefacts, documents and photographs from the revolutionary period in the Leitrim Local Studies Collection will be used as creative prompts to inspire the participants, under the guidance of Mary Melvin Geoghegan to write a poem. It is also possible your own documents, letters or photographs to write about. These items may have been preserved and handed down through the generations by family members. Participants must register to attend, so please contact Mary Conefrey on **071 964 5567** or mconefrey@leitrimcoco.ie in advance.

BALLINAMORE BADMINTON CLUB: Tues at 9pm Ballinamore Sports Complex. €3 per night, PAYG. All welcome.

BEGINNERS IRISH CLASSES: Ballinamore Library Tuesday at 8pm. Free Classes. Text/call **087 6821 566**

CASH FOR CLOBBER COLLECTION: for Scoil Chlann Naofa. Bags may be left in the shed to the rear of the After-School Building between 9am - 10 am on the mornings of Mon 6th, Tues 7th, Wed 8th & Thurs 9th Nov. Bags will be collected on Thurs 9th. All donations to be clean and in good condition. All support is appreciated.

ISLAND THEATRE BALLINAMORE: 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** **Annual Craft Fair 3rd Dec**

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 **6 pm 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**.

THIS IS YOUR LIFE' SHOW - FUNDRAISER FOR BALLINAMORE FAMILY FESTIVAL: Saturday 4th November in the Island Theatre. Doors Open 7.15pm Curtain 8pm. Book your seat through www.islandtheatre.ie

REFLECTION:

God of peace, we pray for an end to all acts of terrorism and conflict. Restrain the hostility of warring factions, and may they pursue the paths of justice, peace, and reconciliation. **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

BIBLE STUDY COURSE: Bishop-Emeritus Leo O'Reilly will deliver a six-week course on "Understanding the Gospel of St. Mark" in the Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Cavan H12 E5C7 on Thursdays from 7:30 pm - 9 pm beginning on Thurs 26th October. Each evening will conclude with Lectio Divina, a meditative way of reading the Scriptures in which we let go of our own agendas and open ourselves to what God is trying to say to us through His Word. All welcome. A voluntary contribution each evening would be appreciated. For further information, please contact the Centre on **049 4375004** (Ext. 102) or by email to pastoralcentre@kilmorediocese.ie

SEAN O'HESLINS GAA CHRISTMAS CLUB SHOP: now OPEN! Please see our social media for the link to the store. Please note the time frames; orders portal closes Oct. 23rd all orders processed after 23rd regardless of when your order was placed. There is at least a 6 week lead time until delivery, due to these being personalised orders

FREE EVENT: 'Ages and Stages' is a production which is written and performed by members of Cavan Older People's Council facilitated by Maura Williamson. The play tells the stories of the journeys undertaken in life from childhood to older years. It is taking place on Tues 14th Nov & Wed 15th Nov at 8pm in Townhall Cavan. Please book through <https://townhallcavan.com> or ring **049 4380494**. Doors open 7.30pm.

TEMPLEPORT DAY CENTRE: Due to reconstruction work in the Community Centre for the next few weeks. Day Centre activities are taking place in Tom Regan Hall in Ballyconnell. Busses will go directly to Ballyconnell, so this is a reminder to anyone who usually drives to come to Ballyconnell Hall at the usual time. Usual transport arrangements. New members welcome. Further information from Kathleen **087 7921683** or Anne **087 285 7471**.

LINE DANCING CLASSES: We are delighted to welcome back John & Julie to hold Line Dancing classes in Corlough Community Centre at 8pm. on Tuesday 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.

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@leirimcoco.ie to book a class or call into the library for a chat with a member of staff.

SING TOGETHER at the ISLAND THEATRE Monthly drop-ins **11am-12.30pm**, refreshments afterwards. Pay as you go/or can €5/€10/€15. Remaining dates **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.

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**

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

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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**

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](https://www.ticketmaster.ie) and Mary McNicholas, Victim Assistance HO, Aiden St., Kiltimagh, Co. Mayo **094 9000 251 & 086 3938871**. Email: support@victimassistance.ie

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 **087 363 5513**

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 '24** 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, and H12 E5 C7. To book a course please log on to: www.accord.ie

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!

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**

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.