

# **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 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 11am Gerda Novogrudzka, 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  
Thurs. 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar. 9am. People of the parish  
Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Mar 9am Charles & Maura McCormack,  
Jimmy McCormack & Thomas Verpault (Lahard & Tráthnona)  
Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Mar 7pm Brian Sweeney, Aghadark  
Phil McGovern & deceased family members, Tully  
Mary Cunnion & Alfie Vickery  
Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Mar 11:30 Gerry Brady (Aghadark) & deceased members of The Brady Family, Longford  
Michael McKiernan, (Kildorragh) & deceased members of the McKiernan Family.

## **Visiting of the sick this Thursday in Aughnasheelin & Friday in Ballinamore area**

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

## **Altar Servers**

Team 4 Sun 28<sup>th</sup>, Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Mar Bernard Sweeney, Eoin Hamill, Brian Sweeney, Dylan Reynolds, Liam Reynolds  
Team 5 Sun 6<sup>th</sup>, Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Siobhan Flynn, Lillie Byrne, Grainne Prior, Tara Conway, Mollie Murphy, Emma Beirne

## **Door Collectors**

Sat 5<sup>th</sup> & Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Mar Francis McTague, Brendan Brennan, Sean McKeon, Michael Hanly

## **Ministers of the Word**

Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Mar 7pm Patricia McGoldrick  
Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Mar 11:30 Leigh Murphy

## **Eucharistic Ministers**

Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Mar 7pm Padraig McGovern, Christopher McNiff, Noel Dolan  
Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Mar 11:30 Peggy Logan, Dymphna McTague, Maureen Martin

## **Church Notes**

**Visiting Priests: This weekend we welcome** Fr. Donald Hannon from Arva who will celebrate the 7pm mass on Sat in Ballinamore and the 10am mass on Sun in Aughnasheelin and Fr. Denis Murray who will celebrate the 11.30am mass on Sun in Ballinamore.

**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.

**Life in the Spirit Seminars** continue in St. Mary's Church Aughnasheelin on Tues beginning with Talk and Eucharistic Adoration at 6.30pm. Mass will be at 7.30pm.

## **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. Please bring in your piece of cloth as soon as you can. Thanks.

**The Apostolic Society** are holding a church gate collection on the weekend of 12/13 March.. Further details in next week's newsletter.

## **Lecture: The 1916 Centenary: What are we Commemorating and Why?**

On Thursday, 3 March 2016, Ballinamore Library will present a lecture at 8.00p.m. by Professor Gearóid Ó Tuathaigh, which will explore the topic of Commemoration. Professor Ó Tuathaigh is one of Ireland's most popular and most respected historians, and has just appeared on our television screens in the very successful documentary series, 1916. He has recently retired from the History Dept., NUIG, where he had a long and distinguished career. He continues with his studies and writes for various academic publications. He is in constant demand for lectures and Leitrim County Library Service are privileged and pleased to welcome him to Ballinamore. Enquiries: 071-9645564.

**A Ritual in preparation for First Communion will take place on Sunday next at the 11.30 mass . Congratulations to all the children who received Gods forgiveness in making their First Confessions on Thursday last.**

**Catholic Singles** is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, either one to one or through social events. Please tel 00 44 161 941 3498, visit the website [www.catholicssingles.org.uk](http://www.catholicssingles.org.uk) or email [info@catholicssingles.org.uk](mailto:info@catholicssingles.org.uk)

## **HEARTSAFE DEFIBRILLATOR NOTICE**

The committee would like to thank everyone for their generous contribution at the Defibrillator church gate collection 2 weeks ago. If there is anyone who would like to start the Cpr and Defib course, we are starting one on Sat 12th March. Please contact Marcella McKiernan on 087 6962928. Places are limited but if we are unable to facilitate you on this course we will be having another one in the next few months.

We would also like to bring to your attention the location of the defibrillators in the town in case of an emergency.

We have 2 in total. One is on the outside wall of Smiths Funeral Directors Office, High st.

The other is on the wall of the Community centre front porch ( Hall beside the canal).

**Family Carers Ireland** are providing the QQI Level Palliative Care Support module in Cavan on the 18<sup>th</sup> of 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.

**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.

**Mohill Enterprise Centre – Business Workshops** Are you thinking of starting a new business or renewing your existing business? On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March we are running a workshop on Entrepreneurship and Innovation. During enterprise week we are hosting a FREE Green Business Seminar with James Hogan from the Clean Technology Centre on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March from 10am to 12 noon. Call 071 9632024 or email [info@mct.ie](mailto:info@mct.ie) to book your place.

**WHIST DRIVE** . The monthly whist drive in Ballinamore Community centre takes place on next Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 8:30pm, we are calling on all card players to please come along and support , There will be wonderful prizes and tea and refreshments at half time. So why not come along, bring a friend and enjoy a good night. All Welcome,  
**Ballinamore Library Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February** Please note Ballinamore Library is closed on Monday morning 29<sup>th</sup> February due to staff meeting. Open for business as normal at 2.30pm. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

**World Book Day Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.** World Book Day takes place on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Why not visit your local library and see the large selection of books available for loan there-all free of charge?

**A meeting of Ballinamore Womens Group** takes place on Wednesday 2nd March at 8pm.

Plans for the year will be discussed at the meeting. All members are asked to attend.

**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](mailto:info@cfrc.ie)

**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 21st, Wednesday 24th Thursday 25th Friday 26th, Saturday 27th.

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 6th March to Sunday 13th 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

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

Folks Membership is still open for the coming year. It is important to note that if membership is not paid you are not insured to use the club facilities or to participate in matches etc. The prices are; family members €80; adult single €35; under 18 €20. Please contact Walter Sharpley on 0861236207 or Ronan O'Rourke on 0877754332 to make payment.

**Cluichí don Seachtain seo** Senior Shield Ballinamore take on Eslin Sunday at 12:00 in the Pairc

Minor League Ballinamore take on Leitrim Gaels on Saturday at 12:00 in the Pairc

**The Leitrim Irish Draught Breeders Association** are holding their Annual AGM in Casey's Pub Mohill, on Tuesday March 1<sup>st</sup> at 9pm. All new members welcome. For more information phone 087 6328133.

**Ballinamore Boxing Club** are holding their Annual Quiz in Smyth's Slopa ol on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March, start time 9pm great spot prizes. Please support.

**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 those 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( tel 0719644039). However if you leave a message and a contact number with Fr. Johnnie or Fr. Sean on either of their phones ( mobile or landline) they will phone you back.

**Invitation to Ballinamore St. Patricks Day Parade** So folks it has been a quick year and St. Patrick is planning to come to town again. He needs help to make the parade a success so he is inviting you all to join in. Any community groups, businesses or individuals that would like to take part please meet on Thursday 17th March at Tesco car park at 3:30 to assemble for parade at 4 pm. Those who wish to be a spectator you will also need get your fancy green gear on. The theme this year is " IRISH IS ...?" so what does it mean to you? it is quite broad so get you thinking caps on. Like every year if you would like to volunteer to help with the parade please contact Dawn.(She is even closer to retirement this year!!) We will not be posting letters out this year so spread the word. And Remember there are lots of prizes and goodies on the day along with traditional entertainment. All new acts are welcome. For more Info. Contact Dawn ( 086-3115647 or E mail [dawnmckeeon@gmail.com](mailto:dawnmckeeon@gmail.com) )

**Reflection:** *In life, we all have a cross to carry—weakness, and battles that we face .In these moments we have a choice. We can choose to carry our cross or let them drag us around instead. What have been doing with your cross lately? Turn to Jesus for help. God's mercy is waiting for you.*