

BALLINAMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

14th February 2016 (1st Sunday of Lent)

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Ballinamore Masses : Mon 7pm, Tue Wed & Thurs 7:30am, Fri 9am, Sat 11am & 7pm Vigil Sun. 11.30am.

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

Mass intentions for the week:

Sat 13th Feb 7pm Hugh & Mary Flynn, Drumeenawn
Michael & Mary O'Connell (Aughoo), Pat O'Connell (Killadough) & Raymond O'Connell
Sun 14th Feb 11:30 Special Intentions
Sat 20th Feb 11am Deceased members of Sharpley family Aughayoula and Delahaide Family High St & Tom Carley
Sat 20th Feb 7pm Paddy & Eithne Smyth, High St
Patsy & Mary Galligan, Dromore & deceased family members of Galligan Family.
Sun 21st Feb 11:30 People of The Parish

Recent Death: We pray for Thomas Kelly Laheen father of Margaret Mc Teigue, Aughnasheelin and brother to Mary Mc Hugh Killaneen, Kathleen Smyth Ballyduff and Elizabeth Mc Niffe, Church St. Reception of his remains in St. Brigid's Church Drumcong this Sunday at 7pm with funeral mass on Monday at 11am.

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

Altar Servers

Team 2 Sun 14th & Sat 20th Ruth Creamer, Aoife D'Arcy, Megan McGovern, Niamh Donohoe, Isobel McAllister, Alannah McBrien

Team 3 Sun 21st & Sat 27th Peter O'Connell, Seán Gartland, Michael McKiernan, Killian Maguire, T.J Quinn

Door Collectors

Sat 20th & Sun 21st Feb Felim McTague, Brendan Brennan, Sean McKeon, Michael Hanly

Ministers of the Word

Sat 13th Feb 7pm Sr. Marie

Sun 14th Feb 11:30 Philomena Earley

Eucharistic Ministers

Sat 20th Feb 7pm Brendan Sweeney & Tommy Moran, Bridie Cafferty

Sun 21st Feb 11:30 Evelyn McHugh, Marian Sharpley, PJ McLoughlin

Church Notes

Confirmation Ritual will take place in

Ballinamore at the Vigil Mass at 7pm on Sat 20th Feb and

Aughnasheelin on Sunday Sun 21st Feb 10am Mass

A practice for this ritual will take place in Ballinamore Tue 6pm & Aughnasheelin on Wed 7pm

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.

During Lent mass in Ballinamore Church on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday will be at 7.30am. Evening mass in Aughnasheelin church on Tuesday at 7.30, Wednesday at 8.30. All other masses at usual times.

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. During Lent we ask that you bring a piece of cloth (any Colour) about 6 inches square & leave it in the labelled box at back of church. Your piece of cloth can represent for example grief over death or separation or the pain of sickness, the pain of doing wrong to others or having it done to you. During Lent and holy week the cloths will be all sewn together onto one complete garment. 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.

Cavan Monaghan Pro-life: a non-political, interdenominational lobby group, are asking all candidates and parties where they stand on protecting the 8th Amendment which gives equal right to life to expectant mothers and their developing baby in the womb. The voting record and pledges of all candidates in each constituency can be viewed on: www.prolifecampaign.ie or www.thelifeinstitute.net. Please support only candidates or parties who vote against abortion and are willing to defend the 8th Amendment, a pro-life clause inserted into the Irish Constitution following the 1983 referendum, which was supported by 66.9% of voters.

Looking for something new and worthwhile to do this Lent. Why not try "Life in the Spirit Seminars" which will continue every Tuesday beginning with Mass at 7.30pm in St. Marys Church Aughnasheelin.

Turning Our Hearts To The Lord - Lenten Scripture Reflection Group begins on Thursday evening at 7:30p.m. in the Diocesan Pastoral Centre in Cavan and then continues every Wednesday evening during Lent for about 45 minutes. Each evening, there will be prayer, a reading of the Sunday Gospel and a commentary on it, reflecting on its connection with life today and praying for the intentions of group members. All welcome.

Booking Forms and Full Details regarding the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome from 12-17 September 2016 to mark the Year of Mercy are now available from the Diocesan Pastoral Centre in Cavan. Fare: €799 per person sharing. If interested, please telephone the Centre on 049 4375004 for further information.

Journey to Jerusalem - A series of four seasonal talks by Fr. Eamonn Bredin begins on Thursday 18 February in the Diocesan Pastoral Centre in Cavan at 7:30p.m. A donation of €5 per talk would be appreciated. All are welcome.

Donation Our thanks to Sheila O'Sullivan for her generous donation to purchase the Divine Mercy Banner for Ballinamore Church.

Victim Assistance is a voluntary organisation that provides emotional and practical assistance to all Victims of Crime and traumatic incidents. The local branch of Victim Assistance is now recruiting members.

