

# **BALLINAMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER**

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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 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb 11am	Deceased members of Sharpley family Aughayoula and Delahaide Family High St & Tom Carley
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb 7pm	Paddy & Eithne Smyth, High St
	Patsy & Mary Galligan, Dromore & deceased family members of Galligan Family.
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb 11:30	James P. O'Hara, (Kilrush) & deceased family members
Thurs. 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb. 7.30pm	People of the Parish
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb 11am	Gerda Novogrudzkai, Willowfield Rd
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb 7pm	Tommie & Eileen Prior, Aghadark
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> Sun 11:30	Mary & Bernard McKiernan, Railway Terrace
	Sr. Margaret Mary Gilfillan (Mercy Sisters) Dún na Bó

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

## **Altar Servers**

Team 3 Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> & Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>	Peter O'Connell, Seán Gartland, Michael McKiernan, Killian Maguire, T.J Quinn
Team 4 Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> , Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Bernard Sweeney, Eoin Hamill, Brian Sweeney, Dylan Reynolds, Liam Reynolds

## **Door Collectors**

Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> & Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Felim Maxwell, Michael Heavey, Dominic McGovern, John Galligan
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## **Ministers of the Word**

Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb 7pm	Maureen Martin	(* Please note change in dates from original list)
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb 11:30	Niamh Griffin	

## **Eucharistic Ministers**

Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb 7pm	Alice Costello, Francis Maguire, Raymond Prior
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb 11:30	Brendan Brennan, Seamus McGrath, Patricia Griffin

## **Church Notes**

**Visiting Priests:** Next weekend priests within the St. Brigid's Pastoral Area which includes the parishes of Corlough, Carrigallen, Killeshandra and Oughteragh will rotate to celebrate mass in different churches.

Fr. Donald Hannon from Arva will celebrate the 7pm mass on Sat in Ballinamore and the 10am mass on Sun in Aughnasheelin and Fr. Denis Murray will celebrate the 11.30am mass on Sun in Ballinamore.

**First Confession:** 14 children from the Ballinamore primary schools will celebrate the sacrament of God's forgiveness or mercy for the first time on Thursday next in St. Patrick's Church. Ceremony commences at 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.

## **Pastoral Centre upcoming events:**

- 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.
- Turning Our Hearts to the Lord – Lenten Scripture Reflection Group** continues every Wednesday evening during Lent at 7:30p.m. in the Diocesan Pastoral Centre in Cavan Each evening lasts around 45 minutes during which there will be prayer, a reading of the Sunday Gospel and a commentary on it, reflection on its connection with life today and prayer for the intentions of group members. All welcome.
- Journey to Jerusalem** – A series of seasonal talks for Lent by Fr. Eamonn Bredin continues on Thursday night in the Diocesan Pastoral Centre in Cavan at 7:30p.m. A donation of €5 per talk would be appreciated. All are welcome.
- An eight week course in Mindfulness-based Stress Reduction** begins in the Diocesan Pastoral Centre on Wednesday 2 March from 7:00p.m. to 9:15p.m. Course Fee: €270. To enrol or for further information, please contact Helen on 087 4129385 or by email to [helen@mindbodyenergymatters.ie](mailto:helen@mindbodyenergymatters.ie)

**Sight Savers :** wish to thank you for your donation of €375 from the sale of St. Brigid Crosses.

**The Capuchin Day Centre:** wish to thank you for your donation of €500 from the proceeds of our St. Anthony box.

**Trócaire** wish to thank you for your donation of €400 from the proceeds of the porch Trócaire box.

**Oesophageal Cancer** Lollipop Collection will be held on Feb 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>. 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

**Aughawillan Drama Breaking News** Don't be disappointed if you weren't able to get to see the show "Mother Knows Best", we have great pleasure in announcing that the decision has just been made to run the play for some extra nights. This is due to the huge demand and popularity we have seen for the past few nights. We apologise to anyone who travelled to see us and couldn't get in we hope you will come again. Dates have yet to be announced but keep an eye on your local notes and like us on Aughawillan Drama Facebook for update. Also listen out to Shannon Side/ Northern Sound.

