

BALLINAMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

10th July 2016 (15th Sunday O.T)

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Ballinamore Masses : Mon & Wed 7pm Tues, Thurs & Fri 9am, Sat 11am, Sat 7pm, (Vigil) Sun. 11.30am.
Aughnasheelin Masses: Wed 9am, Fri 8pm Mass, Sun. 10am.

Feast Days during the week: Mon 11th :St..Benedict ,Patron of Europe, Thurs. 14th St.Camillus de Lellis

Friday 15th St.Bonaventure,: Sat.16th Our lady of Mt Carmel,

Mass intentions for the week:

Sat 9th July 7pm Francis, Katie & Josephine McGarry, St. Brigid's Street
James Moran, Willowfield and deceased members of Moran Family
Annie Walsh, Corraleeahan & Tullyoscar.
Sun 10th July 11:30 Annie Christy and Patrick Christy, Lahard
Tue 12th July 9am Francie & Mary Ann Fox, Church Street
Thurs.14th July 9am People of the Parish.
Sat 16th July 7pm People of the Parish
Sun 17th July 11:30 Special intention.

Altar Servers

Team 5 Sun 10th July, Sat 16th Siobhan Flynn, Lillie Byrne, Grainne Prior, Tara Conway, Mollie Murphy, Emma Berine.
Team 6 Sun 17th, Sat 23rd July Paul Moran, Kuba Kaminski, Mikey Reilly, Fiachra McGrath, Adam Kaminski

Door Collectors

16th & 17th July John Curran, Gerry McCartin, John O'Connell, David McBrien

Ministers of the Word

Sat 16th July 7pm Sylvia Dolan
Sun 17th July 11:30 Geraldine Connaughton

Eucharistic Ministers

Sat 16th July 7pm Padraig McGovern, Christopher McNiff, Noel Dolan
Sun 17th July 11:30 Peggy Logan, Dympna McTague, Maureen Martin.

Baptism: We welcome Fia Rossa Murphy into our church community as she received the sacrament of baptism.
Congratulations to her parents.

Confessions: Sat. After 11am mass, before and after Sat 7pm mass, anytime on request.

Eucharistic Adoration every Friday from after 9am mass to 1.30pm. All welcome.

Notices

Annual Visitation and Blessing of Graves : will take place in Oughteragh cemetery on Sunday 14th August with mass at 2.30pm in cemetery and in Aughnasheelin on Sunday 31st July with mass at 10am. Blessing of Graves follows mass.

Anniversary Masses & New Mass Times: From the 1st weekend in September, there will be no Saturday evening mass in Ballinamore. Therefore all masses booked for a Saturday evening from September onwards will automatically be moved to the Sunday of the same weekend. The same for Aughnasheelin masses, which will be moved from the Sunday to the Saturday evening of the same weekend.

Financial Accounts : A copy of the final 2015 Church Accounts are available in the porch.

Please take a copy.

Door of Mercy Pilgrimage: Have you made the pilgrimage through the Holy Door and done the walk of mercy through the church here in Ballinamore, the designated church for the area during this Jubilee year of mercy? All are invited to avail of Gods mercy and grace and gain indulgence for yourself and those that you wish to remember while making the pilgrimage. As you enter through the door of mercy please take a leaflet, there you will find all the details for the pilgrimage.

As We enter the Second Half of the Year, it would be much appreciated if dues and offertory and other contributions were brought up to date. The weekly offertory contributions go towards the upkeep of the Churches and the monthly dues contributions provide the salaries for the priests of the parish. Thanking for your generosity. **If you are paying by cheque would you be kind enough to use a separate cheque for offertory and dues contributions as they have different account numbers. Please make cheques for Offertory payable to Ballinamore or Aughnasheelin Church a/c. Please make Dues cheques payable to Priests Revenue a/c. or Ballinamore Church No.2 a/c. Thank you for your co-operation.**

Altar Servers Outing to Waterworld Bundoran will take place on Monday July 25th , Details and forms have been sent to each server. A meeting for Parents of Servers going to Waterworld will take place on Mon. July 18th at 8pm in the Parish Community Centre. It is essential that all paperwork be completed and returned to Fr. Sean as soon as possible.
Kilmore Diocesan pilgrimage to Assisi: There is a limited number of places still available on the Kilmore Diocesan Pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome from 12-17 September 2016 to mark the Year of Mercy. Fare: €799 per person sharing. If interested, please contact the Diocesan Pastoral Centre on 049 4375004 as soon as possible

Belfast to Knock Peace Walkers.

We are now just a couple of weeks away from having our friends from Belfast pass through our parish as they walk to Knock over five days on their Peace Pilgrimage. This is the twenty **second** anniversary of the walk and over those years the parish has always opened their hearts and homes to the walkers and have been most generous and supportive in providing beds for those walking the pilgrimage. Hopefully this year will be no exception and if you can give a bed for even one walker it will be much appreciated. "I was a stranger and you invited me in 'truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' If you can provide a bed for even one of the walkers Please come along to the Mass and we will put you in contact with walker in need of a bed for the night. If you have accommodated walkers in the past and can do so again Please contact Thomas Kelly 071 9644800 / 087 9610911 with your details and how many you can take, Thanks.

