

BALLINAMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

13th March 2016 (5th Sunday of Lent)

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Ballinamore Masses : Mon 7pm, Tue & Wed 7:30am, Wed 7pm, (Vigil) Thurs 11:30, Fri 9am, Sat 11am & 7pm Vigil Sun. 11:30am.

Aughnasheelin Masses: Tues. 7.30pm Thurs 10am, Fri 8pm Sun. 10am.

Mass intentions for the week:

Sat 12 th Mar 7pm	Brigid, William & Charles McWeeney, Longstone Sonnie Maxwell & deceased family members of The Maxwell Family (Dromore)
Sun 13 th Mar 11:30	Tony Maguire, Main Street
Tue 15 th Mar 7:30am	Thomas & Roseanne Whitney, High Street
Wed 16th Mar 7pm	Packie & Mary Travers, St. Brigid's Street.
Thurs 17th Mar 11:30	St. Patrick's Day Mass for people of the Parish
Fri 18 th Mar 9am	Peter & Delores O'Connell, (Cloverhill Hse) and deceased family members of The Barry Family.
Sat 19 th Mar 7pm	Annie & Jim Fox, Cloverhill & deceased members of the Flood family.
Sun 20 th Mar 11:30	Michael & Maureen O'Hara, Ardum

Deceased: We pray for the souls of Winnie McNamee, Church Street whose funeral took place on Thursday & burial in Mayo, Molly Vesey, Staghall, Belturbet (sister of Kathleen Rooney, Aughnasheelin) whose funeral also took place on Thursday and Seamus Wrynn native of Tarmon who passed away in New York on Friday. Our thought & prayers are with their families.

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

Welcome to Brian Kelly from Trocaire this weekend. Brian will speak about the work Trocaire is engaged in various parts of the world and how our contributions help to bring about change in peoples lives.

Altar Servers

Team 6 Sun 13 th & Sat 19 th	Paul Moran, Kuba Kaminski, Mikey Reilly, Fiachra McGrath, Adam Kaminski
Team 1 Sun 20 th & Sat 26 th	Seamus Wisley, Caillian Murphy, Danny O'Brien, Sam Cullen, Eoin Connaughton

Door Collectors

Sat 19th & Sun 20th Mar	Diurmuid McCaffrey, Alan Banks, Donal Duignan, David Prior
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Ministers of the Word

Wed 16th Mar 7pm	Sarah Sharpley
St. Patrick's Day 11:30	Alan Banks
Sat 19 th Mar 7pm	Raymond McHugh
Palm Sunday 11:30	Siobhan Dolan (Reading) Gerry Mahon & Rhona Conlon (Passion)

Eucharistic Ministers

Wed 16th Mar 7pm	Mona Creamer, Liam McGovern, Mary Quinn
St. Patrick's Day 11:30	Paddy O'Connor, Thomas Kelly, Gerard McCartin
Sat 19 th Mar 7pm	Alice Costello, Francis Maguire, Raymond McHugh
Sun 20 th Mar 11:30	Evelyn McHugh, Marian Sharpley, PJ McLoughlin

Church Notes

Penitential Service In St. Patrick's Church, Ballinamore on Palm Sunday at 6pm concluding with a blessing for healing and anointing with the oil of mercy. This will be followed by a similar service in Our Lady of Lourdes Church Ballyconnell at 7.30.

Stations of the Cross: One of the great traditions of Lent is "Doing the Stations of the Cross" daily or having Sunday evening Lent devotions. This Lent it is planned to have the Stations of the Cross each Sunday at 7pm in Ballinamore Church. Our hope is that a different organization will lead the stations each Sunday. If your organisation is willing to become involved please contact any member of the Parish Pastoral Council.

The Garment of Suffering

Each of us has some suffering or hurt in our lives, sometimes dating back from the past. The "Garment of Suffering" symbolises the hurt contained in our lives and community. On Good Friday the garment will be draped over the Cross where Christ suffered for us bearing our sin and pain. During Lent and Easter we will pray to be healed. What is unique about this ritual is that you will be able to recognise your own piece of cloth, your own grief and suffering and yet understand that so many others share similar worries. Please bring in your piece of cloth as soon as you can, as they need to be sewn together. Thanks to the ladies who kindly offered to do this service.

"24hours with the Lord" As part of the celebration of the Year of Mercy, parishes are asked to arrange 24 consecutive hours of Eucharistic Adoration. This will take place in St. Patrick's Church Ballinamore on Saturday March 19th after the 7pm Vigil mass and will continue until 6pm on Palm Sunday, when our Penitential Service begins. A list of the times is available & we are looking for volunteers to cover the various hours. We will need **at least 3 people for every hour.**

St Patrick's Day Collection Your generosity to the St Patrick's day Collection will help:

In the education of African Priests, two of whom work in our diocese, Support for Irish missionaries working in African countries, Provide support to the Irish Emigrant chaplaincies abroad.

We would appeal to you to be equally generous in this year's St Patrick's Day Collection.

Holy Week and Easter in Oughteragh Parish.

Holy Thursday: 11.30 am: Chrism Mass in Cathedral, all are welcome to attend.

7-00pm : Mass of the Lords Supper in Ballinamore.

Adoration : after mass until 11pm

8-00pm : Mass of the Lords Supper in Aughnasheelin.

Adoration : after mass until 11pm

Good Friday: 12 noon ***Stations of The Cross*** in Oughteragh Cemetery

3pm.: Celebration of the Lords Passion in Ballinamore.

8pm : Celebration of the Lords Passion in Aughnasheelin.

