

BALLINAMORE & DRUMREILLY LOWER PARISH NEWSLETTER

31st December 2023

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Feast Days: 1st Jan Mary, the Holy Mother of God - World day of Peace 3rd Jan St Munchin, The Most Holy Name of Jesus 4th Jan St Elizabeth Ann Seton 5th Jan St Charles of St Andrew

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

Ballinamore Church: Sat & Sun 11am, Mon 1st 12 noon, Wed 7 pm, Tues, Thurs, & Fri 9 am.

Sat 30th Dec 11 am no Intention

Sun 31st Dec 11 am Micheal Costello (Ardrum)

Deceased members of the McKiernan family (High Street)

Mon 1st Jan 12 noon No Intention

Wed 3rd Jan 7 pm Tony McKiernan (Tully) 1st Anniversary

Micheal Dolan (Stradermott)

Sat 6th Jan 11 am Epiphany of the Lord

Eucharistic Adoration: Fridays 11.30am –12.30am

Eucharist Ministers: 31st Dec Evelyn McHugh, Marian Sharpley & PJ McLoughlin 7th Jan Brendan Sweeney, Tommy Moran & Elis O'Dell 14th Jan Michael Duignan & Peggy Ferguson 21st Jan Thomas Kelly & Gerard McCartin.

Ministers of the Word 31st Dec PJ McLoughlin 7th Jan Mary Corby 14th Jan Gerard Darcy 21st Jan Tommy Moran

Door Collectors: 31st Dec & 7th Jan 14th & 21st Micheal Dolan, Tom Gannon & Monica Sharpley 14th & 21st James Maguire, Noel Dolan, Seamus McGrath and Declan Cumiskey 28th & 4th Feb Group 6 John Curran & Company

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

Aughnasheelin, St. Mary's Church:

Fri & Sat 8:15

Mass Intentions

Sat 30th Dec 8:15 pm no intention

Fri 5th Jan 8:15 pm Vigil Epiphany of the Lord

Sat 6th Jan 8:15 pm no intention

Eucharist Ministers: 30th Maura Mulvey & Maureen Conway 6th & 13th Jan Mary Costello & Sheila O'Dowd

Ministers of the Word: Breda Mulvanerty and Sharon Flynn **Door Collectors:** Gerry Smyth, Francis McTeigue

Eucharistic Adoration Wednesday 11am to 12 noon, and 8 to 10 pm and Andy McPartland

Corraleeahan St. Brigid's Church:

Wed 9:30 am, Sat & Sun 9:45 am

Mass Intentions

Sun 31st Dec 9:45 am Kathleen Higgins, her parents Jim & Jenny, & deceased members of Higgins & Griffin families

Sat 6th Jan 9:45 am Epiphany of the Lord

Michael and Bridget McManus (Drumderg) and all deceased family members

Sun 7th Jan 9:45 am Josephine and Jim Joe Prior (Drumderg) and all deceased family members

Eucharist Ministers: Teresa Maxwell & Annie McManus **Altar Society:** Bridie McNiff and Josie Maguire

Ministers of the Word: Damien Gilheany & Tracy McTague **Door Collectors:** Seamus Beirne & Micheal McManus

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

Aughawillan St Patrick's Church:

Fri & Sat 7pm

Mass Intentions

Sat 30th Dec 7 pm No Intention

Fri 5th Jan 7 pm Vigil Epiphany of the Lord

Paddy and Annie Dolan (Lisroughty) and all deceased family members

Sat 6th Jan 7 pm no intention

Eucharist Ministers: Sinead Kiernan & Damien Conefrey **Altar Society:** Martina Maxwell and Geraldine Maxwell

Ministers of the Word: Ronan Maxwell and Marie Quinn **Door Collectors:** Christy McGovern & Cathál McBrien

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

RECENT DEATHS: Please pray for all the soul Mary Foley (nee Flanagan) whose funeral took place on 23rd Dec, and all of the Faithful departed. **May They Rest in Peace**

RECENT BAPTISM: We welcome Éala Marie Scully into our Christian family, and congratulate her family on this joyous occasion.

CHURCH ENVELOPES FOR 2024 will be available for collection in the churches next week. It would be appreciated if you would kindly collect your box of envelopes at your earliest convenience as they will be in use for the Feast Day of the Epiphany on January 6th. If you are new to the Parish call or email the Parish Office on 071 96 44039 email ballinamore@kilmorediocese.ie

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.

MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS FOR WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE, 1st JANUARY 2024: While acknowledging how we have benefitted from science and technology Pope Francis calls for responsible development, regulation, and oversight of AI (Artificial Intelligence) technologies. He reminds us that the measure of true humanity lies in how we treat the least among us and he expresses the hope that AI development may contribute to human fraternity and world peace. As we celebrate the example of the Holy Family this weekend may I also encourage you to pray for world peace on Monday, 1st January. We trust that our prayer at home and in our parishes will bring peace to our troubled world and especially to the Holy Land where God sent his Son, Jesus to be among us.



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. St Patricks Church Aughawillan is now live on the website, at this link <https://www.churchtv.ie/aughawillan/>

A WORD OF THANKS AT CHRISTMAS: Sincere thanks to everyone who helped out and took part in the Christmas Masses in our 4 churches- to our Organists, Musical Directors, Soloists, Instrumentalists, Servers, Sacristans, Altar Societies and all who prepared the churches so tastefully for the feast, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Collectors, Counters, Liturgy Teams, and the Parish Pastoral Council, a big Thank you to all. As we come to the end of 2022, thanks to all involved in Parish and Community organizations and committees who give of their time to improve the quality of life for all who live here and elsewhere. A word of gratitude to the Church Finance Committees, to all staff members of our schools, members of Boards of Management, and Parents Associations, and to our Parish Secretary. Wishing everyone a blessed, healthy and happy New Year.

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**

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.

COMMUNITY NOTES

ATHLETIC CLUB: Organised training has now concluded for the Christmas break and will most likely resume on Tues Jan. 9th. Additional new members will then be enrolled for coming year.

IRISH CONVERSATION CLASSES. Want to Improve or practice your Gaeilge? The very successful Ciorcal Comhrá, or Irish Conversation Circle will resume in Ballinamore Library on Tuesday 9th Jan. 2024, at 8 pm Different levels of classes apply. Admission free. Ring or text **087 682 1566** to book a place.

P/T SPREADSHEET METHODS – MONDAY, 8th JAN. 2024: Mohill Computer Training @ Mohill Enterprise Centre is now accepting registrations for its part-time 4-week QQI Level 4 Spreadsheet course. Ideal for new and intermediate computer users preparing for employment or simply looking to upskill. Register now as places are limited by calling **(071) 9632024** or by emailing feargalodonale@msletb.ie

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

WALK ABOUT TOWN: meet at the Basin opposite SuperValu at **6 pm on Mondays** all welcome.

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

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

SEAN O'HESLINS NEW YEAR DRAW: Tickets are on sale now from Club members or on Revolut by contacting **086 390 791**. Tickets are one for €20 or three for €50. The draw will take place in Priors on the 6th Jan. please support.

SEAN O'HESLINS DINNER DANCE: to celebrate this year's achievements has been set for the 20th January 2024

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

REFLECTION

We pray for all victims of violence from harsh words to deadly weapons, or cold indifference. We pray for an end to all wars and violent conflicts; including Israel, Palestine and Ukraine and the largely forgotten by the media wars, like Sudan, Syria and Yemen. We pray that we-ourselves and our leaders will always work to heal division and fear, and recognise every human being as a child of God, our brother and sister - regardless of religion, race, language or culture. **AMEN**

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 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**

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.

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!

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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