We would ask that as many parishioners as possible Please come along on the evening as a show of our support, encouragement and friendship for the pilgrims on their journey.

The mass will be on Thursday 21st July in Ballinamore church at 7:30pm. All parishioners are welcome to come and experience the Mass, the music and the liturgy that the Cursillio members bring to their celebrations.

The Irish Cancer Society's 'Volunteer Driver Service' is a free transport service available to patients undergoing chemotherapy treatment. To avail of this service, please talk to your healthcare professional or call Rebecca in the Irish Cancer Society on 01 2316 642.

QQI Level 5 Computer Applications Course at Mohill Computer Training

Improve your employment prospects and gain 400 CAO points towards a third level place. Join an innovative and progressive course that will prepare you for a future career in technology. **"...an excellent foundation on which to expand your IT experience!" – David Furniss (Past Student).** And the bonus is that training allowances are payable to eligible participants. Phone 071 9632024 for an application form now as places are limited.

The Migraine Association of Ireland has arranged a free, public, 'Approaches to Migraine Management' information seminar to which you are cordially invited. It will take place in Gallagher's Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal on the evening of Thursday the 21st of July from 6.30 pm - 9 pm.

Psychotherapy/Counselling Service: Cavan Family Resource Centre offer a professional and confidential Psychotherapy/Counselling service. All therapists are fully qualified & accredited with the **I.A.C.P.** (Irish Association of Counsellors & Psychotherapists). **The Centre operates on a sliding scale fee. Please phone 049 437 1363, or email info@cfrc.ie for further information.**

On August Bank Holiday 2016 weekend Keaney/Keanys from the USA, Australia, UK and Ireland will gather in Glenfarne and Ballyconnell for a **clan reunion**. Sat afternoon 30th July at 3.00pm is your opportunity to check your genealogy and perhaps link up with long lost cousins in the Rainbow Ballroom, Glenfarne. Other events include bus tours, walks, talks, dining and dancing. Further information and tickets available from Frank 087 2520346, Maureen 0872368571, Anne 0868480409

Monaghan Institute Full Time Courses - apply now. New courses on offer starting in September. Further details contact 047-84900 / www.monaghaninstitute.ie

Woman's Group All people going on week end trip to Cork organized by Ballinamore women's group are asked to pay deposit of one hundred euro to Mary or Mildred on or before 12th July. Enquiries to 0876327959.

Ballinamore Parent & Toddler Situated in Ballinamore Library (our new venue!) Every Wednesday 10.00a.m.-12.00p.m. €2 per week (for tea, coffee, biscuits etc.) All parents/grandparents or child minders who are in the company of babies or toddlers are invited to come along for a cup of tea and a chat while the children mix and play! For more information contact: Laura Mc Hugh 086 6035977

Reflection:

To show compassion or mercy is to suffer with the wounded and the suffering, to share their pain and agony. Compassion does not leave us indifferent or insensitive to another's pain but calls for solidarity with the suffering. This is how Jesus, the Good Samaritan par excellence, showed compassion. At times we can be like the priest and the scribe who, on seeing the wounded man, passed by on the other side. We can be silent spectators afraid to involve ourselves and dirty our hands.

Compassion demands that we get out of ourselves as we reach out to others in need. It means that we get our hands and even our reputations dirty. Indifference is worse than hostility. The hostile person at least acknowledges the presence of the other while reacting violently to it; the indifferent person, on the other hand, ignores the other and treats him as if he did not exist. That was the kind of indifference and insensitivity shown by the priest and the Levite who passed by on the other side, leaving the wounded and waylaid traveler completely alone.

The Good Samaritan shows us what compassion and commitment are all about. He could have easily passed by on the other side. He could have closed his heart and refused to respond to a genuine need. But he stopped and knelt down beside the stranger who was hurting. At that moment, a neighbor was born. Everyone who stops beside the suffering of another person, whatever form it may take, is a Good Samaritan. This stopping and stooping, this pausing and kneeling down beside the suffering, is not done out of curiosity but out of love. The Samaritan's compassion brings him to perform a whole series of actions. First he bandaged his wounds, then he took the wounded man to an inn to care for him and, before leaving, he gave the inn keeper the necessary money to take care of him [vv 34-35].

Loving means acting like the Good Samaritan. We know that Jesus, himself is the Good Samaritan par excellence; although he was God, he did not hesitate to humble himself to the point of becoming a man and giving his life for us. More than two thousand years after this story was first told, it continues to move people deeply. It teaches us what authentic mercy, compassion, commitment and communion with others are all about.