Holy Saturday: 8-00pm Easter Vigil In Ballinamore.

Easter Sunday: 10am: Mass in Aughnasheelin, 11-30: Mass in Ballinamore.

Confessions for Easter:

Ballinamore : Penitential Service with visiting priests on Palm Sunday at 6 pm. & Holy Saturday 12 noon

Ballyconnell : Penitential Service with visiting priests on Palm Sunday at 7:30 pm.

Aughnasheelin: Confessions on Tuesday Mar 22nd at 8pm.

Kilmore Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from 27th May -1st June this year. For enquiries and bookings contact Kilmore Pastoral Centre 9049)4375004 ext.100 .Assisted pilgrims contact Fr. Kevin Fay (049)4330018 or 087 857 9968 .please book early.

Workshop on Christian decision making – Knock Shrine Jesuit theologian, author and lecturer Fr Brian Grogan is leading a new workshop called *Making Good Decisions: A Beginner's Guide* on Saturday, March 19th, at Knock Shrine. The workshop will use examples and case studies to explore the dynamics of Christian decision making.

Registration is at 9.30am at Knock House Hotel. The workshop concludes at 3pm. The day costs €30, which includes lunch.

Booking advised. Please telephone Knock Shrine on (094) 9388100 or email faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie.

Keep our Post Office in Martin's, High St: There will be a public meeting on Tuesday next 15th March at 9pm in the Standing Stone Hotel, High St. Ballinamore to discuss the retention of the Post Office in Martin's of High St where it has been operating successfully for the past 80 years. Your support would be greatly appreciated. For more information contact Joey Smith 087 2525200

Ballinamore Childcare are holding an information & enrollment evening for their preschools Lollipop kids & An Naíonra on Monday the 14th of March in the old vocational school, Ballinamore at 7pm. We will be answering all your questions & providing you with a welcome pack featuring information on our Aistear Curriculum, both of our ECCE rooms and information on your child's entitlement to 2 free years of Preschool. Call Sandra on 0719644904 for more information.

Are you interested in a Career in the Care Sector? If so fully funded health care related training is now available for job seekers in the Longford and surrounding areas. This training is being provided in conjunction with Family Carers Ireland and MBE Skillnet. This is an opportunity to undertake QQI Level 5 Healthcare Support Major Award leading to employment in the care sector. Usual eligibility criteria apply, check with michael@mbeskillnet.ie For training enquiries or to book your place on the training programme contact mbracken@familycarers.ie or call 057 9370221.

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 4371363, or email info@cfrc.ie

ATHLETIC CLUB Training will be suspended for the Easter break after the session on Tuesday next (15th) and will resume at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday April 5th at 7.00 p.m. at the Sports Hall and St Felim's Ground when the emphasis will be on outdoor work and preparation for the summer track and field events. New members continue to be welcome at all times.

Ballinamore Boxing Club are holding their Annual Quiz in Smyth's Siopa Ol on Wednesday 16th March, start time 9pm great spot prizes. Please support.

Ballinamore Drama Festival Drama continues until Sunday 13th March starting on closing night at 8pm.

Ballinamore Women's Group :A trip to the dogs in Mullingar is being organized by Ballinamore women's group on Saturday 14th May. Total cost is 60 euro. A deposit of twenty euro must be paid on or before 20th March to book a place. Enquiries to 0876327959 or any member of the group

Béal an Átha Móir Seán Ó hEislin

Minor Girls medal presentation Folks the minor girls will be presented with their medals on Saturday March 29th in Gay Priors, With Diarmaid O'Connor of Mayo doing the presenting on the night.

Leitrim Ladies Fundraiser :Folks Leitrim Ladies are hosting a monster bingo night in the Landmark Hotel on Friday the 25th of March (Good Friday) at 20:00. Lots of prizes on offer and a jackpot of €1000, promises to be a great night !!

Cluichí don Seachtain seo ACL Division 4 Domhnach 13 Marta, Ballinamore versus Aughavas at 12:00 in Aughavas.

Assorted Fitness Classes Getting fit and healthy is easy with our community fitness classes in Ballinamore

Ballinamore Community Centre Mon & Thurs at 8pm (Zumba & Toning)

Ballinamore GAA Gym Tues & Thurs at 11am (Aerobics & Circuits)

Ballinamore GAA Gym Wed 6.30pm (Aerobics & Circuits) & 7.30pm (Bums & Tums & upper arms toning)

Ballinamore GAA Gym Thurs at 10am social fitness class (easy exercises)

All welcome, for further information or booking contact [0879390980](tel:0879390980)

Ballinamore Fishing and Tourism Ltd AGM Are holding their AGM on Monday 14th March 2016 at 8pm in The Old Clinic. Following the AGM there will be a short meeting updating details on St Felim's School property. All members are invited to attend. New members would be very welcome.

St. Patrick's Day Parade I hope everyone has their colours ready for the big parade.. The theme is "Irish is???" All are welcome to join in and if there is anyone out there who would like to help out we would appreciate it.. There are goodies for the kids, local entertainment and prizes galore.. Best dressed, most original, typical and best dressed window.. And much more . The scouts will be there with their usual goodies stall and of course St Patrick. The meeting point is at Tesco @ 3:30 for parade at 4. If you have any enquiries contact Dawn @ 086-3115647.

Reflection

The blessing of forgiving others can only be real when we have first experienced forgiveness.

The blessing of forgiveness begins with God and becomes effective and necessary in our homes and families

Is the blessing of forgiveness awaiting you in a new way this Lent? Is that a gift you can afford not to accept?