

# **BALLINAMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER**

*20<sup>th</sup> March 2016 (Palm Sunday)*

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**Ballinamore Masses :** Mon 9am, Tue & Wed 7:30am, Holy Thurs 7pm, (Mass of the Lord's Supper)

**Good Fri 3pm (Passion of The Lord)), Holy Sat 8pm Easter Vigil, Easter Sun. 11.30am.**

**Aughnasheelin Masses:** Thurs 8pm, Fri 5pm (Passion of the Lord), Easter Sun. 10am.

## **Mass intentions for the week:**

Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Mar 7pm Annie & Jim Fox, Cloverhill & deceased members of the Flood family.  
Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Mar 11:30 Michael & Maureen O'Hara, Ardum  
Mon. 21<sup>st</sup> Mar. 9am People of the Parish  
Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar 7:30am Johnny & Delia Maher (Lahard), their daughter in law Dorothy & deceased members of  
Maher & Goodwin families.

Thur 24<sup>th</sup> Mar 7pm John O'Reilly, High Street, (1<sup>st</sup> anniv)

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Mar 3pm Celebration of the Lords Passion

Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Mar 8pm Easter Vigil

Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Mar 11:30 Dr Edward Farrelly, High Street

**Visiting of The Sick for Easter** Visitation of the Sick and Housebound will take place after Easter on Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> Mar in  
Aughnasheelin & Fri 1<sup>st</sup> April in Ballinamore

**Deceased:** We pray for the souls of Eileen Kavanagh nee Muldoon (sister of Ita Murphy) formerly of Aughnasheelin, whose  
funeral took place in Aughnasheelin on Wednesday, and Frank Heavey formerly of Willowfield whose funeral took place in  
New York on Thursday. May they rest in peace. Our thought & prayers are with their families.

## **Altar Servers**

Team 1 Sun 20<sup>th</sup> & Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Seamus Wisley, Caillian Murphy, Danny O'Brien, Sam Cullen, Eoin Connaughton

Team 2 Sun 27<sup>th</sup> & Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Ruth Creamer, Aoife D'Arcy, Megan McGovern, Niamh Donohoe, Isobel McAllister,  
Alannah McBrien

## **Door Collectors**

Sat 26<sup>th</sup> & Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Mar Diarmuid McCaffrey, Alan Banks, Donal Duignan, David Prior

## **Ministers of the Word**

**Holy Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Mar** Mary Conlon 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Mary McKiernan 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

**Good Friday 25<sup>th</sup> 3pm** Aoife Sweeney 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Michael Dolan 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

**Passion** Marie Sweeney, Thomas Kelly,

**Solemn Intercessions** Confirmation Class

**Holy Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Mar** Patricia Gilheaney 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Sylvia Dolan 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

Geraldine Connaughton 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading / Epistle

**Easter Sunday** Marie O'Connor 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, Gabriel Cronin 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

## **Eucharistic Ministers**

Holy Thurs 7pm Padraig McGovern, Christopher McNiff, Noel Dolan

Good Fri 3pm Peggy Logan, Dymphna McTague, Maureen Martin

Easter Sat 8pm Mona Creamer, Liam McGovern, Marie O'Reilly

Easter Sun 11:30 Michael Duignan, Maureen Martin, Peggy Ferguson

## **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.

**5pm :** 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 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8pm.

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

**All are welcome to come in and spend whatever time you wish with Jesus.**

**Penitential Service this Sunday at 6pm.** with visiting priests. Concluding with blessing for healing and  
anointing with the oil of mercy. All welcome.

**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. Thanks to all who brought in pieces of cloth. Thanks to the ladies who kindly sewed the pieces together.

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Eucharistic Ministers are invited to renew their commitment to this ministry at the mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. Please attend a practice for this purpose on Wednesday at 8pm in St. Patrick's Church.