Full training is provided and all applicants are garda vetted.

If you are interested in helping Victims of Crime please contact Victim Assistance National Office on **066 7119830** or email fedva@eircom.net www.victimassistanceireland.com

Feast of St Valentine: The feast of St. Valentine falls on this Sunday. Special prayers with a blessing for couples will be recited at the weekend masses.

Oesophageal Cancer Lollipop Collection will be held on Feb 26th & 27th. The money raised each year helps to highlight the disease, promote awareness of the symptoms of this cancer, improve care & treatment to patients & to fund research projects. Early detection is vital- symptoms are (i) Frequent & persistent hiccups (II) Acid indigestion/ heartburn /reflux (III) Difficulty when swallowing food. (IV) Weight loss (V) Constant burping, coughing. If one or more of these symptoms persist, make a G.P apt. We will be getting in touch with our willing volunteers who give their time and help out each year. It could not be done without you. Thank you

Templeport Day Centre, Bawnboy will re-open on Wednesday 17th February. Usual arrangements. New people always welcome. Contact Kathleen 087-7921683 or Ann on 087-2857471. Chiropodist will attend on the day.

Friends of St. Patrick's Hospital Committee are holding a Public Meeting on Thursday 18th February in the Bush Hotel at 8pm. The purpose of the meeting is to inform the public of progress made to date on the restoration of the 5 day Nurse Led Day Services at St. Patrick's Day Hospital. Please support this meeting and try and have at least one member of each household in the parish at this meeting. This is our community hospital for our community

Aughawillan Drama Troupe is proud to present "Mother Knows Best" a comedy by Jimmy Keary and directed by Brian Dolan in Aughawillan Hall, Co Leitrim. The smash hit three act comedy will be for four nights the 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th of February commencing at 8.30 sharp each night. There is no need to book and admission is €10.00. Please turn up early to avoid disappointment. Listen out for Aughawillan Drama on the community notices Shannon Side Northern Sound and like us on facebook at Aughawillan Drama.

ATHLETIC CLUB Our thanks to all who helped to run off the mammoth Leitrim Indoor Championship programme in the Sports Hall on Sunday last and to the Community Council for the facilities. This week there will be training on Tuesday (February 16th) but not Thursday (18th) due to schools mid term break. New members welcome at any training session.

Ballinamore Childcare would like to thank everyone who contributed to making their table quiz fundraiser on the 5th of February such a success. Thank you Kathryn McTague (Jackies Bar) for hosting such a great night and supplying such lovely food. Thank you to Sean O Sulleabhain for helping to organise and hosting the quiz. To everyone who donated raffle prizes Magdalena Brennan (Perfect beauty and nail bar), Scollans butchers, Gerry Farry, Sandra Mulvey, Phyllis Beirne, Deirdre Harvey, Pat and Marcella Mc Keirnan (B & T Cleaning supplies), Karen & Shane McNulty (Standing Stone Hotel) Allure hair & Beauty, Olive Sharply, Slieve Russell hotel, Elaine & Emma McCormac (Gruaige), Roisin Dolan (Forever Living), Maureen & Commillus Martin, Ballinamore Drama Festival, Auto brothers, Sean o Suilleabhain, David mc Cabe, (Poor Scholar), Sharon & Alan Banks (Cannaboe confectionery), Liam & Grainne Gallogy, Martin Kenny & Smith Monumental. Thank you to everyone who had a team, bought raffle tickets and donations from people unable to attend.

Mohill Computer Training – Part Time Computer Courses

Improve Your IT Skills with a QQI Level 4 part-time computer course. Starting on Monday 29th February this flexible part-time course is ideal for intermediate level computer users. Courses are delivered Monday – Thursday from 10am to 1pm. The course leads to QQI Level 4 Minor Awards in the following modules: Information Technology Skills, Word Processing, Spreadsheets, Databases, Desktop Publishing, Web Design. Call 071 9632024 or email info@mct.ie to book your place.

Scoil Naisiúnta Bhríd Naofa - Enrolment for Junior Infants, 2016

Enrolment for September 2016 will take place on Tuesday 23rd February in the Junior Infant classroom, between 2.00 and 2.30 p.m. **Please bring your child's Birth Cert., P.P.S number and any relevant reports.**

Béal an Átha Móir Seán Ó hEislin:

Cluichí don Seachtain seo; The Minors will be in league action this Saturday at 12:00 where they will take on Annaduff in Annaduff

Rounders As the game of Rounders is becoming very popular, the opportunity is now available for anyone with an interest in taking up the game within Leitrim. Please contact Club Secretary on 087 653 2504 to register your interest. This applies to all age groups.

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 (Burns & 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)

Please collect your Trocaire Box in Church Porch.

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