**Monaghan Institute Open Day:** Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016, 11am- 7pm at Monaghan Education Campus, Armagh Road, Monaghan. Information available on 2016/17 courses. For further details or to apply on line visit [www.monaghaninstitute.ie](http://www.monaghaninstitute.ie)  
Tel 047-84900

**Family Carers Ireland** are providing the QQI Level 5 Activities of Living Patient Care module in Ballinamore in March 2016, this training will be provided one day a week for five weeks per module from 9.30am to 4.30pm. To express an interest and for more info contact 05793 70221.

**Family Carers Ireland** are providing the QQI Level Palliative Care Support module in Cavan in March 2016, one day a week for five weeks per module from 9.30am to 4.30pm. To express an interest and for more info contact 05793 70221.

#### **Mohill Computer Training – Part Time Computer Courses**

Improve Your IT Skills with a QQI Level 4 part-time computer course. Starting on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:info@mct.ie) to book your place.

**Ballinamore Musical Society's** production **Erin go Bragh** an *original* musical dramatisation of the events leading up to and during the Rising commences in the Community Centre, Ballinamore on Friday February 19<sup>th</sup> and continues on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>, Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Friday 26<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>.

If anyone would like to be associated with our production by way of sponsorship/ raffle prizes, please contact any member of the committee c/o John [087 6687299](tel:0876687299)

**Ballinamore Drama Festival** The 2016 Ballinamore Drama Festival takes place from Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March to Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March nightly at 8.30pm. Full programme of plays will be posted in shops later this week and if you are on facebook check it. Thanking you

**S.N. Bhríd Naofa** : The pupils and teachers of S.N. Bhríd Naofa (Convent National School) are undertaking a history of our school project from it's opening in 1889 to the present day. As part of this project we are requesting that the wider community assist us with this project. If you, a neighbour or a friend of yours have any **stories** or **photos** regarding the school, we would ask you to please forward them to the school by hand, by post to Scoil Náisiúnta Bhríd Naofa, Convent Road, Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim or by e-mail to [snbhridnaofa@hotmail.com](mailto:snbhridnaofa@hotmail.com). We request that you would do so as soon as possible as we would like to complete this project by the end of February.

#### **Béal an Átha Móir Seán Ó hEislin**

**Shield** The first game in the Shield takes place this Saturday where we take on our local rivals Achadh na Sileann in Aughnasheelin at 16:00. Hopefully we can get lots of support out to cheer the lads and the new management team on to victory in their first competitive outing.

**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.

**A Word of Explanation on shared intentions for Mass** It would be impossible to cater for all anniversaries masses on an individual basis, so therefore it is necessary to have shared intentions. All people living & dead are prayed for in each mass. When we have an intention or a number of intentions we are remembering and praying for them especially during that mass. As a priest is allowed only to take one stipend per day per mass, that means that whenever there are a number of intentions for a mass he can only take one stipend or donation, the rest is sent to Religious or Missionary Orders who celebrate additional masses.

**Booking Masses:** It is advisable to book anniversary masses well in advance. For practical reasons it is best to book over the phone especially on Tuesday or Friday mornings when Catherine the Parish Secretary is at work in the Parochial House Convent Road. However if you leave a message and a contact number with Fr. Johnnie or Fr. Sean on either of their phones they will phone you back.

#### **Daily Lenten Prayer**

Today Lord, I choose life,

I choose your love and the challenge to live it and share it, I choose hope, even in moments of darkness,

I choose faith, accepting you as Lord and God, I choose to let go of some part of my burdens,  
day by day handing them over to you, I choose to take hold of your strength and power ever more deeply in my life.

May this truly be for me a time of new life, of change, challenge and growth.

May I come to Easter with a heart open to dying with you  
and rising to your new life, day by day. Amen

#### **Please collect your Trocaire Box in Church Porch.**

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