**All those involved in the Good Friday Ceremony please come to the church for a practice on Wednesday at 8.45pm. Altar Servers will be informed by Fr. Sean of their practice times for the various liturgies.**

**Pilgrimage to the Holy land** 2nd- 10th October, direct flight from Dublin, spiritual director Fr Dan Sheridan. Booking and Information 049 4336291/087 2549960

**Ballinamore Tidy Towns** are holding their Annual Spring Clean on Good Friday at 11am. We will be meeting in the Super Valu car park, please bring gloves. Super Valu are the National sponsors of Tidy Towns. We would like to thank all the volunteers who turn up to help. Also a big thank you to Michael McGovern, manager of Super Valu who always provides refreshments to all the volunteers. Litter is visible on all our roads since the hedge cutting has taken place and dumping is unbelievable. If you want to have help on a stretch of road, let us know

**Aughawillan Drama Troupe** are proud to announce two extra nights performance on the 8th and 9th of April at 8.30 pm in Aughawillan Hall, Co Leitrim. "Mother Knows Best" by Jimmy Keary is a three act comedy which was performed to roars of laughter and due to public demand we are delighted to entertain you again. There is no need to book and admission is €10.00. Please turn up early to avoid disappointment. Listen out for Aughawillan Drama in the community notices Shannon Side Northern Sound and like us on facebook at Aughawillan Drama.

**Ballinamore Bridge Club** will reopen on Thursday 31st March, at 7.30pm.

**A special thank you on behalf of Group 306,** to all who so generously supported the **IHCPT Church Gate Collection** on the weekend of the **30th - 31st January**. The total raised was **€580.00**. The IHCPT are eternally grateful & would like to assure you that your monies will now go towards allowing a young person with special needs to enjoy a week in Lourdes they will never forget. Their memories will be cherished forever more. Thank you again & please do not hesitate to log on to <http://www.irishpilgrimagetrust.com/> to find out more information about your local charity, Erin Moran.

**Drumshanbo Enterprise Centre New Classes Week Starting 4<sup>th</sup> of April**

There are limited places still available for an Information and Communication Technology Skills Class (QQI level 4), an award in General Learning Class (QQI level 3), Start and Grow Your Own Business (QQI level 5) an introduction to using the Internet (QQI Level 3) and an Introduction to Container Gardening and Garden Planning. Courses are funded by Sligo Mayo Leitrim ETB. For more information or to book a place contact Michael on 0719641577, 087 6177071 or [mbruen@drumshanboenterprise.ie](mailto:mbruen@drumshanboenterprise.ie)

**Easter in Ballinamore Library:** Calling all children: Borrow a book. Your name goes in the hat. Draw for Easter egg will take place on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 5pm. Easter Holidays. Please note Ballinamore Library will be closed on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March, Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March and Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March. Reopening at 10am Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March

**Béal an Átha Móir Seán Ó hEislin.** A book of condolences has been opened for the late Frank Heavy can be signed in the Pairc and at Smiths funeral director's high street Ballinamore. The books of condolence will be opened till Monday 21<sup>st</sup> of March

**Leitrim Ladies Fundraiser** Folks Leitrim Ladies are hosting a monster bingo night in the Landmark Hotel on Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> 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 U16** boys League Ballinamore Sean O'Heslin's versus Fenagh, 12 noon Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> of March in Fenagh. Good luck to our seniors who will be playing in their Shield semi-final against Glencar Manorhamilton at 12:00 on Sunday in the pairc.

**What a great little town...** An estimated 400 people turned up to see the parade this year...and what a fab day the sun shining and so were the people.. Thank you all so much for attending and entering, a great effort by all.. Thank you to all the helpers on the day musicians , dancers, singers , stewards St Patrick, Garda, judges and setter uppers... well done to all the winners great work done by everyone.... Anyone who would like to get involved in the celebrations for next year please give Dawn or David a shout we welcome all help.. Next occasion in town is the Easter Spraoi so get your selves ready for that... Once again thank you.

**Trocaire Boxes** Please bring in your Trocaire contributions on Thursday, Friday, Saturday or Sunday. Would you be kind enough to convert you coins into notes. Thank you for your co-operation.

## Irish Blessing.

**May the God of compassion be with you, holding you close when you are weary and hurt and alone: and may you be the warm hands and warm eyes for your friends when they reach out to you in need. May the blessing of compassion be on you.**

*"Pay no attention to the faults of others, things done or undone. Consider only what by oneself is done or left undone".*

*"When you feel dog-tired at night, it may be because you've growled all day long".*

*Jesus established the sacrament of Reconciliation through the church so that the church might accompany us in our journey of conversion. Take time this week to experience God's mercy in this great sacrament.*